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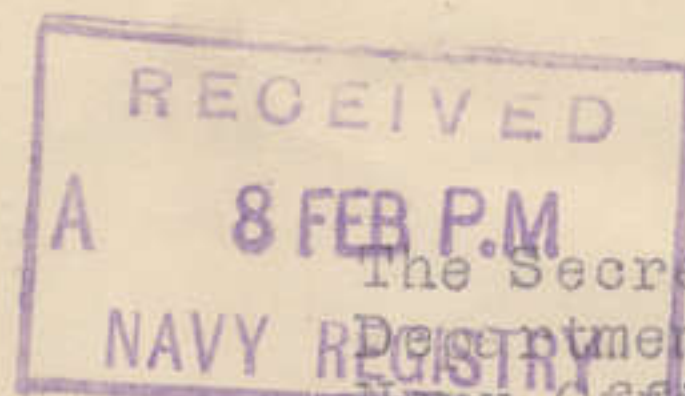
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H.M.A.S. BARCOO.
At Coffs Harbour

2nd February 1956.



The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

Copies to The Flag Officer In Charge East Australian Area.
The Senior Officer Hydrographic Service.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 1956.

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Surveying Ship under my command for the month of January 1956.

2. From the 1st January to 7th January H.M.A.S. BARCOO remained in Sydney to complete the Christmas leave period. The Ship was alongside Garden Island until 6th January when berth was shifted to No 4 buoy for compass adjustment.

3. Accompanied by the tenders WARREEN and BROLGA BARCOO sailed for Port Stephens at 1700 on Saturday 7th January. After the ship had anchored in Salamander Bay at 0900 next day, the tenders were brought alongside for transfer of surveying stores. As the ship was to operate independently from the tenders, a 34' surveying motor boat was left with the tenders for use in their survey off Port Stephens.

4. The ship sailed from Port Stephens at 17.30 on 8th January to commence the off shore sounding required by Hydrographic Instruction No 1. The depths expected in the area to be sounded were between 2500 fathoms and 3000 fathoms and this depth is well within the potential of an Asdic set fitted with a reflector plate to direct the asdic beam vertically downwards. However, on trials conducted on passage to the sounding area, the performance of the set was found to be well below the standard required. As the electrical side of the A/s set appeared to be in good working order it was assumed that the fault lay in a part of the gear inaccessible from inboard and the attempt at deep sounding was abandoned.

5. The ship proceeded to the Coffs Harbour area to commence Hydrographic instruction No 4. On arrival at 1100 on Thursday 12th January anchorage was obtained inside the breakwater of Coffs Harbour in 5 fathoms with 4 shackles. Marking of the coast was carried out on 12th and 13th January and the sounding commenced on Saturday 14th January with the ship and one boat.

6. Sounding was continued during the following week with the ship and boat. The ship weighed at 0630 each day from Monday till Thursday. On return from sounding on Thursday a rising North Easterly wind made it expedient to leave Coffs Harbour before dark.

7. After leaving Coffs Harbour course was shaped for Port Stephens. The ship anchored off Nelson Head at 0820 on 20th January. During the day assistance was given to WARREEN in effecting adjustments to her main engine.

8. The ship weighed at 0500 on 21st January and continued her passage to Sydney. On arrival at 1300, the ship secured alongside Fitting out wharf.

9. On 23rd January in an attempt to improve the performance of the Asdic the bottom of the dome was scraped by divers and the inside of the dome inspected from inboard.

10. The ship proceeded from Sydney at 1000 on 24th January. After proceeding into deep water for further trials on the A/S 49 which gave a slightly improved performance, course was set for Port Stephens. The ship anchored in Salamander Bay at 1930.

11. The tenders WARREEN and BROLGA were brought alongside at 0730 on the 25th January for fuel and water. The ship continued her passage to Coffs Harbour at 1500.

12. The ship anchored to the North Westward of Mutton Bird Island at 0900 on 26th and when the anchorage inside the harbour was clear proceeded to a more sheltered berth at 1500. On this day and the following two days continuous rain and fresh southerly winds precluded all field work.

13. The weather freshened further on Saturday night and it was decided to vacate Coffs harbour. The ship sailed at 1930 on 28th January in heavy rain and a strong southerly wind. The nearest all weather anchorage to Coffs Harbour is Port Stephens but it was decided to proceed direct to Sydney to obtain further assistance with the A/S 49.

14. The ship secured to No 4 buoy Sydney at 2105 ~~in~~ on Sunday 29th January. At which berth she remained for her stay in harbour.

It has now been made available to G.M.C.S.

15. Further investigations into the poor performance of the A/S 49 were conducted by H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER on Tuesday 31st January without positive results. The main difficulty is to obtain information about this set. The trouble has been narrowed down to the acoustics external to the Asdic set but no specifications of the reflector plate or notes on the necessary modifications to the bottom of the dome are apparently available.

16. The health conduct and morale of the ships company is good and the condition and appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

J. Johnson
 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
 CAPTAIN.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1956.
APPENDIX "A"

(a)	Distance steamed during month	2389.2. miles.
(b)	Hours under way during month	223.10/60.
(c)	Distance steamed per ton of fuel.	9. Miles.
(d)	Distance steamed since commissioning (20.2.51.)	95,402.1.Miles.
(e)	Hours under way since commissioning (20.2.51.)	9.035.15/60hours.

Economical speed was exceeded as follows.

(a)	56 hours
(b)	13.2. Knots
(c)	5.6. Tons
(d)	8.5. miles.
(e)	C.N.O. 946/55.

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A news release on the discovery of a ^{submarine} "mountain range" off the New South Wales coast of the Barcoo, referred to in paras 5 and 6, was issued to the press last week. *16/3/56*

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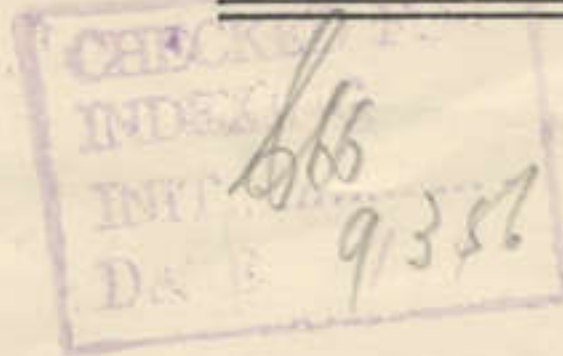
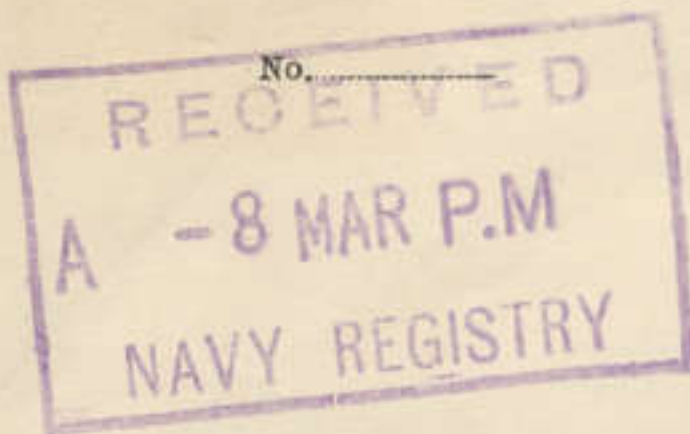
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H.M.A.S. BARCOO,
At Sea.

1 March, 1956.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

Copies to The Flag Officer-In-Charge, EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.
(The Senior Officer Hydrographic Service.)

H.M.A.S. BARCOO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1956.

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for H.M.A. Surveying Ship under my command for the month of February, 1956.

2. H.M.A.S. Barcoo sailed from Sydney at 1000 on 1st February, and arrived at Coffs Harbour at 1050 on 2nd February. The ship entered the harbour to lower the sounding boat and to land a tide pole watcher, and then proceeded for ship sounding in the South Solitary Island Area. The ship returned to Coffs Harbour after sounding and anchored at 1732.

3. On the following day drizzle and poor visibility hampered sounding operations. The ship weighed and proceeded at 0900 and returned to harbour at 1300, after accomplishing about 1 hour's sounding. Heavy and almost continuous rain fell for the next six days during which no field work was done. On Wednesday 8th the ship weighed to conduct further experiments and trials on the deep sounding gear, and a satisfactory audible echo was obtained in depths of 2,500 fathoms. After completion of the trials the ship returned to Coffs Harbour and anchored at 1635.

4. The weather cleared on Friday 10th when a further day's sounding was done by the ship and boat. Further sounding was possible on Saturday 11th when the ship and the boat worked during the forenoon.

5. In view of the improved results obtained from the A/S 49 and the large proportion of time lost through rain in the Coffs Harbour Area, it was decided to start Hydrographic Instruction No. 1 of 1955/56. This consists of a reconnaissance of a rectangular area 162,000 square miles in extent which has the New South Wales coast as its Western limit. The average depth is about 2,500 fathoms in the northern portion of the area, but there is a complete absence of soundings in the southern portion of the area. It is sobering to think in these days when popular science is busily exploring space that there can exist in our own planet an area of about 50,000 square miles of which nothing is known other than it is covered by sea; or expressed differently that Australia is spending vast sums in exploring the Antarctic when there are large gaps in the geographical knowledge of the Tasman Sea. To explore this area the ship was to run 10 lines of soundings at 60 miles intervals running from the New South Wales coast in a 115 degrees direction for about 300 miles.

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6. The ship sailed from Coffs Harbour at 0800 on 12th February to run the line which started from this vicinity. After completing this line the ship steamed back towards the coast on a parallel and reciprocal track 60 miles to the northward. The general depth of the Tasman Sea in this area is about 2,500 fathoms, but three "sea highs" were encountered rising as much as 9000 feet above the sea bed.

7. After completion of these lines, the ship returned to Coffs Harbour at 0700 on 15th February. Shore marks and other gear were recovered during the day.

8. The ship sailed from Coffs Harbour for Sydney at 0800 on 16th February and secured alongside Fitting Out Wharf at 0740 on 17th February. Fuel and stores were embarked during the day.

9. At 0930 on 20th February the ship sailed for Port Stephens and anchored in Salamander Bay at 1830. After anchoring, the tender Brolga was brought alongside for fuel and stores. The tender Warreen was fuelled next day.

10. The ship weighed at 1030 and proceeded to a position off Sugarloaf Point to commence the line from that Point. During the running of this line a bank situated about 200 miles east of Port Stephens was examined. It proved to be a steep sided plateau with a least depth of 69 fathoms. Bottom samples obtained on the bank were of shell and coral, but it is not considered that the bank is coralline in origin. The line towards the coast terminated near Tacking Point which was sighted at 2130 on 24th February.

11. As it was more convenient to run next the lines in the southern portion of the area, the ship proceeded to a position off Twofold Bay to commence the southern lines. On the passage south the ship called at Port Stephens at 0930 on the 25th to embark two ratings from Warreen.

12. The line running eastwards from the vicinity of Twofold Bay was started at 1040 on the 26th and the next line to the southward which terminated near Gabo was completed at 1220 on the 28th. A ridge running in a North-South direction was encountered at the eastern ends of these lines.

13. The ship commenced the line eastwards from Batemans Bay at 0030 on 29th February but rising seas and bad visibility forced the abandonment of sounding at 0830. The ship set course for Jervis Bay and anchored in Darling Roads at 1700 in company with H.M.A. Ships Warramunga and Warrego.

14. The health conduct and morale of the ships company remains satisfactory and condition of the ship is good. Owing to the ships recent employment and frequent rain during the periods the ship has been in harbour, there has been little opportunity to work on the ships side which shows some evidence of this neglect.

J. J. J. J.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.
CAPTAIN.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY 1956
APPENDIX A.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	3748.4 miles.
(b)	Hours under way during the month	357 33/60 hours.
(c)	Distance steamed per ton of fuel	9.2
(d)	Distance steamed since commissioning	99,150.5 miles
(e)	Hours under way since commissioning	9,392 46/60 hours.

Economical speed has not been exceeded during the month.

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H.M.A.S. BARCOO.
At Sydney.

3rd April 1956.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

Copies to the Flag Officer in Charge East Australian Area.
The Senior Officer Hydrographic Service.

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H.M.A.S. BARCOO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH
OF MARCH 1956.

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I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings for H.M.A. Surveying ship under my command for the month of March 1956.

2. H.M.A.S. BARCOO sailed at 0830 on Friday 2nd March from Jervis Bay where she had remained to await more favourable weather for sounding. A line of sounding was run seawards from Beecroft Head for about 280 miles and then a parallel line 60 miles to the southwards was run towards the New South Wales coast. On these two lines there were further indications of the ridges running north and south about 200 miles off the coast. On completion of these two lines the ship returned to Sydney for fuel securing alongside Fitting Out Wharf Garden Island at 2015 on 4th March.

3. The ship sailed from Sydney at 0930 on 8th March and continued off shore sounding. The final lines of this sounding were completed at 2230 on 10th March near Newcastle and the ship then proceeded to Port Stephens. Anchorage was obtained in Salamander Bay at 0710 on 11th March in company with the tenders.

4. During the ensuing 3 days surveying gear was dismantled by the ship and tenders BROLGA AND WARREEN and the survey off the inshore area near Broughton Island completed.

5. At 0530 on Thursday 15th March the ship and the tenders weighed and proceeded from Port Stephens. During the passage to Sydney a number of photographs were obtained for the purpose of checking the views on Admiralty charts, and a full power trial was conducted during the forenoon. On arrival at Sydney the ship secured alongside Fitting Out Wharf at 1820.

6. At a conference held at Naval Headquarters at 1100 on Friday 16th March the details of H.M.A.S. BARCOO's reduction to reserve were discussed. It was anticipated that the ship would decommission on the 4th June and be finally accepted into reserve early in September.

7. The ship was moved by tugs to No 4 buoy at 0830 on Monday 19th March and moved to Cruiser wharf on completion of deammunitioning.

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8. Considerable publicity by press and radio was given to the results of BARCOO's Tasman sea soundings. It is however considered that further sounding would establish more definitely the continuity of the submarine ridges and possibly disclose further sea mounts.

9. The prepaying off refit and destoring commenced on 19th March. Seasonal leave for the ships company started on Friday 23rd March. The health conduct and morale of the ships company is satisfactory. As disclosed by the full power trial conducted on 15th March the main machinery of the ship is in good condition.

J. J. J. J.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
CAPTAIN.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH 1956.
APPENDIX "A"

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| (a) | Distance steamed during month | 1519.3 miles |
| (b) | Hours under way during month | 142. hours |
| (c) | Distance steamed per ton of fuel | 8. miles |
| (d) | Distance steamed since commissioning
(20.2.51) | 100669.8.miles |
| (e) | Hours under way since commissioning
(20.2.51) | 9534.46/60 hours. |

Economical speed was exceeded as follows.

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| (a) | 4 hours. |
| (b) | 16 Knots |
| (c) | 1.6 Tons |
| (d) | 7.8 miles |
| (e) | Fuel Power paying off Trial C.N.O. 946/55. |

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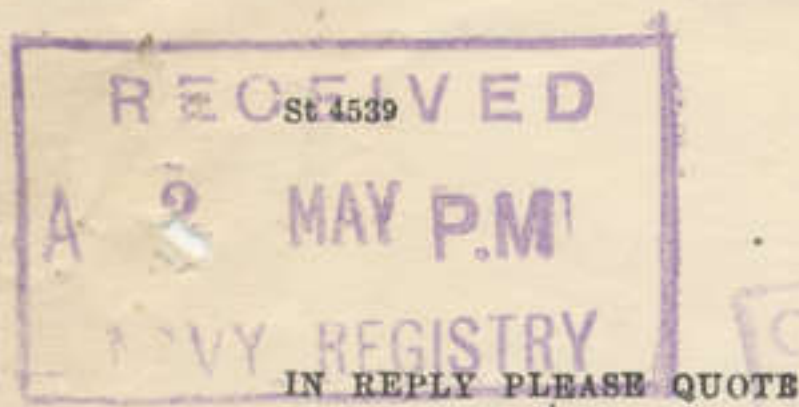
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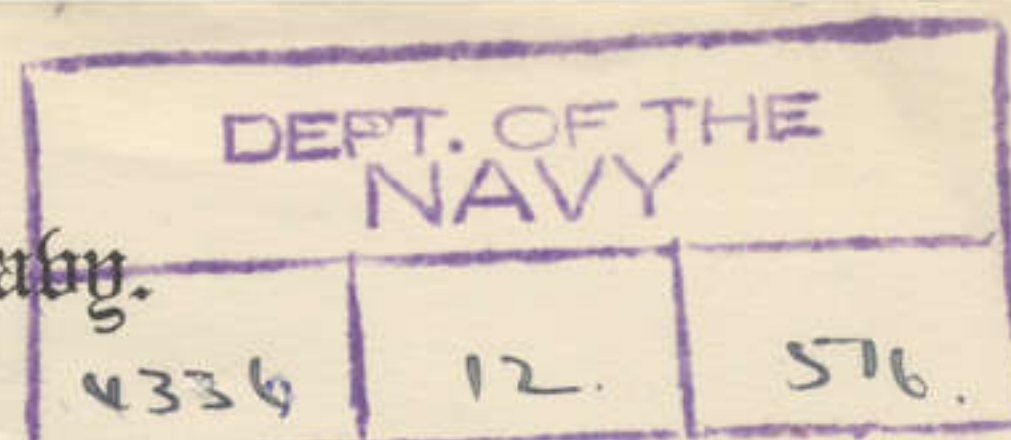
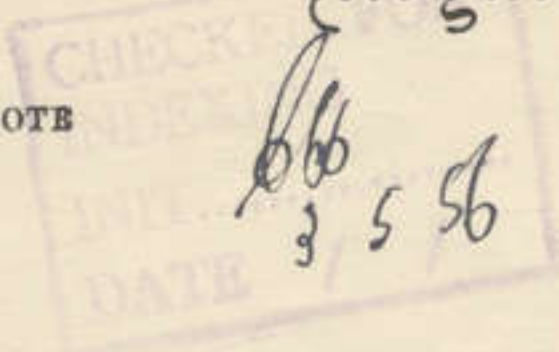
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H.M.A.S. BARCOO
At Sydney.

1st May 1956.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
MELBOURNE.

Copy to The Flag Officer in Charge East Australian Area
The Senior Officer Hydrographic Service

H.M.A.S. BARCOO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF
APRIL 1956.

I have the honour to submit the following report of proceedings of H.M.A. Surveying ship under my command for the month of April 1956.

2. H.M.A.S. BARCOO remained at Garden Island during the month undergoing refit prior to paying off. Apart from numerous small items to be made good prior to acceptance into reserve, the major defect item is the retubing of boilers. This work is progressing satisfactorily,

3. On 10th April members of the ships company assembled on the flight deck of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to hear an address by the First Sea Lord, Admiral the Earl Mountbatten of Burma.

4. During the month about half the ships company went on advanced seasonal leave. Some progress however has been made in preparation of the ship for reserve. This has mostly been in places where access is possible only with dockyard assistance e.g. the deck of the cable locker. Satisfactory progress has been made with destoring and the closing of accounts.

5. Living conditions onboard have not yet deteriorated to any large extent and the morale and the behaviour of the ships company is satisfactory. A detailed report on the condition of the ship is contained in BARCOO's letter No 102/4 dated 27th April, 1956.

6. No steaming has taken place during the month and Appendix A remains as for March.

J. J. O'Sullivan
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
CAPTAIN.

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H.M.A.S. BARCOO,
At Sydney.

5th June, 1956.

The Flag Officer in Charge,
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8. The condition of the ship internally is sound. External appearance has deteriorated while essential work is in hand, but this is only a temporary measure. The present programme is allowing the dockyard to complete virtually all approved defect items.

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G.H. McIntosh

(Sgd) G.H. McIntosh.
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.



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CAPTAIN.



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DURING JUNE, 1956.

(BARCOO's letter 277/1 dated 4th July, 1956.)

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THE SECRETARY,
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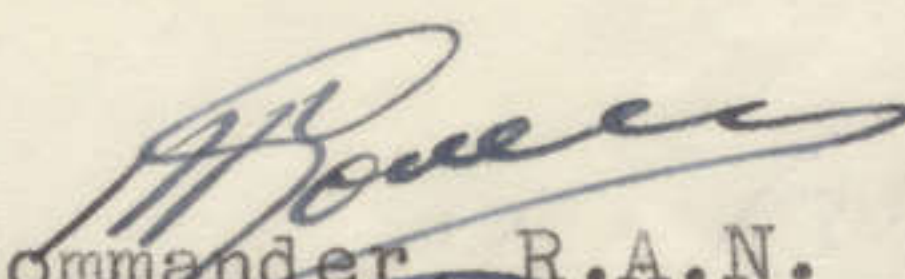
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(The Captain, H.M.A.S. BARCOO letter 277/1 dated
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A/Commander, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER,
RESERVE SHIPS.

H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS

24 JUL 1956



H.M.A.S. BARCOO,
At Watsons Bay.

4th July, 1956.


Commanding Officer Reserve Ships,
SYDNEY.

Copy to: Senior Officer Hydrographic Service.

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4. On 25th June, all defects that had been taken in hand by the dockyard had been completed to the satisfaction of ships officers. The marked co-operation of dockyard staff throughout the whole of the period has resulted in a large amount of work being completed with practically no dislocation of ships routine or reduction in living standards for hands accommodated onboard.
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(G.H. McINTOSH).
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. BARCOO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH, 1956.
APPENDIX "A"

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(c) Distance steamed per ton of fuel	8. miles
(d) Distance steamed since commissioning (20.2.51)	<u>100669.8 miles.</u> ?
(e) Hours under way since commissioning (20.2.51)	9534.46/60 hours.

Economical speed was exceeded as follows:-

- (a) 4 hours
- (b) 16 knots
- (c) 1.6 Tons.
- (d) 7.8 miles.
- (e) Fuel power paying off Trial C.N.O. 946/55.

(The Captain, H.M.A.S. BARCOO letter 277/1 dated
4 July, 1956).

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Flag Officer in Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

Submitted

(SGD.) S. T. M. GOWER

A/Commander, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER,
RESERVE SHIPS.

H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS

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H.M.A.S. BARCOO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1956.

(The Captain, H.M.A.S. BARCOO's letter No. 277/1 dated 1st August, 1956.)

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THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

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Naval Headquarters,
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21st August, 1956.

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(The Captain, H.M.A.S. BARCOO letter 277/1 dated 1st. August, 1956.)

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Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

Submitted.


A/Commander R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER RESERVE SHIPS.

H.M.A.S. PLATYPUS.

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H.M.A.S. BARCOO
At Watsons Bay.

1st August 1956.

The Commanding Officer,
Reserve Ships,
SYDNEY.

Copy to Senior Officer Hydrographic Service.

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3. The general health, conduct and morale remain satisfactory. The ships company is accommodated in H.M.A.S. "PLATYPUS".
4. Because of the continuous high noise level caused by the pneumatic tools in use working conditions onboard are not satisfactory. This noise has continued for nearly two months, and will continue for a further two months, but there is no solution to this problem with the tools at present available in quantity. It is not possible to modify the programme of work to reduce the noise level. A separate report is being prepared on a tool which has been found to give more satisfactory noise characteristics.
5. The ship has not been under steam during the month. Appendix A is unchanged. Appendix B, whale sighting report, does not apply.


(G.H. McIntosh)
Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.
Captain.

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(The Captain, H.M.A.S. BARCOO's letter No. 277/1 dated
4th September, 1956.)

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THE SECRETARY,
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H.M.A.S. BARCOO.
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4 September, 1956

Flag Officer-in-Charge,
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G.H. McIntosh
(G.H. M^cINTOSH.)
Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.



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H.M.A.S. BARCOO,
at Sydney,
4 September, 1956

Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

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Submitted for information is report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. BARCOO for the month of September, 1956, to the date of paying off into reserve.

2. BARCOO remained at Watson's Bay Sydney throughout the whole period, with the ship's company accommodated in PLATYPUS. Work continued satisfactorily on preparing the ship for acceptance into the Reserve Fleet.

3. On Tuesday 25th September, 1956, the Commanding Officer Reserve Ships, Sydney, inspected BARCOO on behalf of the Senior Officer Reserve Fleet and recommended that the ship should be accepted into the Reserve Fleet. On that day, ship's officers were appointed to PLATYPUS (additional) and the Commanding Officer, Reserve Ships, Sydney assumed command of BARCOO.

4. General health, conduct and morale remain at a high level. Living conditions in PLATYPUS have been satisfactory.

5. Appendix A (copy enclosed) remains as for August, 1956. Appendix B does not apply.


A/COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.



H.M.A.S. BARCOO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1956.

APPENDIX "A".

(a) Distance steamed during the month	Nil
(b) Hours under way during the month	Nil
(c) Distance steamed per ton of fuel	Nil
(d) Distance steamed since commissioning	99,150.5 miles.
(e) Hours under way since commissioning	9,392 46/60 hours.