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HMAS BARBETTE

Report of Proceedings JANUARY 1974

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Central Patrol - Assistance in
transport for repairs to Bougainville Light.

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The Secretary
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1974

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

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HMAS BARBETTE Report 1/16/3 dated 1st February, 1974

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H.M.A.S. BARBETTE

At Cairns

1st February, 1974.

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The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE-REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-JANUARY-1974.

(All times Zone KILO (-10)).

Sir,

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

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was alongside Number One Wharf Cairns. The ship cast off and proceeded to sea at 1000 Wednesday the 2nd January. At 1650 that afternoon the ship anchored in the lee of Dunk Island. The ship remained at anchor until 0600 Friday the 4th January when anchor was weighed and course set for Townsville.

3. The passage was made in calm conditions and at 1300 the 4th January the ship berthed port side to Number Two Wharf Townsville. The ship remained at this berth over the week-end. At 1600 Monday the 7th January the ship cast off and proceeded. On clearing Townsville Harbour course was set for Bowen. After an uneventful passage the ship berthed port side to Number Three Wharf Bowen at 0800 Tuesday the 8th January. The ship remained alongside this berth until 1330 Thursday when the ship cast off and proceeded. Embarked were officials of the Australian Sixteen Foot Skiff Sailing Association. At 1400 the ship anchored in the vicinity of Stone Island. On completion of the afternoon's sailing the ship returned alongside, berthing port side to

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Number Three Wharf at 1650. The ship remained at this berth overnight.

4. At 1345 Friday the 11th January the ship cast off and proceeded to sea. On clearing Bowen Harbour course was set for the Whitsunday Island Group. The ship berthed starboard side to South Molle Island Wharf at 1700 that evening and remained alongside until Sunday the 13th January. At 0800 that forenoon the ship cast off and proceeded to Cid Harbour. The ship came to anchor in Cid Harbour at 0930 the 13th January and remained at anchor until 0900 the following morning. At this time anchor was weighed and course set for the Family Island Group.

5. At 0100 Tuesday the 15th January the ship came to anchor in the lee of Dunk Island. The ship remained at anchor until 0100 the next morning when anchor was weighed and course set for Cairns. The ship berthed starboard side to Number Ten Wharf Cairns at 0800 the 16th January and commenced fuelling. Fuelling completed berth was shifted to Number One Wharf at 0900. The ship remained alongside this berth carrying out self maintenance until the 31st January.

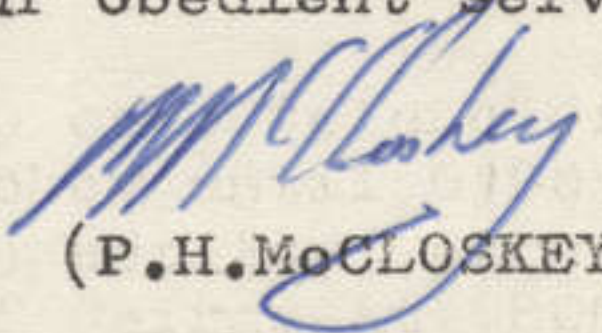
6. At 0830 Thursday the 31st January the ship cast off and proceeded. On clearing Cairns Harbour course was set for Bougainville Reef. Embarked was a Department Of Transport Technician who was taking passage to carry out repairs to Bougainville Reef Light which was unserviceable. The ship stopped in the vicinity of Bougainville Reef at 1445 that afternoon. The technician was landed in the ship's boat at 1450. Repairs were completed at 1810 when the technician was recovered. At this time course was set for Cairns. At the end of the month the ship was making passage from Bougainville Reef to Cairns.

7. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(P.H. McCLOSKEY)

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.

COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: Appendices A, B, C and D.

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APPENDIX A.

STEAMING FIGURES.

Miles steamed during January	893.4
Hours underway during January	68.5
Total miles steamed since commissioning	107,510.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,245.5
Occassions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL
Fuel expended during January	4,062 GALS ADD

APPENDIX C.

EXERCISES.

NIL.

APPENDIX D.

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

P/ASLT SLEX I.M.TAYLOR R.A.N. to HMAS VENDETTA 21JAN74.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

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AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING... 5 5/12 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING... 101,270 MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
NO 2
NO 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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HMAS BARBETTE

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Change of Command. SMP.
Guy Patrol curtailed by defects.

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HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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(David Nicholls)
Captain, O.B.E. R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

1st March, 1974.

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974.
(All times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under the command of Lieutenant GLEX ORO P.H. McCLOSKEY RAN until 12th February and under my command for the remainder of the month.

2. The ship was on passage from Bougainville Reef to Cairns on 1st February and secured alongside HMAS BARRICADE at Number One Wharf at 0330. That morning, the Ship's Company attended the Commissioning Ceremony of HMAS CAIRNS.

3. In preparation for the arrival of HMAS FLINDERS on Sunday 3rd February, the Squadron moved to the Bulk Sugar Terminal at 1120, 1st February, BARBETTE berthing alongside the wharf. The ship remained at this berth until 1007, Monday 4th February when a move was made to alongside FLINDERS at Number One Wharf. Prior to this move the port main engine became unserviceable due to a defective turbo blower (my DAU 010420Z FEB 74 refers).

4. At 1015 on 5th February, BARBETTE commenced a cold move aft to alongside HMAS SAMARAI where the ship remained until

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12th February when SAMARAI proceeded to sea the ship resecuring to alongside Number One Wharf. During this time repairs were being conducted on the port main engine and the ship was undergoing a self maintenance period. A delay was experienced in obtaining spare parts for the port main engine turbo blower and in re-aligning the equipment. This was reflected in the delayed departure from Cairns for the Gulf of Carpentaria Patrol on 14th February, the ship sailing at 0904, twenty-three hours late.

5. BARBETTE came to anchor at Lizard Island at 1908 on 14th February where the ship remained until 1100 the following day. After the departure from Lizard Island course was set for Flinders Island where a rendez-vous was made with HMAS SALAMAU in the Owen Channel at 1654. The ship secured starboard side to SALAMAU for the night.

6. BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for Thursday Island at 0757 on Saturday, 16th February. The ship anchored at the Quarantine Anchorage, Thursday Island, at 0549 on 17th February. Anchor was weighed at 0930 that morning and BARBETTE entered Thursday Island Harbour and berthed port side to the Caltex Wharf at 1005.

7. At 1200 on Monday 18th February, the ship cast off and proceeded to Weipa arriving at Evans Landing at 0900, 19th February having been at anchor at the Fairway Beacon from 0618 to 0810 that morning.

8. Since the departure from Cairns, the ship had experienced many defects of which some were irreparable by ship's staff. Whereas each defect alone was not serious, the accumulation of defects made it advisable to return to Cairns for base assistance; accordingly permission was sought and granted (my DTC 190515Z FEB 74 and NOCNA's DTC 190628Z FEB 74 refer). BARBETTE sailed from Weipa for Thursday Island at 0900, Wednesday 20th February.

9. BARBETTE anchored in Thursday Island Harbour at 2210, 20th February and remained there overnight moving the next morning to the Caltex Wharf at 0820. Having fuelled and collected mail for HMAS FLINDERS, the ship cast off at 1051. After clearing Thursday Island Harbour course was set for the rendez-vous with FLINDERS in the vicinity of Albany Island in the Adolphus Channel. The rendez-vous was effected at 1325 that afternoon and the mail transferred. On completion, BARBETTE continued the passage to Cairns berthing starboard side to HMAS BAYONET at Number One Wharf at 2205 on Friday 22nd February.

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10. Several moves were carried out at Number One Wharf from 25th to 28th February and at the end of the month BARBETTE was secured starboard side to HMAS SAMARAI undergoing assisted maintenance. Rectification of defects is progressing satisfactorily.

11. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G.V. RYAN)
Lieutenant RAN

Enclosures: Appendices A, B, C and D



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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during February	1,379.8
Hours underway during February	105.9
Total miles steamed since commissioning	109,190.6
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,351.4
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL
Fuel expended during February	6,622.0
	(GALLS ADD)

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

Major NBCD Exercise	20 February
40/60 and 1.50 Cal M.G. SUFX	20 February

APPENDIX D

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

12 February - LEUT GLEX ORO P.H. McCLOSKEY RAN to HMAS CAIRNS
- LEUT SLEX G.V. RYAN RAN to HMAS BARBETTE

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS. BARKER
DATE: 1st MARCH 1974

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 5 1/2 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 102,100.6 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
NO 2
NO 3

MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)							REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																								
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HMAS BARBETTE

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*Southern Patrol
Underwater Survey Shoalwater Bay area.
Squadron Exercise.*

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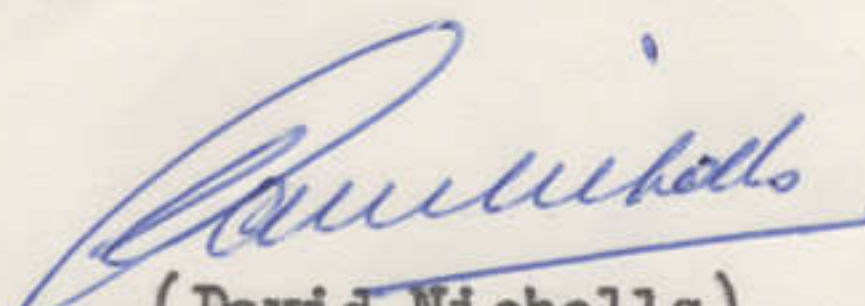
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1974

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(David Nicholls)
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

1st April, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1974.
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. The ship was alongside HMAS SAMARAI at the beginning of this month undergoing assisted maintenance until Monday, 4th March when the ship cast off at 1410 and proceeded to sea for a southern patrol. The ship anchored at Fitzroy Island later that afternoon weighing anchor at 0100, 5th March.

3. HMAS BARBETTE secured port side to the sugar terminal at Lucinda at 0850, 5th March. At 1730 that afternoon the ship departed from Lucinda to continue the passage south. The purpose of the visit to Lucinda was to meet representatives of the Returned Servicemens Association, Ingham for discussions about the ship's future visit to that port during the Anzac weekend next month.

4. The weather conditions during the next twenty-four hours were gradually deteriorating due to the influence of tropical cyclone ZOE and at 0955 Wednesday, 6th March shelter was sought in Maryport Bay, Brampton Island..

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By 1430 that afternoon, it was felt the conditions had improved sufficiently to continue the passage to Mackay. During this passage defects developed in the starboard main engine which became unserviceable due to fuel contamination in the lubricating oil, my URDEF DAU 060822ZMAR74 refers, and in the steering mechanism. BARBETTE berthed at Number 8 Tourist Wharf, Mackay, at 1651 having exchanged identities with HMAS TORRENS, CAPT D.J. MARTIN. RAN, prior to entering Mackay.

5. The ship remained in Mackay rectifying the URDEF until 2200, 9th March when BARBETTE proceeded to sea with elements of Clearance Diving Team Two and United States Navy Underwater Diving Team, under the command of WOCD J. Dollar R36395, embarked. Course was set for Shoalwater Bay where an underwater survey of the Sabina Point Beach was to be conducted. The ship anchored at Sabina Point at 0646, 10th March.

6. The survey having been successfully completed, the ship weighed anchor at 0529, Monday 11th March and commenced the return passage to Mackay. Difficulty was still being experienced with the steering gear due to an ingress of water into the hydraulic oil; accordingly URDEF DAU 101145ZMAR74 was raised. BARBETTE berthed at Number 8 Tourist Wharf at 1430 that afternoon.

7. The steering gear hydraulic oil was replaced and seals around the inspection plates were renewed whilst alongside in Mackay. At 0900, 12th March, BARBETTE departed from Mackay to return to Cairns. Due to the forthcoming squadron exercise and the recent number of defects that had been experienced and outstanding planned maintenance, I considered it prudent to advance my time of arrival in Cairns and requested permission to exceed economical speed to do so - my KLG 120255ZMAR74 refers. Permission having been granted, BARBETTE arrived at Cairns at 0800, Wednesday 13th March berthing starboard side to SAMARAI at Number One Wharf.

8. During the next two days, BARBETTE shifted berth to refuel and to conduct a compass swing; planned maintenance was progressed and all outstanding major defects were completed. The ship was ready to participate in the squadron exercise, Exercise Marlin 1/74, commencing on Monday 18th March.

9. Exercise Marlin 1/74 was conducted in the area from Fitzroy Island to the Family Group of Islands. HMA Ships BARRICADE, SAMARAI and BARBETTE sailed from Cairns at 0915 on 18th March. Unfortunately, the poor weather conditions during the next three days made many of the serials impossible to complete. This was particularly applicable to the gunnery serials only two anti-aircraft tracking serials and one surface firing serial being completed. Exercises completed are listed in Appendix C. During the exercise BARBETTE and SAMARAI called

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into Mourilyan Harbour berthing at the sugar terminal at 0730, Wednesday 20th March. Here the ships refuelled and departed at 0930.

10. At 2120 that evening during a Night Encounter Exercise, SAMARAI and BARBETTE encountered HMA Ships BAYONET and BARRICADE. The Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral D.C. Wells, CBE RAN, was embarked in BARRICADE. On completion of the exercise, a night steam in company was conducted with the force arriving in Cairns at 0840. BARBETTE secured to Number One Wharf outboard of SAMARAI and HMAS ADVANCE.

11. BARBETTE shifted to Number Ten Wharf at 1130 that morning to refuel returning to Number One Wharf at 1254. At 1300 the Ship's Companies of all patrol boats were paraded for the official presentation of the Kelly Shield to HMAS BARRICADE and the Pakistan Shield to HMAS BAYONET by Rear Admiral D.C. Wells CBE RAN.

12. At 1000, Friday 22nd March, I with the Commanding Officers of HMA Ships BARRICADE, BAYONET and SAMARAI called on the Commanding Officer of HMAS PARRAMATTA, CMDR D.H. Thompson RAN. PARRAMATTA had preceded the entry into Cairns by the squadron the previous day and departed at 1400 on Friday afternoon.

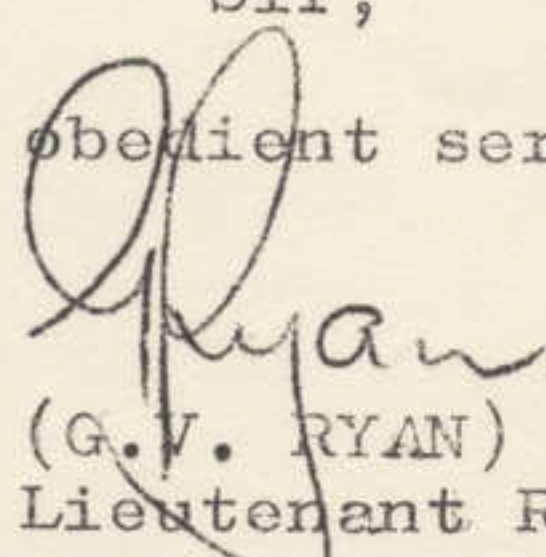
13. At 0630 on Wednesday 27th March, BARBETTE sailed in company with SAMARAI to act as consort for SAMARAI's Operational Readiness Evaluation. Exercises conducted are listed in Appendix C. The ships returned to Cairns at 1115 and BARBETTE secured outboard of BAYONET and HMAS FLINDERS. Between 1525 and 1610, BARBETTE fuelled at Number Ten Wharf berthing on completion outboard of BARRICADE and ADVANCE.

14. BARBETTE remained at Number One Wharf until the end of the month continuing planned maintenance. The health, conduct and morale of the ship is good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.V. RYAN)
Lieutenant RAN



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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during March	1,595.2
Hours underway during March	116.6
Total miles steamed since commissioning	110,785.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,468.0
Occasions fast routing speed exceeded	12th/13th March (see para. 7)
	18th-21st Squadex
	27th SAMARAI ORE
Fuel expended during March	10,070 Galls ADD

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

18th March	OOW Manoeuvres Formation Anchorage Pointed Ship
19th March	AATX TOWEX (SAMARAI TOW BARBETTE) TOWEX (BARBETTE TOW SAMARAI) OOW Manoeuvres NEX
20th March	Blind Formation Anchorage AATX SUFEX - Towed Larne Splash Target. NEX (OCS) NSIC
27th March	Steering Breakdown Formation Anchorage Acted as intruder for SAMARAI BOARDEX TOWEX (SAMARAI TOW BARBETTE) Blind Pilotage

APPENDIX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS. BARBETTE
DATE. 1ST APRIL 1974.

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING. 5.7 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 112,785.8 MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
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MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)							REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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*Transport of COT 1 for Mine disposal,
Northern Patrol. Squadron exercises*

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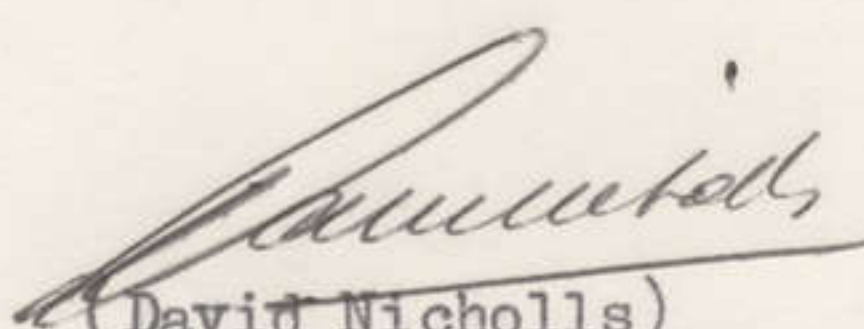
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

1st May, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. At 0930, Monday 1st April, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to Arlington Reef. Members of Clearance Diving Team One and one civilian were embarked to locate a mine reported on the south eastern edge of the reef. The search was postponed for that day when the diver's boat became unserviceable. The ship left the anchorage at 1313 resecuring at Number One Wharf Cairns outboard of HMA Ships ADVANCE and BAYONET.
3. The ship returned to the Arlington Reef anchorage at 0715, Tuesday 2nd April having left Cairns at 0540. The divers continued their search and were fortunate to find the mine, subsequently identified as a British Mark 14 mine, in a fair state of preservation in position $16^{\circ} 42.9$ South $146^{\circ} 00.3$ East. The ship returned to Cairns resecuring at her previous berth at 1225.
4. The next day, BARBETTE once again anchored off Arlington Reef at 0650 this time to destruct the mine. The charges were set at 0805 and the mine was successfully destroyed at 0818. The explosion was witnessed by representatives of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. The ship returned to

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her previous berth at Number One Wharf on completion of the task.

5. At 1050, Thursday 4th April, the ship departed from Cairns to commence a Northern Patrol. During this patrol the ship visited Lizard Island from 2056 on 4th April to 0200 on 6th April and from 1800 on 8th April to 2200 on 10th April and Flinders Island from 0725 on 6th April to 0900 on 8th April. The time at anchor during this patrol contributed to the considerable improvement in the ship's appearance.
6. It was reported that a ship was sighted exhibiting distress signals in the Pipon Shoal area during the early morning of 6th April. In answer to a signal from COMAUSFLT BARBETTE proceeded to the area that morning but found nothing on arrival. A search was made of the beaches in the area but nothing of any significance was found: the ship resumed its programme. BARBETTE secured outboard of HMA Ships SALAMAUUA and FLINDERS at Number One Wharf, Cairns at 0805, Thursday 11th April on completion of a satisfactory patrol.
7. The ship remained in harbour undergoing self maintenance until 0800 on 22nd April when BARBETTE cast off and proceeded in company with BAYONET and ADVANCE for the latter's workup. At 0932 the ship experienced a defect in the starboard main engine governor which necessitated the ship's return to Cairns. The defect repaired, the ship cast off at 1625 and proceeded to Dunk Island where she secured port side to HMAS BARRICADE who was at anchor in position 234° Mound Island 5 cables.
8. BARBETTE was underway at 0728 on Tuesday 23rd April in company with BARRICADE, ADVANCE and BAYONET making course for firing area R784B. On passage to the area, Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres were conducted. The ships were in the area by 0830 and Anti-Aircraft Tracking Exercises were conducted. Unfortunately, when it came time to commence live firings, BARBETTE's 40/60 mounting autoloader became unserviceable due to a sheared pin. The ship remained with the force and took part in Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres on the return passage to the anchorage at Dunk Island. The ship anchored at 1305.
9. Anchor was weighed at 0530, 24th April and course was set for Lucinda. The ship entered the Hinchinbrook Channel at 0645 and secured to the Lucinda Sugar Terminal at 1000 after a most interesting and picturesque passage through the channel.
10. The purpose of this visit to Lucinda was to represent the Royal Australian Navy at the Anzac Day Commemorative Services in the district. BARBETTE was the first naval vessel to visit this area since HMAS MORESBY in the early 1960's. During the stay at Lucinda I had the honour to take the salute at the morning parades at Halifax and at Ingham where I also

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delivered the Anzac Day Address. The ship's visit was an unqualified success and I am pleased to add that the ship has received countless invitations to return. Details of the ship's programme are included in appendix E.

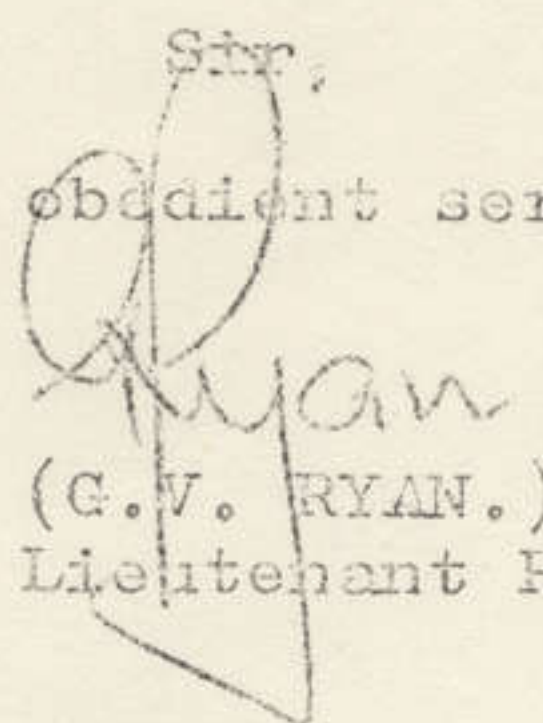
11. BARBETTE departed from Lucinda at 1000 on Monday 29th April clearing the harbour through the Hinchinbrook Channel. At 1140 the ship anchored off Scraggy Point in the northern reaches of the channel. Advantage was taken of the exceptionally calm conditions to touch up the ship's side. The ship weighed anchor at 0100 on Tuesday 30th April and proceeded for Cairns where she secured to Number One Wharf at 0943 having refuelled at Number Ten Wharf on arrival. The ship remained at this berth for the remainder of the month.

12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship is excellent and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.V. RYAN.)
Lieutenant RAN

Enclosures: Appendices A,B,C,D and E.

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	980.7
Hours underway during the month	71.4
Total miles steamed since commissioning	111,766.5
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,539.4
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	22nd & 23rd April
Fuel expended during the month	ADVANCE Workup 5,672 Galls ADD

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

22nd April	OOW Manoeuvres
23rd April	OOW Manoeuvres AATX OOW Manoeuvres Manoverboard Exercises
24th April	Blind Pilotage Hinchinbrook Channel
29th April	Blind Pilotage Hinchinbrook Channel
30th April	Coxswain Ship Handling.

APPENDIX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

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APPENDIX E

SHIP'S PROGRAMME - VISIT LUCINDA

24th - 25th APRIL

24th April	1000	Arrived
	1830	Cocktail Party Onboard 20 Guests local notaries
25th April	0830	Halifax Anzac Parade Ship's Company Marched Commanding Officer took salute
	1030	Ingham Anzac Parade Ship's Company Marched Commanding Officer delivered Anzac Address and took salute.
	1400	Herbert River Jockey Club Race Meeting - Commanding Officer presented "Digger's Cup".

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26th April		Ship's Company visit to Wallaman Falls for Bar-B-Q and sports Day Evening - Indoor sports at Ingham R.S.L. Club Rooms.
27th April	1030	Civic Reception at Royal Hotel Ingham.
	1300- 1600	Ship open to visitors Evening - Attended Cabaret and RSL Social night.
28th April		Ship's Company entertained by civilians
	1300- 1700	Ship open to visitors - estimated total number for both days at 1,500.
29th April	1000	Departed.

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HMAS. BARBETE
DATE: 1ST MAY 1974...

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 5.12 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 11,766.5 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
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MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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*Guilty Patrol
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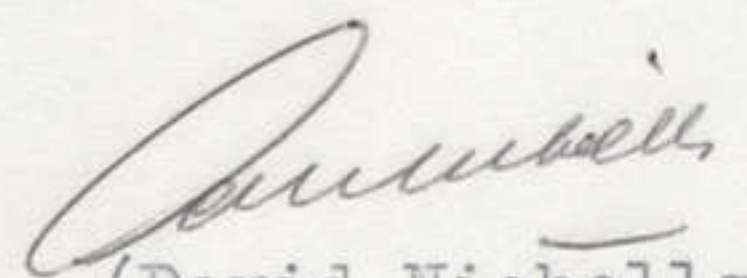
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At Cairns

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. HMAS BARBETTE was programmed to complete a self maintenance period on Monday 6th May however the departure for a Gulf of Carpentaria patrol on that date was postponed due to a defective auxiliary general service pump which supplies cooling water to the ship's air conditioning units. As this defect affected the operation of radio equipment and habitability on board, an URDEF was raised: my DAU 060015Z May74 refers.

3. The URDEF was rectified by the morning of Thursday 9th May and the ship sailed from Cairns at 0830 that morning. At 1010 the next day BARBETTE made a rendez-vous with HMAS FLINDERS at Waterwitch Light and mail and a small quantity of stores were transferred to that ship by boat.

4. On completion of the transfer, BARBETTE resumed the passage north. At 1115 course was altered to investigate a fishing boat in close proximity to Chapman Island. Subsequent enquiries confirmed that the boat, KATHLGN (1), Registered Number FVE, was aground in position 12° 52.7S 143° 35.6E.

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A line was passed to the vessel and from 1130 to 1230 it was attempted to tow the boat clear of the reef but our efforts were of no avail. The crew of the boat were content to remain on the reef until high tide the next morning. FLINDERS, who was operating in the area, was informed of the situation and they were going to give any assistance necessary in the morning. My signals KBG 100140Z May74 and KBG 100220Z May74 refer. After communications were established between the vessel and FLINDER's HI-FIX camp on Chapman Island by portable radio owned by the KATHLGN, BARBETTE continued the passage to Weipa departing Chapman Island at 1250. The ship berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa at 1632, Saturday 11th May having anchored at Duyfken Point from 1128 to 1452 prior to entering the channel.

5. At 0900, Monday 13th May, the ship cast off and, after clearing the harbour, proceeded south to commence the patrol. Mr. W. MIDDLETON of the Department of Primary Industry was on board for this part of the patrol. During the evening of 13th the radar became unserviceable due to a malfunctioning transformer in the power supply. The ship berthed once more at Evans Landing at 0750, Wednesday 15th May to disembark Mr. MIDDLETON. During this period at sea all vessels sighted were investigated and all were registered locally.

6. BARBETTE departed from Weipa at 1200 that day and proceeded south again as the fishing activity was still in this sector of the Gulf. At 0900, Thursday 16th May, the radar became unserviceable again. The same transformer as before had burnt out but on this occasion an earth was found in the Control Indicator, however the exact cause of this problem was unable to be ascertained and an URDEF was raised: my DAU 161325Z May74 refers. At the end of the month Base and Ship's Staff had not been able to find the source of the defect and contractor assistance was being sought.

7. The ship anchored at Mornington Island off the Sandalwood Place River at 1615 on 16th May and remained at that anchorage until 1000 on 18th May when the ship proceeded north to Weipa.

8. At 0722, on 19th May, the ship altered course to investigate a group of four fishing vessels in Albatross Bay. They were found to be the Papua and New Guinean vessels PAI 2, PAI 6, PAI 7 and KINDAM 3. A sighting report was released, my KBG 182250Z May74, and the ship remained in the immediate vicinity awaiting instructions. At 1149 a signal in reply instructed the ship to proceed in accordance with the programme.

9. BARBETTE berthed at Evans Landing alongside the merchant ship BOOYA at 1343, 19th May and remained at this berth until 0553 the next morning when the ship cast off and anchored a cable off the wharf to allow the BOOYA to proceed to sea. At 0926 the ship weighed anchor and cleared Weipa Harbour. Course was set northward for the return passage to Cairns. Due to the unserviceable radar it was necessary to steam in daylight

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in pilotage waters consequently the ship anchored as follows during the return passage:

Arrive	Anchorage	Depart
202035	Normanby Sound (Thursday Island)	210600
211830	Portland Roads	220558
202025	Pethebridge Islands	230556
231745	Fitzroy Island	240825

10. BARBETTE secured to Number One Wharf, Cairns, outboard of HMA Ships LAE and BAYONET at 1024 on Friday 24th May having refuelled to 65 percent at Number Ten Wharf on arrival. HMAS CAIRNS raised the signal KAA/KNA 240122Z May74 explaining that because BARBETTE's ANURC 58 transceiver was returned to the base to be fitted in the Communications Centre and that the portable HF transceiver on loan to BARBETTE has only a range of 50 nautical miles and that the ship is due to commence pre-refit trials on 31st May, the ship only fuelled to 65 percent.

11. At 1000, Sunday 26th May, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to sea for a Families' Day. Although it was a warm day, the winds became quite strong during the late morning making conditions uncomfortable. However, the ship anchored in the lee of Fitzroy Island from 1230 to 1540 and the ship's boat ferried all ashore for a Bar-B-Q lunch. The weather was much improved later in the afternoon and the return passage to Cairns was most pleasant. The ship reberthed at Number One Wharf at 1700 outboard of LAE and BAYONET. Here the ship remained until the end of the month preparing for the oncoming refit.

12. On Thursday afternoon, 30th May, I had the honour of welcoming you on board, Sir, when you conducted your walk around of the Squadron.

13. The conduct, health and morale of the Ship's Company is satisfactory and, considering the ship is about to enter refit, the appearance of the ship is fair.

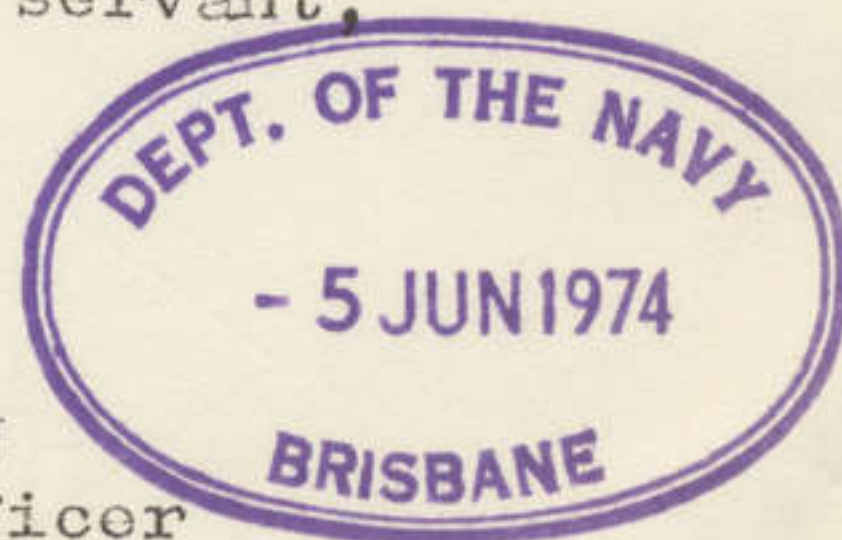
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Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.V. RYAN.)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	2,605.5
Hours underway during the month	211.0
Total miles steamed since commissioning	14,372.0
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,750.4
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	Nil
Fuel expended during the month (Galls ADD)	10,797.0

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

21st May	Small Arms Shoot
26th May	OOW's Manoeuvres and Ship Handling (Incl. Man Overboard and Steering Gear Breakdown)

APPENDIX D

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BARBETTE
1st JUNE 1974

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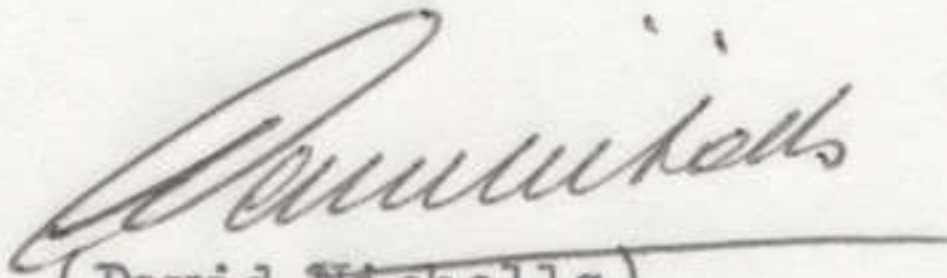
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

9th July, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. HMAS BARBETTE commenced the month berthed at Number One Wharf Cairns preparing for the biennial refit. At 0808 Wednesday 5th June, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to sea to conduct prerefit trials. Prior to clearing the channel the starboard engine had to be shut down due to overheating. It was found that the seat had come adrift from the spindle of the main engine low level suction valve. After conducting limited trials, the ship returned to harbour and berthed at Number Ten Wharf at 0930. Having deammunitioned, the ship returned to Number One Wharf at 1040.

3. At 0005, Monday 10th June, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to the North Queensland Engineers and Agent's Slipway in Smith's Creek. The ship was slipped and clear of the water by 0110.

4. In the period between 10th June and 30th June, main engines, diesel generators, shafting, propellers, rudders and steering box were removed. Electrical pumps and motors requiring survey and refitting were also removed. A crack in the hull, nine inches long, under the centerline aft fresh water tank was discovered. The plate has been removed and replaced. Corrosion and pitting were evident along the waterline after the hull had been sandblasted.

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however all hull plating is within tolerances. It is anticipated the ship will unslip approximately three days late due to hull defects discovered during survey.

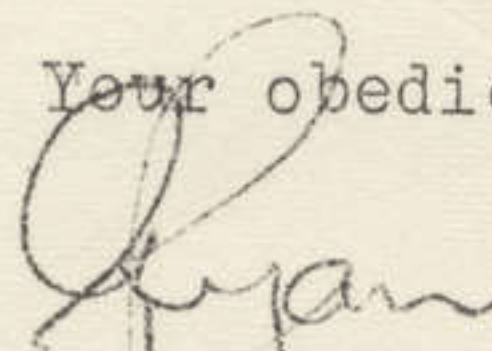
5. Ship's Staff have been fully employed refitting ancillary equipment and scrapping back all exterior surfaces. The prerefit meeting was held on 6th June and the subsequent refit meeting was convened on 19th June. At this stage, supply of Naval Stores items is not critical and is not expected to delay the completion date. All work is up to Naval standards.

6. The conduct, health and morale of the Ship's Company is good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G.V. RYAN.)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer.

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Appendix A

Steaming Figures

Miles steamed during the month	10.8
Hours underway during the month	2.1
Total miles steamed since commissioning	14,383.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,752.5
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL
Fuel expended during the month (Galls ADD)	250.0

Appendix C

Exercises

Nil

Appendix D

Officer's Movements

Nil

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ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
NO 2
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1974

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(David Nicholls)
Captain O.B.E. R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

1st August, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. The ship commenced the month at North Queensland Engineers and Agents Pty Ltd slipway. BARBETTE was unslipped at 0045 on Friday 12th July and moved cold to Number One Wharf Cairns. The ship has remained at this berth continuing the refit until the end of the month.

3. The ship was due to commence sea trials on 2nd August, however, due to the tardy receipt of stores it can be expected that this date will be approximately six days late. The delay was mainly due to industrial problems in the shipping company forwarding the stores. At present it is anticipated that the ship will complete the refit on the scheduled date of 9th August. This date is dependent on successful sea trials. All work is up to Naval standards.

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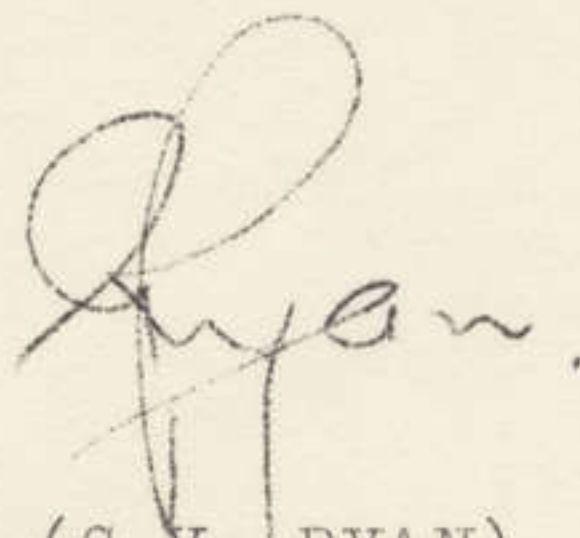
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4. The conduct, health and morale of the Ship's Company is good and the appearance of the ship is satisfactorily improving as the refit progresses.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G.V.) RYAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Appendices A, B, C & D.

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles Steamed during the month	NIL
Hours Underway during the month	NIL
Total miles steamed since commissioning	14,383.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,752.5
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL
Fuel expended during the month (GALLS ADD)	NIL

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

NIL

APPENDIX D

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS

NIL

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ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING $5\frac{1}{2}$ YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 14,383.9 MILES

I.C. ENGINE SH
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL
HOURS
NO 1
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

2nd September, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander
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The Senior Naval Officer
CAIRNS

The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. The ship commenced the month at Number One wharf, Cairns continuing the refit. The ship departed Cairns at 0930 on Tuesday 13th August to conduct contractor's trials. The trials were relatively successful, the main engines still requiring tuning. The ship returned to harbour berthing at Number One Wharf at 1150.

3. HMAS BARBETTE sailed at 0908 on Friday, 16th August for acceptance trials. The trials were conducted successfully and the ship returned to Cairns berthing at Number One Wharf portside to HMAS FLINDERS at 1150. During the post refit meeting held that afternoon, I accepted the ship from the contractors with the exceptions included in form TM165, Report of Defects, Planned Maintenance Items, Modifications (A and A's) ETC of HMA Ship. The completion date of 9th August was ammended to 16th August due to the delay in the receipt of stores.

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4. At 0700, Saturday 17th August, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to conduct gun functioning trials. These were conducted successfully and the ship returned to harbour at 1020 securing to the previous berth. During this period at sea the starboard main engine governor became unserviceable and a knocking noise became apparent in the port main engine. The refitting contractors were called to investigate the problems and they agreed to repair the defects under the refit contract. Repairs were continued until Friday 23rd August when at 1317 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to sea for engine trials. These were successful however the port and starboard diesel generators developed defects while at sea in addition to numbers one and three air conditioning units. The ship returned to harbour at 1520 berthing alongside HMAS BARRICADE at Number One Wharf. These defects were repaired by contractors and ship's staff during the weekend of 24th and 25th August.
5. At 0900, 26th August, BARBETTE proceeded to sea in company with BARRICADE to commence the workup having refuelled at Number Ten Wharf prior to departure. Exercises conducted during the workup and the Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) are included at Annex C. The ships proceeded south to the Family Group of Islands conducting exercises on passage. The ships anchored at Dunk Island at 2140. The ship weighed anchor at 0800, Tuesday 27th August and proceeded in company with BARRICADE to Cairns conducting exercises en route. BARBETTE and BARRICADE berthed at Number Ten Wharf, Cairns at 1450. Having embarked Commander J.M. YATES RAN and CPOMTP J. MACHIN R41795, BARBETTE cast off at 1505 and anchored in mid-channel to determine the heeling error in the magnetic compass.
6. The ship weighed anchor at 1530 and proceeded to sea to continue the workup. A compass swing was conducted from 1612 to 1747 in the lee of Fitzroy Island on completion of which further exercises were conducted until 1945 when a rendez-vous with HMAS BAYONET was effected and a night encounter exercise commenced. BARBETTE and BAYONET conducted a night steam in company from 2230 until 0745, 28th August when further exercises were continued until 1521 when both ships commenced the entry into Cairns Harbour. The two ships berthed at Number Ten Wharf where Commander J.M. YATES RAN and CPOMTP J. MACHIN disembarked. On completion of fuelling both ships shifted berth to Number Six Wharf and remained there overnight while a defect in BARBETTE's battery charger was repaired.
7. BARBETTE and BAYONET sailed at 0905, Thursday 29th August and proceeded to the Fitzroy Island area conducting exercises underway. Both ships came to anchor in the lee of Fitzroy Island at 1230. During the afternoon several exercises were carried out at the anchorage. BARBETTE conducted Divisions and Captain's Rounds from 1530 to 1700.

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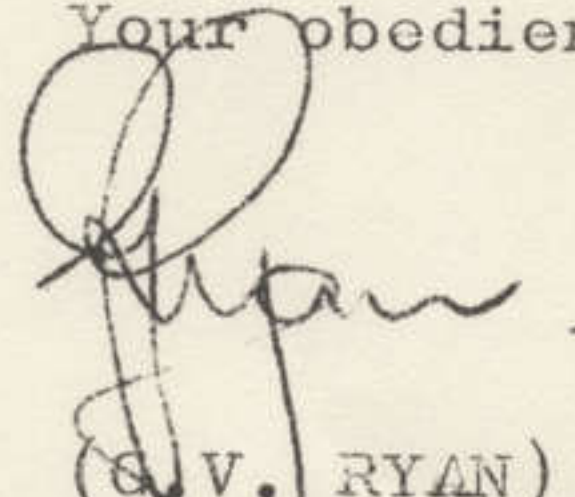
8. The anchor was weighed at 0534 on 30th August and BARBETTE proceeded in company with BAYONET to Cairns where the ships berthed at Number One Wharf at 0715. Commander J.M. YATES RAN and CPOMTP J. MACHIN joined the ship at 0750 to conduct the O.R.E. BARBETTE sailed at 0800 closed up at action stations in company with BAYONET. Exercises as detailed by Commander J.M. YATES RAN were conducted throughout the day. BAYONET detached at 1230 and proceeded independently into port. BARBETTE completed the O.R.E. at 1415 and entered Cairns berthing at Number Ten Wharf at 1452. The ship berthed at Number One Wharf at 1545 on completion of fuelling and remained at this berth for the remainder of the month.

9. The conduct, health and morale of the Ship's Company is good and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G.V. RYAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	886.1
Hours underway during the month	66.0
Total miles steamed since commissioning	15,269.9
Total hours underway since commissioning	7,818.5
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	13th August Contractor's Trials
	16th August Acceptance Trials
	23rd August Engine Trials
	26th-30th Workup/ORE
Fuel expended during the month (GALLS ADD)	4,095

APPENDIX C

EXERCISES

13th	Proved Watch and Station Bill
17th	Gun Functioning Trials
20th	Proved Watch and Station Bill
	Fire Fighting Instruction
	Boarding Party Instruction
23rd	Proved Watch and Station Bill
	Rigged for Tow Forward
	Weigh Anchor by Deck Tackle Instruction
26th	Heaving Line Transfer
	Towed BARRICADE
	BARRICADE Towed BARBETTE
	NBCDEX
	40/60 SUFX
	Night Encounter Exercise
	Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres
	Formation Anchorage BARBETTE OCE
27th	Weigh Anchor by Deck Tackle
	40/60 SUFX
	NBCDEX (4 in Number)
	Station Keeping
	Rigged Emergency Aerials
	Manoverboard Exercises
	Steering Gear Failure Exercises
28th	Boarding Party Exercise
	Exercised Transfer of Emergency Party
	Towed BAYONET
29th	NBCDEX
	Formation Anchorage BARBETTE OCE
	Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres
30th	Operational Readiness Evaluation
	Sailed at Action Stations
	Steering Gear Breakdown
	Heaving Line Transfer

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Boarding Party boarded BAYONET

Boarding Party Prepared BAYONET for Tow Forward

Towed BAYONET

Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres

Anchorage

Numerous NBCD Exercises covering all incidents

APPENDIX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

NIL

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ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BARBETTE.....
DATE 2 SEP 74.....

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 6....YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 15,263.9 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
NO 2
NO 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS	
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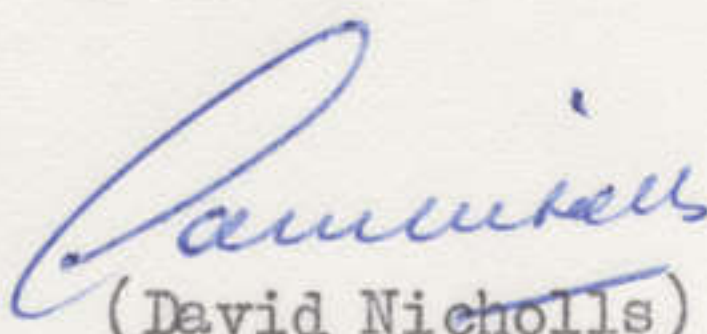
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1974

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(David Nicholls)
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NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
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At Darwin

1st October, 1974

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1974

Sir,

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 HMAS BARBETTE was berthed at Number One Wharf, Cairns. At 0957(K), Wednesday 4th September, the ship proceeded to sea and commenced the passage to Darwin. After an uneventful passage, BARBETTE arrived in Darwin berthing at Inner Stoke's Hill Wharf alongside HMAS ADVANCE at 0855(IK) on Monday, 9th September. En-route the ship berthed at Thursday Island from 0905(K) to 1600(K), Friday 6th September to embark fuel and the ship anchored in the Naval Anchorage, Darwin Harbour, from 2112(IK) 8th September until 0843(IK) 9th September.

3. On arrival at Darwin, the Officer of the Guard, Lieutenant S.M. BURRELL RAN, boarded. At 0920(IK) the Officer of the Guard and I departed to call on the Naval Officer Commanding North Australia Area, Captain E.E. JOHNSTON OBE RAN.

4. BARBETTE departed from Darwin at 0805(IK) Tuesday, 10th September for a patrol in the Cape Leveque area. At 1430(H), 11th September a rendez-vous was made with HMAS ATTACK in position 14° 43'S 124° 21'E where a handover was effected; here Mr P. WILLEY of the West Australian Department of Fisheries

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and Fauna joined the ship. On completion of the handover, BARBETTE continued the passage and came to anchor at Degerando Island at 1934(H) that evening. The ship weighed anchor at 0758(H), Thursday 12th September and proceeded for Deception Bay where the ship anchored from 1130(H) to 1257(H). The ship's boat conducted a search of the foreshores of the bay. During this search the boat's outboard motor became unserviceable. The drive shaft bevel gears, gear selector fork and throwout bearing were defective. On clearing Deception Bay, BARBETTE set course for Yampi Sound where the ship anchored at 1745(H) that day having investigated the Macleay Island area on passage.

5. At 0947(H), 13th September the anchor was weighed and BARBETTE proceeded to Koolan Island and berthed alongside MV WANDII II shifting berth at 1520(H) to alongside the Koolan Island Wharf. The ship remained at this berth waiting for spares for the outboard motor until 2030(H) on Saturday 14th September when the ship proceeded to Broome in accordance with NOCNA signal KEG 140645ZSEP74. The spare parts which arrived were insufficient to repair the outboard motor defect. The ship berthed alongside ADVANCE at Broome at 1035(H) 15th September. Having refuelled, the ship cast off and proceeded to Darwin at 1630(H) that day. Mr P. WILLEY left the ship at Broome to join ADVANCE.

6. Two Indonesian fishing boats were sighted at 0610(IK), Monday 16th September. The ship's boarding party boarded one in position 15°58'6S 123°19'1E and the other in position 16°00'13S 123°21'7E. The second boarding was completed by 0815(IK). Both vessels were searched and instructed to sail out of the area. BARBETTE continued the passage north on completion.

7. At 0420(IK), Tuesday 17th September, BARBETTE came to anchor five miles north east of Mary Island. At daylight the ship weighed anchor and closed Mary Island where two Indonesian fishing boats had recently been reported. The boats were sighted in position 13°58'5S 126°21'7E. Due to the proximity to the island and the prevailing tidal stream it was impossible to close the fishing boats so BARBETTE left the area having reported the sighting.

8. After an uneventful passage from Mary Island, the ship berthed at Stoke's Hill Wharf at 0811(IK), Wednesday 18th September. At 1300(IK) that day, BARBETTE proceeded to sea to conduct Fanwise Trials with HMAS BOMBARD. By 1920(IK), there being no further requirement for BARBETTE's participation in the trials, the ship returned to Darwin and berthed at Outer Stoke's Hill Wharf East at 2035(IK). At 1600(IK), 20th September BARBETTE shifted berth to Inner Stoke's Hill Wharf.

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9. At 0340(1K), Thursday 19th September, the starboard diesel generator tripped and was shut down. Subsequent investigations found that the terminal block had shorted and burnt out. This was due to shrinkage of the block loosening the terminals and a small amount of salt water ingress into the terminal box. URDEF number 1/76, my DAU 190740ZSEP74, refers. Contractors were called in and the defect was rectified by 25th September.

10. On arrival in Darwin on 18th September both the ANURC 58 HF Transceiver and the 696 UHF Transceiver were malfunctioning. After ship's staff had unsuccessfully attempted to find the faults URDEF number 2/76, my DAU 190745ZSEP74, and URDEF number 3/76, my DAU 240200ZSEP74, were raised on the respective equipments. At the end of the month, satisfactory progress was being made on the ANURC 58 and this equipment should be repaired before the programmed departure for the next deployment. The 696 radio will be repaired by replacement of the defective transmitter/receiver section of the unit.

11. Number three main engine battery bank overheated distorting the majority of the cell casings on Tuesday 24th September. An investigation was conducted by Base Staff in response to a request by HMAS CAIRNS. A report of the findings of the investigation will be forwarded. As a result of this defect, URDEF number 4/76, my DAU 250035ZSEP74, was raised. The defective bank has been replaced.

12. Twenty-four children from the Parap Infants School were conducted on a tour of the ship during the forenoon of 23rd September. During the forenoon of 27th September, I had the pleasure of showing Captain G.M.F. VALLINGS RN, the Naval Advisor to the British High Commission, around the ship.

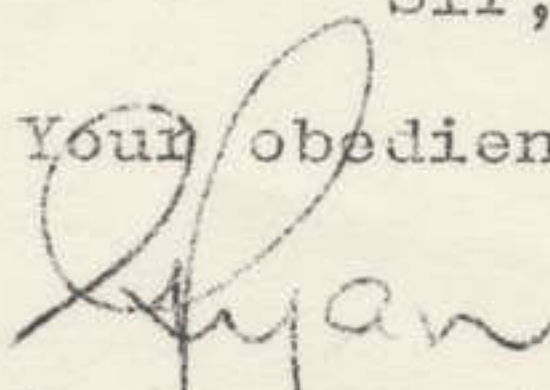
13. At 0812(1K), Saturday 28th September, BARBETTE shifted berth to the Inner Fort Hill Wharf and remained at this berth until the end of the month continuing an assisted maintenance period.

14. The conduct, health and morale of the ship's company is good and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.V. RYAN.)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annexes A, B, C and D

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ANNEX ASTEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	2,884.5
Hours underway during the month	218.0
Total miles steamed since commissioning	18,154.4
Total hours underway since commissioning	8,036.5
Fuel expended during the month (GALLS ADD)	10,386
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL

ANNEX CEXERCISES

6th	Fire Tiller Flat
7th	2 Inch Rocket Flare Shoot
	50 Cal Machine Gun Shoot
12th	Flood Fore Peak
17th	COW Man Overboard

ANNEX DOFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

Joined 2nd September
Acting Sub-Lieutenant GLEX K.E. GILBY RAN

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

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ANNEX 'B' TO CAN 7/66

HMAS. BARBETTE
DATE: 1st October 1974

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 6.12 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 18,154.4 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
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NO 3

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1. Passage to N.W. Cape area for Survey units MOREBY.
2. Boarded Inshore - fishing boat.
3. Escort BOMBARD to Geraldton.

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HMAS BARBETTE
At Sea

6th November, 1974

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1974.

Sir,

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

2. HMAS BARBETTE commenced the month alongside Inner Fort Hill Wharf, Darwin, completing an assisted maintenance period. At 0834(1K), Tuesday 1st October, the ship shifted berth to Inner Stoke's Hill Wharf. Whilst alongside this berth, approximately 1,100 children from various primary schools in the Darwin area were given a conducted tour of the ship during the first three days of the month as part of Navy Week.

3. At 1245(1K), Thursday 3rd October, the ship sailed in company with HMAS ATTACK and HMAS BOMBARD for the passage to Dampier. Prior to sailing, both the 696 UHF Transceiver and the ANURC 58 HF Transceiver became unserviceable. The transceivers from HMAS ADVANCE were installed.

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4. BARBETTE detached from ATTACK and BOMBARD at 0930(1K) Friday 4th October to proceed to Koolan Island to fuel. The need to fuel arose from what was thought to be high fuel consumption. On reaching calmer seas, it was revealed that the consumption was not high and that false readings from dipping the tanks earlier had lead to this belief. After fuelling the ship rejoined ATTACK and BOMBARD at 1348, Saturday 5th October to continue the passage to Dampier. Prior to rejoining the unit, the 696 UHF Transceiver became unserviceable and URDEF Number 5/76 was raised; my KOD/DAU 070240Z0CT74 refers.
5. At 1600(H), Saturday 5th October, an Indonesian fishing boat was sighted in position 16° 32'0 S 122° 44'0 E. BARBETTE was detached to board the vessel. The boat was searched, live shells were returned to the sea and the boat was instructed to leave the area. At 1655(H) the boarding party returned onboard and the ship rejoined ATTACK and BOMBARD to continue the passage to Dampier. BARBETTE berthed alongside BOMBARD at the Service Wharf, Dampier, at 0828(H), Monday 7th October.
6. The port main engine overspeed trip became defective when alongside at Dampier. Ship's Staff were unable to rectify the fault and URDEF number 6/76 was raised: my DAU 110032Z0CT74 refers.
7. BARBETTE sailed at 1100(H), Tuesday 8th October in company with ATTACK and BOMBARD and came to anchor off Enderby Island in Mermaid Strait. At 1900(H) that evening, all ships weighed anchor to make the rendez-vous with HMAS MORESBY off Point Murat, North West Cape, some 170 miles to the south-west. During the passage, communication difficulties and deteriorating weather conditions forced the ships to return to the anchorage in Mermaid Strait. BARBETTE secured alongside ATTACK at 0315(H), Wednesday 9th October and remained alongside for the remainder of the day completing ship's staff maintenance. At 2345(H) that day the ship cast off and the three ships proceeded for the new rendez-vous with MORESBY in the Thevenard Island area.
8. After an uneventful night's passage the unit made the rendez-vous at 0915(H), Thursday 10th October and secured alongside MORESBY at 0937(H). The 696 UHF Transceiver and anchor winch motor, which became unserviceable on 8th October, were transferred to MORESBY for repair and an Atlas Deso 10 Echo Sounder was fitted to the ship. The ship cast off at 1000(H) and proceeded to Sholl Island to replenish the Hi-Fix Camp there with supplies. The ship returned alongside MORESBY at 1810(H) and remained there overnight until 1511(H) Friday 11th October when BARBETTE cast off and proceeded in company with MORESBY and ATTACK to the survey grounds to commence consort sounding. During the passage to the survey

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grounds, temporary repairs were completed to the port main engine overspeed trip making a maximum of 1200 R.P.M. available.

9. Consort sounding commenced at 1912(H) on 11th October however difficulties with Lambda forced MORESBY and the patrol boats to proceed to Airlie Island. BARBETTE secured alongside ATTACK at Airlie Island at 0033, Saturday 12th October remaining at this berth until 1142(H) later that morning when all ships got underway and proceeded to the survey grounds. Sounding recommenced at 1346(H). During the period at Airlie Island, MORESBY had not been able to repair the anchor winch motor:-URDEF number 7/76 was raised accordingly; my DAU 120157ZOCT74 refers.

10. Sounding continued throughout the night. A heaving line transfer was carried out at 0855(H), Sunday 13th October to pass echo sounder rolls after which sounding recommenced at 0915(H). MORESBY anchored at 1425(H) and both ATTACK and BARBETTE secured alongside her to refuel. The 696 UHF Transceiver was returned repaired thus rectifying URDEF number 5/76.

11. The ship completed fuelling at 1602(H) and cast off at 1608(H). MORESBY weighed anchor and BARBETTE commenced sounding with MORESBY and BOMBARD at 1631(H). Sounding continued through the night until 0707(H), Monday 14th October when the ship came alongside MORESBY casting off at 0713(H) having transferred echo sounder rolls. Sounding recommenced at 0754(H) and continued all that day. At 1725(H) MORESBY anchored at North Sandy Island and the ship berthed alongside at 1735(H). Unable to remain alongside MORESBY due to the weather, BARBETTE cast off at 1900(H) and sought an anchorage closer in the lee of North Sandy Island.

12. At 0515(H), Tuesday 15th October, the anchor was weighed by deck tackle and course was set for Dampier arriving at that port at 1230(H). En route the Hi-Fix station at Sholl Island and the tide pole camp at Steamboat Island were replenished. The ship was alongside at Dampier until 2350(H), Wednesday 16th October when BARBETTE cast off and proceeded for the survey grounds. While at Dampier a replacement anchor winch motor arrived and was installed. After assistance from MORESBY's ship's staff at a later date the motor was operational and URDEF number 7/76 was rectified. The ship made the rendezvous with MORESBY at 1015(H), Thursday 17th October and commenced sounding. Sounding continued for the next four days going alongside MORESBY at least daily to pass echo sounder rolls.

13. BARBETTE berthed alongside MORESBY at 0230(H), Saturday 19th October to refuel. Fuelling completed, the ship cast off and commenced sounding at 0345(H). At 0445(H), it became necessary to shut down the port main engine due to

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water in the fuel. At 0528(H), the ship secured alongside MORESBY to purge lines and pumps of water and to change fuel filters. This task was completed at 1026(H) when the ship cast off and continued sounding until 1252(H) when again water contamination of the fuel caused the starboard main engine and the starboard generator to fail.

14. In company with MORESBY, the ships proceeded to North Sandy Island where MORESBY anchored and the ships berthed alongside at 1830(H). While alongside measures as previously carried out were applied once more and an attempt was made to isolate the contaminated tanks and find the source of the ingress of water, if any.

15. The ship remained alongside overnight. The starboard engine ? having been tested, BARBETTE cast off at 0558(H), Monday 21st October and commenced the passage to Dampier to refuel and store ship. The ship berthed alongside BOMBARD at the Service Wharf at 1202(H) that day. BARBETTE replenished the tide pole camp at Steamboat Island during the passage to Dampier.

16. BARBETTE cast off from alongside BOMBARD at 0001(H), Wednesday 23rd October and course was set for the survey grounds. At 0543(H) the port main engine overspeed alarm sounded. The starboard main engine was flashed up. A defective governor had caused the engine to overspeed and consequently URDEF number 8/76 was raised: my DAU 230006Z OCT 74 refers. After communicating with MORESBY, the ship reversed course and returned to Dampier arriving at 1300(H) that day.

17. After conducting engine trials off Dampier on Saturday 26th October the ship anchored in King Bay until 0805(I), Monday 28th October when BARBETTE berthed at the Service Wharf. At 1712(I), the ship cast off and resecured alongside MORESBY remaining at this berth until 1423(I), Tuesday 29th October when the ship shifted berth to the Service Wharf. At 2038(I) that evening, BARBETTE cast off and commenced escorting BOMBARD on the passage to Geraldton. Due to rough weather it was necessary to seek shelter from 0900(I), Wednesday 30th October to 1315(I) the same day at Large Island and from 1759(I) that day to 1321(I), Thursday 31st October in the lee of North West Cape. BARBETTE secured at the Point Murat Wharf for 15 minutes to transfer stores to the Decca Red station at 1600(I), 30th October proceeding to the anchorage on completion. At the end of the month BARBETTE was on passage to Geraldton.

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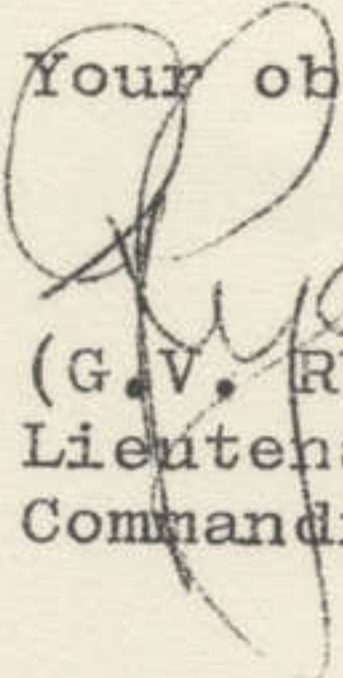
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18. The conduct, health and morale of the ship's company is excellent and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.V. RYAN.)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annexes A, B, C and D.

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	3,989.5
Hours underway during the month	312.0
Total miles steamed since commissioning	22,144.9
Total hours underway since commissioning	8,348.5
Fuel expended during the month (GALLS ADD)	19,831.0
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	NIL

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

2 nd	Exercised fire in the galley
6 th	Exercised Man Overboard - All OOW's
	Exercised Steering Gear Failure - All OOW's
	Exercised fire in the Engine Room
	OOW Manoeuvres using flag hoists.
8 th	Weighed anchor by deck tackle
11 th	Exercised fire in the Wardroom
15 th	Weighed anchor by deck tackle

ANNEX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

NIL

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ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS. BARBETTE
DATE. 6 NOVEMBER 1974

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING $6\frac{3}{12}$ YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 22,144.9 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
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At Cairns

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1974
(All Times Zone India Unless Specified)

Sir,

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

2. HMAS BARBETTE commenced the month escorting HMAS BOMBARD from Dampier to Geraldton. At 0235, Saturday 2nd November, HMAS ACUTE assumed the duties of escort for the passage from Geraldton to Fremantle. BARBETTE came to anchor in Geraldton Harbour at 0310 weighing at 0615 and berthing alongside the Silo Wharf at 0700.

3. During the passage, the ship had been experiencing some difficulties with the port main engine. The temperature differences between the cylinders were beyond the accepted tolerances necessitating use of the starboard engine. On entering harbour it was noticed that the lubricating oil level was too high and suspecting fuel contamination, a sample and the injectors were taken to HMAS LEEUWIN for test and resetting. It was found that there was no contamination.

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4. During the forenoon of the Saturday, approximately fifty school children from the Catholic Boys Home in Geraldton were given a conducted tour of the ship. BARBETTE cast off at 1040 on Monday 4th November and commenced the return passage to Dampier. At 0830 Tuesday 5th November, the port main engine was shut down and the passage continued on the starboard engine. The temperature difficulties experienced previously were present once again.

5. At 2242 the same day, the ship anchored in the lee of Marion Island. The following morning HMAS MORESBY anchored in the vicinity and transferred personnel by boat to examine the port main engine and the survey echo sounder which had also become unserviceable. The anchor was weighed at 1015 and BARBETTE proceeded to conduct engine trials. The trials were successful. The temperature differences remained within the allowable tolerances. On completion of trials, the ship closed MORESBY and transferred personnel. Course was set for North Sandy Island at 1243 and the ship anchored in that area at 1844.

6. The anchor was weighed at 0715, Thursday 7th November and BARBETTE proceeded in company with HMAS ATTACK to the survey grounds. Consort sounding commenced at 0800 and at 0850 the ship was detached to Steamboat Island to replenish the tide pole station. The ship returned at 1306 and recommenced sounding. Sounding for the day was completed at 1927; the ship then proceeded to North Sandy Island anchoring for the night at 2000.

7. At 0615, Friday 8th November the anchor was weighed and the ship berthed alongside ATTACK. Having passed the Atlas Deso 10 echosounder for eventual return to MORESBY, the ship cast off at 0730 and proceeded to Dampier securing at the Service Wharf at 1154. The survey season was completed for BARBETTE.

8. BARBETTE cleared Dampier harbour at 0129, Saturday 9th November and made the rendez-vous with ATTACK off Cape Legendre at 0300 for the passage to Port Hedland. After an uneventful night passage, the ship berthed alongside Number One Wharf, Port Hedland at 1104. BARBETTE remained at this berth until 0758, Monday 11th November when the ship cast off and commenced the passage to Darwin in company with ATTACK.

9. The ship arrived in Darwin at 0909 (IK), Thursday 14th November and berthed alongside HMAS ARROW. BARBETTE remained in this port until 2130 that day when the ship cast off and set course for Cairns. BARBETTE berthed at Number One Wharf Cairns at 1000 (K) 19th November. During the passage the ship sighted, investigated and reported four Tiawanese fishing boats. They were fishing in two groups of two approximately 68 miles north east of Cape Vessel; my KBG 160102Z NOV74 refers. BARBETTE also berthed at the Caltex Wharf, Thursday Island, from 0700 (K) to 0930 (K), 17th November

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to refuel and anchored in the Owen Channel, Flinders Island Group, from 0605(K) to 1726(K), Monday 18th November.

10. At 1408(K), Wednesday 27th November, BARBETTE cast off and laid off the wharf to allow HMNZS TARANAKI to berth at Number One/Two Wharf. As soon as TARANAKI had secured, the ship berthed on TARANAKI's starboard quarter remaining there until 0952(K), Friday 29th November prior to TARANAKI sailing when the ship once again laid off the wharf. When the berth was clear, BARBETTE secured alongside HMAS BAYONET at Number One Wharf only, however, for sufficient time to embark a box of spares for TARANAKI. The ship cleared the harbour at 1031(K) and proceeded to rendez-vous with TARANAKI at the entrance to the Channel. The transfer was effected at 1056(K) after which BARBETTE returned to harbour berthing alongside BAYONET at 1129(K). At 1455(K), the ship moved cold to alongside HMAS FLINDERS and remained there until the end of the month.

12. The conduct, health and morale of the ship's company is excellent and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.V. RYAN)

Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annexes A, B, C and D

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	3,599.9
Hours underway during the month	266.8
Total miles steamed since commissioning	25,744.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	8,615.3
Fuel expended during the month (GALLS ADD)	15,178.0
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	6th Engine Trials
	29th Conveyance of
	Stores to
	TARANAKI.

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

3rd	Flood Tiller Flat
9th	Blind Pilotage
15th	Steering Gear Failure
	Man Overboard
17th	Fire Wireless Office
25th	Fire A/C Space

ANNEX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS. BARBETTE
DATE. 1st DECEMBER 1974

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 6 ³/₁₂ .. YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 25,744.8 .. MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO 1
NO 2
NO 3

MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)							REMARKS				
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HMAS BARBETTE

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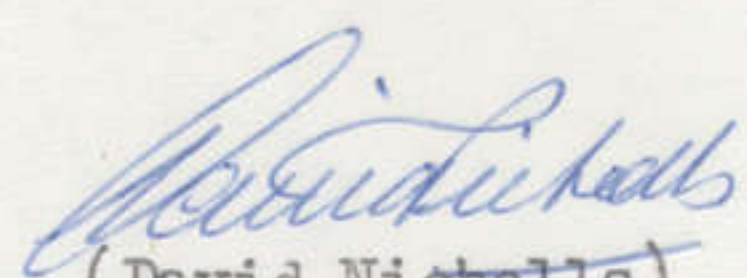
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1974

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(David Nicholls)
Captain, O.B.E. R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Cairns

1st January, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

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HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES

The Senior Naval Officer
CAIRNS

The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1974
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

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

2. BARBETTE commenced the month alongside Number One Wharf, Cairns completing an assisted maintenance period. The ship cast off at 1215, Monday 2nd December for a Southern Patrol and a visit to Brisbane. The sailing was delayed two and a quarter hours by URDEF 9/76 raised on the HF transceiver. This defect was rectified prior to sailing; my DAU 012301ZDEC74 refers.

3. After an uneventful passage, the ship berthed alongside HMAS BRUNEI at HMAS MORETON, Brisbane, at 1000 Friday 6th December. Shortly after arrival, I had the honour of calling on you, Sir.

4. The ship remained at the berth on BRUNEI for that weekend. During the passage BARBETTE anchored in Nara Inlet from 0911, Tuesday 3rd to 0756, Wednesday 4th December. The ship also berthed at Number Three Wharf, Mackay, to refuel between 1410 and 1656, Wednesday, 4th December. Difficulties had been experienced in reducing the reflected power output in the HF transceiver consequently on arrival at MORETON URDEF 10/76 was raised; my DAU 060505ZDEC74 refers. This defect was rectified on receipt of a replacement transceiver from the Reserve training vessel GAYUNDAH.

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5. BARBETTE cast off from BRUNEI at 0800, Monday 9th December for the return passage to Cairns. On clearing the Brisbane River, the port main engine began to malfunction and was shut down. It was subsequently found that the shaft to the fuel pump was defective and URDEF 11/76 was raised; my DAU 102204ZDEC74 refers. The ship anchored once again in Nara Inlet between 0513, Wednesday 11th and 1056 Thursday 12th December to continue work in preparation for the forthcoming Annual Inspection. During an inspection on the 40/60 Bofor Mounting it was found that the auto loader was unserviceable. After unsuccessful attempts to repair the equipment by ship's staff URDEF 13/76 was raised via my DAU 130548ZDEC74.
6. The ship berthed alongside Number One Wharf, Cairns at 1124, Friday, 13th December having refuelled at Number Ten Wharf on arrival at 1000. Just prior to arrival in Cairns, the HF transceiver would not tune on any frequency below two megahertz. URDEF 12/76 was raised, my DAU 130550ZDEC74, and was rectified by 17th December.
7. Two Naval Reserve Cadets from TS ENDEAVOUR joined for the Southern Patrol for sea experience and general seamanship training. While in Brisbane they were transferred to the Brisbane based vessel GAYUNDAH and spent the weekend in Moreton Bay with other cadets from Brisbane units.
8. BARBETTE commenced the Annual Inspection with the Departmental Inspection on Wednesday 18th December. Commander J.M. YATES RAN inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions on Thursday morning, 19th December as part of the Harbour Inspection. At 0800, Friday 20th December, BARBETTE, PNGS LADAVA and HMAS BAYONET proceeded to sea to conduct the Sea Inspection. All major evolutions were completed. The 40/60 Bofor and port main engine defects had been rectified prior to sailing. The ship berthed alongside BAYONET at Number One Wharf, Cairns, at 1745 that day having refuelled at Number Ten Wharf.
9. The ship remained at this berth for the remainder of the month. BARBETTE was standby boat for the period 20th to 28th December and at 1600 Wednesday 25th December was placed at two hours notice for steam in preparation for any assistance that may be required due to the Darwin Natural Disaster. The ship reverted to four hours notice at 0800, Friday 27th December.
10. During the installation of a replacement UHF Transceiver recently received from stores, it was found that the unit was unserviceable necessitating that URDEF 14/76 be raised; my DAU300402 ZDEC74 refers.

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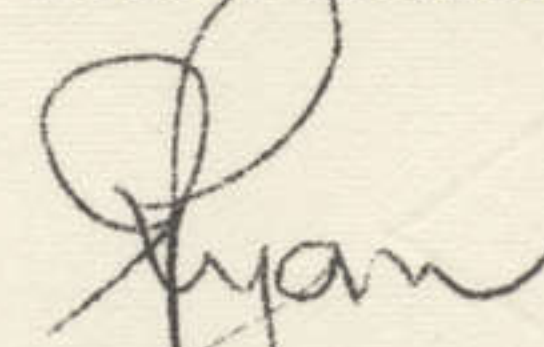
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11. The conduct, health and morale of the ship's company is excellent and the appearance of the ship is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G. T. RYAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures:

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Miles steamed during the month	1,989.2
Hours underway during the month	145.3
Total miles steamed since commissioning	27,744.8
Total hours underway since commissioning	8,760.6
Fuel expended during the month (Galls ADD)	9,916.0
Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded	20th Annual Inspection

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

2 nd	Departing Cairns - Blind Pilotage Steering failure, steered by main engines, closed up after steering. Fire in Tiller Flat
3 rd	Flood in Forward Mess. Shored Forward Void Space Rigged lines for leakstopping mats.
4 th	Man overboard. Steering failure. Closed up and changed to after steering. Coxswain anchorage
5 th	OOW man overboard Emergency stations Leaving ship stations Boarding Party - rifle drill Defence stations Flood in Diving Gear Store - shoring exercise Action stations - Inflammable liquid fire in Tiller Flat. Crankcase explosion in Engineroom, one casualty.
th	Fire in Wireless Office
12th	Exercised collision forward. Emergency stations, flood Forward Void Space, shoring. Fire in Tiller Flat, removed one casualty and rendered first aid. Exercised Boarding Party. Action stations Defence stations Officers communications and crypto familiarisation Steering failure
20th	Annual Inspection. Action stations; defence stations; OOW manoeuvres by Coxswain and Executive Officer; 40/60, 50 Cal, 2in Rocket surface and air firings; man overboard; NBCD Exercise; boarding party to HMAS BAYONET; towed BAYONET; blind entry into Cairns.

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ANNEX D

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
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DATE 1st JANUARY 1975

ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 6 $\frac{4}{12}$ YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 17,744.8 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS 2537 (STBD)
NO 1 3087 (PORT)
NO 2
NO 3

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