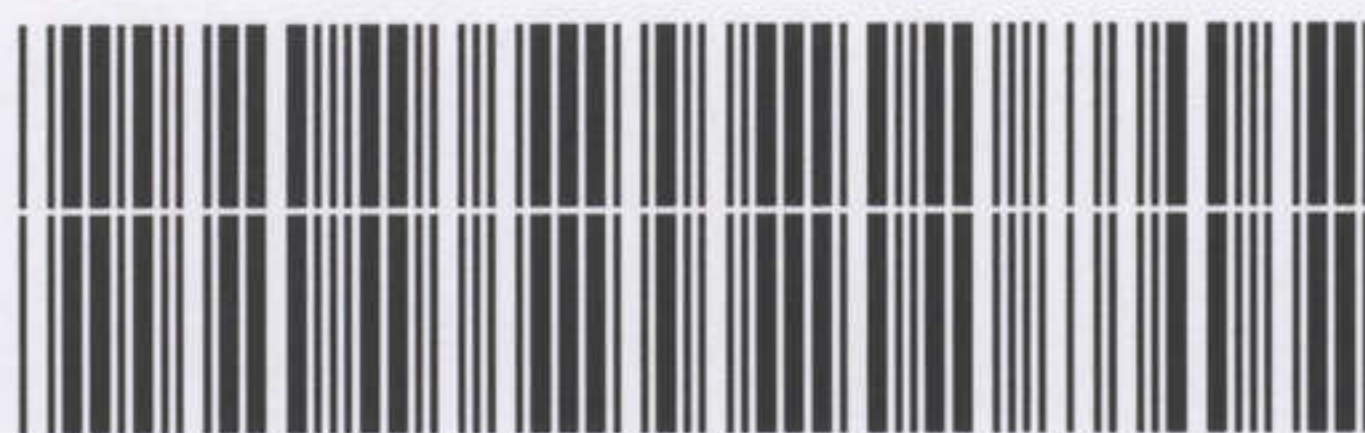


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HMAS BARBETTE Report of Proceedings JANUARY '76

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DNO 1 BARBETTE remained in Cairns until 20 Jan, and during this period she was shipped. On

DGNOP 22/4 20 Jan she commenced a Gulf Patrol, which

DCNS 1/4 saw the arrest of one Taiwanese Trawler

CNS 1/4 TEH-SUN No 3 on 25 Jan which was

brought in first to Weipa then to Thursday Island, despite the offer of \$1000 bribe.

CNP 1/4 Barbette's para 9 concerning Taiwanese activity in the Gulf is interesting.

CNSW 1/4 A good report.

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HMAS BARBETTE
At CAIRNS

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1976
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of January, 1976.

2. On 01 JAN 76 HMAS BARBETTE was alongside No 1 Wharf Cairns undergoing an AMP. On 05 JAN 76 BARBETTE proceeded to the NQEA slipway at Smith's Creek. By 1130, the ship had been slipped and the Intermediate Docking commenced. At 1808, 15 JAN 76, after a satisfactory period of work BARBETTE commenced unslipping. At 1850, however, a slow flood was detected in the Engine Room. The flange body beneath the deep Main Sea Suction Valve had been welded, and was found to be letting water. The ship was hauled out, and after a night's work by the NQEA staff, finally brought off the slip at 0815, 16 JAN 76. Fueling and ammunitioning continued throughout the day.

3. On 19 JAN 76, the new 40/60 mounting was inspected by INO and RANTAU personnel. At 1130, 20 JAN 76, BARBETTE proceeded to sea for 40/60 gun functioning trials. The trial proved satisfactory, and BARBETTE returned to Cairns at 1545. Embarked for the firings, and for passage to Weipa were Mr Ted Crofts, journalist and Mr Geoff McLachlan, photographer, from Queensland Newspapers. Their object was to cover the legendary "Prawn War" for the media. At 1638, 20 JAN 76, BARBETTE commenced the Area T patrol.

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4. At 1430, 21 JAN 76, a suspicious object was sighted on Eel Reef, near Portland Roads. Investigation proved it to be a trawler, JAY DEE IV, aground with her upperdeck awash. As no advice of any such incident in BARBETTE's patrol area had been received, some concern was felt for the trawler's crew. A party was sent across to investigate. While awaiting information from the Marine Operations Centre, the small MV RUSTIC MAID was encountered, on her way to commence salvage operations on the trawler. From her it was learnt that the trawler had gone aground two days previously, and the crew were safe. The patrol was resumed.

5. Disturbing reports of heavy weather in the Gulf of Carpentaria were received from HMAS BARRICADE, returning from a Gulf patrol, at 1730. As BARBETTE steamed through the Endeavour Strait at 0200, 22 JAN 76, the full effect of the north-westerly wind was felt. The western end of the strait is sheltered to some extent by an off-shore sand bank. Thus the crossing of the "bar" was made in only moderate seas. Once clear of the sand banks a large swell was experienced, and the ship was rolling past the limit of measurement, 45 degrees, for several hours. During the passage south, no fishing activity of any sort was observed, and at 1300, 22 JAN 76, BARBETTE berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa. The press team was disembarked without having observed a foreign boat, after a directive from their head office.

6. During the early hours of the morning, the 975 radar had failed (HMAS BARBETTE DAU 220730Z JAN 76) and rather than put to sea as programmed, it was decided to await spare parts in Weipa and sail on 23 JAN 76. Parts, however, did not rectify the defect and at 1830, 23 JAN 76, BARBETTE proceeded to sea to patrol south towards Karumba, without radar.

7. Foreign fishing activity in the area was at a high level. From 2200, 23 JAN 76, until 1500, 24 JAN 76, BARBETTE steamed through small concentrations of fishing boats. A first sighting report (HMAS BARBETTE KLI/KBG 240001Z JAN 76) featured 13 vessels, all outside the DFZ. The boats, all Taiwanese, were predominantly large 50m stern trawlers either engaged in pair trawling or employing floating gill nets. Several 30m vessels of the long-liner design were also observed using gill nets. All vessels were closed to allow type identification, but the gill netters, at night, were not identified by name due to the risk of fouling nets.

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8. At 1500, 24 JAN 76, BARBETTE reached the southern extremity of the patrol area, and returned north. The second sighting report (HMAS BARBETTE KLI/KBG 250001Z JAN 76) contained a list of 20 vessels, of which six are believed to have been vessels not identified in the first sighting report, except by type.

9. Throughout the patrol several features of Taiwanese fishing vessel behaviour became evident.

- a. Pair trawlers are conscious of the 12 mile limit and seem loath to risk their vessels inside.
- b. The smaller 30m boats appear to be captained by less experienced, or less careful, men. They are almost invariably found fishing closer to the DFZ than the larger boats.
- c. Pair trawlers will engage in gill netting as an alternative means of catching fish.
- d. There is a trend for boats to close the coast at sunset, lay gill nets, and recover them and return to seaward shortly after sunrise.
- e. They are catching large quantities of fish.

This patrol, hampered by the lack of radar, and without a catch, was valuable. It reminded a large number of Taiwanese of the extent of Australian waters (reminded them forcibly, judging by the number of cut nets and hurried escapes, and by the amount of fish several boats were observed to throw over the side on BARBETTE's approach).

10. BARBETTE arrived in Weipa at 1200, 25 JAN 76, and fuelled. The radar, which had not been neglected, promptly started at 1300, but failed again at 1900. Overheating of some components was suspected as a cause. Panels were opened and roped off when BARBETTE returned to sea at 0800, 25 JAN 76. By 0900 the ship once more had radar, and the set was to continue functioning well for the remainder of the patrol.

11. At 1350, a single radar contact was obtained at a range of 18 miles in the Cape Keerweer area. The position when plotted was 2 miles inside the DFZ. At 1425, the range had closed sufficiently to allow visual identification, and the Ship's Company were sent to Boarding Stations. At 1450, 25 JAN 76, BARBETTE stopped alongside No 3 TEH SUN CT5-0419, 9.5 miles west of Cape Keerweer. The captain, Wu Wu Yen, is apparently less careful and experienced than most captains of 30m ex-long liner boats, for no attempts were made to confuse or evade pursuit. His crew continued to recover a floating gill net, laden with shark, until boarded. He did, however, offer the Executive Officer, who led the Boarding Party, \$1000 to look the other way.

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12. After the nets were recovered, the passage to Weipa commenced. HMAS BOMBARD and HMAS BAYONET were encountered, darkened and wishing to remain covert, at 2300. No 3 TEH SUN was berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa, at 0815 27 JAN 76. A dearth of Commonwealth Fisheries Officers in Weipa required that the Taiwanese vessel be taken to Thursday Island, and at 1300, 27 JAN 76, BARBETTE led the vessel once more to sea. At 0805, 28 JAN 76, No 3 TEH SUN was anchored in Thursday Island harbour, and BARBETTE berthed at the Caltex jetty at 0815. At 1700, 28 JAN 76, the vessel was handed over to Commonwealth authorities.

13. BARBETTE sailed from Thursday Island at 0800, 29 JAN 76, and at 1800, 30 JAN 76, arrived at No 1 Wharf, Cairns. Here the ship remained until the end of the month.

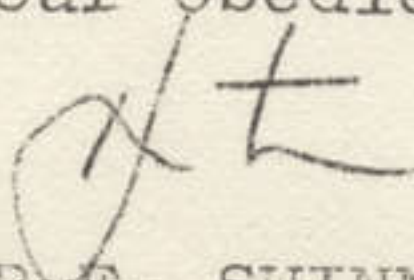
14. The condition of the ship is good. Urdefs 39/76 and 40/76, both pertaining to the 975 radar, were raised during the month, and have both been rectified.

15. The conduct, health and welfare of the Ship's Company have been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(R.E. SWINNERTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX A

STEAMING DATA

Miles steamed during the month	2,197.9
Hours underway during the month	151.3
Miles steamed since commissioning	155,190.2
Hours underway since commissioning	10,882.5
Occasions fast routing speed exceeded	

DATE	SPEED	HOURS	REMARKS
25 JAN 76	19.5	0.8	Pursuit of Taiwanese Fishing Boat

ANNEX B

EXERCISES

20 JAN 76	40/60 gun function trial 50 cal SUFX Action Stations Emergency Stations Leaving Ship Stations
25 JAN 76	Man Overboard (All OOW)
30 JAN 76	Fire Engine Room Flood Tiller Flat

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HMAS BARBETTE
At CAIRNS

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1976
(All Times Zone Kilo (-10))

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of February, 1976.

2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BARBETTE was alongside HMAS BARRICADE at No 1 Wharf, Cairns. Reports were received early on 01 FEB 76 that small Tropical Cyclone Allan had developed east of Cairns, and was moving towards the coast. At 0900 action was taken to recall the Ship's Companies of BARBETTE and BARRICADE. At 1026 BARBETTE cast off to proceed to the cyclone anchorage in company with BARRICADE.

3. Both ships entered Falls Creek, to the east of Admiralty Island, at 1055. The passage up the creek proved to be an interesting ship handling exercise. At 1117 BARBETTE anchored with bower and stern anchors at long stay, and proceeded to pass head and stern lines to the mangroves. Excellent shelter was provided by the mangroves, and no direct wind was experienced at all. At 0800, 02 FEB 76, BARBETTE cast off from the trees, and weighed. The return passage to open water was of necessity made steaming astern, and at 0900 BARBETTE berthed at No 1 Wharf.

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4. BARBETTE remained at No 1 Wharf undergoing an SMP until 09 FEB 76, when the ship cast off to return to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Mr J. Rankin, DPI (Fisheries) was again embarked. BARBETTE anchored overnight on 10 FEB 76 at Bird Island. At 0400, identities were exchanged with HMAS BARRICADE, returning from a Gulf patrol, and at 0700 11 FEB 76 BARBETTE weighed and proceeded to Thursday Island. The ship entered harbour via Hovell Bar and berthed at the Caltex Jetty at 1500, 11 FEB 76.

5. At 0800, 12 FEB 76, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded into the Gulf. Two Taiwanese gill netters were sighted at 1115, and sightings continued as BARBETTE steamed south. Foreign fishing activity was at a slightly lower level than during the previous patrols, and apart from two vessels pair trawling 12.5 miles from the coast near Pera Head, all were well clear of the DFZ. During the afternoon of 13 FEB 76, while steaming towards Rocky Island, HF communications were lost and the 1800 PIM could not be passed. Accordingly BARBETTE proceeded to Mornington Island mission, coming to anchor at 2234, 1 mile from the mission jetty. From here a check report and sailing intentions signal was passed. BARBETTE weighed at 0015, 14 FEB 76, and proceeded to Weipa, berthing at Evans Landing at 1900, 14 DEC 76.

6. The services of COMALCO WEIPA's Communications workshop were employed to repair the AN-URC 58, but it was not until 0100, 18 FEB 76 that communications were restored and BARBETTE could proceed. Mr J. Rankin was disembarked prior to departure, to seek passage to Karumba.

7. Once again the ship patrolled south, through the area of the heaviest concentration of foreign vessels, again without result. BARBETTE returned to Weipa at 1300, 19 FEB 76, but Evans Landing Wharf was occupied with trawlers fuelling, and could not be cleared until 1430. The patrol was recommenced at 1800, 19 FEB 76, and BARBETTE returned south. The dispositions of foreign vessels remained largely unchanged, and after two further fruitless days the ship returned to Weipa, berthing at 1400 21 FEB 76.

8. At 1000, 22 FEB 76, BARBETTE cast off and proceeded into the Gulf. At 1300 the ship came up with the group of Taiwanese pair trawlers now a familiar sight in the area near Pera Head. At 1315 course was altered to close the pair furthest inshore. At 1322 a plot of their position showed them 1 cable clear of the DFZ, steaming on a course that would shortly bring them into the DFZ. At this stage, the vessels were 6.0 miles ahead, steaming on approximately the same course at 3-4 knots, and apparently not alerted to BARBETTE's presence. The Ship's Company were sent to Boarding Stations, and the second engine brought on..

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9. At 1328, a further radar fix and plot showed the vessels, now at 5.0 miles, 2 cables inside the DFZ. The vessels started to turn away, and SQ3 from the International Code of Signals was made by 10 inch signaling projector, but the vessels did not respond. Engine exhaust smoke indicated a speed increase (judged to be 7 kts) as the vessels ran clear of Australian waters, and pursuit commenced. At 1343 the two trawlers, HWA YNG No 11 CT6-0414 and HWA YNG No 12 CT6-0415, were stopped by steaming close across their bows (an expedient less attractive with these larger fishing boats) at 13.1 miles from the coast just south of Wallaby Island. Only No 11 carried radar, and it was not transmitting. The vessels were 45m in length, and appeared to be of modern construction. No 11, the control vessel, was boarded at 1402 (after a struggle with her high freeboard) while No 12 recovered the pair net. ||

10. The vessels had been steaming in a southeasterly direction parallel to and 13 miles from the coast. They neglected to turn southwest, as the coast does midway between Ina Creek and Wallaby Island, and BARBETTE was fortunate enough to be on hand as they crossed into the DFZ. It was appreciated, with the fine margin of illegality involved, that some difficulty would be experienced in court with the prosecution of the vessels. It was also apparent that any capture of these large pair trawlers would depend on such tolerances.

11. The captain of No 11 was somewhat opposed to being arrested, and it was necessary for a reinforced Boarding Party to steam the vessel. No 12 could be relied upon to follow, and required only a party of three to maintain order. Passage to Thursday Island commenced at 1810, 22 FEB 76, and was uneventful throughout the night. HF communications were established with No 11, and messages were relayed to No 12 by VHF.

12. At 0736, 23 FEB 76, No 11 suffered an engine failure, and a section of the air start mechanism disappeared. No 12 took No 11 in tow until 1840, when No 11 was restarted using a part from No 12. The remainder of the passage was uneventful, and at 0638, 24 FEB 76, No 12 was anchored at the entrance to Thursday Island harbour. No 11 was led into harbour and anchored 4 cables south of the Caltex jetty at 0820. The SSD Boarding Party was then transferred to No 12, and she too was brought into harbour and anchored adjacent to No 11 at 1012. Once the Caltex jetty was clear of trawlers, BARBETTE berthed. The vessels were handed over to Commonwealth authorities by 1100, and the preparation of statements commenced.

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13. At 1000, 25 FEB 76, BARBETTE cast off and commenced the return passage to Cairns. At 0700, 27 FEB 76 a SUFX was conducted in Area R792, and at 1000, 27 FEB 76, BARBETTE berthed alongside BARRICADE at No 1 Wharf, Cairns. News was received shortly after arrival that both HWA YNGs had been confiscated for breaches of the Continental Shelf Act. BARBETTE remained alongside No 1 Wharf until the end of the month.

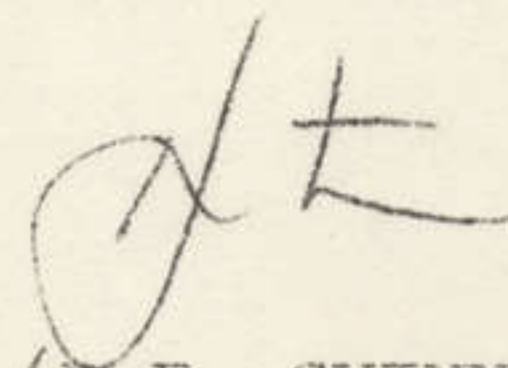
14. The condition of the ship has been generally good. The AN-URC 58 defect was rectified on station, and caused the loss of only one effective day's patrolling. The Port Main Engine possesses some irregularities, and is to be investigated.

15. The conduct, welfare and health of the Ship's Company continue to be good. Morale remains high, despite a dearth of Prize Money.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(R.E. SWINNERTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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ANNEX A

STEAMING DATA

Miles steamed during the month	3,361.0
Hours underway during the month	267.3
Miles steamed since commissioning	158,551.2
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DATE	SPEED	HOURS	REMARKS
22 FEB 76	19.5	0.25	Pursuit of HWA YNGs
25 FEB 76	19.5	0.75	Trial Port Main Engine

ANNEX B

EXERCISES

01 FEB 76	Deploy to Cyclone Anchorage
09 FEB 76	Action Stations
	Emergency Stations
	Leaving Ship Stations
11 FEB 76	Blind Pilotage - Hovell Bar
13 FEB 76	Blind Pilotage - Mornington Island
27 FEB 76	40/60 SUFX
	50 Cal SUFX
	2" Rocket Flare firing

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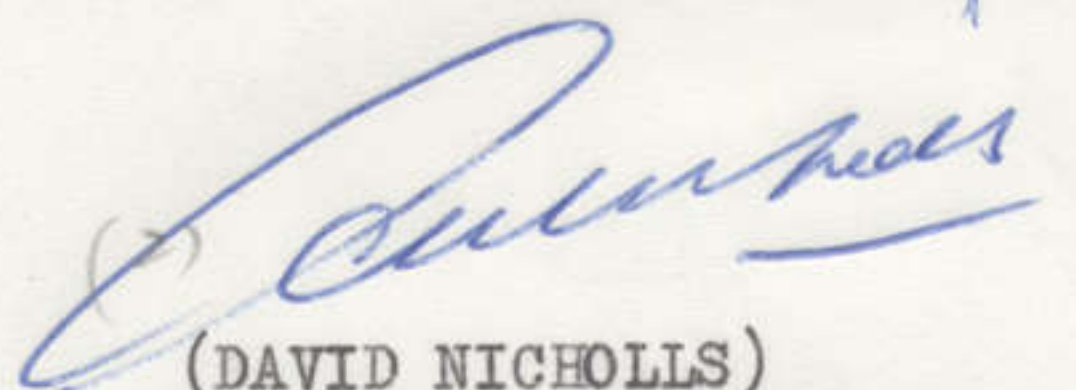
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HMAS BARBETTE
At CAIRNS

01 APR 76

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1976
(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, 1976.

2. At the commencement of the month, HMAS BARBETTE was alongside No 1 wharf, Cairns, undergoing an SMP and investigating the condition of the port main engine. Examination revealed a broken exhaust valve, and damage to the heads and pistons in three cylinders. Urdef 41/76 was raised (HMAS BARBETTE DAU 010622Z MAR 76). The condition of the engine was so poor that replacement of the engine was decided upon as the most effective method of rectifying the defects. As the starboard engine had reached almost 4000 hours running, it was proposed to change both engines (HMAS CAIRNS DAU 090020Z MAR 76), and the proposal was approved.

3. BARBETTE remained alongside No 1 Wharf, and the staff of NQEA worked to replace both main engines. The Ship's Company were employed in maintenance and ship's husbandry duties throughout.

4. The new main engines were lowered into the ship on 24 MAR 76, and the process of installation continued for the remainder of the month.

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5. On 31 MAR 76, with BARBETTE still alongside No 1 Wharf, I delivered a Security lecture to the Ship's Company on the subject of contact with foreign nationals.

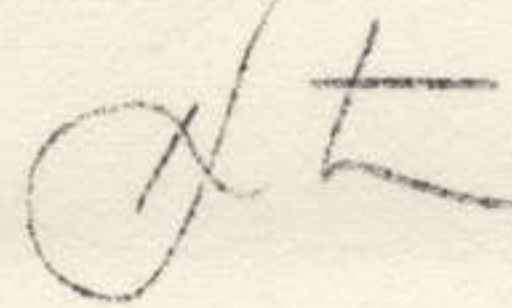
6. The condition of the ship is fair. Urdef 41/76 was raised during the month for the port main engine, now in the process of rectification. Urdef 42/76 was raised retrospectively for the AN-URC 58 defect in February, which has been rectified.

7. The welfare and health of the Ship's Company have been good. Conduct has been generally good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(R.E. SWINNERTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annexes A and B

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ANNEX A

STEAMING DATA

Miles steamed during the month	Nil
Hours underway during the month	Nil
Miles steamed since commissioning	158,551.2
Hours underway since commissioning	11,149.8
Occasions fast routing speed exceeded	Nil

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EXERCISES

Nil

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HMAS BARBETTE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS April 1976

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At quiet month on Gulf Patrol - it is a good thing that PB's do not have exotic Diesel Engine (para 6) R 2/7

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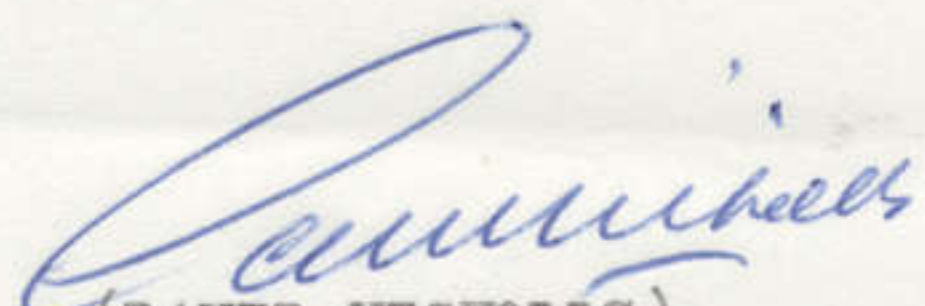
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Attention: Deputy Chief Naval Staff

HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1976

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(DAVID NICHOLLS)
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At sea

01 MAY 76

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1976
(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, 1976.

2. On 01 APR 76, HMAS BARBETTE was alongside No 1 Wharf, Cairns, continuing the installation of both new main engines. At 1500, 08 APR 76 the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to trial the new engines, returning to No 1 Wharf at 1710, at last operational.

3. At 1130, 09 APR 76, BARBETTE commenced a northern Barrier Reef patrol and shake down. The ship anchored at Lizard Island at 2145, intending to patrol the outer reef next morning. The weather, however, was quite unsuitable for reef navigation, and BARBETTE patrolled inside the reef to Stanley Island in the Flinders Group, coming to anchor at 1430, 10 APR 76. On the morning of 11 APR 76 the overcast gave way to clear sky, and BARBETTE proceeded to the open sea through Lowry Passage. After sighting no fishing activity, the ship returned to inner reef waters through the Second Three Mile Opening at 1400, 11 APR 76 and continued the patrol towards Torres Strait. A full power trial was conducted from 1600 to 1800.

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4. At 2000, 11 APR 76, a contact was investigated on Nomad Reef, near the Home Islands. The vessel was in fact taking clam, but was operated by a Thursday Islander. The patrol was continued. Cocoa nut Island in the Torres Strait was rounded at 0700, 12 APR 76, and BARBETTE then proceeded to Thursday Island, berthing at the Caltex Jetty at 1300.
5. At 0800, 13 APR 76, BARBETTE returned to reef waters. The patrol south was uneventful, and the ship berthed alongside HMAS BARRICADE at No 1 Wharf, at 1000 on 15 APR 76.
6. At 0924, 20 APR 76 BARBETTE cast off and proceeded in company with HMAS FLINDERS and BARRICADE. A short period of OOW manoeuvres was conducted once in open water, and at 1045 BARBETTE detached to proceed north to the Gulf of Carpentaria. During the evening of 21 APR 76 the ship transitted Endeavour Strait, and entered the Gulf. No foreign fishing activity was observed on the short patrol south, and BARBETTE berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa at 1400 22 APR 76, alongside the 30m steel hulled trawler NORTHERN PEARL, a converted Taiwanese fishing boat. Although the cost of conversion was high, the vessel is now earning her keep as a trawler, and mother ship for several smaller wooden trawlers. Initially, some problems of reliability were encountered with the rather exotic diesel main engine. These were overcome by the simple expedient of employing Chinese engineers.
7. An oil change for the Starboard Main Engine was carried out while in Weipa, and at 1300, 23 APR 76, BARBETTE cast off and returned to the Gulf. The ship patrolled south through the DFZ and anchored at Rocky Island from 1445 to 2000 on 24 APR 76. Three gill-netting Taiwanese fishing vessels were boarded during the afternoon of 25 APR 76, well clear of the DFZ, to search for sedentary organisms. As the ex-long liners, and several of the trawler design, only employ floating nets, there was no possibility of finding sedentary organisms. The opportunity was, however, taken to to define the limit of the DFZ to the respective masters.
8. At 1015, 26 APR 76, BARBETTE arrived in Weipa and berthed at Evans Landing. At 1030, 27 APR 76, the ship continued the patrol. Eight Taiwanese vessels were present in the eastern Gulf, including the three already boarded, and all were kept under intermittent surveillance. Weather conditions were generally adverse for small boat operations, and the remainder were not boarded.
9. At 1730, 28 APR 76 the AN-URC 58 became unserviceable, and the PIM could not be passed. BARBETTE returned to Weipa, berthing at 2200, 28 APR 76, at Humbug Point Heavy Equipment Wharf. At 1000, 29 APR 76, the ship moved to Evans Landing Wharf for fuel.

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10. At 2100 a replacement radio was received from Cairns, and BARBETTE returned to sea at 2325, 29 APR 76 to continue the patrol. BARBETTE remained at sea in the eastern Gulf until the end of the month.

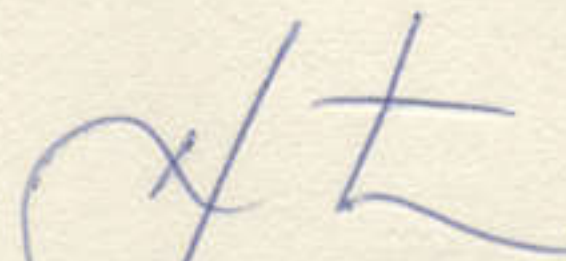
11. The condition of the ship is now good. The new main engines performed well throughout the month. Urdef 44/77, for the AN-URC 58, is expected to be rectified on completion of the present patrol. Indef 29/77, for the galley refrigerator, was rectified in Weipa after spares were received from Cairns.

12. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company have been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(R.E. SWINNERTON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annexes A and B

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ANNEX A

STEAMING DATA

Miles steamed during the month	3589.1
Hours underway during the month	266.6
Miles steamed since commissioning	162,140.3
Hours underway since commissioning	11,416.4
Occasions fast routing speed exceeded	

DATE	SPEED	HOURS	REMARKS
08 APR 76	22.0	1.1	Sea trial both M.E.
11 APR 76	21.9	2.0	Full Power Trial
20 APR 76	19.5	0.3	OOW Manoeuvres
28 APR 76	19.5	3.3	Passage to Weipa - Mincheck

ANNEX B

EXERCISES

09 APR 76	Action Stations Emerg. Stations Leaving Ship Stations
12 APR 76	Steering Gear rod failure Steering Gear rod failure Minor NBCDX- Fire in Wardroom Fire in Upper deck locker
13 APR 76	Defence Watches Action Stations Major NBCDX Gas Attack Shelter Stations
20 APR 76	OOW Manoeuvres
21 APR 76	Gyro failure Action Stations Major NBCDX
26 APR 76	Man Overboard (All OOW)

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*A good mark for Barbette with one Gulf
Patrol and one in the Reef.*

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HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MAY 1976

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(M.J.S. KEAY)
Commander RAN
for Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 1976
(ALL TIMES ZONE KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under the Command of Lieutenant R. E. Swinnerton RAN, until 28 May 76, and under my command for the remainder of the month.

2. At the commencement of the month, HMAS BARBETTE was at sea, conducting a Gulf of Carpentaria Patrol. At 1400, 01 May 76, the ship berthed at Evans Landing in Weipa to fuel.

3. At 1000, 02 May 76, BARBETTE returned to the Gulf. At 1528, near Cape Keerweer, a vessel was detected by radar, stationary, inside the DFZ. Speed was increased, and at 1552 the vessel was identified as Taiwanese. Suitable signals were made to the fishing boat, and at 1603 she commenced making way, heading away from the coast at best speed. At 1606, hot pursuit was officially enjoined, and the vessel, FU YUNG, CT6 - 0342 was stopped and boarded at 1613. The vessel was unfortunately one of the smaller, 30 m steel hulled fishing boats, and investigation by the boarding party revealed that no fishing had been taking place. A search was made for any nets that may have been laid inshore, but without result. Nevertheless, it was decided to hold the vessel, for intent to fish, and await a Navy Office ruling on the matter.

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4. At 2130, 02 May 76, because of the likely difficulties of prosecution, FU YUNG was released 18 miles clear of the coast, after the Master had been warned against fishing inside 12 miles. The Patrol was resumed.

5. After a further uneventful two days of patrol, BARBETTE anchored at 1140, 04 May 76, in the Quarantine anchorage, Thursday Island. At 1400, the ship berthed at the Caltex Fuelling Jetty, and remained until 0900, 05 May 76, when the patrol to Cairns commenced.

6. At 1230, 06 May 76, the yacht ALCHERINGA was observed near the Howick Group of islands, making conspicuous gestures with a red towel. The yacht, a new cutter rigged ferro-cement ketch of 50 ft, appeared to be slightly over canvassed, but was otherwise sailing well in the 20 kt breeze. BARBETTE steamed close to the yacht, and the owner asked to be towed to Lizard Island, as his engine had broken down. Anticipating some urgent need for the yacht to reach Lizard Island (a distance of 40 nm directly to windward), a tow was passed and the tow commenced at 1251. Lizard Island was reached at 1816 after the yacht had suffered to a certain extent from the 6-8 ft seas. Later discussion with the owner revealed that he was shaking down the yacht for a round-the-world cruise, and his ignorance was astounding. He had not reefed, because he could not. He and his crew had been unable to beat to Lizard Island after engine failure, in what they described as the worst weather they had ever seen (Force 5).

7. At 2030, 06 May 76, BARBETTE weighed and continued the patrol. At 0700, 07 May 76, a SUFX was carried out in R792, and BARBETTE entered Cairns Harbort at 1000. BARBETTE then acted as tug for PNGS MADANG (the nationwide tug strike was in progress) and moved her to the NQEA Fitting Out Wharf in Smiths Creek. On completion of this evolution, BARBETTE berthed alongside HMAS BAYONET at No 1 Wharf, at 1054, 07 May 76.

8. BARBETTE remained alongside at No 1 Wharf carrying out an SMP until 17 May 76. During this period work progressed on a recurring defect in the 40/60 Gun. This defect could not be rectified prior to sailing, and on 14 May 76 URDEF 45/77, Priority Two was raised. At 1200 on 14 May 76 you, Sir, were entertained at dinner aboard BARBETTE.

9. At 0900, 17 May 76, BARBETTE, proceeded to sea with Commander M. J. S. Keay, RAN and several of HMAS CAIRNS Engineering staff embarked, to conduct a full power trial. At 1245 BARBETTE returned to No 1 Wharf to disembark personnel, and at 1320 commenced a Barrier Reef Patrol.

10. A 12 ft boat, and other stores, were carried to the Lizard Island Research Station, and these were discharged while anchored at Lizard Island, at 0715, 18 May 76. At 0740 the ship proceeded to Area R793 for a 50 cal SUFX. As the weather was unsuitable for reef navigation, BARBETTE then proceeded south by the inner route, coming to anchor in Horse Shoe Bay, Magnetic Island, at 0916, 19 May 76. At 1400 BARBETTE berthed at No 2 Wharf, Townsville.

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11. The following day, at 0800. BARBETTE proceeded to sea with the intention of patrolling to Swains Reef. Weather conditions, however, continued to be adverse, and at the exposed outer reefs would have made reef navigation decidedly hazardous. Accordingly, BARBETTE diverted to the Whitsunday Passage area for shelter, and for OOW pilotage training. At 1925, 20 May 76, BARBETTE anchored in Cid Harbout. The ship weighed at 0800, 21 May 76 and proceeded to conduct six exercise anchorages. At 1645, 21 May 76, BARBETTE berthed alongside MV MATHEW FLINDERS, at West Molle Island Jetty, and remained there overnight.

12. At 0800, 22 May 76, the ship proceeded to Bowen, arriving at 1200. At 0800, 24 May 76, BARBETTE cast off and commenced the return passage to Cairns. The ship anchored overnight in the Palm Islands on 24 May 76, and at Fitzroy Island on 25 May 76. BARBETTE berthed alongside BAYONET at No 1 Wharf, Cairns, at 1000, 26 May 76.

13. At 1410, 28 May 76, I formally assumed command of BARBETTE in the presence of the Ship's Company, at Divisions. On 31 May 76 at 1000, I proceeded to sea for a period of familiarization. After ship handling and other exercises were completed, BARBETTE anchored in the lee of Fitzroy Island, remaining at the anchorage until the end of the month.

14. The condition of the ship is good. URDEF 45/77 for the 40/60 was raised during the month, and the repair will be tested by firing on 04 Jun 76. The AN-URC 58 defect, URDEF 44/77, was rectified during SMP. The new main engines continue to perform well.

15. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company continue to be good.

I Have The Honour To Be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(D. N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BARBETTE LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 3RD JUNE 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

1. Miles Steamed During The Month 2465.6
2. Miles Steamed Since Commissioning 164505.9
3. Hours Underway During Month 194.8
4. Hours Underway Since Commissioning 11611.2
5. Occasions Fast Routeing Speed Exceeded:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
02 May 76	19.5	0.34	Pursuit of FU YUNG
17 May 76	22.2	1.00	Full Power Trials

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ANNEX B TO
HMAS BARBETTE LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 3RD JUNE 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
21 May 76	OOW Pilotage and Anchorages
25 May 76	Landing and Boarding Parties Exercised Small Arms Training and Firings
31 May 76	New CO and OOWs Exercised Man Overboard and Steering Gear Breakdown Procedures

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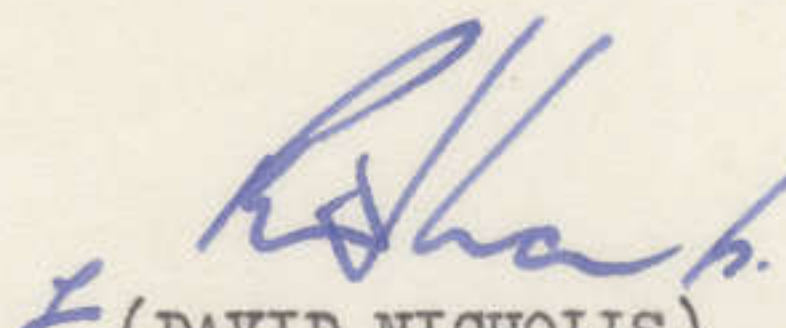
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Cairns O.B.E. RVM
(DAVID NICHOLLS)

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HMAS BARBETTE
At Sea

1st July 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

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HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of June 1976. All times zone kilo (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month, HMAS BARBETTE was at anchor at Fitzroy Island. At 0930 on 1st June the anchor was weighed and the ship berthed at No 2 berth, Cairns at 1100.

3. At 0900 2nd June HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to Lizard Island where the ship anchored at 1908. The anchor was weighed at 0905 on the 3rd June and the ship proceeded north along the inner reef, rendezvousing with HMAS BARRICADE at 1515 for passage in company. 40/60 firings were carried out from 0738 to 0830 on 4th June in area R792 and the ship then berthed on HMAS BARRICADE at No 2 berth Cairns at 1005.

4. HMAS BARBETTE remained alongside carrying out maintenance until 15 June when ahCompass Swing was carried out by Lieutenant K. S. Tuckey, RAN in Trinity Inlet.

5. At 0753, 16th June, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded in company with HMAS BARRICADE, AWARE and BAYONET to carry out a Squadron Exercise in the Cairns area. On completion of the day's serials, BARBETTE returned to Cairns, berthing on MV CAPE PILLAR at No 1 wharf at 2255, to carry out repairs to the anchor windlass (URDEF 46/77), port diesel generator (URDEF 47/77) and type 696 UHF radio (URDEF 48/77).

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6. The generator defect was rectified on 17th June and at 1750, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to rejoin HMAS AWARE and BAYONET for a night 40/60 firing and formation anchorage.

7. HMAS BAYONET's Operational Readiness Evaluation was carried out on the 18th June with HMAS BARBETTE returning alongside No 1 Wharf, Cairns at 1245 to continue work on the windlass and UHF radio. With the windlass defect rectified, HMAS BARBETTE sailed at 1535 to rendezvous with HMAS BARRICADE.

8. At 0900 on 19th June, HMAS BARBETTE berthed astern of HMAS BARRICADE at No 3 Berth, Townsville. An Annual Range Course was carried out by the Ship's Company at the Army small arms range on the 21st June and at 1845 the ship departed Townsville and began a patrol of the inner reef to the south.

9. Patrolling of the reef continued during the days, with the ship anchoring at High Peak Island on the evening of 22nd June, Bell Cay on the 23rd June and Scawfell Island on the 24th June.

10. At 0800 25th June, HMAS BARBETTE berthed port side to Mackay Pier after amending the ETA to facilitate the early medical examination of a sailor suffering from acute tonsillitis. At 0820, the ship shifted to No 8 tourist jetty for fuelling.

11. HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Mackay at 1130 26th June and proceeded to Brampton Island, berthing port side to Brampton Island deep water jetty at 1400.

12. Patrol of the reef continued with HMAS BARBETTE departing Brampton Island at 0900 27th June. The ship anchored at Border Island on the evening of 27th June, Haslewood Island 28th June, Cid Harbour 29th June and arrived Mackay at 0800 30th June. After fuelling at No 8 tourist wharf, HMAS BARBETTE sailed at 1005 and proceeded to South Molle Island, berthing port side to South Molle Island jetty at 1630.

13. The condition of the ship is good with defects on the anchor windlass (URDEF 46/77), port diesel generator (URDEF 47/77) and No 3 air conditioning unit (INDEF 30/77) being rectified during the month. The defect on the type 696 UHF radio (URDEF 48/77) is expected to be rectified in Cairns in the maintenance period commencing 2nd July.

14. The condition of the ship is good. The health of the crew is good. The ship's company continued to be good. /14. The health

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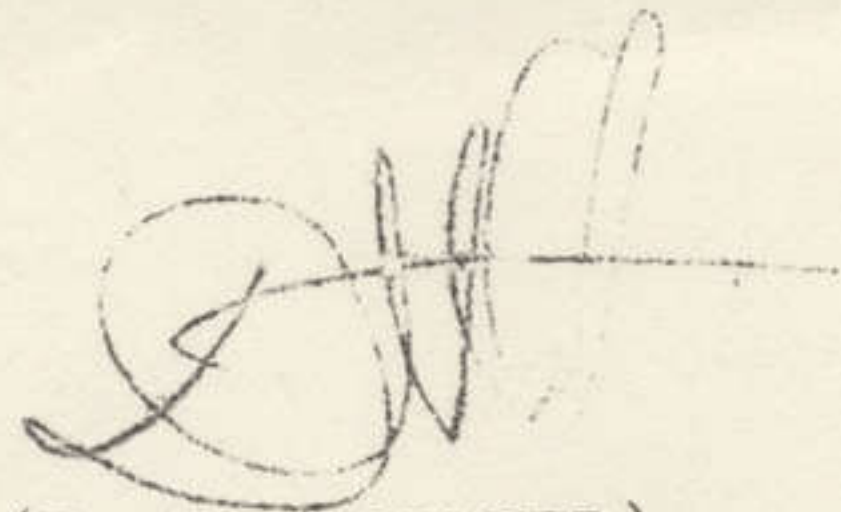
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14. The health of the Ship's Company, with the exception of one acute tonsillitis case, has been good. Welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company continues to be good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(D. N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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HMAS BARBETTE LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 1ST JULY 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

1. Miles Steamed During Month 1798.2
2. Miles Steamed Since Commissioning 166304.1
3. Hours Underway During Month 151.1
4. Hours Underway Since Commissioning 11762.3
5. Occasions Fast Routine Speed Exceeded:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
16-18 Jun 76	Various	-	Exercise Squadex 76
24 Jun 76	17.5	1	To clear engine after slow running in reef
28 Jun 76	17.5	1	To clear engine after slow running in reef

ANNEX B TO
HMAS BARBETTE LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 1ST JULY 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
16 Jun 76	OOW Manoeuvres, 40/60 SUFX, TOWEX, NEX
17 Jun 76	AAROF, Formation Anchorage, NBCDX
18 Jun 76	SUFEX, AAFX, OOW Manoeuvres

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS *July '76*

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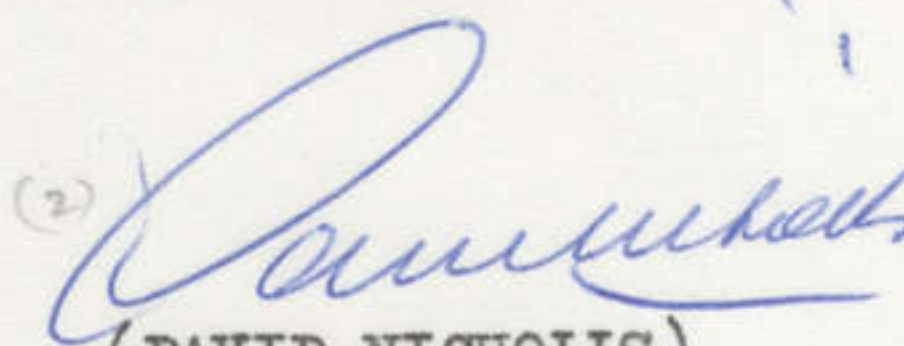
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1976

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HMAS BARBETTE
at Cairns

2nd August 1976

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 Commanding Officer
HMAS CAIRNS

The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of July 1976. All times Zone KIL0 (-10).

2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BARBETTE was alongside Molle Island jetty. At 0900 on the 1st July the ship cast off and proceeded to Cairns arriving alongside starboard side to HMAS FLINDERS at No 1 wharf Cairns at 0900 on 2nd July. On arrival Cairns the steering gear, which had become increasingly tight in the latter days of the patrol, was tested and found defective (URDEF 49/77). A new reduction gearbox and hydraulic rams were fitted and the URDEF was rectified on the 12th July prior to sailing.

3. HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Cairns at 1000 on 12th July and proceeded north to patrol the inner Barrier Reef and Torres Straits areas. The ship anchored at Bird Island on the 13th July and Rennel Island 14th July, then berthed at Caltex Fuelling Wharf, Thursday Island at 1200 15th July.

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4. On completion of fuelling, HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Caltex Fuelling Wharf and proceeded to Thursday Island Jetty, berthing port side to at 1545. At 0900 on 16th July, the ship cast off from Thursday Island Jetty, but after experiencing a port main engine and generator failure, returned to the jetty. Salt water in the fuel tanks was found to be the cause of the engine failures and the ship remained alongside while machinery and fuel tanks were checked. As the fuelling agent could not guarantee that any further fuel received would not be contaminated, the ship sailed for Cairns at 1000 on 17th July.
5. After experiencing heavy head seas, which damaged the anchor bow stop (INDEF 32/77), the ship arrived in Cairns and berthed starboard side to HMAS AWARE, at No 1 Wharf at 0900 on 19th July. All contaminated fuel tanks were emptied and cleaned prior to fuelling and a series inspection was carried out on the 40/60 Bofor. The ship then sailed from Cairns at 1600 on 21st July.
6. HMAS BARBETTE again experienced heavy head seas on passage south precluding surveillance of the reef. The ship arrived in the Whitsunday Islands and anchored at Cid Harbour at 2240 on 22nd July, carried out ships husbandry then proceeded alongside Molle Island jetty at 1530 on 23rd July.
7. At 0900 on 24th July, the ship cast off and proceeded to Gladstone berthing port side to Auckland Point No 2 wharf at 0900 on 25th July. HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Gladstone, with MV KRAIT in company, at 0900 on 27th July. MV KRAIT was escorted to the Percy Island group where the escorting task was handed over to HMAS BARRICADE on 28th July. HMAS BARBETTE then proceeded to Lindeman Island jetty, berthing starboard side to at 1700 on 28th July.
8. At 0830 on 29th July, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded. A major NBCD exercise was carried out in the forenoon then passage was continued to Cairns. At 0900 on 30th July, the ship berthed port side to PNGS MADANG at No 1 wharf, Cairns and remained there until the end of the month.
9. The condition of the ship is good with defects on the 696 UHF Radio (URDEF 48/77) and Mathway steering gear (URDEF 49/77) being rectified and are defect outstanding on the anchor bow stop (INDEF 31/77).

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10. The health of the Ship's Company is good.
Welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company continues
to be good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(D. N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BARBETTE
LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 2ND AUGUST 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles Steamed During Month	2783.3
2.	Miles Steamed Since Commissioning	169087.4
3.	Hours Underway During Month	219.5
4.	Hours Underway Since Commissioning	11981.8
5.	Occasions Fast Routine Speed Exceeded	Nil

ANNEX B TO
HMAS BARBETTE
LETTER 1/16/5B
DATED 2ND AUGUST 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
25 Jul 76	XO Berthed Ship
27 Jul 76	Exercised Emergency Stations and Leaving Ship Stations
29 Jul 76	Major NBCDX

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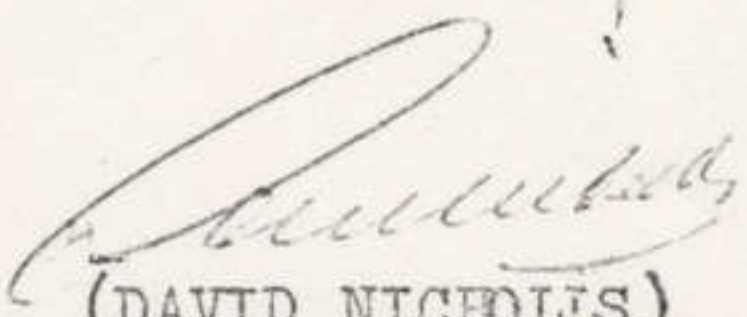
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Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1976

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with RI Appendix 29A.
2. The Commanding Officer Barbette's attention has been drawn to the brevity of his exercise Annex.


(DAVID NICHOLLS)
Captain OBE RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE
AT CAIRNS
1st September, 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
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SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of August 1976. All times Zone Kilo (-10).
2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BARBETTE was berthed outboard of PNGS MADANG at number one wharf, Cairns where the ship remained until the 9th of August carrying out planned maintenance, ships husbandry, repairing the damaged anchor bow stop (INDEF 31/77), and replacing defective nickel cadmium batteries (URDEF 50/77).
3. At 1000 on the 9th of August, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded from number one wharf Cairns. As the ship approached number eight beacon in the Cairns entrance channel a small craft was noticed just clear of the channel with the crew frantically waving a large piece of cloth. The boat, ERMELINDA II, was a half cabin cruiser, approximately six metres in length and powered by a single outboard motor which had become unserviceable. A line was passed and the boat was then towed to the Marlin Jetty, Cairns, where the tow was slipped at 1100.
4. During the passage north to the Gulf of Carpentaria a contact was observed on the edge of the Great Barrier Reef with three smaller contacts in its vicinity. On investigation this was found to be an Australian fishing vessel, PEDRO, which was operating small boats trolling for fish over the reef. HMAS BARBETTE then continued north to Piper Islands where anchorage was found at 1615 on the 10th of August.
5. At 0300 on the 11th of August the anchor was weighed and HMAS BARBETTE proceeded north along the inner reef to Thursday Island.

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6. On arrival at the Caltex Fuelling Wharf, Thursday Island, at 1400 on the 11th of August, the berth was found to be occupied and HMAS BARBETTE was forced to hold off until 1435 when the small craft alongside had completed fuelling. Fuelling of HMAS BARBETTE was completed at 1645 and the ship was then told to leave the wharf. At 1650 the ship cast off and proceeded to Town Wharf, berthing port side to MV MELBIDIR at 1705.

7. HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Thursday Island at 0900 on the 12th of August and proceeded to patrol the eastern side of the Gulf of Carpentaria. The ship berthed at Evans Landing, Weipa at 1400 on the 14th of August with the only contacts sighted being a group of Australian trawlers off Albatross Bay.

8. At 1000 on the 15th of August HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Weipa and proceeded south through the centre of the Gulf to Rocky Island, anchoring at 0930 on the 16th of August. The anchor was weighed at 1245 and the ship patrolled the Mornington Island area before returning north along the east coast to Weipa and berthing at Evans Landing at 1000 on the 17th of August.

9. On completion of fuelling, at 1400 on the 17th of August, HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Evans Landing and continued patrolling the Gulf of Carpentaria.

10. HMAS BARBETTE anchored at Rocky Island from 1735 on the 18th of August until 1300 on the 19th of August, then continued the patrol.

11. At 1835 on the 19th of August a radar contact, at a range of sixteen miles, was gained between Mornington Island and the eastern shore of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Course was altered to investigate the contact which split into two trawler sized contacts as the range was closed. On further closing of the range the contacts broke up and, despite illumination by ten inch lantern and two inch rocket flare, nothing was visual in the area. HMAS BARBETTE then continued to patrol north to Weipa, berthing at Evans Landing at 1400 on the 20th of August.

12. HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Weipa at 1005 on the 22nd of August and proceeded north into the Torres Straits. The ship anchored at Dalrymple Island from 0840 on the 23rd of August until 0015 on the 24th of August then proceeded to Thursday Island.

13. HMAS BARBETTE arrived at the Caltex Fuelling Wharf, Thursday Island, at 1400 on the 24th of August. Once again the berth was found to be occupied and the ship was forced to hold off until 1440 when the vessel alongside was cleared from the wharf.

14. At 1000 on the 25th of August, HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Caltex Fuelling Wharf, Thursday Island, for passage to Cairns. The ship anchored at Stanley Island from 0830 to 1500 on the 26th of August and carried out a 40/60 Bofor firing in area R792 from 0700 to 0800 on the 27th of August. The ship then berthed at number one wharf Cairns at 1000 on the 27th of August and remained there until the end of the month.

15. The condition of the ship is good with the defect on the anchor bow stop (INDEF 31/77) being rectified and a new outfit of

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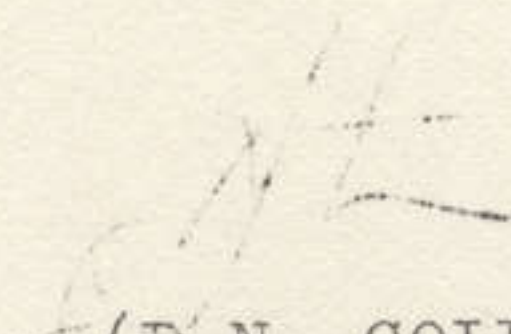
nickel cadmium batteries being fitted to replace defective batteries (URDEF 50/77).

16. The health and welfare of the Ship's Company have been good. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been generally good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details.
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A TO
HMAS BARBETTE
LETTER 1/16/5B DATED
1st SEPTEMBER 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during month | 3508.2 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 172595.6 |
| 3. | Hours underway during month | 268.1 |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 12249.9 |
| 5. | Occasions Fast Routeing Speed Exceeded: | |

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
12 AUG 76	22	0.6	Full Power Trial

ANNEX B TO
HMAS BARBETTE
LETTER 1/16/5B DATED
1st SEPTEMBER 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
09 AUG 76	TOWEX
27 AUG 76	AAFX, SUFX (40/60 and 50 CAL)
27 AUG 76	X.O. PILOTAGE AND BERTHED SHIP

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ANNEX A TO
H.M.S. B. REPORT
LETTER 1/16/55 DATED
1st SEPTEMBER 1976

STEERING DETAILS

- 1. Miles steamed during month 3508.5
- 2. Miles steamed since commissioning 17559.6
- 3. Hours underway during month 368.1
- 4. Hours underway since commissioning 12243.9
- 5. Occasions for Honelling Speed Exceeded:

Date	Speed	Hours	Remarks
12 AUG 76	22	0.3	Full Power Trial

ANNEX B TO
H.M.S. B. REPORT
LETTER 1/16/55 DATED
1st SEPTEMBER 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

DATE	EXERCISE
09 AUG 76	POWER
27 AUG 76	NAVY, SUBX (40/60 and 50 GALL)
27 AUG 76	X.O. PILOTAGE AND REMOVAL CHIT

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HMAS BARBETTE
At Mackay

1/16/5B

1st October 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of September 1976. All times zone KIL0 (-10).

2. HMAS BARBETTE remained alongside number one wharf, Cairns, from the beginning of the month until the 6th of September. At 1000, on the 6th of September, the ship sailed from Cairns and proceeded south to escort MV KRAIT from the port of Bowen. At 1905 on the 6th of September the ship anchored at Great Palm Island. The anchor was weighed at 0552 on the 7th of September and, on finding that there was no longer a necessity to escort MV KRAIT from Bowen, course was set to rendezvous with HMAS BUCCANEER.

3. At 1210 on the 7th of September identities were exchanged with HMAS BUCCANEER off Cape Upstart. Officer of the Watch manoeuvres and other exercises were carried during the afternoon on passage towards Border Island. A white flare was sighted at 1914 but despite a search of the area by both ships nothing further was sighted and the ships anchored, in formation, at Border Island at 2057.

4. During the forenoon of the 8th of September exercises were carried out at anchor with HMAS BUCCANEER. Both ships weighed at 1100 and, on completion of Officer of the Watch manoeuvres, HMAS BARBETTE detached at 1130.

5. At 1440 on the 8th of September HMAS BARBETTE rendezvoused with MV KRAIT and escorted the craft to Brampton Island, securing to Brampton Island deep water jetty at 1600.

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6. HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Brampton Island jetty at 1000 on the 9th of September and proceeded south to carry out a night encounter exercise with MV KRAIT which had departed nine hours earlier. MV KRAIT was intercepted at 2300 and HMAS BARBETTE then proceeded to escort it to Port Alma. At 0305 on the 10th of September the ships anchored in the approaches to Port Alma. MV KRAIT proceeded, with a pilot embarked, to Rockhampton while, at 0740, HMAS BARBETTE weighed and proceeded to Port Alma wharf, berthing at 0800.

7. At 1300 on the 10th of September HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded having taken on fuel but low on water as none could be spared by the personnel at Port Alma.

8. At 0720 on the 11th of September, HMAS BARBETTE anchored off Lindeman Island. The anchor was weighed at 1615 and at 1650 the ship berthed on Lindeman Island jetty. Fresh water was supplied complements of the Lindeman Island staff. On the following morning HMAS BARBETTE cast off at 0930 and proceeded through Song Sound anchoring from 1100 to 1430 then berthing outboard of MV MATHEW FLINDERS on West Molle Island jetty at 1500 on the 12th of September.

9. HMAS BARBETTE departed from West Molle Island at 0830 on the 13th of September and, after anchoring in Cid Harbour from 0915 to 0200 on the 14th of September, proceeded to patrol the inner reef on passage north. After carrying out Officer of the Watch man overboard drills the ship berthed at Number four wharf Townsville at 1400 on the 14th of September.

10. At 1000 on the 15th of September, HMAS BARBETTE cast off from Townsville and proceeded to Cairns. The ship remained alongside at number one wharf Cairns from 1000 to 1500 on the 16th of September while a disciplinary offence was investigated. On departure Cairns the ship proceeded to Lizard Island and anchored to the north west of the island at 0145 on the 17th of September. Maintenance of the ship was carried out in preparation for the annual inspection and the ship sailed at 2045 on the 19th of September. Further maintenance was carried out at anchor off Fitzroy Island from 0740 on the 20th of September to 0845 on the 21st of September and the ship berthed outboard of HMAS BARRICADE, at number one wharf Cairns, at 1000 on the 21st of September.

11. Departmental inspections were carried out on the 28th and 29th of September. On the 30th of September, ships company was inspected at divisions by CMDR M.J.S. KEAY, RAN who then carried out the harbour inspection of the ship. At 1300 on the 30th of September the ships of the SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON sailed for Mackay to represent the ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY in events organised for Navy Week.

12. A defect occurred on the 975 radar on the 30th of September (URDEF 51/77). The condition of the ship is otherwise very good.

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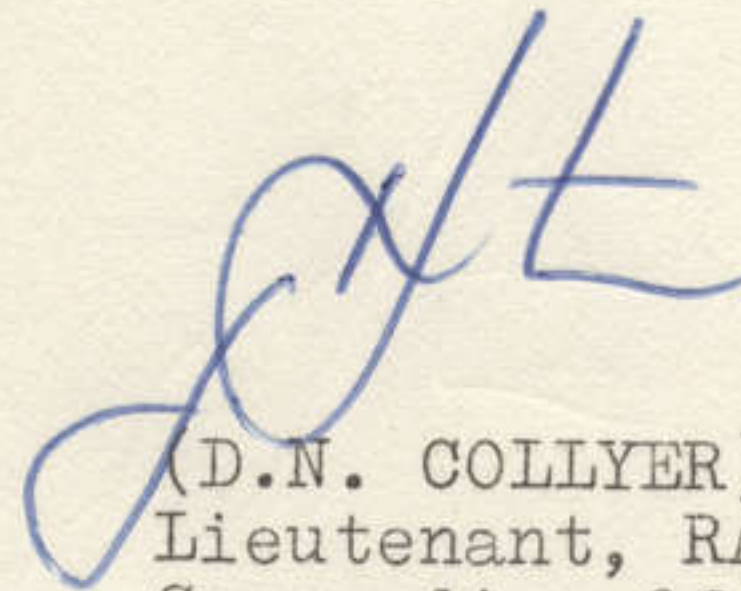
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13. The health of the ships company is good. Conduct of the ships company was fair and some welfare problems have occurred during the month.

I Have The Honour To Be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
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Annex A to
HMAS BARBETTE
Letter 1/16/5B

Dated 1st October, 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during month	1712.2
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	174307.8
3.	Hours underway during month	129.2
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	12379.1
5.	Occasions fast routeing speed exceeded:	
	<u>Date</u> <u>Speed</u> <u>Hours</u> <u>Remarks</u>	
	07-08 SEP Various - Exercises with HMAS BUCCANEER	

Annex B to
HMAS BARBETTE
Letter 1/16/5B
Dated 1st October, 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
<u>SEAMANSHIP</u>	07 SEP 76	Competitive drills TOWEX
	08 SEP 76	SIPBX drills
<u>NAVIGATION</u>	07 SEP 76	OOW manoeuvres, NSIC, formation anchorage
	08 SEP 76	Formation departure, OOW manoeuvres
	09 SEP 76	NEX with MV KRAIT
	14 SEP 76	OOW man overboard drills
	30 SEP 76	NSIC
<u>GUNNERY</u>	08 SEP 76	BOARDEX with HMAS BUCCANEER
<u>NBCD</u>	08 SEP 76	Exercised fire, flood transferred emergency parties with HMAS BUCCANEER

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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A good month for BARBETTE in which she took part in KANGAROO TWO and, after being detached from the exercise, apprehended a Taiwanese fishing vessel.

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1976

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HMAS BARBETTE
AT CAIRNS

1/16/5B

1st November, 1976

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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of October 1976. All times zone KILO (-10).
2. HMAS BARBETTE commenced the month, in company with HMAS BARRICADE and HMAS BAYONET, on passage to Mackay. The ship berthed at Mackay Tourist Jetty at 1500 on the 1st of October, fuelled then shifted berth, at 1640, to Number Two wharf. At 1830 the ship again shifted to berth outboard of HMAS BARRICADE at number eight Tourist Jetty for the Navy Week cocktail party.
3. On the morning of the 2nd of October the Ship's Companies of the Second Australian Patrol Boat Squadron marched through the streets of Mackay as part of the city's Navy Week celebrations. The Officers attended a civic reception at 1200 then the Officers and Ships' Companies attended a Navy Week Ball in the evening.
4. At 1310 on the 3rd of October, HMAS BARBETTE proceeded to sea with a group of VIPs from the city of Mackay embarked. The ship returned alongside HMAS BARRICADE at 1600.
5. The ships of the Second Australian Patrol Boat Squadron proceeded to sea at 1000 on the 4th of October after what must be considered a very successful Navy Week visit to Mackay. After an uneventful passage HMAS BARBETTE berthed outboard of HMAS BAYONET at number one wharf Cairns at 1400 on the 5th of October.

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6. At 1745 on the 6th of October, HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to sea, in company with HMAS BAYONET, to carry out drills with embarked Special Air Services personnel. The ships completed drills and returned to Cairns with HMAS BARBETTE berthing outboard of HMAS BAYONET at 2010.

7. HMAS BARBETTE cast off at 0900 on the 11th of October and proceeded to sea in company with HMAS OXLEY, BARRICADE, BAYONET and ADROIT. Exercises were carried out on passage south with HMAS BARBETTE anchoring at Hazard Bay from 1756 to 2325 on the 11th of October for a night encounter exercise. On completion of the exercise anchorage was shifted to Challenger Bay where the ship remained until 0650 on the 12th of October. Further exercises were then carried out with the ship anchoring at Horseshoe Bay, Magnetic Island, from 1126 on the 12th of October to 0755 on the 13th of October then proceeding to Townsville and berthing number seven wharf at 1210 on the 13th of October.

8. At 0800 on the 14th of October HMAS BARBETTE cast off and proceeded to the south carrying out exercises with HMAS BARRICADE on passage. The ship anchored at Keswick Island from 2200 on the 14th of October to 0730 on the 15th of October then berthed at Australian National Line berth, Mackay, at 0920 on the 15th of October.

9. HMAS BARBETTE proceeded to sea at 1940 on the 16th of October to take part in Exercise Kangaroo Two. The ship remained in the area between Mackay and Shoalwater Bay until the evening of the 21st of October when orders were received to proceed to North Reef. The ship rendezvoused with HMAS OXLEY, near North Reef at 0200 on the 22nd of October, and transferred a sailor from HMAS OXLEY to Mackay. On completion of this task the ship returned to the exercise.

10. On the morning of the 23rd of October HMAS BARBETTE was withdrawn from Exercise Kangaroo Two to investigate the sighting of a foreign fishing vessel in the Swains Reef. The ship anchored at High Peak Island from 0400 to 0700 on the 23rd of October, then proceeded to Bell's Cay to await a further position of the vessel from the RAAF ORION which had made the sighting.

11. At 1043 on the 23rd of October, HMAS BARBETTE proceeded into Swains Reef. At 1320 a contact was sighted and at 1330 this was identified by the RAAF ORION as the foreign fishing vessel. Course was altered to close the vessel and at 1400 the ORION laid a line of smoke markers in front of the vessel causing it to heave to. At 1412 the boarding party from HMAS BARBETTE was transferred to the vessel which was later identified as a Taiwanese vessel the CHIN CH'ANG. After searching the boat and receiving information from Commonwealth and State Fisheries Officers in Mackay, HMAS BARBETTE commenced escorting CHIN CH'ANG to Mackay at 1448.

12. As the maximum speed reached by the CHIN CH'ANG overnight was six knots, it was decided at 0800, on the 24th of October, to attempt to tow the vessel. As no sound strong point was available a wire strop was rigged around the forecastle of CHIN CH'ANG. HMAS BARBETTE's towing hawser was connected to the strop and the tow commenced. The vessel towed comfortably at ten knots for twenty minutes but the wire strop parted and the tow had to be discontinued.

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13. At 1615 on the 24th of October HMAS BARBETTE arrived at the Australian National Line berth, Mackay, and ten minutes later CHIN CH'ANG secured outboard. The vessel was handed over to a representative of the Northern Fisheries Unit and the investigation commenced. The master of the CHIN CH'ANG was later found guilty of breaches of the Continental Shelf (Living Natural Resources) Act, was fined eight hundred and twenty-five dollars and forfeited the boat, gear and catch to the Australian government.

14. HMAS BARBETTE proceeded from Mackay at 1000 on the 26th of October in company with HMAS BARRICADE, BUCCANEER, BAYONET and ADROIT. At 1000 on the 27th of October HMAS BARBETTE berthed at Number One wharf Cairns where the ship remained until the end of the month.

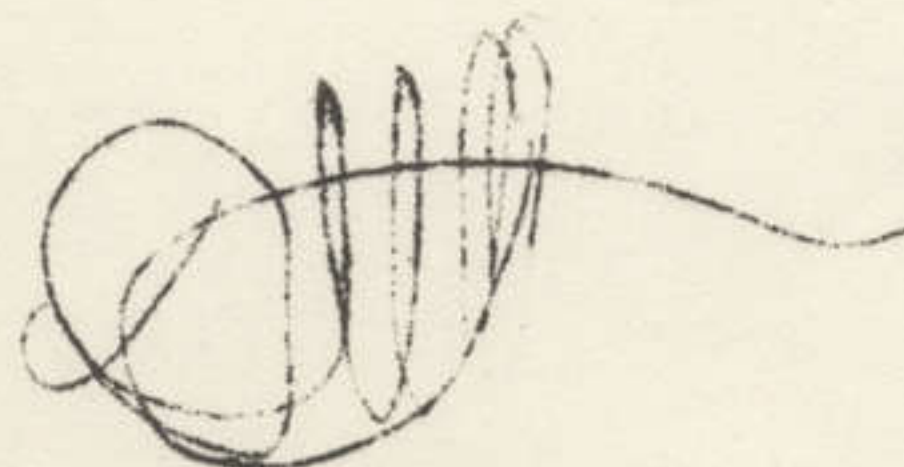
15. The 40/60 Bofor became unserviceable during the month (URDEF 52/77), but this is expected to be rectified during the present stay in Cairns. All other machinery remained in a very good condition throughout the month.

16. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ships Company have been very good during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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Annex A to
HMAS BARBETTE
Letter 1/16/5B
Dated 1st November, 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

1.	Miles steamed during month	2769.6		
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	177,077.4		
3.	Hours underway during month	192.6		
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	12,571.7		
5.	Occassions Fast Routeing Speed Exceeded.			
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
	11-23 OCT	Various	-	Exercise Kangaroo Two
	26 OCT	22	0.5	Full Power Trial

Annex B to
HMAS BARBETTE
Letter 1/16/5B
Dated 1st November, 1976

EXERCISE DETAILS

NAVIGATION

01 OCT	NSIC HMAS BARRICADE, HMAS BAYONET
04 OCT	
-05 OCT	NSIC HMAS BARRICADE, HMAS BAYONET
11 OCT	Formation Departure from Cairns - HMAS OXLEY, BARRICADE, BAYONET, ADROIT
11 OCT	OOW Manoeuvres
11 OCT	NEX with HMAS BARRICADE, BAYONET, ADROIT
12 OCT	OOW Manoeuvres with HMAS ARDENT, ADROIT, BARRICADE. Formation anchorage on completion.
14 OCT	Covert passage Townsville to Mackay.
-15 OCT	
26 OCT	NSIC HMAS BARRICADE and BAYONET
11 OCT	Heaving line transfer with HMAS BARRICADE
24 OCT	Towed F.F.V. CHIN CH'ANG

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HMAS BARBETTE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER '76

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HGNOP One Taiwanese vessel was boarded 11.3 miles off the coast
but was later released because of insufficient evidence to
DCNS secure a conviction p. 24/1

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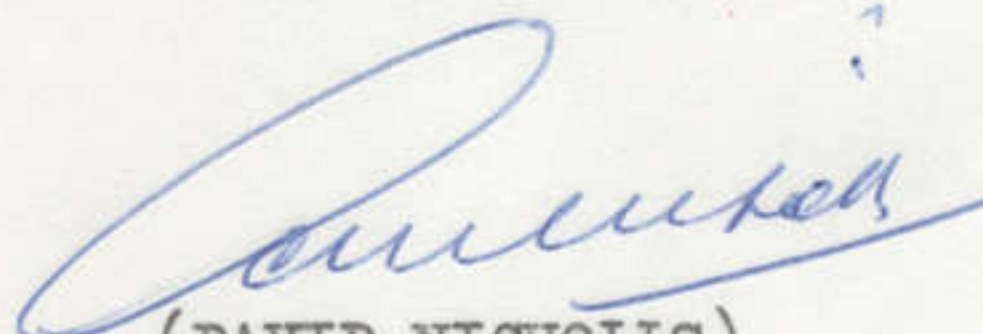
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HMAS BARBETTE
At Sea

1/16/5B

1st December 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commanding Officer
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The Commander
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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE, under my command, for the month of November 1976. All times zone KILO (-10).
2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BARBETTE was alongside Number One Wharf, Cairns, conducting a self maintenance period. On the 8th of November the ship sailed, in company with HMAS BAYONET at 0930. A 40/60 surface firing was carried out with HMAS BAYONET towing a splash target. On completion of this the target was taken by HMAS BARBETTE while HMAS BAYONET carried out firings. HMAS BAYONET recovered the target at 1200 and proceeded to Gladstone.
3. HMAS BARBETTE berthed at Number Three Wharf Auckland Point, Gladstone, at 1200 on the 10th of November. At 1415, having embarked a mechanic from the Department of Transport and fuel, the ship sailed from Gladstone for passage to Frederick Reef.
4. At 1045 on the 11th of November, HMAS BARBETTE came to anchor at Frederick Reef. The Department of Transport mechanic was taken ashore to replace the Frederick Reef light which had been operating at reduced strength. The new light was installed and the ship sailed for Gladstone at 1930 on the 11th of November.
5. HMAS BARBETTE berthed once again at Number Three Wharf Auckland Point, Gladstone at 1300 on the 12th of November. The ship fuelled then departed Gladstone at 1600. At 1430, on the 13th of November, the ship berthed on MV MATHEW FLINDERS at West Molle Island Jetty, remained until 1100 on the 14th of November, then passaged, in company with HMAS BARRICADE, to Cairns.

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The ship arrived in Cairns and berthed at Number One Wharf at 1000 on the 15th of November.

6. In company with HMAS DUCHESS, HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Cairns at 0930 on the 22nd of November. HMAS BARBETTE detached at 0945 and proceeded via Endeavour Strait to Weipa where the ship berthed at Evans Landing at 1400 on the 24th of November.

7. On completion of fuelling, HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Weipa at 1640 on the 24th of November. The ship proceeded down the eastern side of the Gulf of Carpentaria then crossed towards Mornington Island.

8. At 1048 on the 25th of November HMAS BARBETTE stopped two Taiwanese trawlers engaged in pair trawling. The trawlers, PAO YUAN number one and PAO YUAN number two, were searched, cautioned and then released. The ship then proceeded to Rocky Island anchoring there at 1945 on the 25th of November.

9. HMAS BARBETTE weighed anchor and proceeded at 0900 on the 26th of November. The ship crossed to the eastern coast, encountering six Taiwanese stern trawlers, two of which were boarded, on the way. Course was then set to the north and a further eleven Taiwanese fishing vessels were sighted before the ship arrived in Weipa and berthed at Evans Landing at 1400 on the 27th of November.

10. At 1000 on the 28th of November, HMAS BARBETTE sailed from Weipa and once again proceeded down the eastern coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria. On the forenoon of the 29th of November the ship reversed course off Karumba and proceeded back up the coast to arrive in the vicinity of a group of Taiwanese gill netters after dark.

11. At 0005 on the 30th of November the ship stopped adjacent to the furthest inshore buoy of a set gill net and fixed the position of the end of the net at 11.3 miles from the coast. The ship then proceeded, remaining darkened, to the vessel at the offshore end of the net. At 0040 lights were switched on and the vessel identified as a Taiwanese gill netter, the HONG LEE no 3.

12. The vessel was boarded and told to recover his nets and proceed to Weipa. The master refused, however, and the boarding party then started the vessel and proceeded to the north. The master then decided to recover his nets and this was completed at 0700. Both vessels then began passage to Weipa but, at 1030 a message was received from Department of Defence, Navy Office, Canberra, stating that there was insufficient evidence to ensure a conviction. The master of the vessel was cautioned, the boarding party recovered, and HMAS BARBETTE once again proceeded towards Weipa.

13. At 1520 the ship arrived at Evans Landing, Weipa. On completion of fuelling the ship sailed from Weipa at 1710 and began passage back to Cairns.

14. The outstanding defects on the 40/60 Bofor (URDEF 52/77) and starboard main engine (URDEF 53/77) were rectified during self maintenance in Cairns from the 1st to the 9th of November. A defect on the windlass, (URDEF 54/77) which occurred on the 19th, was rectified on the 24th of November and a defect on the 40/60 Bofor (URDEF 55/77), which occurred on the 19th of November, is outstanding. All other machinery has performed well throughout the month.

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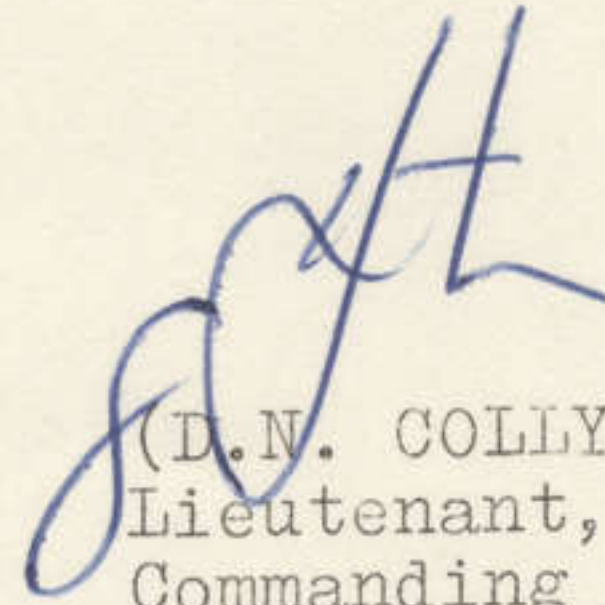
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15. The health of the Ship's Company, with the exception of one tonsillitis case, has been good during the month. The welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company have been very good throughout the month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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Annex A to
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letter 1/16/5B
dated 1st December 1976

STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during month | 3,951.8 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 181,029.2 |
| 3. | Hours underway during month | 290.5 |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 12,862.2 |
| 5. | Occassions fast routeing speed exceeded. | |

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
15 NOV	Various	1.3	OOW Manoeuvres

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EXERCISE DETAILS

GUNNERY

08 NOV
25,26,30 NOV

40/60 SUFX with HMAS BAYONET
Boarding Party exercised

SEAMANSHIP

15 NOV
25 NOV

OOW Manoeuvres with HMAS BARRICADE
Buoy recoveries

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14 NOV
24 NOV

Exercised fire in engine room
Demonstrated use of Lombardini Pump
to make foam

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HMAS BARBETTE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER '76

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Captain O.B.E. RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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(DAVID NICHOLLS)



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HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1976

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HMAS BARBETTE
AT CAIRNS

1/16/5B

4th January, 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

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The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BARBETTE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARBETTE under my command for the month of December 1976. All times zone KIL0 (-10).
2. At the commencement of the month HMAS BARBETTE was departing the Gulf of Carpentaria bound for Cairns. On the 2nd of December, at 1300 a yacht was sighted flying flag WHISKEY. The yacht was the Port Moresby registered OBSESSION and had onboard a crewman with suspected scarlet fever. The yacht was on passage from Port Moresby to Cairns but had developed a power problem which precluded the use of engine or radio. The crewman was embarked in HMAS BARBETTE which then proceeded with despatch to Cairns and placed the crewman in a waiting ambulance at number ten wharf at 1900.
3. On the morning of the 3rd of December the ship fuelled then proceeded to number one wharf berthing on HMAS BAYONET at 1020. Two further shifts were required of HMAS BARBETTE during the maintenance period. The ship could move to number three wharf while Cairns Harbour Board sounded the area of number one wharf, on the 6th of December, and not move to allow HMAS ADVANCE to berth alongside on the 8th of December.
4. At 0900 on the 13th of December HMAS BARBETTE sailed in company with HMAS ADVANCE to commence HMAS ADVANCE's work up. Various exercises were carried out on passage to the Low Isles area where HMAS BARBETTE detached at 1700.
5. After an uneventful passage HMAS BARBETTE arrived at Thursday Island and berthed at Caltex Fuelling Wharf at 0800 on the 15th of December. At 1100, on completion of fuelling, the ship sailed and commenced the return passage to Cairns.

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6. On the 17th of December, at 0650, HMAS BARBETTE rendezvoused with HMA Ships BARRICADE, ADVANCE and BAYONET in firing area R792. As heavy cloud began to clear, a boat was sighted in the firing area. HMAS BARBETTE was detached and proceeded to the vessel, IMPALA, which was anchored on the edge of Pixie Reef. When informed that firings were about to commence the boat weighed anchor and cleared the area. HMAS BARBETTE then rejoined the other vessels for the firings but due to a minor defect on the 40/60 Bofor was unable to take part. The target tow was taken from HMAS ADVANCE and the other ships continued firings.

7. On completion of firings HMAS BARBETTE recovered the target and carried out Officer of the Watch manoeuvres on passage to Cairns. At 1100 on the 17th of December the ship berthed outboard of HMAS FLINDERS at number two wharf, fuelled, then shifted to number one wharf.

8. At 0930 on the 18th of December, HMAS BARBETTE proceeded to sea in company with HMAS BAYONET, to hold a families day. Various exercises were carried out, with the ship anchoring at Fitzroy Island from 1120 to 1300 then returning to Cairns where the ship berthed at 1420 and remained until the end of the month.

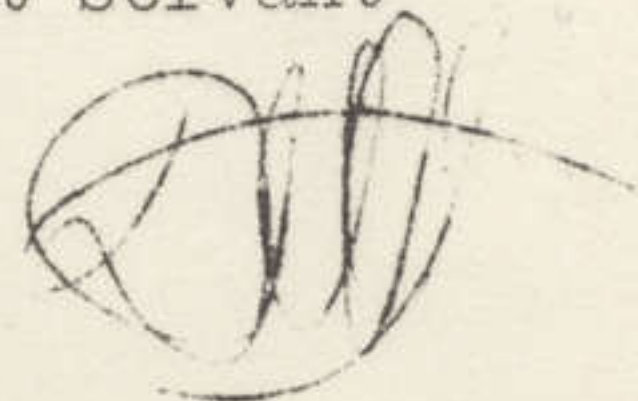
9. The outstanding defect on the 40/60 Bofor (URDEF 55/77) was rectified on the 8th of December. A defect on the 975 radar (INDEF 37/77) which occurred on the 13th of December, has had repairs carried out and is awaiting sea trials. All other machinery has performed well throughout the month.

10. The health, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company have been very good throughout the month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Details
B. Exercise Details

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ANNEX A TO
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STEAMING DETAILS

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| 1. | Miles steamed during month | 1,723.5 |
| 2. | Miles steamed since commissioning | 182,752.7 |
| 3. | Hours underway during month | 121.7 |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 12,983.9 |
| 5. | Occassions fast routeing speed exceeded | |

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
17 DEC 76	19.5	1.7	00W Manoeuvres

ANNEX B TO
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EXERCISE DETAILS

GUNNERY

13 DEC	2 x BOARDEX
17 DEC	Range Clearance for SUFX

SEAMANSHIP

13 DEC	00W Manoeuvres TOWEX RAS Approaches
17 DEC	00W Manoeuvres
18 DEC	00W Manoeuvres Man Overboard Drills

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