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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1968

Forwarded.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter C1-16-25 of 1st November, 1968.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE, at Cockatoo Island.

1st November, 1968.

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: Commander, Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces).

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of October 1968.

- 2. At the beginning of the month, the ship was in the hands of the ship builders, Evans Deakin & Co. Ltd. in the process of being fitted out alongside F.O.B.2 wharf in the Brisbane River.
- During the fitting out period, BARRICADE's ships company were employed in general maintenance duties at HMAS MORETON.
- 4. At 0820K Thursday 17th October 1968, BARRICADE proceeded to MORETON BAY to carry out Contractors Sea Trials. H.M. Ships INTREPID and ALBION and HMAS BRISBANE were passed in the river.
- Unfortunately water contamination of fuel and a steering defect when turning at high speeds caused the trials to be unsuccessful and BARRICADE returned to harbour berthing alongside Job fc. 76 (HMAS MADANG) at 1655K that day.
- It was decided to complete the remainder of Contractors Sea Trials and to carry and final acceptance trials on Wednesday 23rd October 1968.
- The ship proceeded to sea at 0830K on that day and recommenced trials in Moreton Bay. A stiff south easterly breeze was blowing and leaks were discovered in the sealed wheelhouse windows. It was also apparent that the steering defect had not been remedied. Consequently trials were again abandoned and BARRICADE returned to harbour berthing alongside Job. Ho. 76 (MADANG) at 1430K.
- 8. On Friday 25th October, BARRICADE proceeded to sea at 1015K and successfully completed contractors sea trials and acceptance trials. Strong westerly winds were blowing in Moreton Bay with gusts up to 50 knots and the ship registered a maximum possible roll on the inclinometer of 45° although it was estimated that the roll continued beyond this limit to approximately 50°. This was attributed to the lightness of the ship, having only a small amount of fuel onboard and no stores.
- On advice from the Principal Naval Overseer (Queensland) Commander A.A. Townsend, R.A.N., HMAS BARRICADE was accepted for service into the R.A.N. at 1345K Friday 25th October 1968. On completion of the handover ceremony, BARRICADE returned to harbour berthing alongside HMAS MORETON wharf at 1520K that day.
- The remainder of the day was spent storing and fuelling the ship while a number of minor painting jobs were completed by ship-yard personnel.



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- 11. At 1000K Saturday 26th October 1968, HMAS BARRICADE was commissioned as a unit of the Royal Australian Navy. HMAS ARDENT under the command of Lieutenant Commander J.E.A. Toulouse RANVR was commissioned at the same time in a combined ceremony. Lieutenant Commander H.J.G. Heath RANVR, the Executive Officer of HMAS MORETON, was the inspecting officer and important guests included Miss H. Cameron, BARRICADE's launching lady and her brother Mr. D. Cameron MHR; Federal Member for Griffith.
- 12. HMAS BARRICADE sailed at 1205K that day in company with ARDENT and proceeded to Sydney. The passage was uneventful except for a radar defect which caused the set to be unserviceable from 2200K.
- Both ships entered Sydney harbour at 1900K Sunday 27th October, 13. 1968 and BARRICADE berthed alongside HMAS LADAVA at the patrol boat wharf HMAS WATERHEN at 1940K.
- 14. BARRICADE shifted berth to the CULGOA wharf at 0805K the following morning and at 1515K returned to the patrol boat wharf alongside HMAS ARCHER.
- At 0815K Tuesday 29th October, BARRICADE moved to Cockatoo 15. Island Dockyard, alongside the patrol boat wharf to have Class Item defects completed.
- 16. At the end of the month BARRICADE was at Cockatoo Island progressing class item defects.
- The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.
- 18. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D.A. KINDON) LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.

CAPTAIN

APPENDIX A

STEAMING APPENDIX

(a) Distance steamed during - 1th. - 492.1 miles

(b) Hours underway during month. - 32 20/60 hrs.

(c) Distance steamed since commissioning - 492.1 miles

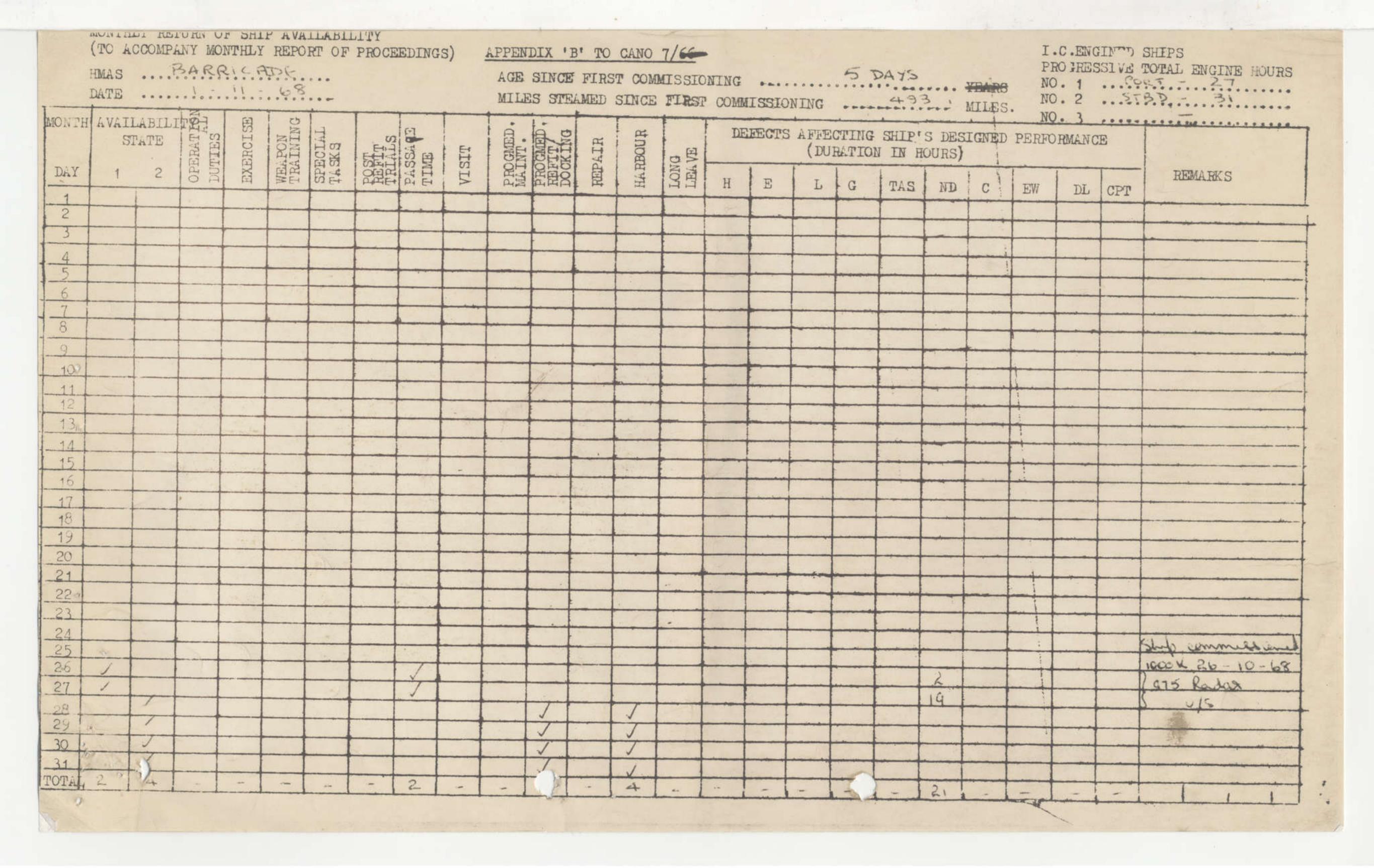
(d) Hours underway since commissioning - 32 20/60 hrs.

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SPORTING APPENDIX

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1968

- 1. Forwarded.
- This report has been delayed because it was necessary to return the report to BARRICADE on two occasions.
- Action is being taken to deal with the unsatisfactory manner in which reports of proceedings from BARRICADE have been handled.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter unnumbered of 6th December, 1968.

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HMAS BARRICADE, at WATERHEN.

6th December, 1968.

Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of November 1968.

- 2. The ship left Cockatoo Island Dockyard at 1530K, 4th November, having completed Class Item Defects and returned alongside HMAS WATERHEN, Ammunitioning and compass swinging were completed on the following day leaving the ship ready to commence the work up.
- At 0835K Wednesday 6th November, BARRICADE sailed from Sydney carrying out independent exercises whilst on passage to Jervis Bay. At 1240K that day an amphibious operations inshore navigation exercise was conducted between Bass Point and Black Point until 1400K. On completion of the exercise, the ship berthed alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf CRESWELL at 1620K.
- Due to inclement weather BARRICADE remained alongside the following day with HMA Ships BARBETTE, ASSAIL and LADAVA. At 0900K I called on Commander D.J. Martin, RAN who was acting as NOIC J.B. at the time.
- BARRICADE sailed at 0400K Friday 8th November in company with LADAVA and ASSAIL. Exercises were conducted on passage and after rendezvousing with SNIPE dummy torpedo firing exercises were carried out off Sydney. All ships returned alongside WATERHEN by 1230K that day.
- Gun functioning trials were carried out at sea in company with ARDENT on Tuesday 12th November, returning alongside on completion of trials.
- After sailing from WATERHEN at 0830K on the following day, BARRICADE rendezvoused with LADAVA and carried out 40/60 firings. After lunch a boarding party exercise was carried out in Botany Bay against LADAVA when valuable and sometimes humiliating lessons were learned by BARRICADE's chips company. Both ships returned to WATERHEN on completion of the exercise.
- At 1950K Friday 15th November Commandos and assault canoes were embarked on ships of the Squadron and at 2015K BARRICADE sailed in company with BARBETTE, LADAVA and ASSAIL. Passage was made to Broken Pay, where at 2225 Commandos and CDT 1 were disembarked after which all patrol boats proceeded up Cowan Creek to anchor. Ships were darkened whilst at anchor and simplated attacks were made on all ships by Commandos. The exercise was completed by 0500K the following morning and at...

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0735K the Squadron proceeded to sea. 00W manoeuvres were carried out during the passage back to Sydney ships returned alongside WATERHEN by 1000K that day.

- 9. At 0900K Monday 18th November, BARRICADE proceeded to sea for independent exercises. A major NBCD exercise was conducted in Broken Bay during the forenoon and following a blind pilotage exercise up Cowan Creek the ship anchored off Challenger Head for the night. Another NBCD exercise was carried out the next day with tear gas being used to add to the realism of the exercise. At 1230K the ship proceeded to sea and carried out a Full Power Trial on the way to Kiama. BARRICADE secured alongside at Kiama by that day. A great deal of interest was shown by the local public and the ship was open for inspection until 1900K.
- 10. After leaving Kiama at 0845K the following morning independent exercises were carried out before the ship secured alongside Jervis Bay Patrol Boat wharf at 1130K with radio defects. At 1400K that day I called on NOIC JB Captain I. K. Purvis RAN and at 1545K he returned my call.
- 11. BARRICADE sailed at 0805K Thursday 21st November and proceeded to Sydeny, securing alongside WATERHEN at 1350K that day. D.G. ranging was carried out on the following day after which BARRICADE returned alongside for the weekend
- 12. 40/60B.U.S. was embarked at No. 4 buoy Monday 25th November the ship returning alongside on completion. BARRICADE proceeded in company with BARBETTE, BOMBARD and ASSAIL at 0500K the following day and at 0900K commenced at simulated KOMAR attack exercise on STUART and VENDETTA. Unfortunately due to discrepancies in the starting position this exercise was not of much value to Patrol Craft participating. Whilst chasing STUART at high speed for a simulated torpedo attack, BARRICADE had the interesting experience of almost ramming a whale. The whale, about thirty feet long was sighted close ahead lying on the surface at right angles to the ship. Engines were immediately stopped and put astern. By the time sternway was on, the whale was level with the wheelhouse underneath the ship at which stage it dived beneath the surface and disappeared. Luckily no damage was sustained by the ship. At 1100K the Squadron joined forces with STUART and VENDETTA and carried out a MAXBUS against attack aircraft. This exercise was most beneficial as it had a touch of realism usually missing from Patrol Boat exercises. It also indicated the advantages of carrying break up shot onboard as part of the ships outfit. The squadron was detached at 1330K and proceeded south to carry out 40/60 firings. A formation anchorage was carried out at 1804K that night in Jervis Bay.
- 13. Cadet Midshipmen were embarked by graunch transfer from BARBETTE the following morning and the day was spent carrying out various seamanship exercises between ships of the Squadron in Jervis Bay. Cadets left the ship at 1500K that day and at 1515K BARRICADE proceeded to sea in company with BARBETTE, BOMBARD and ASSAIL. At 1630K BOMBARD and ASSAIL were detached to return to Sydney while BARBETTE and BARRICADE proceeded to Broken Bay anchoring off Shark Rock Point at 2152K.

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that night.

- Both ships carried out static exercises the following morning and during the afternoon conducted a blind pilotage exercise up Cowan Creek to Bobbin Head. On completion ships passed over the Pittwater Bar and anchored off Scotland Island for the night.
- 15. At 0740K Friday 29th November BARRICADE proceeded in company with BARBETTE and returned to Sydney, securing alongside WATERHEN by 1030K.
- 16. At the end of the month BARRICADE was alongside the Patrol Boat wharf HMAS WATERHEN.
- 17. The health conduct and morale of the ships company has been satisfactory during the month. With Group Pay approaching some dissatisfaction has been expressed by the Coxswain, POQMG, S.M. Dwyer, R93033 who will soon be earning less than the Radio Operator when the system begins. From my point of view I cannot help to believe that substantial pay rise for officers must be introduced soon as my ERA II earns more than myself, and a number of sailors earn more than the First Lieutenant. Apart from these obvious dissentions the ship's company are knitting well into a fighting unit and so far the work up has been quite successful.
- 18. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D.A. KINDON)
LIEUTENANT, RAN
CAPTAIN

For Information Commander Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING APPENDIX

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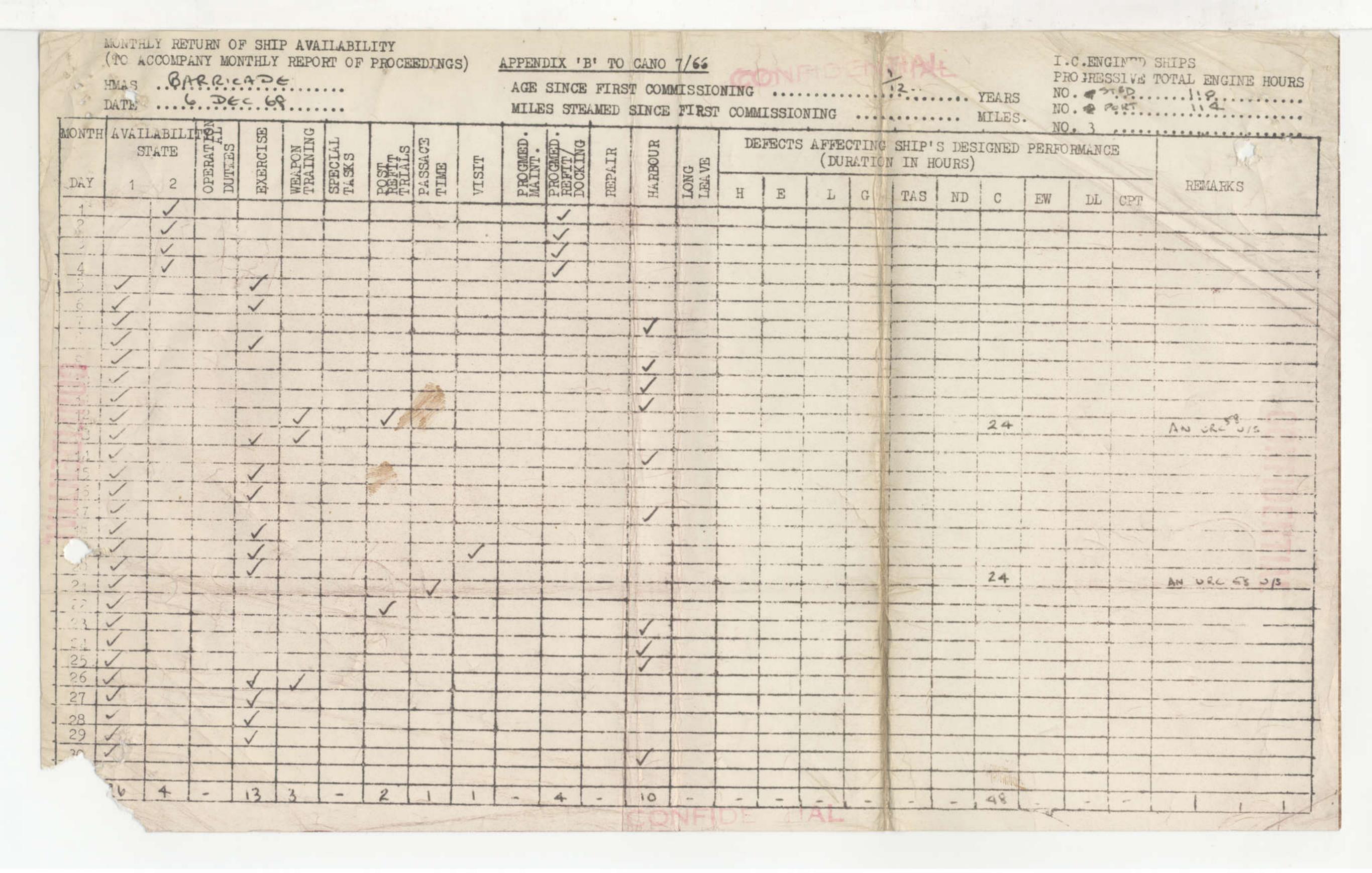
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1968

1. Forwarded.

- 2. With regard to paragraph 7 of the enclosure, Navy Office file 1/2303 and my forwarding remarks on the January Report of Proceedings are relevant.
- 3. The delay in rendering this report was caused by a misunderstanding in the ship during change of Commanding Officers.

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Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter unnumbered of 7th May, 1969.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE At Townsville.

7th May, 1969.

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THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

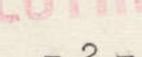
H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. BARRICADE as Executive Officer for the month of December. This is due to the absence of my previous Commanding Officer, who has since been discharged from the Royal Australian Navy for medical reasons.

- At the beginning of the month, BARRICADE was alongside WATERHEN laintaining. On Tuesday 3rd December the ship sailed at 0800K and made passage to Jervis Bay anchoring there at 1302K that day. A major NBCD exercise and emergency drills were carried out during the afternoon and the ship remained at anchor overnight.
- 3. The following morning was spent carrying out seamanship evolutions
 Jervis Bay before anchoring at 1200K for lunch. At 1300K the ship proceeded
 to sea for an onshore navigation exercise between Cape St George and Ulladulla.
 Unfortunately Enclement weather forced the cancellation of a planned overnight
 visit to Ulladulla and on completion of the exercise, BARRICADE returned to Jervis
 Bay securing alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at 1730K that day.
- 4. At 0830K Thursday 5th December BARRICADE proceeded to sea and carried out a range clearance task, however, further exercises were cancelled due to bad weather and the ship anchored in Jervis Bay at 1030K. The remainder of the day was spent cleaning ship and in the afternoon a divisional period was conducted by myself.
- After remaining at anchor overnight BARRICADE sailed in company with SOMBARD at 0730K the following morning. Both ships berthed alongside WATERHEN at 1230K and at 1600K BARRICADE commenced the summer long leave period.
- The ship remained alongside and out of routine until 27th December when it was cold moved to Cockatoo Dockyard for repairs following a minor flooding incident on the 24th of December.





The hoalth and morale of the ship's company has been good and conduct excellent. A healthy rivalry has been noticed developing amongst the ship's companies of the First Patrol Boat Squadron. This has acted as a further incentive to the morale of BARRICADE'S ship's company. Officers morale was poor and the Commanding Officer indicated his intentions of resigning due to his disenchantment with officer's pay and the Supplementary List Scheme.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(R.G. DAGWORTHY)
LIEUTENANT SLEX. R.A.N.
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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APPENDIX A

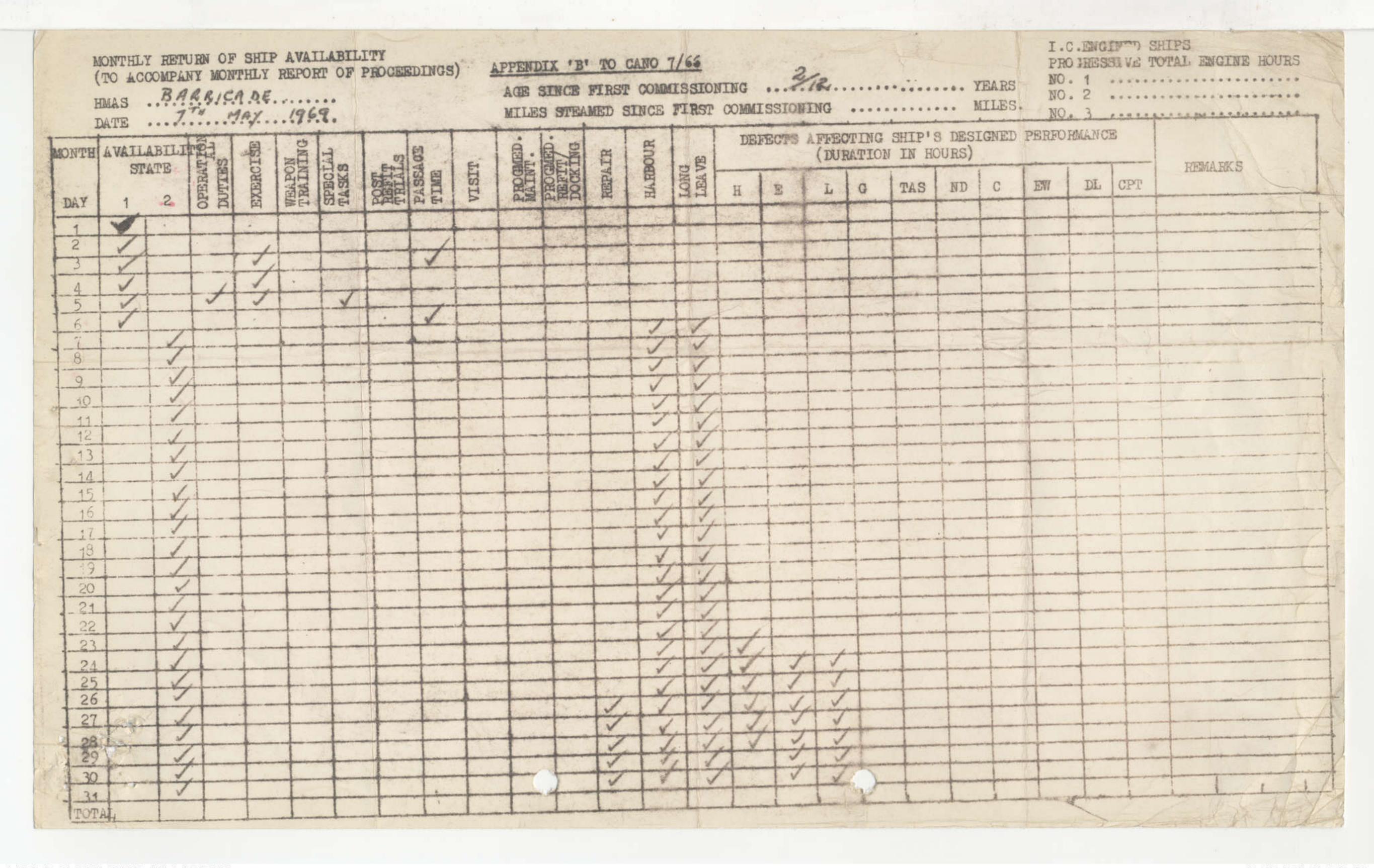
STEAMING APPENDIX

- A. Distance steamed during December 199 45/60
- B. Hours underway December 19 45/60
- C. Total Distance steamed since commissioning 1830.3
- D. Total Hours underway since commissioning 137 57/60

APPENDIX C

SPORTING APPENDIX

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

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Reference: Your 17/18/2 of 11th June, 1969.

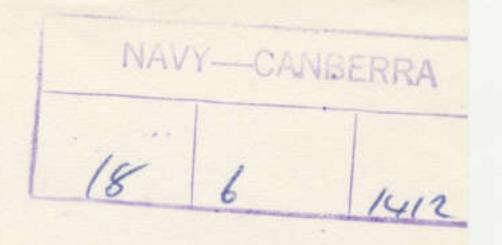
- 1. The steaming appendix was not forwarded with the abovementioned Report of Proceedings.
- 2. It is requested that the information be obtained and forwarded to Navy Office.
- 3. Your early reply would be appreciated.

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For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE.



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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1969

- Forwarded.
- Paragraph 17 of the enclosure is a distortion of the The time sequence of events was:
 - a. 16th December, 1969 the Naval Board offered Lieutenant Kindon a General List Commission;
 - b. 6th January, 1969 the officer tendered his resignation;
 - c. 15th February, 1969 the officer was removed from command.

Navy Office file 1/2303 refers.

- As Lieutenant Kindon has since been discharged PUNS, his report of proceedings remains uncorrected.
- The delay in forwarding this report is regretted. 4.

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter unnumbered of 13th February, 1969.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE, at Waverton. 13th February, 1969. THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET. REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - HMAS BARRICADE Sir, I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE for the month of January 1969 and to 13th February 1969. At the beginning of the month BARRICADE was at Cockatoo Island Dockyard having repairs made to various electrical systems in the engine room. Repairs were completed on Wednesday 8th January and the ship returned to WATERHEN for an oil change and machinery trials. Ammunitioning was carried out at 0915K Friday 10th January and on completion BARRICADE returned alongside at WATERHEN for the weekend. At 1015K Monday 13th January, BARRICADE sailed in company with ARDENT and after rendezvousing with BARBETTE at 1100K, all ships carried out manoeuvres on passage to exercise areas. At 1245 patrol boats rendezvoused with VENDETTA and PARRAMATTA at which time further manoeuvres were carried out. All ships carried out a surface shoot at 1500K after which patrol boats were detached and proceeded to Jervis Bay where in formation anchorage was carried out at 1950K that night. Ships remained at anchor overnight. BARRICADE sailed at 0830K the following morning to carry out steering gear trials, after which 25 school boys from the College Summer School assembly were embarked for a familiarization trip around the bay. The schoolboys returned ashore at 1115k and BARRICADE sailed immediately to carry out towing exercises with BANDOLIER. On completion of the Exercise BARRICADE anchored at Green Patches for lunch. At 1310K the ship proceeded for a personnel transfer with BANDOLIER after which a further transfer was carried out with ARDENT at the northern end of the Bay. BARRICADE proceeded to sea with ARDENT at 1400K to carry out a 2" illuminants shoot. On complet-

ion of the shoot both ships returned to harbour and anchored off Hole in the

Wall. At 1 OOK anchor berths were shifted to the northern end of the Bay

to shelter from a strong north easterly wind. Ships remained at anchor



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overnight.

- At 0610K Wednesday 15th January, BARRICADE proceeded in company with ARDENT to rendezvous with BARBETTE. All ships proceeded to sea at 0630 to carry out a NGS exercise with VENDETTA and PARRAMATTA. However, weather conditions were unsuitable for Patrol Boat operations and, after clearing the range, BARBETTE and BARRICADE returned to anchor in Jervis Bay while ARDENT returned to Sydney with a contaminated fresh water system. After a further unsuccessful attempt to participate in the exercise at 1030K BARBETTE returned alongside at Jervis Bay while BARRICADE anchored off Hole in the Wall.
- BARRICADE proceeded at 0730K the following day to rendezvous with VENDETTA, PARRAMATTA and BARBETTE before going to sea for demonstration manoeuvres connected with the Summer School Assembly. Manoeuvres were carried out from 0800K and at 1045 a 40/60 shoot with illuminants was carried out. On completion of the manoeuvres BARRICADE and BARBETTE were detached to proceed to Sydney. Both ships berthed at WATERHEN on arrival at 1615K that day.
- On Friday 17th January I attended the Captain's Meeting at Fleed Headquarters. BARRICADE remained alongside WATERHEN over the weekend.
- At 0800K Monday 20th January BARRICADE took on fuel before sailing at 0840K. The ship secured alongside West Dock Wall, Garden Island at 0900K and at 0920K LCDR Bromback, FOA joined to carry out a navigation survey between Sydney and Broken Bay While on passage to Broken Bay a disabled fishing boat was taken in tow and returned to Sydney at 1330K that day. The ship returned alongside WATERHEN at 1420K.
- 10. At 0815K Tuesday 21st January BARRICADE sailed to carry out Browning .50 cal. functioning trials in the exercise areas. The ship returned alongside at 1600K that day.
- BARRICADE remained alongside until Friday 24th January embarking fuel and stores. At 0920K on that day, the ship proceeded on patrol towards Queensland. HF radio trouble occurred that night and as it was not repaired by the following morning, it was decided to proceed to Brisbane. After making good speed up the coast the ship proceeded up the Brisbane River at 1850K and berthed alongside the USS Samuel Moore at 2030K that night at HMAS MORETON.
- Repairs to the radio had still not been effected by Monday 27th January and consequently the programme was changed to enable a self maintenance period to be carried out in Brisbane.
- By the end of January the ship was still alongside at HMAS MORETON self maintaining and carrying out radio repairs. (Leut. P.J. Wright, R.A.N joined the ship on 1st February to commence the handover between Commanding Officers.
- A civilian technical officer arrived in Brisbane on Sunday 2nd February, however repairs were not completely effected by noon the following day and so BARRICADE sailed still carrying the technical officer, Mr. Bullmore for passage to Sydney. Rough seas precluded passage on Monday

and so the ship anchored off Cowan Cowan Pt., Moreton Bay at 1500K that day and remained at anchor overnight. Passage was continued at 1300K the following day and the ship eventually berthed alongeide WATERHEN at 1900K Wednesday 5th February.

- BARRICADE remained alongside for the remainder of the week and over the weekend and sailed at 0900K on Monday for familiarisation exercises for the new Commanding Officer. Captain K.W. Shands, R.A.N. was also embarked for the day. The ship remained alongside until Thursday 13th February to facilitate handover between Commanding Officers and on that date Lt. Wright assumed command of BARRICADE.
- During the period apart from radio trouble the ship has been fully operational and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.
- 17. The health, welfare and morale of the ships company continues to be good. At the beginning of January I tendered my resignation with the result that I have been posted to HMAS SUPPLY and was simultaneously offered a permanent commission on the General List. However officers morale can only remain low as long as unsatisfactory pay and conditions of service continue to exist.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(D.A. KINDON)

CAPTAIN R.A.N.

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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Rear Admiral

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HMAS BARRICADE, at Waverton. 2060.

1st March 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the latter part of February 1969. I assumed command at 2359K on 12th February 1969.

- BARRICADE sailed at 2359K Wednesday 12th February for Jervis Bay and on arrival off Beecroft Head at 0700K Thursday 13th February commenced the task of Range Clearance. The task was completed by 0900K, the serial cancell at 1120K and at 120K BARRICADE berthed alongside at HMAS CRESWELL. That evening an illumination exercise was carried out with Tracker aircraft, BARRICADE sailing for the rendezvous position at 1945K and returning alongside on completion at 2125K.
- At 0730K the following morning just as BARRICADE slipped for further range clearance duties the serial was cancelled and the ship reberthed alongside two minutes later. At 1630K that afternoon, Friday 14th February, the ship sailed for Wreck Bay in order to clear Jervis Bay prior to the start of the final phase of Operation LONGEX. The anchorage was reached at 1740 and the ship remained at anchor overnight. The anchor was weighed at 1430K on Saturday and the ship proceeded to the rendezvous with BARBETTE and BOMBARD in Batemans Bay.
- Having received instructions, BARRICADE sailed in company with BOMBARD, weighing anchor at 1820K. Due to a malfunction of the ship's radar, BOMBARD vectored BARRICADE into attack the convoy, the main body of which was STALWART. For safety reasons BARRICADE was ordered to break to the north when the range necessitated this action.
- On completion of the attack, BARRICADE proceeded to anchor in company with BOMBARD and BARBETTE arriving in Crookhaven Bight at 2245K.
- 6. Weighing anchor at 0150K on Sunday morning the ship proceeded to carry out the second attack on the convoy, BOMBARD in company. The convoy was attacked, with simulated torpedo fire, at 0314K and on dompletion a rendezvous was made with BARBETTE and passage made to Ulladulla. As the anchorage was found unsuitable due to a heavy casterly swell, passage was then made to Wreck Bay where the ships anchored at 0605K.
- BARBLITE BOMBARD and BARRICADE sailed at 1115K in order to rendezvous with an aircraft off Ulladulla, ARCHER joined at noon and all ships carried out simulated missile attacks on the convoy between 1230K and 1250K. On completion of the attacks, all ships set a northerly course in order to reach the evening's convoy position off Port Kembla. PARBETTE detached to Wreck Bay as her radar had become unserviceable. At 1500K BARRICADE ordered BOMBARD and ARCHER to the East and West of the convoy's position respectively and proceeded

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to take up her own position to the north. Unfortunately, as occured throughout the whole of the exercise, all element of surprise attack was removed by our position being constantly spotted by the LRMP aircraft.

- 8. The convoy was attacked at 2022K, again a simulated torpedo attack and STALWART was fired on from a range of 2000 yards.
- 9. The anchorage for the night, in Wreck Bay, was reached at 2319K.
- A second simulated missile attack was carried one by BARBETTE,
 ARCHER and BARRICADE on the afternoon of Monday 17th February, the anchor
 being weighed at 1116K and the convoy attacked, to the S.E. of St. Georges
 Head, between 1500K and 1515K. On completion the ships proceeded to Crookhaven
 Bight, anchoring at 1703K.
- 11. At 2130K BARRICADE sailed to take up position for the final simulated torpedo attack to the east of Jervis Bay. The convoy was attacked at 0019K on the morning of Tuesday 18th February and on completion BARBETTE, BOMBARD, ARCHER and BARRICADE made a formation entry and anchorage in Jervis Bay, reaching the anchorage at 0144K.
- Due to the unserviceability of AWARE, BARRICADE was ordered to assume S.A.R. boat duties from 0840K. The ship therefore proceeded alongside to fuel at 0850.
- At 1915 BARRICADE slipped and proceeded for an illumination exercise with Tracker aircraft and reberthed on completion at 2215K. On Wednesday the 19th February a similar night illuminating exercise was required and BARRICADE sailed at 1915K and returned at 2245K.
- In order to be available for the Ministerial visit on Friday 21st February, the ship left Jervis Bay at 0700K on Thursday, arriving at WATERHEN at 1210K. That afternoon I attended the briefing.
- At 0900 Friday 21st February BARRICADE slipped from WATERHEN and proceeded with the Hon. Mr. Hayworth and two newsreel cameramen (Channel 7 and Channel 10) embarked, ARROW, BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, BOMBARD, ARCHER, GULL HAWK and CURLEW in company.
- 16. Transfers to and from HAWK were made during the day in Broken Bay and the party disembarked in Watsons Bay at 1810. BARRICADE then immediately proceeded to Jervis Bay, arriving alongside at 2236K.
- 17. Saturday the 22nd February was spent alongside at CRESWELL and at 1230K on Sunday, the ship was ordered to rendezvous with MELBOURNE and act as RESDES. Having slipped at 1341K and closed MELBOURNE in Jervis Bay, the ship was ordered to return to harbour. The ship secured alongside at 1415K.
- As an illumination exercise was required on the night of Monday 24th February, BARRICADE slipped at 1955 and reberthed at 2150. The ships' company then took part in attacking the landing parties from VAMPIRE and STUART who were defending the marine section at CRESWELL. This exercise finished at 2359K.
- 19. On Tuesday 25th February BARRICADE slipped from the SAR berth in order that BANDOLIER HAWK and GULL could obtain alongside berths for their

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ILR and Helicopter winching demonstrations. The ship was anchored off the breakwater between 0757K and 1042K. The ship reberthed at the SAR berth at 1046K. As AWARE became serviceable on Wednesday 26th February, BARRICADE was ordered to proceed to Sydney, slipping at 0702K. A rough passage was made to Sydney, passing WARE bound south at 1105. At 1145K a signal was received ordering BARRICADE to Port Stephens. Due to the inclement weather and lack of provisions the ship entered Sydney Harbour and secured alongside in Chowder Bay in order to communicate with WATERHEN. At 1329K BARRICADE berthed alongside ARROW at WATERHEN.

- BUCCANEER and BARRICADE slipped at 0430K on Thursday 27th February and proceeded to Port Stephens arriving at the anchorage in Nelsons Bay at 0954K. In order to be briefed on requirements, the Captain of BUCCANEER and myself proceeded schore to the camp at GAN GAN and conferred with the Commanding Officer of the New South Wales Commando Force, Major H. Smith.
- 21. Having ordered BUCCANEER to sail with the first party of commandoes, BARRICADE embarked the second party and in company with ARROW who joined at 1825K and one army L.C.M., sailed at 1828K.
- The troops were disembarked off the Northern coast of BROUGHTON Island at 2100K and BARRICADE then proceeded to the southern coast to support the landing of more troops. BARRICADE and ARROW anchored to the north of Yacabah Head between 0049K and 0520K on the morning of Friday 28th February and at 0530K rendezvoused with an L.C.M. in order to escort the L.C.M. and embark troops off Dark Point.
- 23. The troops were embarked at 0615K and returned to Nelsons Bay, disembarking at 0720K.
- In company with ARROW, BARRICADE sailed from Nelsons Bay at 0834K on Friday 28th February and proceeded to Sydney. The ship berthed alongside BOMBARD at WATERHEN at 1408K.
- The health of the ship's company is good: conduct has been good, moral, with few exceptions is high. The exceptions being the discontent caused by Group Pay. The morals of Officers continues to be clouded by the lack of financial improvement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LIEUTENANT RAN

CAPTAIN

For Information

The Commander, Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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Hours underway during February

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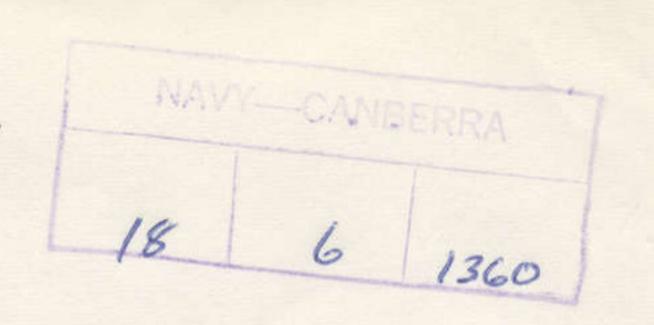
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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HMAS BARRICADE letter of 1st April, 1969.

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H.M.A.S. BARRICADE, at MELBOURNE.

1st April, 1969.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of March 1969.

- On Saturday 1st March BARRICADE was alongside at HMAS WATERHEN prior to commencing the planned fourteen day base, assisted maintenance period.
- 3. At 0800K, 3rd March Midshipmen G. Elias PNG, joined the ship.
- The maintenance period was successfully completed and by 1600K Friday, 14th March, BARRICADE was in all respects operational.
- A very successful Family Day was held on Sunday 16th March.

 BARRICADE sailing at 1010K for a harbour cruise with Twenty guests embarked.
- The ship anchored in Hunter Bay between 1203K and 1406K continuing the cruise in the afternoon and eventually berthing at HMAS WATERHEN at 1516K.
- 7. BARRICADE sailed at 1247K on Monday 17th March for RANR OOW manoeuvres in company with BOMBARD. One RANR officer was embarked in BARRICADE and on completion of the exercise, held off Sydney Heads; the ship berthed alongside WATERHEN at 1600K.
- A further RANR aquaint exercise was held on Tuesday 18th March. Due to the unavailability of BOMBARD, BARRICADE embarked five RANR officers and exercised then in OOW duties and emergencies on passage to and from Broken Bay. Blind pilotage was exercised in Cowan Creek. The ship departed for the exercise at 0910K and returned to WATERHEN at 1557K.
- BARRICADE slipped from WATERHEN at 1014 the following morning, Wednesday 19th March and at 1041 secured alongside Ferry Wharf at Garden Island. At 1055 Captain I. Burnside R.A.N. greeted Lord and Lady D'Lisle, and party, thence escorting them aboard BARRICADE. BARRICADE slipped from Ferry Wharf at 1100K for a cruise around the harbour. Though the weather at the start of the cruise was poor this gave way to fine weather. At the request of _ord D'Lisle BARRICADE closed the Container Terminal at White Bay, Admiralty House and HMAS BRISBANE.
- On reberthing at Ferry Wharf at 1230K, suitable light refreshments were served, the ship's cook excelling himself. It was obvious that Lord and Lady D'Lisle thoroughly enjoyed the cruise. The party disembarked at 1245K.

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- BARRICADE then slipped from Ferry Wharf and having refuelled, reberthed alongside WATERHEN at 1450K.
- Having accepted the kind invitation of Lord and Lady D'Lisle as an "At Home" my First Lieutenant and I with our ladies attended at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron between 1800K and 2000K that evening.
- 13. The ship remained alongside at WATERHEN on Thursday Friday Saturday and Sunday, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd March, preparing for the forthcoming trip to Adelaide.
- In company with ARROW and BOMBARD (ARROW OTC), the ship slipped from WATERHEN at 0829K on passage to Adelaide. Though the weather was initially fine a strong NE'ly wind built up rough seas which were encountered until the ships rounded Cabo Island early the following morning.
- At 1103K that morning Thuesday the 25th March ARROW, due to fuel pump failure, decided to proceed to Williamstown Dockyard escorted by BOMBARD. BARRICADE was detached to proceed independently. At 1320 BARRICADE exchanged identities with ARDENT and advised her of ARROW's plight. ARDENT then rendezvoused with ARROW and took over escort duties, whence BOMBARD detached and rejoined BARRICADE.
- The weather deteriorated during that night and at 0300 IK the following morning I reduced speed to 10 knots, increasing to 14 knots, at 0800IK as the swell lengthened. At 0850 IK BOMBARD reported an accident to one of her sailors, a bad laceration and possible fracture of the wrist. I therefore increased speed to 18 knots, arriving alongside HMAS GULL at Port Adelaide at 2339IK.
- The Captain of BOMBARD and I paid a call on NOIC SA at 1000IK the following morning Thursday 27th March and this call was returned at 1130IK.
- The visit to Adelaide was successful, tours being arranged to the Chrysler Lorry Works and to the S.A. Brewing Company. Natives leave was given.
- 19. At 1000IK Saturday 29th March shortly after the arrival of HMAS HAWK, BARRICADE in company with BOMBARD sailed for MELBOURNE. Again a very rough passage ensuredafter passing through the Backstairs Passage. HMAS CURLEW was passed at 1553IK.
- 20. BARRICADE and BOMBARD secured alongside No. 7 North Wharf, Port Melbourne at 1545 Sunday 30th March. Natives leave was given. The two ships are due to sail for Sydney at 0700K Wednesday 2nd April.
- 21. The health of the ship's company is good. Conduct has been good, morale is high. Moraleof Officers is improving due to rumours of a pay increase even though we have no concrete evidence upon which to base our elation. The appearance of the ship continues to be of a high standard.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

APPENDIX A

STEAMING APPENDIX (TO BRING ALL FIGURES UP TO DATE)

A. Distance steamed during months of

December 199.3
January 1057.5
February 1898.6
March 1605.1

Total Dist. to

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B. Hours underway during months of:-

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January 69
February 129 59/60
March 110

Total hours underway to end of

November

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Total hours underway since commissioning.

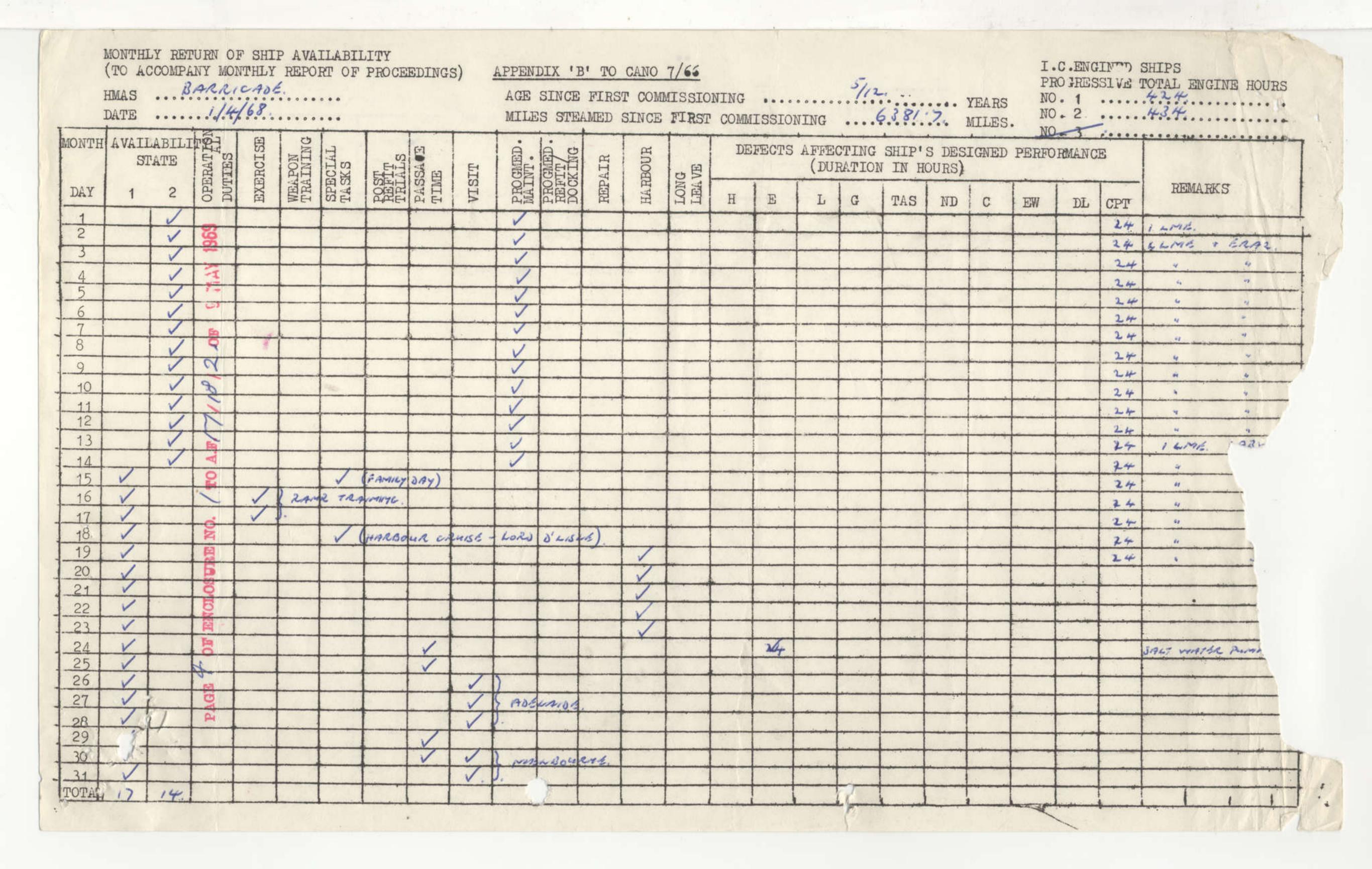
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APPENDIX C

SPORTING

Date .	Game	Opponents	Result	Score
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14. 3.69	11	BARBETTE	Win	3 - 0
19. 3.69	11	BARBETTE	Win-	3 - 0
21. 3.69	11	WATERHEN	Lost	0 - 3
28. 3.69	Waterpolo	GULL	Win	Forfeit





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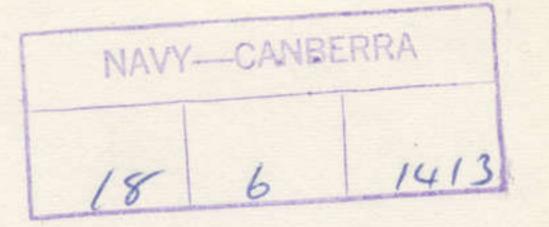
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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H.M.A.S. BARRICADE
At BRISBANE.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLETT.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of April 1969.

- 2. On Tuesday 1st April BARRICADE was alongside No. 7 Berth, North Wharf Port Melbourne.
- 3. At 0651K the following morning, Wednesday 2nd April, BARRICADE with BOMBARD in company slipped from the berth and proceeded to Sydney, arriving, after a rough passage, at WATERHEN at 1917K on Thursday 3rd April.
- 4. The Easter weekend was spent alongside at WATERHEN.
- Due to the delayed sailing of HMAS MELBOURNE and to the cancellation of the safety exercise by the 1st Battalion New South Wales Regiment (Commando), the ships remained alongside at WATERHEN for the remainder of the week 8-13th April. Good use was made of this period in that maintainence and upkeep of the ship were progressed.

BARRICADE'S self maintainence period commenced on the 14th April and during this period the new pennant numbers were paintedin at Cockatoo Island, the ship leaving WATERHEN at 0814K on Wednesday 16th April for the dockyard and returning to WATERHEN on completion at 1532K on Friday 18th April.

- Having completed the maintainen period BARRICADE was operational on arrival at WATERHEN on Friday 18th April.
- 7. Though available for fleet support duties the following week, BARRICADE was not required but, again, good use was made of the time alongside and the appearance of the ship brought up to a very high standard.
- 8. On Monday 21st April six members of the ship's company joined the WATERHEN contingent for the presentation, to HMAS HOBART, of the United States Navy Commendation.
- 9. At 0905K Wednesday 23rd April the ship proceeded to No. 4 buoy to ammunition ship and on completion returned to WATERHEN to refuel, finally berthing alongside at 1110K.

10. At 0856K Monday 28th April, BARRICADE in company with BARBETTE (OTC) and BOMBARD slipped and proceeded on passage to GLADSTONE. Just before dawn on Tuesday 29th April three ships of the Chinese Nationalist Navy bound south, were passed. At 1340K Tuesday 29th April BOMBARD was ordered to proceed to BRISBANE due to engine and radar defects and at 1658K BARBETTE and BARRICADE were ordered to take shelter in BRISBANE due to weather conditions. BARRICADE secured alongside BARBETTE at HMAS MORETON at 2024K and remained alongside on Wednesday 30th April.

11. The health of the ships company is good; Conduct has been good, morale is high. Morale of Officers remains low and I feel will continue to be so whilst the present pay situation continues.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(P.J. WRIGHT) LIEUTENANT R.A.N.

CAPTAIN

APPENDIX A

STEAMING APPENDIX

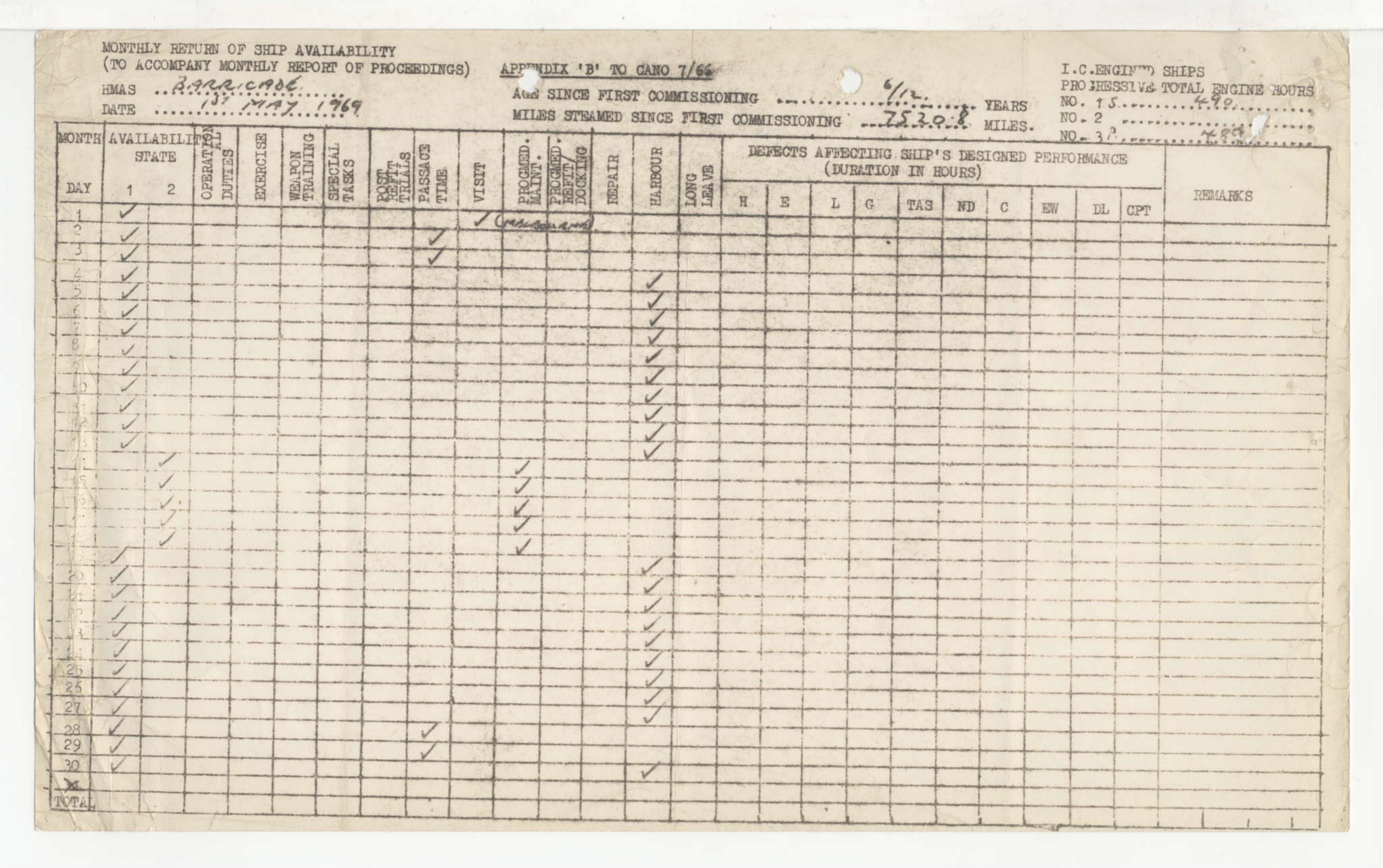
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- C. Total Distance steamed since commissioning 7520.8 miles
- D. Total hours underway since commissioning 518 56/60

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SPORTING APPENDIX

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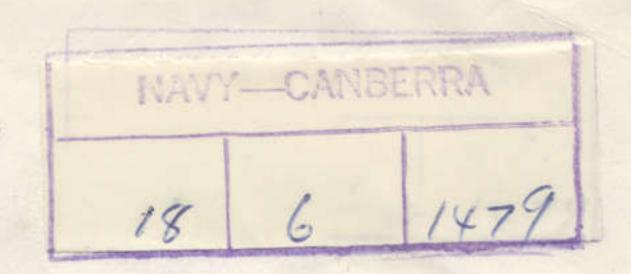
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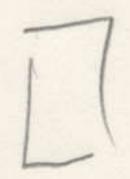
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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The attention of the Captain, HMAS BARRICADE, has been drawn to the errors and omissions in his Report of Proceedings.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE unnumbered and undated letter (May 1969 - Report of Proceedings).



H.M.A.S. BARRICADE at SYDNEY,

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1969

Mir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. BARRICADE under my command for the month of May 1969.

- Having been delayed in BRISBANE by adverse weather conditions and necessary repairs to H.M.A.S. BOMBARD, BARBETTE (OTC), BARRICADE and BOMBARD sailed from H.M.A.S. MORETON at 1342K May 1st.
- 3. Whilst proceeding north in MORETON BAY, BARBETTE reported a sericus radar failure and it was decided to return to MORETON. At 1920K BARRICADE berthed alongside BOMBARD at MORETON.
- 4. Friday, 2nd May was spent alongside at MORETON.
- BARRICADE slipped and proceeded at 1056K Saturday, 3rd May in company with BARBETTE and BOMBARD. Though gale force winds were encountered on clearing MORETON BAY it was decided to continue to the north in an attempt to regain the ships position on the original programme. During the afternoon BARBETTE reported that her radar was again unserviceable. BARRICADE was ordered to take guide and to lead the ships into HERVEY BAY. Also during the afternoon, steering BARRICADE became physically difficult and a subsequent inspection revealed a leak of telemotor cil in the steering gear, due to a burst cil pipe connection. This was irrepairable at sea and repairs to this pipe were effected in TOWNSVILLE. The cause of the failure was that the wrong speed pipe had been fitted by the Builders.
- At Olook Sunday, 4th May, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD anchored in HERVEY BAY.
- Weather conditions having improved, BARRICADE, in company with BARBETTE and BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded north at 1100K. An unevent-ful passage ensued and the three ships anchored off BRAMPTON ISLAND at 0704K Monday, 5th May.
- 8. Leave was given during the afternoon and evening. The Officers of the three ships dined with the Administrator of the island, at his invitation.
- 9. The amehor was weighed at 0619K Tuesday 6th May and, in company with BARBETTE and BOMBARD, passage made to TOWNSVILLE. BARRICADE berthing ahead and BARBETTE astern.



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- 10. Whilst preparing to sail at 0600K on Wednesday, 7th May, BARBETTE reported that her radar was unserviceable and as attempts to repair the radar before 0800K the latest time to sail, in order to reach safe waters in the Outer Reef before sunset failed, the ships remained alongside in TOWNSVILLE throughout the day. Berths were shifted at 0730K, to trot formation, BOMBARD inboard and BARBETTE outboard, of BARRICADE.
- That evening, the Commanding Officers of the three ships, accompanied by the Townsville Naval Agent, greeted the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb CBE.DSC., on his arrival at Townsville airport. Rear Admiral Crabb was accompanied by his Flag Lieutenant, Lieutenant R.H. Scott. Later that evening, Rear Admiral Crabb, accompanied by his Flag Lieutenant, paid an informal visit to BARBETTE.
- At 0659K Thursday, 8th May, BARRICADE slipped and proceeded in company with BARBETTE and BOMBARD. At the request of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, anchored to the north of MAGNETIC ISLAND, for assistance in embarking troops, the three ships closed SYDNEY to ascertain whether assistance was practicable. It was decided that weather conditions precluded assistance therefore BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD commenced exercising. In the course of exercising one of BARRICADE's sailors suffered injury. (BARRICADE's 080301Z April). Having been ordered to detatch, BARRICADE closed SYDNEY for medical assistance. A Medical Officer and LSBA boarded at 0945K. Acting upon the advice of the Medical Officer BARRICADE proceeded to TOWNSVILLE to land the sailor. The ship berthed at 1035K and the patient was transferred by ambulance to TOWNSVILLE General Hospital. Having returned the LSBA to SYDNEY, BARRICADE rejoined BARBETTE and BOMBARD at 1400K and continued to exercise in CLEVELAND BAY until 1549K whence the three ships berthed in TOWNSVILLE Harbour.
- The final attempt to reach the outer reefs was made on Friday, 9th May, the three ships sailing at 0703K. Once again the weather conditions foiled the attempt. The three ships returned to the lee of MAGNETIC ISLAND and anchored in ROLLING STONES BAY.
- 14. A Commanding Officers conference was held aboard BARBETTE at 1000K and the decision made to return to TOWNSVILLE. The three ships berthed at 1217K at No. 1 berth Eastern Breakwater, BARRICADE being the outboard ship.
- During that afternoon the Commanding Officers of BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD visited the Managers of the two commercial radio stations in TOWNSVILLE. The reason for the visit was to initiate 'Dial-a-sailor' for the ships companies. The radio stations were most co-operative and the experiment proved most successful.
- At 1000K Saturday, 10th May, BARRICADE embarked 2 Officers, 3 C&PO's and 30 cadets of the TOWNSVILLE SEA CADET CORPS. Slipping at 1016K, BARRICADE then manoeuvred in the vicinity of the harbour and returned alongside BARBETTE at 1132K.
- 17. Sunday 11th, Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th were spent in TOWNSVILLE Harbour.

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- 18. On Monday morning USS HOPEWELL (Commander R.F. WILSON) and USS DUNCAN (Commander C.F. STEPHAN) entered harbour.
- 19. On Monday afternoon the Officers of BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD attended at Mayoral Welcome given by the Mayor of TOWNSVILLE Alderman HAROLD PHILLIPS. Representatives of the Australian Army, the RAAF, the Commanding Officers and Officers of USS HOPEWELL and USS DUNCAN and important personages of the City of TOWNSVILLE were also present. This ceremony marked the official opening of the Coral Sea Week celebrations.
- 20. A successful Cocktail Party was held on Monday evening. The party, held aboard BARBETTE was given by the Officers of the three ships. The official guest list is enclosed.
- 21. The Officers of the three ships took the opportunity of flying in Neptune aircraft of 10 Squadron RAAF on Tuesday.
- 22. The six Officers divided into two groups of three. One group embarked on a protracted flight covering the Outer Barrier Reef whilst the other group embarked on a shorter flight covering the Inner Barrier Reef.

 Much useful information, regarding the operational capabilities and problems affecting Neptune aircraft was gained.
- 23. On Tuesday evening the Commanding Officer and First Lieutenant of BOMBARD and the Commanding Officer of BARRICADE attended a reception given by the TOWNSVILLE Harbour Board. This reception was also attended by the Commanding Officers of HOPEWELL and DUNCAN.
- The Commanding Officer of DUNCAN invited the Commanding Officers of BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD for luncheon on Wednesday, 14th May. The luncheon was also attended by the Executive Officer and Officers of DUNCAN.
- At 1700K Wednesday BARRICADE slipped and proceeded to take up her position, at anchor, off the Coral Sea Memorial Pool at Kissing Point. At sunset BARRICADE was illuminated and remained so throughout the opening ceremony. At the conclusion of the cermony BARRICADE gave a firework display. On completion of the display the ship weighed and returned along-side BARBETTE at 2053K.
- Later that evening the Commanding Officers of all Naval vessels in harbour were guests of Brigadier and Mrs LOGAN at an informal party, held at their home at Kissing Point.
- 27. BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD sailed from TOWNSVILLE at 0700K Thursday, 15th May, for BRISBANE. Whilst on passage, radio communication with HOPEWELL and DUNCAN, on passage to NEWCASTLE, were attempted, but unsuccessful.
- 28. That evening BARBETTE's radar became unserviceable and BARRICADE was ordered to take guide.

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- 29. The three ships berthed at the Amoco Wharf in BRISBANE at 2020K Friday, 16th May and having refuelled, sailed at 2300K for SYDNEY. After an uneventful passage, with the exception of strong winds and very rough seas being encountered for five hours prior to arrival, the three ships berthed at WATERHEN at 2359K Saturday, 17th May. BARRICADE berthed along-side the Oil Fuel Lighter.
- The ship de-fuelled on Sunday 18th May and de-ammunitioned on Monday morning, slipping at 0828K and returning, alongside BARBETTE, at 0949K.
- BARRICADE remained alongside until Tuesday, 27th May. This was due to postponement of the original docking date caused by problems with ARCHER's propellors.
- 32. BARRICADE slipped and proceeded to Cockatoo Island at 0841K Tuesday, 27th May. On arrival off the Island the ship was obliged to anchor until ARCHER had been refloated. BARRICADE was docked at 1300K.
- 33. All work undertaken having been successfully completed, BARRICADE was refloated at 1325K Friday, 30th May and returned to WATERHEN at 1401K, berthing on BARBETTE.
- 34. On Saturday, 31st May BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN.
- 35. The appearance of the ship is good.
- 36. The health of the ships company is good, conduct has been excellent and morale is good. The morale of Officers remains low, as, though the pay problem has now received publicity, as yet, there has been no improvement.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(P.J. WRIGHT)
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

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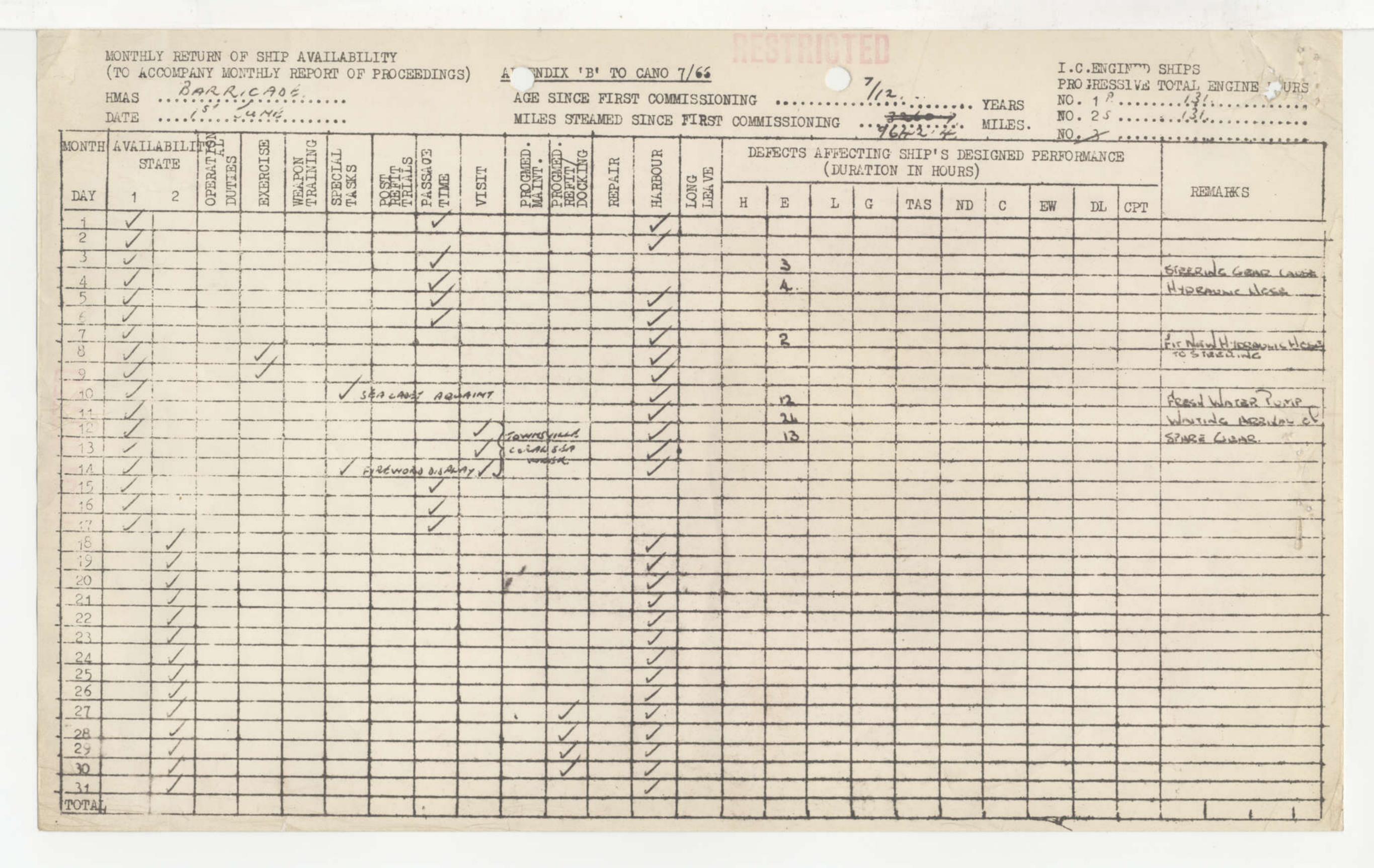
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HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1969

Reference: Navy Office letter 1234/51/293 of 1st October, 1969.

Forwarded as requested. The delay is regretted.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

Appendix 'A' to HMAS BARRICADE's Report of Proceedings 5/69 of May, 1969.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO BARRICADE'S R.O.P. 5/69. MAY 1969.

A. Distance steamed during May

2121.6 Miles.

B. Hours underway during May

131 Hours.

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning

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/Advice is requested whether Appendix 'A' -Steaming Appendix - to the abovementioned report of proceedings can now be forwarded.

Secretary.

For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE.

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

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It would be appreciated if Appendix 'A' - Steaming Appendix - could be forwarded.

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For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE.

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Reference: Your AF 1/16/18 of 7th August, 1969.

Receipt is acknowledged of Appendix 'B' - Monthly Return of Ship Availability-to the above mentioned report.

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Secretary.

For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE

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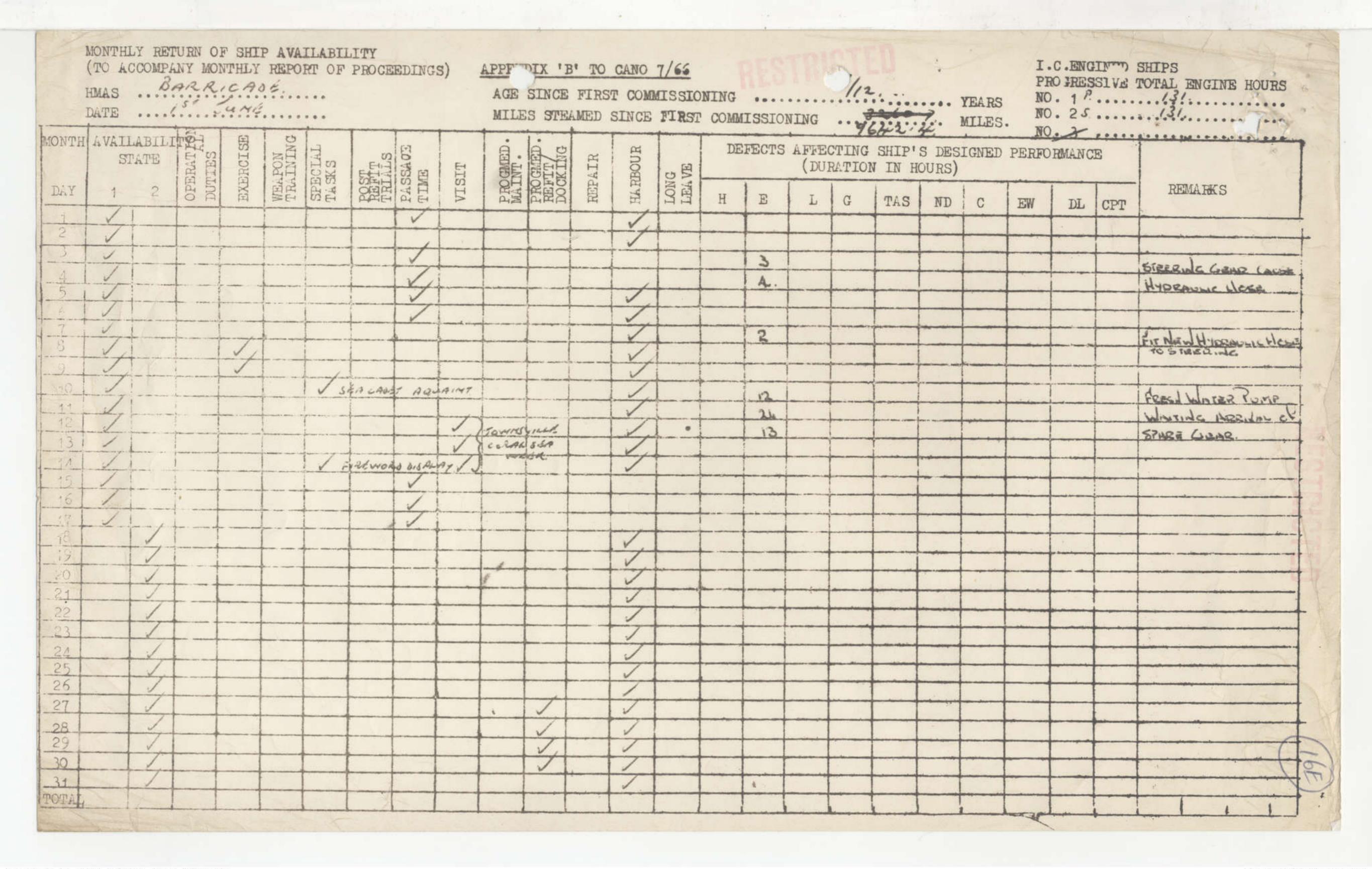
Forwarded as requested. The oversight in not forwarding the steaming appendix with the Report of Proceedings is regretted.

Enclosure: Steaming Appendix dated 1st June, 1969.

For Information:

The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE.

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -

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- 1. The steaming appendix was not forwarded with the abovementioned Report of Proceedings.
- 2. It is requested that the information be obtained and forwarded to Navy Office.

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For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE.

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Forwarded. The reasons for the delay in receipt of these Reports of Proceedings are being investigated.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter unnumbered of 2nd July, 1969.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE At Sydney

2nd July, 1969.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of June, 1969.

- 2. At the beginning of the month BARRICADE lay alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at WATERHEN.
- 3. Slipping at 0830K Monday 2nd June, the ship berthed alongside the Oil Fuel Lighter ten minutes later and commenced re-fuelling.
 On completion, at 1300K, BARRICADE then proceeded to No. 5 buoy to
 ammunition ship, berthing alongside the lighter at 1335K. Having
 ammunitioned, the ship returned to MATERHEN berthing alongside at 1444K.
- 4. As the 632 Transmitter trials scheduled for June 4th were cancelled, BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN until 10th June when the first attempt to carry out the Transmitter Trials was made. BARRICADE in company with BOMBARD sailed from WATERHEN at 0730K 10th June and, on elearing the Heads found the weather such that it was dangerous to centinue and therefore both ships returned to WATERHEN, at 0924K.
- 5. The second attempt was made on Wednesday June 11th when again BARRICADE, in company with BOMBARD, sailed from WATERHEN at 0730K. Weather conditions were again such that it would have been dangerous to continue and the two ships were forced to return to harbour.
- As the trial had to be cancelled BARRICADE and BOMBARD berthed alongside MORESBY to enable the ships Commanding Officers to attend the conference being held that morning aboard MORESBY. The conference, attended by the Commanding Officers and Officers of WATERHEM and MORESBY, was held to discuss the forthcoming surveying task commencing in late August.
- 7. On completion of the conference, BARRICADE and BOMBARD returned to MATERHEN berthing at 1150K.
- At 0912K 12th June, BARRICADE slipped, in company with ARCHER (OTC) and BOMBARD and proceeded to sea. OOW manoeuvres were carried out and at 1200K BARRICADE was ordered to return to harbour with BOMBARD. The ships berthed at WATERHEN at 1308K.
- 9. BARRICADE commonced a Base Assisted Maintenance and Leave period on Saturday 14th June, and therefore has remained alongside since that date.

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- 10. The appearance of the ship is good, much work having been completed during the month.
- 11. The health of the ships company is good, conduct has been good and morale remains high. The morale of Officers improved at the beginning of the month, due to reports of conferences being held regarding pay, but has dropped latterly as there is still no improvement in this field.

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

(P.J. WRIGHT)
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

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Distance Steamed during June

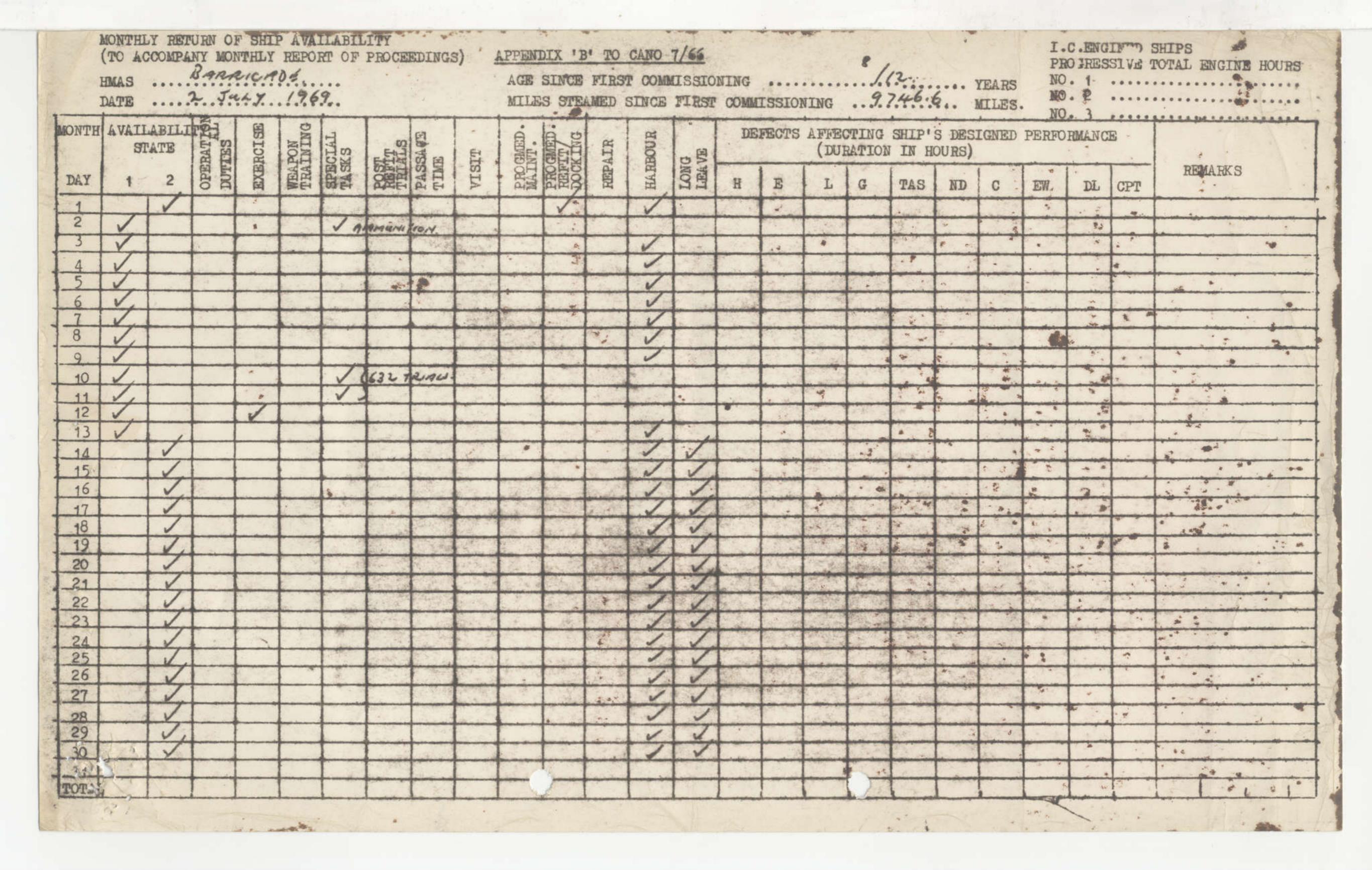
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B. Hours underway during June

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C. Total Distance steamed since commissioning 9746.6 miles

D. Total hours underway since commissioning 141 hours



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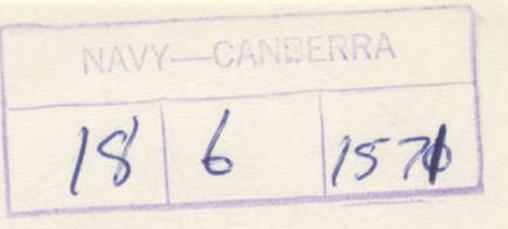
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1969

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter 7/69 of 1st August, 1969.

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

Reference No. R.O.P. 7/69

1st August, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEDINGS - JULY, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of July, 1969.

- At the beginning of July, BARRICADE was alongside at WATERHEN completing the last week of a Leave and Maintenance period. This period ended on Saturday 5th July, by which date BARRICADE was in all respects operational.
- On Monday 7th July, BARRICADE slipped at 1316K in order to refuel and on completion returned from the OFL at WATERHEN to the Patrol Boat Wharf, berthing at 1410K. Whilst returning from the OFL it was noticed that the exhaust note of the Starboard main Engine was not normal and on investigation it was found that the head sealing ring on the Stbd. A.I. cylinder was leaking. Spare parts were not available until the late afternoon of Tuesday 8th July, therefore BARRICADE's sailing on Tuesday was delayed until Wednesday.
- 4. After two late working nights by the Engine room staff, BARRICADE slipped at 0801 Wednesday 9th July to commence the programmed Fishery Protection Patrol. HMAS MELBOURNE, returning from SINGAPORE, was passed shortly after clearing the heads. BARRICADE anchored in TRIAL BAY at 2045K.
- Weighing anchor at 0702K Thursday 10th July, the ship continued patrolling in a northerly direction arriving off BALLINA at 1600K. Though a moderate easterly swell presented a certain turbulance at the entrance to the harbour, this was navigated without difficulty and BARRICADE berthed alongside the NORTH COAST WHARF at 1615K.
- Due to the kindness of a member of the public watching the arrival of BARRICADE, the Commanding Officer was driven to the home of the BALLINA Pilot, CAPTAIN H. KELLETT.
- Though a LOGREC signal had been sent to FOICEA on the 7th July, (BARRICADE'S LOGREC 070430Z July), it became obvious that the ship was not expected. CAPTAIN H. KELLETT was most helpful and through him, the Commanding Officer was able to arrange fuel to be sent down from TWEED HEADS and for provisions to be provided.
- 8. That evening the Officers of BARRICADE entertained CAPTAIN and MRS KELLETT aboard the ship.



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- At 0800K Friday 11th July, CAPTAIN KELLETT kindly drove the Commanding Officer to the eastern extremity of the northern breakwater in order to see the state of the sea at the bar. Though rough, it was considered navigable and therefore BARRICADE slipped at 0900K. After a lively departure the patrol was continued and BARRICADE anchored in MORETON BAY at 2015K.
- 10. At 0659K Saturday 12th July, BARRICADE weighed anchor and proceeded north towards HERVEY BAY. Whilst patrolling, it was found that steering the ship became difficult and on investigation it was found that a leak had developed in one of the telemotor pipes. A replacement pipe was fitted in BRISBANE on Tuesday 15th July.
- BARRICADE anchored in HERVEY BAY at 2143K and weighed anchor at 0715K on Sunday 13th July to continue patrolling toward SWAIN REEF, the northern limit of the patrol. Weather conditions were such that the ship was forced to return to HERVEY BAY after passing to the east of LADY ELLIOT ISLAND. BARRICADE anchored at 1545K.
- Weighing anchor at 0705K Monday 14th July, BARRICADE patrolled south towards BRISBANE. At 0806K a WELSH PLUG blew out of the port main engine, causing a loss of cooling water and therefore overheating of the engine. The engine was stopped immediately but a considerable time elapsed before repairs could be executed due to the heat of the engine. After much experimenting a 'dog-tag' was found to be the correct size and fitted. Both engines were serviceable by 1800K.
- 13. It was also noticed during the morning that the fresh water had become contaminated by salt and was unpalatable. All tanks were flushed out and refilled after arrival at HMAS MORETON at 2143K.
- 14. Slipping at 1207K Tuesday 15th July. BARRICADE continued patrolling south and anchored in PORT STEPHENS at 1620K Wednesday 16th July.
- 15. A small ceremony was held that evening to present LSFC TAYLOR with the U.S. NAVY CITATION MEDAL. LSFC TAYLOR had been a member of HOBART's ship's company.
- 16. It was again noticed that the fresh water aboard had become contaminated with salt and a crack in the stern suspected.
- BARRICADE weighed anchor at 0700K completing the patrol on arrival at WATERHEN at 1403K, Thursday 17th July.
- 18. The entire patrol had been uneventful; the only foreign fishing vessels seen, being two Japanese vessels berthed in the BRISBANE river and two berthed at SYDNEY COVE.
- 19. On arrival at WATERHEN an immediate investigation of the bottom plates beneath the fresh water tanks revealed a crack and therefore arrangements were made to de-a munition BARRICADE and then slip her at Cockatoo Island on Friday morning.
- 20. BARRICADE sailed with BUCCANEER at 0815K Friday 18th July and transferred ammunition to BUCCANEER at No. 5 buoy in order to reach Cockatoo Island by 0915K, the arranged time to be slipped. As usual arrangements were not in hand at Cockatoo Island and it was not until 1100K that BARRICADE was on the slip
- The obvious crack was repaired and then five subsequent hairline fractures were repaired, a seventh crack was found on Monday July 21st and this was also repaired.

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- BARRICADE was refloated at 1425K Monday 21st July and returned to WATERHEN at 1446K.
- At 0950K Tuesday 22nd July, BARRICADE moved to the OFL to refuel and on completion proceeded to No. 5 buoy to ammunition. Ammunitioning was completed by 1140K when BARRICADE slipped from the lighter and proceeded to JERVIS BAY.
- Rough seas, with strong Westerly winds, were encountered on passage and the ship arrived alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at CRESWELL at 1640K.
- 25. BARRICADE slipped from CRESWELL at 1750K Wednesday 23rd July as duty SAR and remained under-way in JERVIS BAY until the airfield at ALBATROSS closed at 2020K whence the ship returned alongside berthing at 2031K.
- Due to the overheating of the port engine earlier in the month it was found necessary to replace two heads on this engine, and the fitting of each took place overnight on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th July. Once again much hard work was put in by the Engine Room department.
- 27. The ship remained alongside on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th July.
- 28. At 0707K, Saturday 26th July, BARRICADE slipped to participate in JUCEX 74, carrying out simulated missile attacks on Blue Force at 1030K in the vicinity of BASS POINT. The ship returned to CRESWELL, berthing at 1309K.
- 29. A simulated torpedo attack was carried out at 0504K Sunday 27th July, the ship having sailed at 0157K from CRESVELL. On completion, passage was made to the north and after a simulated missile attack on Blue Force in the vicinity of BLACK POINT, passage was made to CROOKHAVEN BIGHT where the ship anchored at 1003K.
- 30. Weighing anchor at 0329K, Monday 28th July, BARRICADE made two further attacks on Blue Force. A simulated torpedo attack was carried out at 0608K and a simulated missile attack at 0915K. On completion, BARRICADE returned to CRESWELL, berthing at 1024K.
- The final attack, a simulated torpedo attack, was carried out at 0445K to the north of BEECROFT HEAD, BARRICADE sailing at 0230K Thursday 29th July and re-berthing at 0620K.
- Having ombarked equipment and one member of the RANRL Trials team.

 MR A.J.A. KAMENYITZKY, BARRICADE sailed at 0932K to a position 5 miles east of

 POINT PERPENDICULAR. The ship remained drifting until the trials with BARRICADE and

 DXLEY were completed, and at 1806K the ship berthed at CRESWELL.
- 33. As duty SAR vessel, BARRICADE slipped at 1729K Wednesday 30th July and remained underway in Jervis Bay for the duration of night flying. The airfield closed at 2014K and the ship returned alongside at 2035K.
- 34. Having embarked MR JOHN MARTIN and MR PHILLIP MANN, ABC personnel, BARRICADE slipped at 0815K Thursday 31st July, for range clearance duties. Having cleared the range, BARRICADE obtained permission to proceed to Sydney, berthing at WATERHEN at 1416K.
- 35. The condition of the ship and conditions aboard are satisfactory.

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Morale of the ships company is good, health is good, conduct is good. The morale of Officers remains low, due to the disappointing result of the salary negotiations.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(P.J. Wright) LIEUTENANT R.A.N. CAPTAIN

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A. Distance Steamed during July

B. Hours underway during July

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning

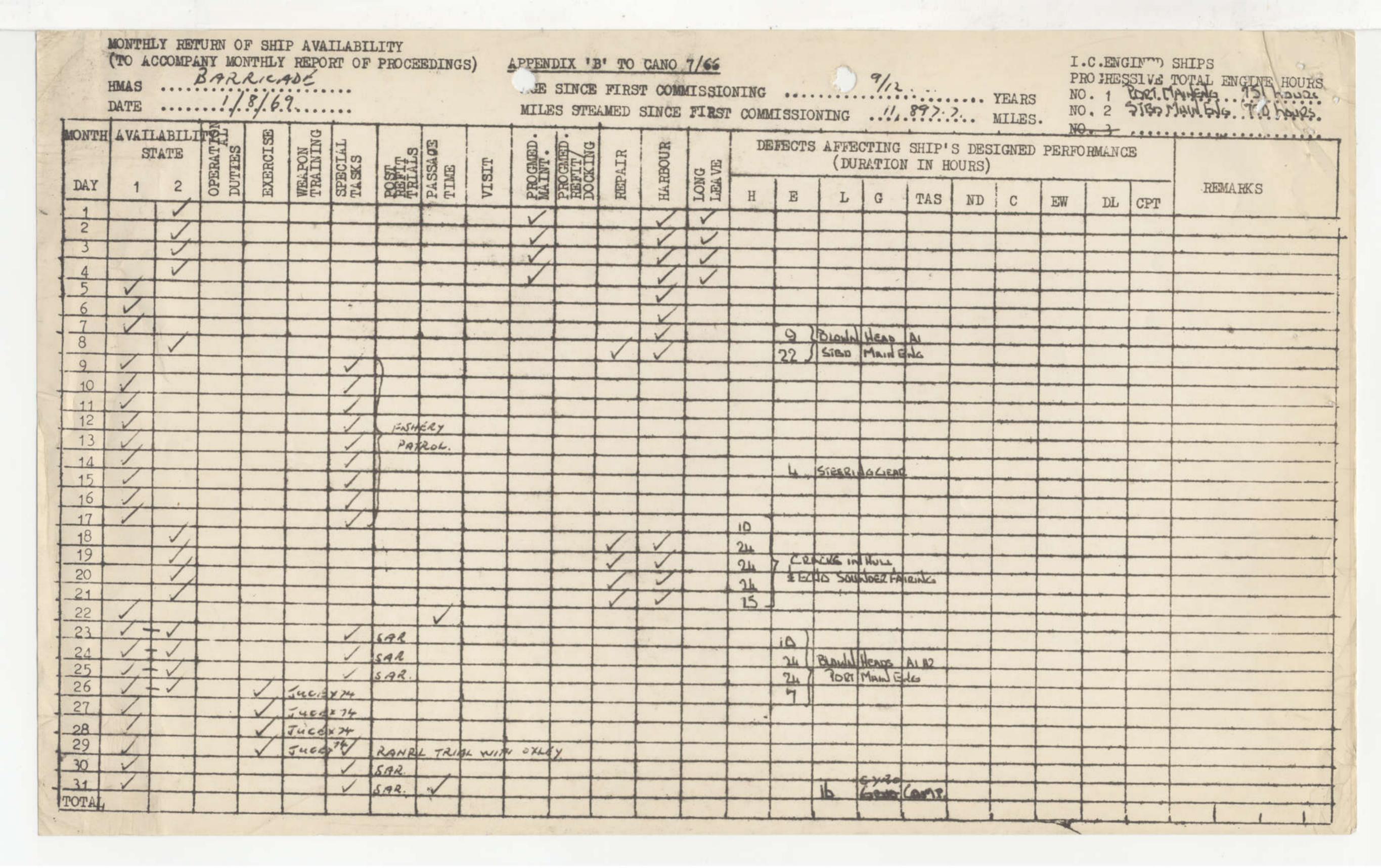
D. Total hours underway since commissioning

2151.1 miles

164 hours

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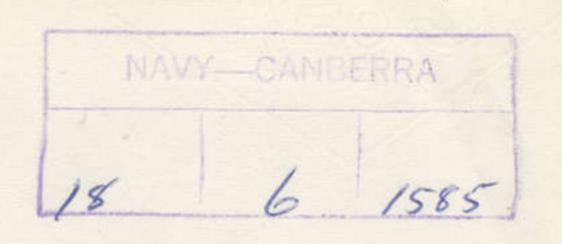
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HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1969

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Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter ROP 8/69 of 1st September, 1969.

Reference: R.O.P. 8/69.

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

1st September, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of August, 1969.

- 2. On Friday 1st August, BARRICADE was alongside at WATERHEN and remained alongside, maintaining, until Thursday 7th August whence BARRICADE sailed to take part in the SMASHEX.
- On receipt of the initial signal to come to immediate notice and proceed with all despatch (FOCAF 062218Z Aug.) BARRICADE was in the process of replacing the port main engine fresh water circulating pumps. Though I was willing to sail with only one engine it was considered by WATERHEN, more prudent to wait until the port engine was serviceable. Due to excellent work by BARRICADE's engine room personnel, the port engine was serviceable by 1008K and the ship sailed at 1010K for the datum position. At 1400K BAYONET was sighted and closed and shortly afterwards, both ships were ordered to return to harbour. The two ships berthed at WATERHEN at 1808K.
- 4. BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN on Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August.
- Though a programme had been arranged for BARBETTE, BARRICADE and ARCHER commencing on Monday 11st August, ARCHER was not available and BARBETTE and BARRICADE sailed at 0855K Monday 11th August, for PORT STEPHENS. Shortly after sailing BAYONET joined for 0.0.W. manoeuvres and on completion detached to proceed on fishery patrol. BARBETTE and BARRICADE proceeded to PORT STEPHENS, anchoring in DUCK HOLE at 1558K.
- The two ships remained at anchor in DUCK HOLE on Tuesday 12th August.
- At 0830K Wednesday 13th August, the two vessels weighed and proceeded to BROKEN BAY, anchoring off HALLETS BEACH between 1409K and 1541K before anchoring off BROOKLYN at 1608K. Four members of each ship's company had been landed at PORT STEPHENS that morning with instructions to rejoin at BROOKLYN as soon as possible. All arrived prior to the ships anchoring. During the day BARRICADE's radar became unserviceable, this was repaired, on return to WATERHEN, by the fitting of a new ariel.

- 8. At 0915K on Thursday 14th August, BARBETTE and BARRICADE weighed anchor and having received a strong wind warning, returned to SYDNEY, berthing at WATERHEN, after refuelling, at 1204K.
- 9.

 BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN until Monday 18th
 August.
- At 0909K Monday 18th August, BARBETTE and BARRICADE sailed from WATERHEN. Due to unsuitable weather conditions it was considered hazardous to carry out the programmed firing and it was therefore cancelled. The two ships then proceeded to JERVIS BAY berthing at the Patrol Boat wharf at CRESWELL at 1501K.
- 11. In order to return to SYDNEY for the funeral of the late LEUT R.H. GYTON RAN, BARBETTE and BARRICADE sailed from CRESWELL at 0229K for SYDNEY, berthing at WATERHEN at 0743K Tuesday 19th August.
- That morning the officers and certain members of the ship's companies of BARBETTE and BARRICADE attended the funeral service at WATSON for the late LEUT GYTON, followed by the service at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.
- At 0923K Wednesday 20th August, BARRICADE slipped from WATERHEN and stood off, awaiting BARBETTE at 1010K BARBETTE embarked the Third Naval Member REAR ADMIRAL B.J. CASTLES RAN and sailed for a harbour cruise. BARRICADE maintained station on BARBETTE and was then ordered to anchor in WATSONS BAY until BARBETTE completed the cruise and landed the Third Naval Member. The ship anchored at 1039K and weighed to rejoin BARBETTE at 1203K, whence passage was made to JERVIS BAY. The two ships anchored off THE HOLE IN THE WALL at 1711K.
- At 0845K Thursday 21st August, BARBETTE and BARRICADE weighed anchor and proceeded a longside the Patrol Boat wharf at CRESWELL for stores, securing at 0900K. At 1032K BARRICADE slipped and stood off QUEENBOROUGH, whilst BARBETTE secured alongside QUEENBOROUGH to embark members of the ship's company wishing to observe BARBETTE and BARRICADE's shore bombardment. The ships then sailed to a position to the east of BEECROFT PENINSULAR but once again weather conditions were unsuitable and the exercise cancelled. The two ships thence returned to JERVIS BAY and anchored at 1206K, QUEENBOROGOUGH personnel being transferred to QUEENBOROUGH by boat.
- On Friday 22nd August, BARBETTE and BARRICADE returned to SYDNEY, weighing anchor at 0859K and berthing at WATERHEN after refuelling at 1527K.
- BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August and commenced a self maintenance period on Monday 25th August.
- On receipt of FOCAF's 251352Z August 1969, BARRICADE came to immediate notice and thence sailed at 1002K Tuesday 26th August for NEWCASTLE in company with BARBETTE. (OCE) arriving at No. 5 LEE WHARF at 1426K.
- The two ships sailed at 0455K Wednesday 27th August, to participate in the search for survivors from the NOONGHA. On passing PORT STEPHENS BARRICADE detached to investigate possible flotsom sighted by an aircraft and then patrolled close inshore throughout the day between Port Stephens and CAPE HAWKE. At 1428K one lifejacket was recovered 5 miles N.W. of CHARLOTTE HEAD, no other flotsom was sighted. Having rejoined BARBETTE at 1600K, the



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two ships continued patrolling until dusk, thence anchored in SALAMANDER BAY at 1851K.

- 19. The search was continued the following day. BARBETTE and BARRICADE sailing at 0601K Thursday 28th August, searching in loose line abreast close inshore from PORT STEPHENS north to TACKING POINT, thence south off shore, returning to PORT STEPHENS and anchoring in SALAMANDER BAY at 1922K. No sightings of flotsom or survivors were made.
- 20. Having been ordered to return to SYDNEY, escorting AWB 2009, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and AWB 2009 sailed from PORT STEPHENS at 0614K, Friday 29th August for SYDNEY. At 0900K BARRICADE was ordered to proceed independently and arrived alongside at WATERHEN, having refuelled, at 1303K.
- 21. BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August.
- 22. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory, conditions aboard are good, though noise from the main engines makes living conditions in the after mess unsatisfactory.
- Morale of the ship's company is good, conduct is good and health, with a few minor exceptions, has been good. The morale of officers is adequate.

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

(P.J. WRIGHT)
LIEUTENANT RAN
CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A'

A. Distance steamed during August.

B. Hours underway during August.

C. Total Distance steamed since commissioning

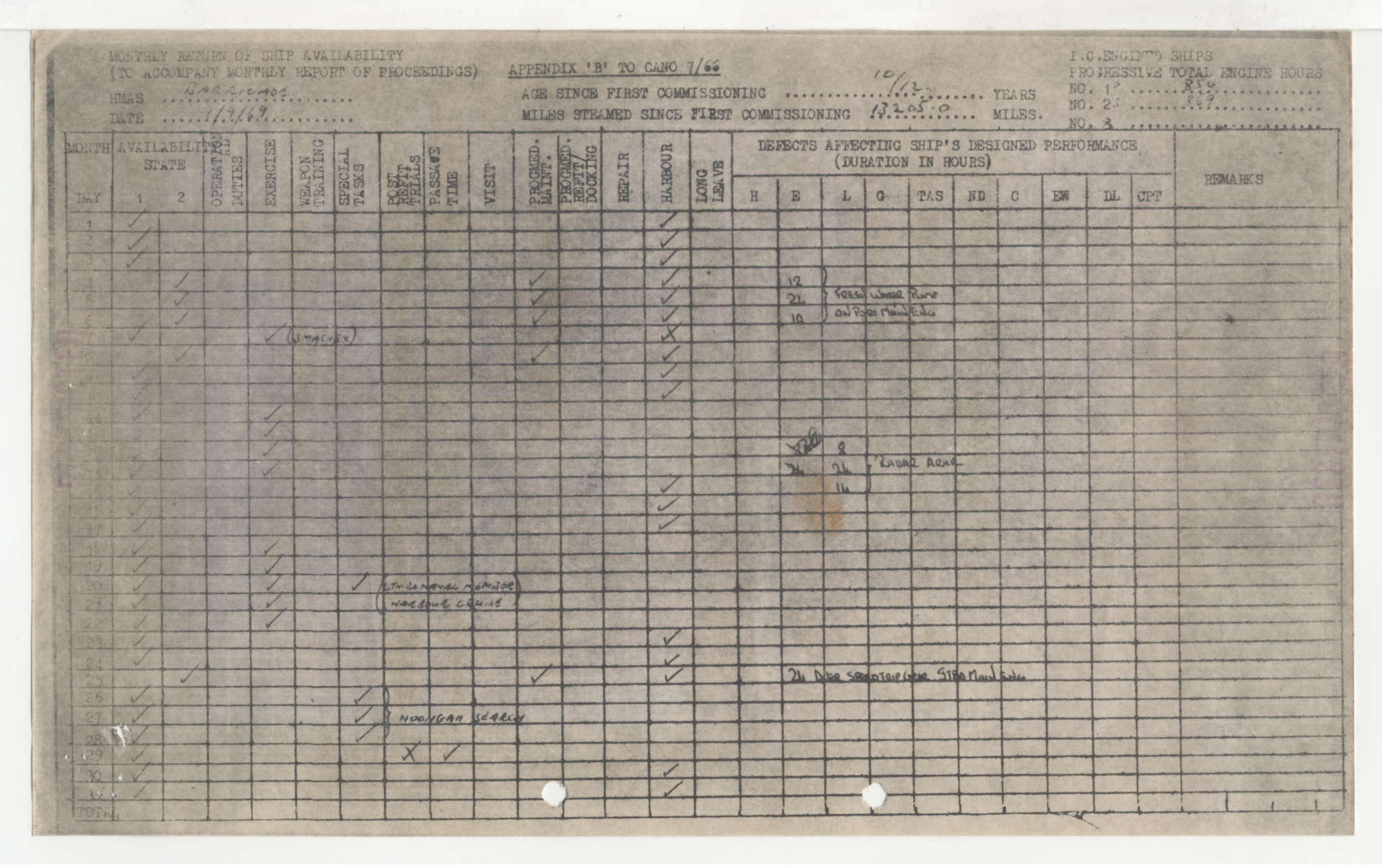
D. Total hours underway since commissioning

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

1st October, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1969.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my command, for the month of September, 1969.

- 2. On Monday 1st September BARRICADE lay alongside at WATERHEN at the start of a one week maintenance period. Much hard work was put in by the Ship's company on both the internal and external appearance of the ship.
- 3. The Captain of WATERHEN, Commander I.K. Wilson, walked round BARRICADE on the morning of Thursday 4th September. A favourable signal was received as a result of this visit.
- On Friday 5th September it was found that the ship's Battery Charging Unit was unserviceable and that the only method of replacing this unit, in the time available, was to obtain the servicable unit from BANDOLIER. This resulted in the Engine room staff being called upon to work until the early hours of Saturday morning and then again until late on Saturday night. The unserviceable unit was landed ashore on Saturday morning and BANDOLIER's unit fitted in the afternoon. I was called upon to cold-shift BANDOLIER to the western end of the patrol boat wharf on Saturday morning and return her to her original berth in the afternoon.
- 5. BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN on Sunday 7th September.
- National local Press Television Companies covered the departure of BARRICADE and BARBETTE (OCE) on their departure for the Gulf of Carpentaria. The two ships slipped from WATERHEN at 0904K Monday 8th September.
- 7. After an uneventful passage the two ships berthed at MORETON to refuel, arriving at 1152K Tuesday 9th September.
- 8. Slipping from MORETON at 0921K, Wednesday 10th September, BARRICADE and BARBETTE proceeded to Cairns, arriving at 1504K Friday 12th September. HMAS MORESBY and HMAS BAYONET were secured at No. 1 Berth, BARRICADE and BARBETTE secured alongside No. 3 Berth.
- 9. Having been ordered to sea to search for a Chinese fishing vessel, reported fishing in the vicinity of Burke reef by the RAAF, BARRICADE sailed at 2007K, BARBETTE in company. Mr. G.G. Price of the Queensland Boat Patrol joined BARRICADE prior to sailing.
- 10. At 1058K Sunday 14th September, Mr. G.G. Price was transferred to BARBETTE.
- 11. A thorough search throughout the day failed to reveal any sign of the Fishing boat and the two ships anchored at dusk to await the arrival of BAYONET, who had been detailed to take over the search.



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- 12. On BAYONET's arrival just before first light on Monday 15th September, the two Civilian Officials aboard BARBETTE were transferred to BAYONET, thence at O816K BARRICADE and BARBETTE weighed anchor in INDIAN BAY and proceeded to THURSDAY ISLAND to refuel.
- 13. Berthing at 1547K Monday 15th September at the Thursday Island Jetty, the two ships refuelled, thence sailed at 0834K Tuesday 16th September to rendezvous with MORESBY off CAPE YORK.
- Having anchored in EVANS BAY, between 1059K and 1315K, the two ships thence joined MORESBY and proceeded through the ENDEAVOUR STRAIT.

 BARRICADE closed MORESBY at 1445K to transfer stores and mail and to embark one CSR who thence instructed BARRICADE's personnel in sounding procedures. Station was then taken on MORESBY's port beam and sounding commenced. The CSR was transferred to BARBETTE at 2009K, thence sounding resumed until 1038K Wednesday 17th September, whence BARRICADE was detached to ALYANGULA to refuel. Having completed refuelling BARRICADE proceeded to PORT LANGTON and berthed alongside MORESBY, outboard BARBETTE at 2208IK. MORESBY was at anchor with BUCCANEER and BOMBARD secured on her Starboard side.
- 15. At OSOOTK Thursday 18th September, BARRICADE slipped from BARBETTE and secured outboard of BUCCANEER on MORESBY's starboard side, remaining there throughout the day.
- On Friday 19th September, BARRICADE slipped from BUCCANEER at 0745IK and anchored inshore at 0752IK. Returning alongside MORESBY at 1944IK BARRICADE berthed outboard of BARBETTE on MORESBY's port side. That evening the Commanding Officers of BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER dined with the Commanding Officer of MORESBY.
- Although it was hoped to commence sounding on Saturday 20th September, weather conditions were unsuitable due to the continuously strong South Easterly winds and once again the Patrol Boats anchored close inshore during the day whilst MORESBY put to sea. BARRICADE slipping from BARBETTE at 0641IK and anchoring five minutes later, thence returning alongside MORESBY at 1944IK.
- 18. All ships remained in PORT LANGTON on Sunday 21st September.
- A vain attempt was made to start sounding on Monday 22nd September.

 BARRICADE slipping at 0637IK in company with all ships. Passage was made to
 the east on leaving PORT LANGTON, Patrol Boats taking station at 0823IK. The
 first sounding was taken at 0825IK but by 0930IK the Patrol Boats were unable
 to continue due to adverse weather conditions and were forced to return to
 PORT LANGTON. BARRICADE anchoring at 1148IK.
- Patrol Boats were ordered to return to anchor as MORESBY herself was unable to continue due to the failure of LAMBDA GREEN station. BARRICADE anchored at 0745TK Tuesday 23rd September.
- Due to the unserviceability of MORESBY's helicopter, BARRICADE was ordered to proceed alongside MORESBY in order to embark one SAC and equipment for transportation to MARIA ISLAND, where LAMEDA GREEN was situated. Weighing anchor at 0828IK BARRICADE proceeded alongside MORESBY at 0937IK and four minutes later proceeded in a westerly direction to MARIA ISLAND, in order to gain maximum shelter by passing to the west of GROOTE ISLAND. Strong S.E.ly winds and a heavy swell were encountered on passage and on arrival off the eastern coast of MARIA ISLAND it became obvious that it was impossible to land the SAP and equipment close to LAMEDA GREEN which was situated on the eastern coast of the island. The only alternative at the time appeared to be to proceed to the western side of the island and land a beach party to carry the equipment to the station. This would involve a walk of approximately 12 miles, around the southern beach of the island.

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- On rounding the South Eastern Tip of the Island I noticed that the swell was reduced on the Southern beaches and decided to close in order to determine if a landing were possible at this point. Approaching at a very slow speed the coast was closed to four cables and with 13 feet being recorded on the echo sounder BARRICADE was then turned into the wind and swell in order to determine if it were possible to launch the ships boat. Whilst turning at rest the ship pitched heavily twice and touched bottom. (BARRICADE's 270755Z).
- 23. The attempt was therefore abandoned and BARRICADE proceeded to the eastern side of the island, anchoring at 1706TK.
- The shore party, led by BARRICADE's First Lieutenant, landed at 1730IK and arrived at LAMBDA GREEN at 2200IK.
- 25. At 0635IK Thursday 25th September, BARRICADE weighed anchor and proceeded to the eastern side of MARIA ISLAND to embark the ship's shore party. After embarking the shore party the ship returned to the western side of the island, anchoring at 0935IK.
- BARRICADE remained at anchor until 2105IK Friday 26th September whence the ship sailed for ALYANGULA to refuel, arriving at 0207IK Saturday 27th September. Refuelling was completed at 0953IK when the ship sailed to join MORESBY.
- 27. Sounding was commenced at 1545TK, on taking station on MORESBY and continued on Sunday 28th, Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September.
- The appearance of the ship is fair, considering the circumstances of operation during the last month. Conditions aboard are satisfactory; lack of fresh provisions and confinement being accepted as unavoidable whilst surveying. The failure of the aft air conditioning unit made living conditions uncomfortable for the last two weeks of the month. The aft unit serves the after mess.
- 29. Morale of the ship's company is good, Conduct has been good. The morale of officers is adequate.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

APPENDIX A

A. Miles steamed during September.

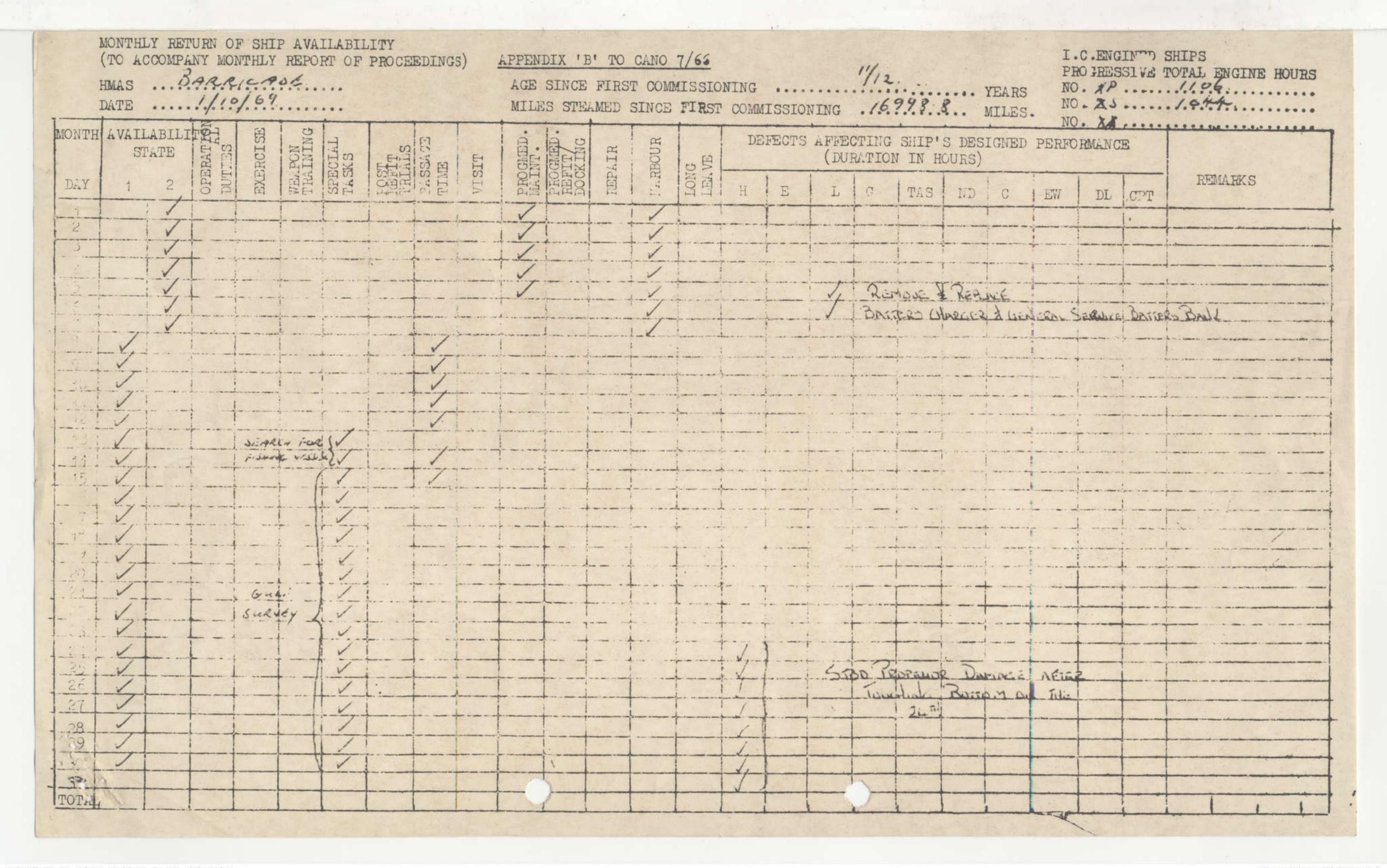
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B. Hours underway during September.

256 hours.

C. Total distance steamed since commissioning. 16998.8 miles.

D. Total hours underway since commissioning. 1178 56/60 hours.



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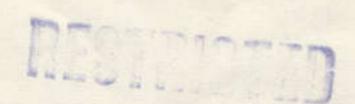
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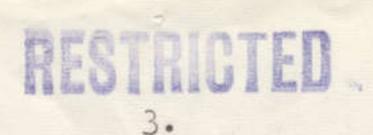
I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my command, for the month of October 1969.

- 2. On Wednesday 1st October BARRICADE was maintaining station on MORESBY whilst surveying in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- 3. Surveying was continued until 0812IK Thursday 2nd October in order to refuel at Alyangula. Reaching Alyangula at 1120IK the ship refuelled, sailing to rejoin MORESBY at 1721K. At 2225IK the ship resumed station and continued surveying.
- 4. The survey of the initial area having been completed, BARRICADE, with BOMBARD and BUCCANEER, went alongside MORESBY at 0930IK Friday 3rd October. BARRICADE embarked personnel and stores required for the Boat Camp in Port Langdon and the Hi-Fix camp on Bickerton Island. Slipping from MORESBY at 0954IK the ship then proceeded to Port Langdon and Bickerton Island, anchoring briefly on both occasions whilst stores and personnel were transfered by the ship's boat. Having completed this task the ship then proceeded to Alyangula in order to refuel, berthing alongside BUCCANEER at 1643IK. Having refuelled, BARRICADE, in company with BARBETTE (OCE), BUCCANEER and BOMBARD sailed, BARBETTE and BARRICADE for Townsville, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD for Cairns.
- Rough weather was encountered throughout the passage and the ships anchored in the lee of Prince of Wales Island for eight hours in order to gain a brief respite. Arriving at the anchorage at 2201K Sunday 5th October, all ships weighed at 0600K Monday 6th October, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD then proceeded independently to Cairns. BARBETTE and BARRICADE continued to encounter rough weather on passage to Townsville, which was reached at 0126K Wednesday 8th October whence both ships anchored off the harbour entrance.
- 6. Weighing anchor at 0745 BARRICADE then proceeded alongside in Townsville harbour, BARBETTE berthing outboard a few minutes later. During the morning the Commanding Officer of BARBETTE and I visited Lavarack Barracks in order to meet the Army Officers involved in the arrangements for the ships stay in Townsville. BARRICADE de-ammunitioned in the morning and at 1650K slipped from the wharf and proceeded to the slipway arriving at 1701K. At 1830K the ship was hauled out of the water.
- Repairs to the ship were carried out during the next nine days, the main items being the replacement of the starboard shaft and propellor as a result of damage reported in BARRICADE's ROP 9/69.
- 8. BARRICADE re-entered the water at 1500K Friday 17th October and having ambunitioned, fuelled and stored was in all respects operational by Saturday afternoon.

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Throughout the ship's stay in Townsville the hospitality and assistance provided by the Army was of the highest order. I wrote a personal letter of thanks to Brigadier E.Logan C.B.E. on sailing, requesting that my thanks be passed on to all Officers and men concerned.

- 10. On Friday 10th October Acting Major Lim Jit Cheow S.A.F. joined BARRICADE.
- 11. BARRICADE sailed for the Gulf of Carpentaria in company with BARBETTE at 1809K Saturday 18th October and shortly after sailing the ship's radar became faulty due to a burnt out switch and thereafter the radar was limited to the .75 mile and 3 mile ranges.
- 12. At 1918K Monday 20th October the two ships anchored to the north of Friday Island thence weighed and proceeded at 0833K Tuesday 21st October.
- BARRICADE secured alongside MORESBY outboard of BARBETTE in Port Langdon at 0722TK Wednesday 22nd October and having refuelled sailing with MORESBY, BARBETTE, BUCCAMEER and BOLBARD at 1030TK to continue surveying.
- 14. Surveying was continued for the remainder of the week and at 1051IK Sunday 26th October BARRICADE, followed by the other Patrol Boats berthed on MORESBY's starboard side, MORESBY having berthed alongside at Gove.
- 15. At 0653IK all Patrol Boats slipped from MORESBY thence resumed station to continue surveying.
- 16. At 2330IK BUCCAMEER detached to Cairns escorted by BOMBARD as a result of damage sustained during the morning.
- 17. Surveying was continued until 1000IK Wednesday 29th October whence BARRICADE and BARBETTE were detached to anchor off McNamara Island, both ships anchoring at 1103IK.
- 18. Moresby anchored off the island at 2100IK and the two Patrol Boats secured alongside to refuel at 2145IK.
- 19. Sailing at 0530IK Thursday 30th October all ships then continued surveying until 0900IK Friday 31st October when due to the unserviceability of Lambda MORESBY anchored to the South West of Truant Island. BARRICADE (OCE) and BARBETTE then detached to sound around Truant Island and having completed sounding anchored off the Western tip of the island. MORESBY anchored off the Western tip of Truant Island at 1945IK, BARRICADE and BARBETTE berthed alongside at 2003IK and remained alongside overnight.
- 20. Blind pilotage was exercised on departure Townsville Saturday 18th October.
- 21. A security lecture was given to the ship's company during the afternoon of Thursday 9th October.
- 22. The appearance of the ship is good, advantage of time in Townsville being put to good use, though the ships side requires attention. Union rules at the Evans Deakin slip at Townsville would not allow the ship's company to work overside.



23. Conditions aboard are fair, the air conditioning failing to function correctly through no apparent fault. Confinement aboard whilst surveying is not as severe as last month due to improved weather conditions.

24. The morale of the ship's company remains at a high level. Conduct, with minor exceptions, has been good. The morale of Officers is adequare.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(P.J. WRIGHT)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN

CAPTAIN

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A. Miles steamed during October

B. Hours underway during October

C. Total Miles steamed since commissioning

D. Total hours underway since commissioning

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HMAS BARRICADE letter of 2nd December, 1969 (with enclosures).

2nd December, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS _ NOVEMBER, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my command, for the month of November, 1969.

- 2. In the early morning of 1st, November BARRICADE was alongside MORESBY, anchored off TRUANT Island in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- 3. At 0355IK BARRICADE, in company with BARBETTE (OCE) slipped from MORESBY and proceeded to an anchorage off McNAMARA Island whilst MORESBY proceeded south to PORT LANGDON.
- Having anchored at 1052IK both ships then weighed at 1445IK and rejoined MORESBY at 1849IK. Taking station two miles on MORESBY's port beam sounding was then commenced whilst crossing the Gulf of Carpentaria, on passage to CAIRNS.
- During the afternoon of Sunday 2nd November an AATX and AACCX were exercised using MORESBY's helicopter.
- 6. Closing to 440 yards on MORESBY's starboard beam the western approaches to ENDEAVOUR STRAIT were sounded between 1730TK and 1830TK before taking station astern of MORESBY for the remainder of the passage to CAIRNS.
- An abortive attempt was made during the morning of Tuesday 4th November to locate some Japanese long-line fishing boats reported to be operating 45 miles North East of CAIRNS.
- 8. Prior to entering CAIRNS harbour BARBETTE detached to proceed to TOWNSVILLE.
- 9. BARRICADE berthed on BOMBARD at No. 1 Berth CAIRNS harbour at 1012K.
- 10. The ship remained alongside in CAIRNS until 0850K Tuesday 11th November whence, in company with MORESBY, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD passage was commenced to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- At 2230IK Wednesday 12th November BARRICADE (OCE) BUCCANEER and BOMBARD, having detached from MORESBY commenced sounding across the Gulf of Carpentaria from a position 10 miles south of the CARPENTARIA LIGHT VESSEL. Ships were spaced 3 miles apart. Sounding was continued until 1257IK Thursday 13th November, when course was altered and ships closed prior to arrival in GOVE, The three ships berthed in GOVE at 1515IK.



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- Remaining in GOVE overnight whilst refuelling, the three ships then sailed to await MORESBY off TRUANT Island at 1225IK Friday 14th November.
- Anchoring at 1520IK off TRUANT Island the three ships were then ordered to join MORESBY off MILLER Island and sounding was commenced on joining at 2005IK.
- 14. Experiencing difficulty with the Lambda equipment MODESBY was obliged to anchor off TRUANT Island at 1830IK Saturday 15th November whence BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD berthed alongside, remaining overnight at short notice.
- As the Lambda equipment remained unserviceable on the morning of Sunday 16th November, BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD were slipped at 0725IK and commenced sounding around TRUANT Island under the direction of MORESBY, returning alongside at 1550IK. At 1753IK BARRICADE slipped from MORESBY and in company with the other ships continued sounding, Lambda being serviceable.
- 16. Sounding was continued until 1600IK Monday 17th November whence the three Patrol Boats were detached to anchor briefly off DUDLEY Island, whilst MORESBY calibrated the Lambda equipment. Weighing at 2305IK all ships resumed sounding.
- At 0707IK Wednesday 19th November, the three Patrol Boats were detached to proceed to GOVE to refuel, arriving at 0920IK. Having refuelled BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD sailed from GOVE at 0600IK Thursday 20th November and having rejoined MORESBY off TRUANT Island, resumed sounding.
- 18. The Hydrographer of the Navy, Commander E.R. Whitmore R.A.N. embarked in BARRICADE between 0845IK Friday 21st November 1969 and 1200IK to observe the conditions aboard a patrol boat whilst surveying. The visit took place during MORESBY's annual inspection.
- 19. At 1830IK BARRICADE berthed alongside MORESBY, at anchor off TRUANT Island and remained alongside overnight. That evening the officers from the Patrol Boats were present at the Mess Dinner given by MORESBY to dine Commander E.R. Whitmore R.A.N.
- 20. Sailing at 0755IK Saturday 22nd, November all ships continued sounding until 0800IK Sunday 23rd November, whence MO ESBY anchored and the Patrol Boats went alongside MORESBY. During the day the 'MORESBY OLYMPICS' were held, BARRICADE taking part in the majority of events.
- 21. BARRICADE slipped from MORESBY at 0801IK Monday 24th November and continued sounding until 1935IK Tuesday 25th November when MORESBY detached the patrol boats, the survey having been completed.
- Proceeding to a position 15 miles east of CAPE ARNHEM BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD then commenced sounding across the Gulf of Carpentaria until CARPENTARIA LIGHT VESSEL bore South at a distance of 1.6 miles. Whilst sounding ships were spaced at 3 mile intervals.

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- Having experienced rough weather and very uncomfortable conditions on passage across the Gulf of Carpentaria, it was decided to anchor off Friday Island overnight as berths would not be available until the morning of Thursday 27th November, at Thursday Island. Therefore the three Patrol Boats anchored at 2350K, and proceeded alongside the berth at Thursday Island, after MADANG's departure, at 0805K Thursday 27th November. BARBETTE was alongside at THURSDAY Island.
- BARRICADE, BOMBARD and BUCCANEER having refuelled, BARBETTE, with the other ships in company then sailed for CAIRNS. After an uneventful passage all ships arrived and berthed in CAIRNS at 1835K Friday 28th November.
- 25. Having remained overnight in CAIRNS and refuelled, the four Patrol Boats then proceeded to BRISBANE, leaving CAIRNS at 0600K Saturday 29th November and arriving in BRISBANE at 1300K Monday 1st December. The arrival of the Patrol Boats was covered by Local and National Press and Television.
- The appearance of the ship is good, though much paint on the ship's side has been lost. Conditions aboard are adequate, but are not suited for the confinement associated with surveying, especially in rough weather.
- The morale of the ship's company remains at an extrao dinarily high level considering the privations imposed whilst operating with MORESBI. The morale of Officers is adequate. The conduct of the ship's company has been good.

(P.J. Wright)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN
CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A'

A. Miles steamed during November

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B. Hours underway during November

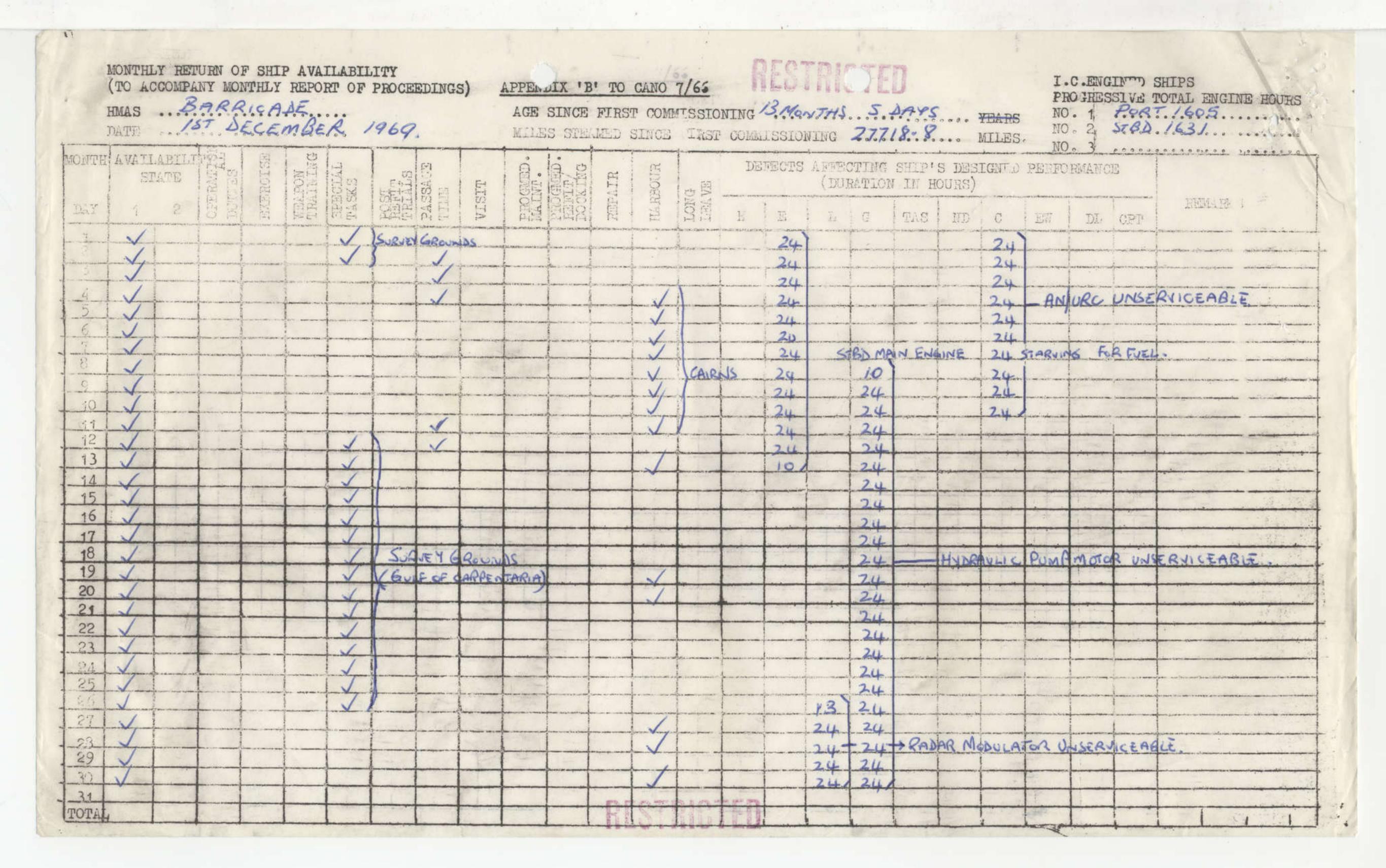
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C. Total miles steamed since commissioning

27,718.8 miles

D. Total hours underway since commissioning

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1969

Forwarded.

Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter ROP 12/69 of 2nd January, 1970.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE At Sydney.

2nd January, 1970.

Reference: ROP 12/69

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HHAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my command for the month of December, 1969.

- In the early hours of Monday 1st December, BARRICADE, in company with BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD was proceeding to BRISBANE from CAIRNS, off SANDY CAPE.
- All ships berthed at H.M.A.S. MORETON at 1300K, BARRICADE berthing outboard on T.V. GAYUNDAH and BUCCANEER berthing outboard on BARRICADE. The arrival of the ships was covered by Local and National Press and Television.
- 4. Due to adverse weather conditions all four ships remained in BRISBANE until Thursday 4th December when, at O800K the ships slipped and proceeded to SYDNEY.
- 5. Shortly after departure, the follow-up system on the Gyro failed, we though the main gyro remained serviceable. Later the exhaust temperatures on the starboard main engine became excessively high and speed was reduced to maintain these temperatures at an acceptable level.
- Because of this necessary reduction of speed the original ETA of 1000K was amended and all ships arrived at WATERHEN at 1400K Friday 5th December.
- 7. Acting Major Lim Jit Cheow S.A.F. left BARRICADE on Friday 5th December to return to SINGAPORE.
- 8. BATRICADE remained in SYDNEY for the remainder of December. The first leave period commenced on Monday 8th December.
- 9. I attended the Patrol Boat Officers symposium held at WATERHEN on Monday 8th December.
- 10. On Tuesday 23rd December BARRICADE, escorted by a work boat deammunitioned at No. 5 buoy then proceeded alongside the end of the Patrol Boat Wharf in order to transfer BARRICADE's battery charger to BAYONET. On completion BARRICADE then de-fuelled at the OFL and returned alongside ADVANCE at the Patrol Boat Wharf. The work boat escort was necessary due to BARRICADE having only the port main engine serviceable.
- BARRICADE slipped from ADVANCE at 0748K Tuesday 30th December and escorted by a work boat proceeded to COCKATOO ISLAND to slip for an intermediate docking. The ship berthed at 0816K and was clear of the water and secured on the slip at 0907K.

- BARRICADE is expected to remain at COCKATOO ISLAND until 8th January, 1970.
- 13. The appearance of the ship is fair, conditions aboard are adequate.
- The morale of the ship's company is high, conduct has been good. The morale of Officers is adequate.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(P.J. WRIGHT)

Lieutenant Commander RAN

CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A'

A. Miles steamed during December

B. Hours underway during December

C. Miles steamed since commissioning

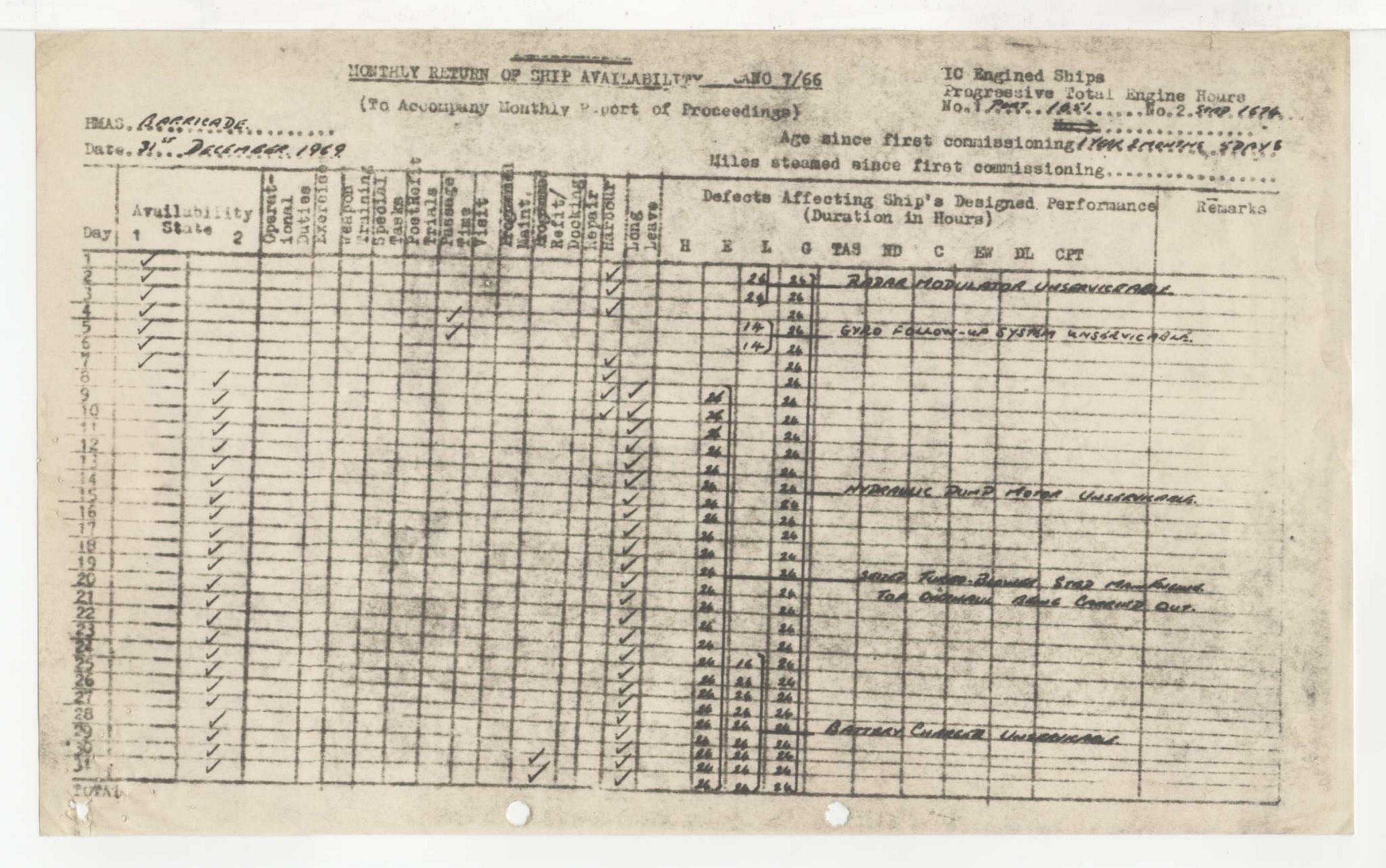
D. Hours underway since commissioning

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1970

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Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter of 2nd February, 1970.



HMAS BARRICADE at SYDNEY

2nd February, 1970

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY, 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my Command for the month of January, 1970.

- At 1630K on 5th January, 1970 I assumed command from LIEUTENANT COMMANDER P.J. WRIGHT RAN. At this time, BARRICADE was on the slip at Cockatoo Island Dockyard undergoing an intermediate docking.
- 3. On Tuesday, 6th, I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony on board HMAS MELBOURNE at which command of HM Australian Fleet was handed to you, Sir, by Rear Admiral G.J.B. CRABB C.B.E., D.S.C.
- 4. With the assistance of a dockyard workboat BARRICADE left the slip at 1530K on the 8th and proceeded to HMAS WATERHEN berthing portside to HMAS BARBETTE at 1600K. The assistance of a workboat was necessary as BARRICADE'S starboard engine was unserviceable.
- 5. BARRICADE remained at WATERHEN undergoing Base-assisted maintenance for the remainder of January.
- On 19th, the Executive Officer Acting Sub-Lieutenant G.V. RYAN RAN, and the Charge ERA were flown by RAAF Caribou aircraft to Townsville as part of the relief crew for HMAS LAE. Due to inclement weather the relief crew were unable to join LAE and the return to Sydney was made by RAAF Hercules aircraft two days later.
- 7. In the last two weeks of January, Base Staff have renewed BARRICADE'S steering box, overhauled the steering pump and assisted Ships Staff in re-assembling the starboard engine. Due to the hard work by all concerned I am pleased to report that BARRICADE will be fully operational by early February.
- 8. During your walk around WATERHEN on 28th, I had the pleasure, Sir, of welcoming you aboard.
- 9. Due to maintenance work, the appearance of the ship is fair.
- 10. The health and conduct of the Ships Company is good and morale is very high. The morale of the officers is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

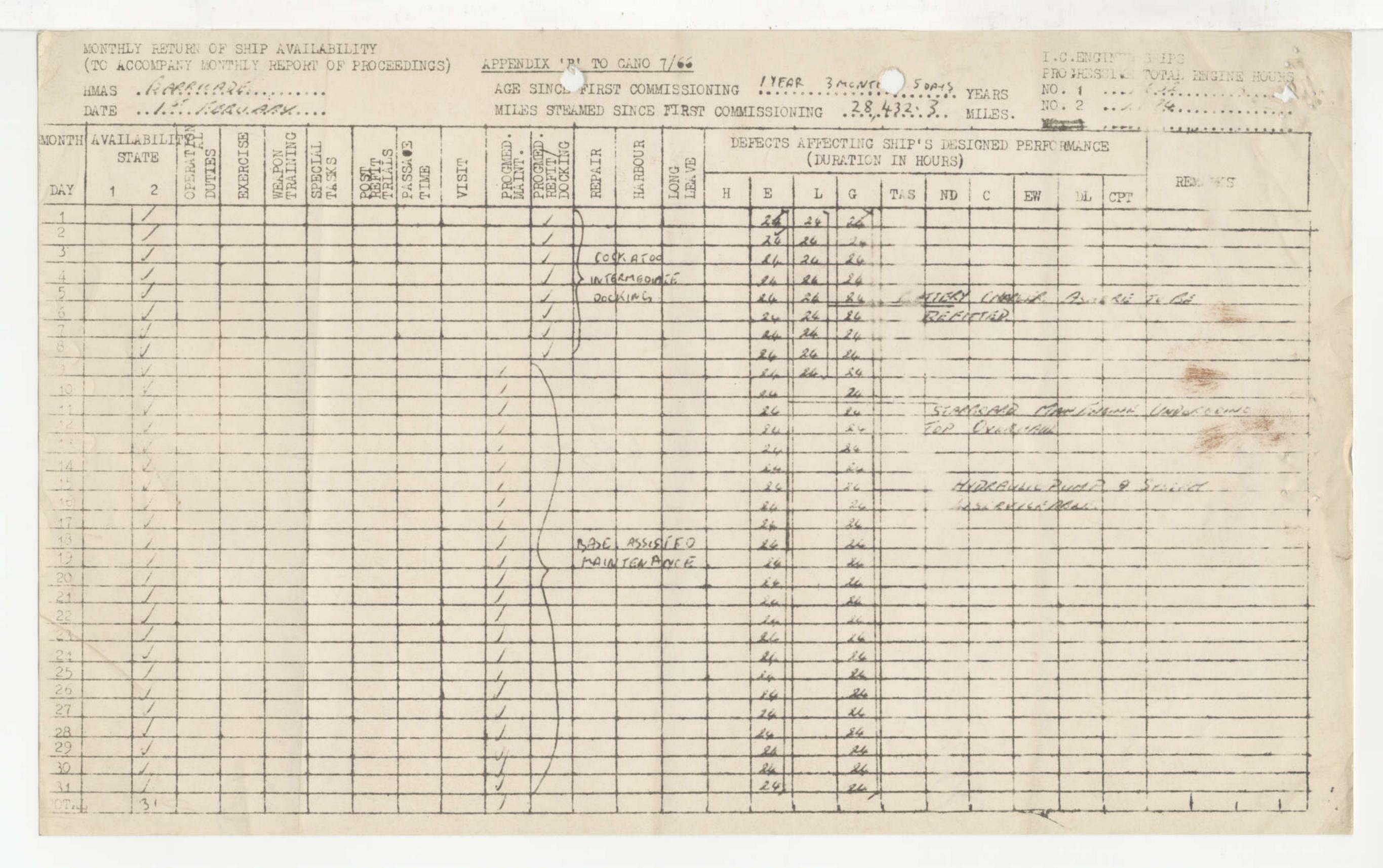
Your obedient servant

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(W.E. MCALLISTER) 1 1 FEB 1970

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H.M.A.S. Barricade, at Waterhen. 27 April, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY/MARCH 1970

Reference:- RI 2906 Appendix 29A.

- 1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with the reference.
- 2. The oversight in not forwarding the appendices with the report is regretted and will not be repeated.

(W.E. McALLISTER) Lieutenant, R.A.N. CAPTAIN

Enclosure:- Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C' for February/March, 1970.

For Information:-

Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.

Commander 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron, HMAS BARBETTE.

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet

For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE

HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1970

Reference: Your AF 1/16/18 dated 9th April, 1970

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1970

Forwarded. The Captain, HMAS BARRICADE has been directed to pay closer attention to the use of the correct service abbreviations in his Reports of Proceedings.

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Enclosure: HMAS BARRICADE letter of 6th March, 1970.

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HMAS BARRICADE.

6th March, 1970.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY, 1970.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE, under my command for the month of February, 1970.

- On Sunday, 1st February, BARRICADE was alongside at WATERHEN and remained alongside until 1435K Thursday 5th when BARRICADE was fuelled from OFL No4 reberthing at WATERHEN at 1540K.
- 3. As HMAS BAYONET had mechanical problems, BARRICADE slipped at 0805K Thursday the 12th, and proceeded to JERVIS BAT to relieve her and take up SAR duties and participate in phase two of LONGEX 1970. BARRICADE berthed portside to SAR WHARF at 1400K.
- Range clearance for Air to Ground firings at BEECROFT HEAD was carried out on Friday 13th, BARRICADE slipping at 0747K and returning alongside at 0910K remaining at immediate notice.
- 5. At 1827K Friday 13th, BARRICADE slipped and proceeded for the first of three planned simulated torpedo attacks on BLUE FORCE consisting of: HMAS MELBOURNE, HMAS HOBART and HMAS STUART. Unfortunately, the weather was too kind and in smooth seas and bright moonlight, we were constantly spotted by LRMP aircraft thereby losing the element of surprise. However, the attack was made on MELBOURNE at 2344K at a range of 5,000 yards. BARRICADE returned alongside at the SAR wharf at 0149K Saturday 14th.
- 6. A simulated missile attack was carried out on BLUE FORCE on the afternoon of Saturday 14th. BARRICADE slipped and proceeded to ST. GEORGES HEAD area at 1157K. The attack was made at 1345K and on completion the ship proceeded to MARY BAY anchoring at 1458K.
- 7. At 1925, BARRICADE sailed to take up position for the second simulated torpedo attack to the south-east of ST. GEORGES HEAD. BLUE FORCE was attacked at 2224K and on completion the ship returned to JERVIS BAY securing alongside at 0201K Sunday 15th.
- 8. The final simulated torpedo attack was commenced when BARRICADE slipped and proceeded to take up a position east of PORT KEMBLA. The attack was completed when BARRICADE fired at



HOBART from a range of 4,000 vards at 0210K Monday 16th.

- 9. BARRICADE remained at sea overnight and carried out range clearance at BEECROFT HEAD at 0730K Monday 16th, returning alongside the SAR wharf at 0845K.
- 10. At 0930K Monday 16th, I attended a debriefing at AJASS and handed in my track chartsand narrative of all the attacks for assessment. I was pleased to be informed that my second torpedo attack was completely successful.
- 11. COMAUSMINPABFOR, COMMANDER I.K. WILSON. R.A.N., joined at 2100K Tuesday 17th. BARRICADE had remained alongside all day.
- 12. With COMAUSMINPABFOR embarked, BARRICADE cast off at 0653K Wednesday 18th to rendez-vous with HMAS BARBETTE, HMAS BUCCANEER, HMAS BOMBARD and HMAS ARROW. All ships anchored in formation at JERVIS BAY at 0745K. COMAUSMINPABFOR transfered to BARBETTE by boat at 0805K.
- At 0900K, BARRICADE weighed and proceeded alongside BUCCANEER at the SAR wharf where JLR and helicopter winching demonstrations were observed by all the ship's companies.
- 14. Casting off at 1047K, BARRICADE proceeded, in company with the squadron, to sea for a SUTOF. BARRICADE was unable to fire due to a faulty trigger mechanism and was ordered to destroy the target with small arms fire. The exercise was completed at 1300K.
- The squadron anchored independently at MONTAGUE ROADS at 1604K and carried out squadron evolutions until 1800K.

 BARRICADE remained at anchor overnight.
- Anchors were weighed at 0738K Thursday 19th and Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres were carried out until 0910K when the squadron proceeded to NZ(W) for AATXFX. On completion of firings at 1230K, passage in formation was made to JERVIS BAY.
- 17. In JERVIS BAY at 1410K, towing exercises were carried out with ARROW towing BARRICADE then BARRICADE towing ARROW. At 1530K the towex was completed and all ships anchored at MONTAGUE ROAD at 1540K. A Captain's discussion on completed exercises was held in BARBETTE at 1615K.
- 18. A night encounter exercise using Patrol Boat dinghies commenced at 1902K when all ships, with the exception of BARBETTE which acted as a safety ship, weighed and proceeded to their patrol lines. The NEX was completed at 2330K. BARRICADE returned to alongside the SAR wharf securing at 2359K.
- 19. In company with COMAUSMINPARFOR, I attended the PXD of LONGEX 1970 at 0900K Friday 20th and returned onboard at 1300K. At 1326K, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to sea for passage to SYDNEY.



- 20. BARRICADE secured portside to BOMBARD at WATERHEN at 1815K Friday 20th and remained alongside until Tuesday 24th.
- 21. At 0940K Tuesday 24th, I had the pleasure of welcoming onboard the COMMANDER of the FAR EAST FLEET, VICE-ADMIRAL L.D. EMPSON. C.B. BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to circumnavigate COCKATOO ISLAND at 0945K with COMFEF embarked, returning alongside WATERHEN at 1025K when COMFEF landed.
- 22. BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to sea for passage to TOWNSVILLE at 1101K Tuesday 24th.
- BARRICADE stopped for two hours during the passage to inspect excessive leaking in the tiller flat caused by wear in the rudder post gland. Further inspections were carried out at TOWNSVILLE and the fault was rectified. This and strong currents experienced during the passage accounted for the nine hours delay in arriving at TOWNSVILLE.
- 24. On arriving at No.5 berth, TOWNSVILLE, at 1829K Friday 27th, I was interviewed by the local press.
- 25. BARRICADE remained alongs de Saturday 28th.
- 26. The appearance of the ship is good.
- 27. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high. The morale of the Officers is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

W.E. MCALLISTER.
LIEUTENANT. RAN.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1970

APPENDIX 'A' STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month 1790.65 .

Distance steamed since commissioning 30,166.25

Hours underway during the month 143 Hours

Hours underway since commissioning 2,124 Hours

Economical speed exceeded 14 Hours

APPENDIX 'B' - EXERCISES

13th February - Simulated Torpedo attack

14th February - Komarex - Simulated Torpedo attack

15th February - Simulated torpedo attack

18th February - Formation Anchorage - SUTF and small arms firing

APPENDIX 'C' OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

Joined SBLT RLEX A.K. STEELE, R.A.N. - 11th February, 1970 Left SBLT RLEX A.K. STEELE, R.A.N. 3rd February, 1970

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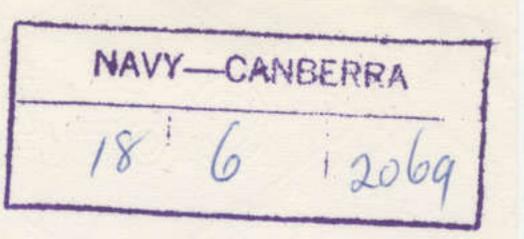
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

HMAS BARRICADE - MARCH, 1970 REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

Reference: Navy Office letter 18/6/1967 of 20th April, 1970.

Forwarded. The Captain HMAS BARRICADE has been instructed to pay more attention to detail in future Reports of Proceedings.

Rear Admiral

Enclosures

. HMAS BARRICADE letter of 4th April, 1970.

HMAS BARRICADE letter CKC of 27th April, 1970 (with enclosures).



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

IN REPLY QUOTE

HMAS BARRICADE.

at Sea.

4th April, 1970.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET,
FLEET HEADQUARTERS,
GARDEN ISLAND,
SYDNEY.

HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1970.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of March, 1970.

- 2. At the beginning of the month, BARRICADE was alongside at No. 5 wharf, Townsville and remained alongside until 1000K, Friday 6th March, 1970.
- 3. During the period alongside, in company with Lieutenant Commander D. LEES. RAN., I called on representatives of the Harbour Board. Calls were also made to senior officers of the ARMY and RAAF bases.
- 4. At 1100 on Wednesday 4th, I called on the Lord Mayor, Alderman R. PHILLIPS, who was kind enough to extend an invitation for all the crew to attend a civic reception at 1730 on Thursday 5th.

FISHERY PATROLS

5. BARRICADE'S first Northern Patrol commenced at 1000, Friday 6th March when the ship cast off and proceeded to Cooktown.

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- 6. Arriving at Cooktown at 0830, Saturday 7th, BARRICADE secured portside to the Railway Wharf and remained alongside until 1000 Monday 9th.
- 7. Casting off at 1000 Monday 9th, the ship continued north and anchored at Ninian Bay at 1800.
- 8. Weighing anchor at 0650, Tuesday 10th, BARRICADE proceeded to Sherrard Island anchoring there at 1730.
- 9. Excessive vibration of the starboard shaft was discovered at 1400, Wednesday 11th, necessitating BARRICADE'S return to Townsville.
- 10. On arrival at Townsville at 0900, Friday 13th, divers inspected the ship's bottom which proved to be clean. The ship was de-ammunitioned at 1430 in preparation for slipping at EVER'S DEAKON SLIPWAY.

- 11. BARRICADE was slipped at 0645, Saturday 14th, and remained on the slip until Friday, 20th March. During this period, the starboard shaft was removed and new inner and outer stern tube bearings fitted. The starboard intermediate shaft was also renewed.
- 12. Successful engine trials were carried out after BARRICADE unslipped at 0830, Friday, 20th March. The ship berth portside to No. 5 wharf Townsville on completion.

FISHERY PATROL AND GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL VISIT.

- 13. At 0900, Saturday 21st, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Gladstone.
- 14. On arrival at Gladstone at 0800, Monday 23rd, I was met by the President of the Harbour Festival League,
 Mr. N.C. WHOOTON.

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15. As the guest of the Harbour Festival League, I had the pleasure of dining with the Minister of the Navy, The Honorable D.J. KILLEN and Mrs. KILLEN, at 1800 Tuesday 24th.



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16. I had the pleasure of welcoming aboard the Henorable Minister and Mrs. KILLEN for an informal visit at 1030, wednesday 25th. The Minister talked informally to the ship's company and left BARRICABE at 1115. In company with my First Lieutenant, Sub-ligutenant G.V. RYAN RAN., I again had the pleasure of being the guest of the Lord Mayor, Alderman W.R. GOLDING. M.B.E., to a civic luncheon at 1300 in honour of the Minister of the Navy's visit.

17. After a very pleasant visit, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Townsville at 0920, Thursday 26th and after an uneventful patrol berthed at No. 5 wharf Townsville at 0800 Monday 30th, where the ship remained until the end of the month.

- 18. The appearance of the ship is good.
- 19. The health and conduct of the ship's company is good and morale is high. The morale of the officers is high.

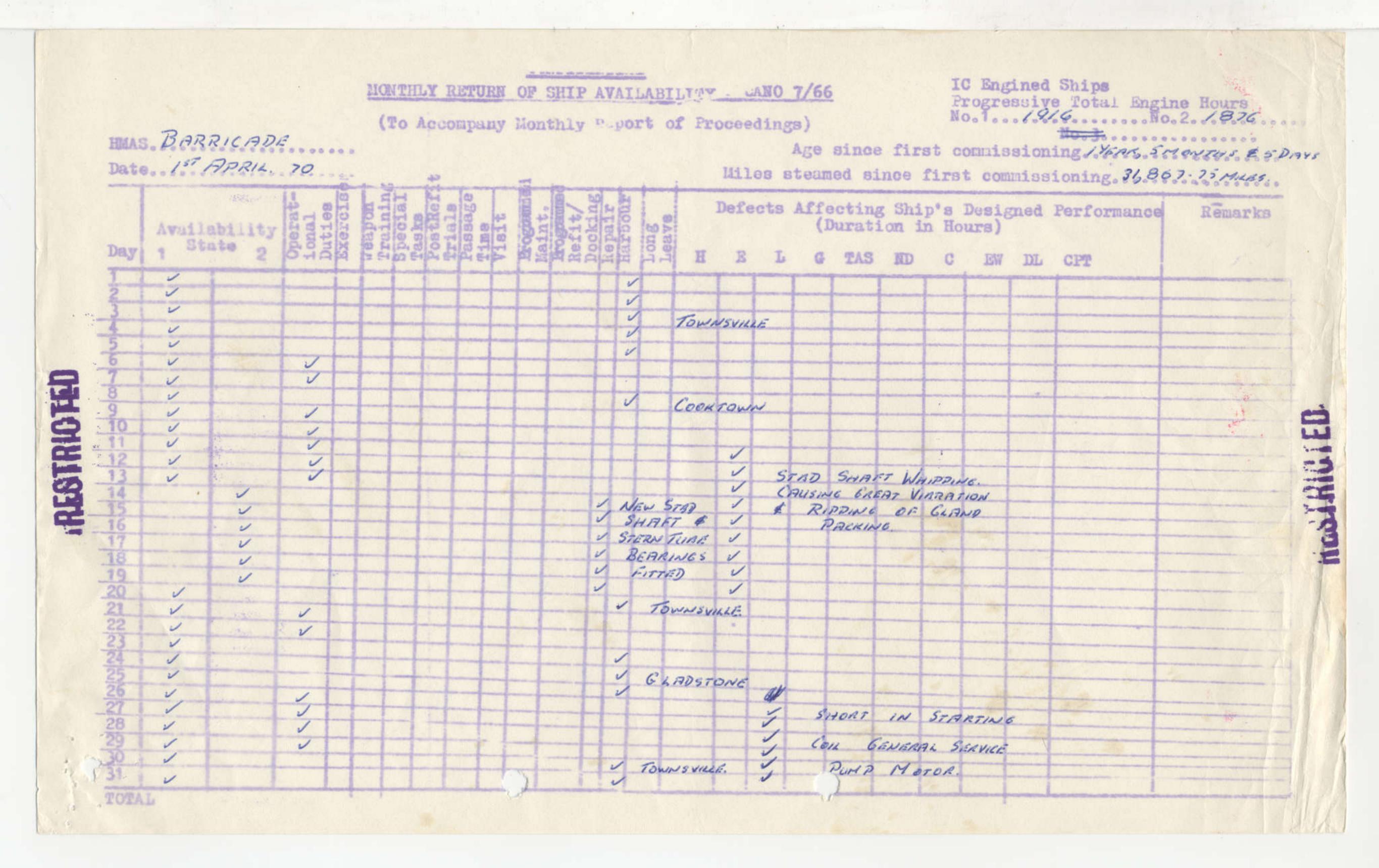
I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W.E. MCALLISTER. LIEUTENANT. RAN.

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APPENDICES TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - HMAS BARRICADE MARCH 1970

APPENDIX 'A' STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month 1701.5

Distance steamed since commissioning 31,867.30

Hours underway during the month 140 Hours

Hours underway since commissioning 2,264 Hours

Economical speed exceeded NIL

APPENDIX 'B' EXERCISES

6th March - Steering gear failure 9th March - Blind pilotage anchoring

APPENDIX 'C' OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

NIL

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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Enclosure

HMAS BARRICADE letter of 1st May, 1970.

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE, at Waverton.

1 May, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command, for the month of April, 1970.

2. At the beginning of the month BARRICADE was alongside No. 5 berth TOWNSVILLE and remained alongside until Friday 3rd April.

NORTHERN FISHERY PATROL

- 3. BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Cairns at 1100K Friday 3rd April, and after an uneventful patrol secured portside to No 5 berth Cairns at 0840K Sunday 5th and after refuelling cast off and proceeded to Thursday Island at 1040K.
- 4. At 0815K Tuesday 7th, BARRICADE secured starboard to Thursday Island jetty and cast off and proceeded with the patrol at 1015K Wednesday 8th.
- 5. After an uneventful patrol, BARRICADE secured portside to No. 5 berth Townsville at 2140 Sunday 12th.
- 6. Throughout the 10 day patrol only two fishing vessels were intercepted Australian fishing vessels callsigns JRU and KNR, both vessels were on passage to the prawning grounds in the Gulf of Carpentaria.
- 7. In accordance with COMAUSFLT 13057Z BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to rendezvous with Her Majesty's Yacht 'BRITANNIA' for breach security duties at 1400K | Thursday 16th. Unfortunately, bad weather made it necessary for BARRICADE to take shelter and anchor at Gloucester Island at 2359K.
- 8. BARRICADE weighed anchor at 0715K Friday 17th and in accordance with Flag Officer Royal Yacht's 160836Z proceeded direct to Mackay to effect the hand over of the Northern Fishery patrols to HMAS BUCCANEER. BARRICADE secured starboard side to HMAS BOMBARD at Main Wharf Mackay at 1530 Friday 17th.
- 9. At 0700K Sunday 19th, BARRICADE in company with BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea for passage to BRISBANE. Due to generator failure BARRICADE's gyro toppled at 1130K and because of the sea state could not resettle. The remainder of the passage was made with magnetic compass securing starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 1240K.
- 10. Casting off at 0700K Tuesday 21st, BARRICADE proceeded to sea for passage to Sydney and after an uneventful passage secured starboard side to No. 12 berth HMAS WATERHEN at 1232K Wednesday 22nd, BARRICADE remained alongside for the remainder of the month.

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- On Thursday 29th BARRICADE's starboard fuel pump became defective and could not be repaired in time to rendezvous with the Royal Yacht Squadron. HMAS ARCHER had been allocated as stand by ship and I took command of her forthe period of escorting the Royal Yacht.
- 12. Apart from the minor defects mentioned the machinery and electrics has worked well for the month.
- 13. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company and officers is good.

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

(W.E. McALLISTER) Lieutenant, R.A.N. CAPTAIN

Enclosures:- Appendices 'A', 'B', 'C', 'E'

For Information:- Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.

Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS APRIL 1970

APPENDIX 'A' - STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month
Distance steamed since commissioning
Hours underway during the month
Hours underway since commissioning

2416.6 miles 34,283.85 miles 178 hours 2442 hours

APPENDIX 'B' - EXERCISES

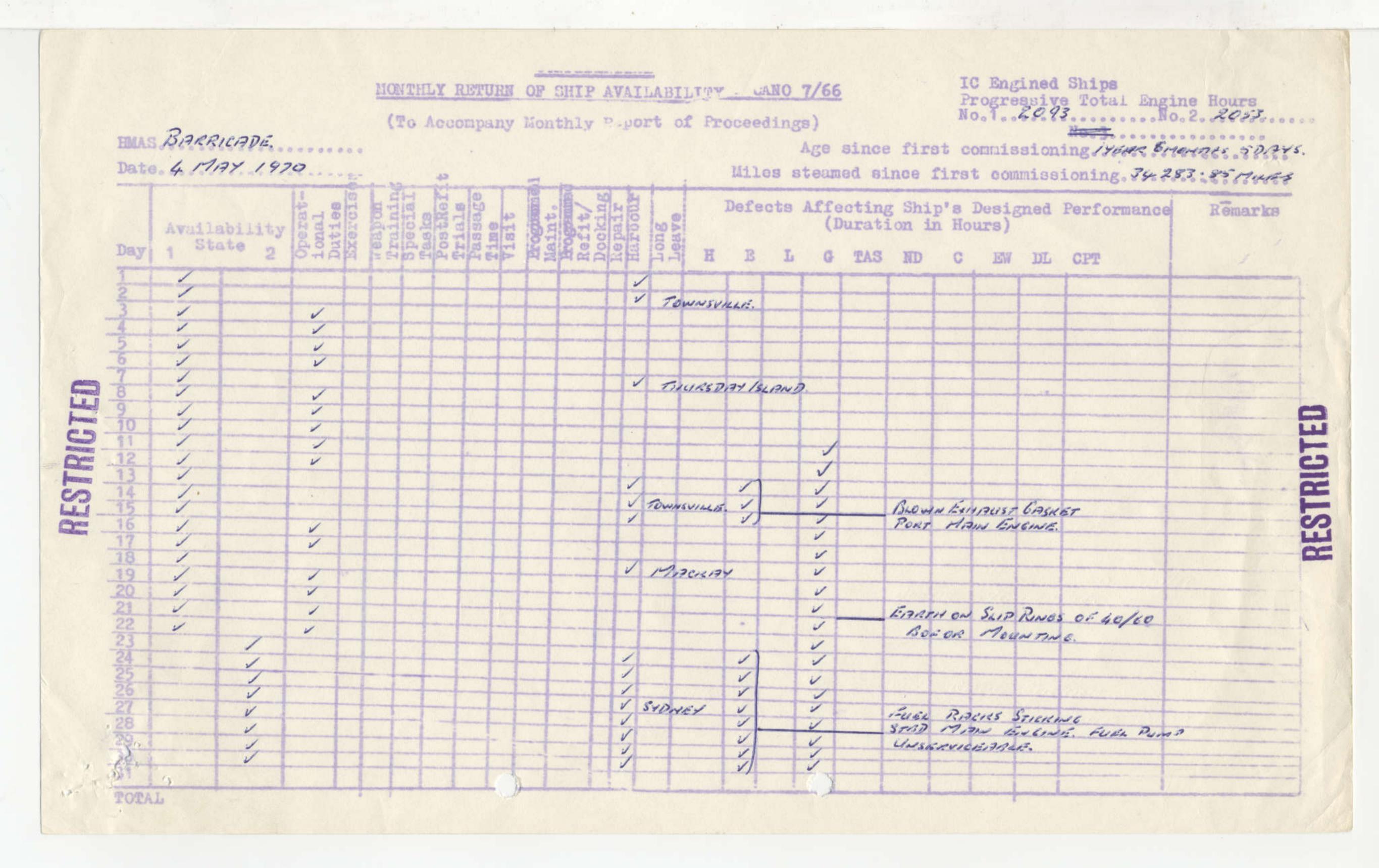
Monday 6th - Man overboard
Wednesday 8th - Blind pilotage departure

APPENDIX 'C' - OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

NIL

APPENDIX 'E' - SPORTING RESULTS

NIL



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Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter N/1/16/1 of 4th June, 1970.



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IN REPLY QUOTE N/1/16/1

HMAS BARRICADE.

at TOWNSVILLE.

4th June, 1970.

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1970.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command, for the month of May 1970.

- 2. At the beginning of the month, BARRICADE was alongside No.12 berth HMAS WATERHEN and remained alongside until Friday, 8th May.
- 3. With HMAS BOMBARD in company, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Cape Three Points at 1100K Friday 8th, however, due to inclement weather, passage could not be made and BARRICADE returned to WATERHEN berthing at 1241K.
- 4. On the 11th, 12th and 13th, BARRICADE'S annual harbour and departmental inspections were carried out by staff from FLEET Headquarters and WATERHEN.
- 5. As Thursday 14th was a spare day, BARRICADE cast off at 0923K and proceeded to sea for pre-inspection exercises with HMAS BAYONET returning alongside WATERHEN at 1430K.
- 6. In company with BAYONET, BARRICADE cast off at 0801K, Friday 15th, and proceeded to sea for annual sea inspections. Numerous evolutions were carried out off Sydney Heads and Broken Bay. Both ships returned alongside WATERHEN at 2000K.
- 7. At 0951K, Monday 18th, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Shark Island Degaussing Range. Degaussing was completed at 1105K and BARRICADE returned to WATERHEN berthing starboard side to No.12 berth at 1138K.
- 8. BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Bradley's Dolphins for deperming and degaussing at 0713K, Tuesday 19th, and berthed portside to the deperming lighter at 0917K.
- 9. With the assisstance of a tug, BARRICADE was pivoted to an east west heading at 0910K, Wednesday 20th. Deperming was completed at 1400K. BARRICADE cast off at 1420K and proceeded to the degaussing range for final degaussing ranging. On completion of ranging at 1500K, BARRICADE proceeded to WATERHEN and secured starboard side to No.12 berth at 1525K.



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- 10. For the remainder of the month, BARRICADE remained alongside WATERHEN undergoing base assissted maintenance and preparing for deployment to Townsville.
- 11. The appearance of the ship is very good due to much work put into the harbour inspections.
- 12. The health and morale of the ship's company is very good. The morale of the officers is high.

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

(W.E. MCALLISTER.)
LIEUTENANT. RAN.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosures:

Appendices A, B, C, E.

Information:

. Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1970.

APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING FIGURES.

Distance steamed during the month:
Distance steamed since commissioning:
Hours underway during the month:

Hours underway during the month: 19
Hours underway since commissioning: 2462

APPENDIX "B" - EXERCISES.

Thursday 14th. Action Stations.

Emergency Stations. Leaving Ship Stations.

Boarding Party.

00W Manoeuvres (1 hour)

Heaving Line Transfers (1 each with HMAS BAYONET)

234.5

34,283.8

Streaming Log.

Stearing Gear Breakdown.

Friday 15th.

00W Manoeuvres

AA Firing (Sleeve)

Damage Control Exercises. Emergency Communications Stearing Gear Failure.

Action Stations. Man Overboard.

Leaving Ship Stations.

Streaming Log.

Formation Anchorage (Blind).

Boarding Party.

Towing (HMAS BAYONET).

APPENDIX "C" - OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS.

Joined: Midshipman H.J. HICKMAN SLEX.

22nd April, 1970.

APPENDIX "E" - SPORTING RESULTS.

NIL.

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter N1/16/1 of 5th July 1970



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

IN REPLY QUOTE N1/16/1

HMAS BARRICADE. at TOWNSVILLE. 5th JULY, 1970.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1970.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of June, 1970.

PASSAGE SYDNEY TO TOWNSVILLE.

- 2. At 1900K Monday, 1st June, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Townsville. At 2100K, the ship was diverted to search for the yacht "SEA PRINCE" reported to be in difficulties 44 miles south east of Sugar Loaf Point, COMAUSFLT 010838Z refers. As the yacht had been found and the crew taken off before BARRICADE arrived at the search area, the ship was ordered to proceed at 2242K, COMAUSFLT 011242Z, as previously arranged.
- 3. The ship entered Port Curtis at 1230K, Wednesday 3rd June and secured to the Refrigerator Wharf, Gladstone. After refuelling, BARRICADE cast off at 1430K and proceeded to Townsville.
- 4. Entering Townsville at 1300K Thursday 4th June, BARRICADE secured portside to HMAS BUCCANEER.
- 5. On completion of the handover from BUCCANEER, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to midstream allowing BUCCANEER to proceed on passage to Sydney. The ship then secured to No. 5 berth at 0815K, Friday 5th June and remained alongside until Tuesday 9th June.

NORTHERN FISHERY PATROL.

- BARRICADE cast off and proceeded on the first northern patrol at 1313K, Tuesday 9th. Due to steadily deteriorating weather, a course was set for the lee of Herald Island. The ship anchored there at 1508K.
- 7. In abating weather, BARRICADE weighed anchor and continued north at 0800K, Wednesday 10th.



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- 8. After an uneventful patrol, the ship entered Cooktown at 1410K, Thursday 11th June and secured starboard side to the Railway Wharf. BARRICADE remained alongside overnight and sailed at 1615K, Friday 12th, on a rising tide.
- 9. At 0045K, Saturday 13th, BARRICADE entered Princess Charlotte Bay and anchored in Stoke's Bay and remained at anchor until Monday 15th.
- 10. During the forenoon of Saturday13th, I called on the Master of "TANEX", which had anchored two cables north of BARRICADE. "TANEX" is the ex-HMAS EMU and has been converted to a prawn fishing vessel.
- 11. BARRICADE weighed anchor and proceeded to continue the northern patrol at 0800K, Monday 15th.
- 12. Entering Portland Roads at 1430K, Tuesday 16th, the ship secured starboard side to the jetty and remained alongside until 0700K, Wednesday 17th.
- 13. On clearing Portland Roads, it was observed that the port tachometer was unserviceable. The engines were matched by tone and vibration for the remainder of the passage south.
- 14. After a long and uneventful patrol, BARRICADE entered Townsville and secured to No. 5 berth at 0105K, Friday 19th June and remained alongside until 1330K, Tuesday 23rd June.

SECOND NORTHERN PATROL.

- 15. Communication equipment difficulties were experienced with BARRICADE'S AN/URC Transceiver prior to sailing. They were overcome by advice from HMAS WATERHEN and obtaining spare valves from the RAAF, Townsville. The equipment is now in good working order.
- 16. BARRICADE anchored at Dunk Island at 1600K, Thursday 25th and weighed anchor and proceeded north at 1000K, Friday 26th June.
- 17. The ship entered Cairns harbour and secured port side to No.6 berth at 1600K, Friday 26th.
- 18.. Continuing the northern patrol, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to sea at 0900K, Monday 29th and to the end of the month patrolled the Princess Charlotte Bay area.

TRAINING.

19. Considerable time has been devoted to Midshipman's training in navigation and ship handling.

STATE OF THE SHIP.

20. With the exception of the port tachometer and AN/URC transceiver referred to in paragraphs 13 and 15, the state of

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ship has been satisfactory. A quarterly work-up was carried out on 3rd June and no problems were encountered.

SECURITY.

21. The Ship's Company was addressed on security on 4th June.

CONDUCT, HEALTH AND MORALE.

22. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company are satisfactory. Morale is high due to the impending leave period.

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

> W.E. MCALLISTER. LIEUTENANT. RAN. COMMANDING OFFICER.

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGST- JUNE 1970.

APPENDIX A - STEAMING FIGURES.

Distance steamed during the month. 2,549.0 miles.

Distance steamed since commissioning. 36,832.8 miles.

Hours underway during the month. 169 hours.

Hours underway since commissioning. 2,631 hours.

APPENDIX B - EXERCISES.

Wednesday 10th. Man Overboard, Ship Handling, Blind Pilotage and Anchoring.

Saturday 13th Landing Party and Small Arms Firing. Wednesday 17th. Midshipman's Daylight Anchorages. Tuesday 23rd. Blind Pilotage and Anchoring.

APPENDIX C - OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS.

NIL.

APPENDIX D - SPORTING RESULTS.

NIL.

APPENDIX B

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
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Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS BARRICADE letter of 1st August 1970 (with enclosures)

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HMAS BARRICADE at WATERHEN

1st August 2070

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The Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

Sir,

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1970 (ALL TIMES: ZONE KILO)

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of July, 1970.

NORTHERN REEF PATROL

2. At the beginning of the month BARRICADE was on passage to Townsville after completing a Northern Barrier Reef patrol. The ship entered Townsville at 1103 Friday, 3rd July and secured to No. 5 berth.

2nd NORTHERN RESF PATROL

- BARRICADE cast off and proceeded on patrol at 1000, Tuesday 7th At 1200 the 975 radar became unserviceable and BARRICADE anchored at 12/ in Challenger Bay to effect repair. Being unable to repair the radar, the ship returned to Townsville weighing at 0800, Wednesday 8th and secured to No. 5 berth at 1245.
- 4. Satisfactory repairs to the 975 radar were completed during the forenoon of Friday 10th.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOURILYAN

- Casting off at 1430, Friday 10th BARRICADE proceeded to Mourily to participate in the Captain Cook Bi-Centenery celebrations. The ship entered Mourilyan at 0900, Saturday 11th and secured to Main Sugar Terminal
- 6. Mr. E.M. Webb, the Chairman of Johnstone Shire, and Mr. S.A. Ro. Shire Clerk, called on me on arrival and acquainted me with the festival programme.
- 7. BARRICADE was open to visitors on the afternoon of the 11th. 1 spite of the distance from Innisfail over 400 visitors were received.
- 8. The visit to Mourilyan was very successful and was popular with both the inhabitants and Ship's Company. A number of people remarked that they rarely saw Naval vessels and hoped that more frequent visits would be planned in future.

SOUTHERN REEF PATROL

- 9. At 0850, Tuesday 14th, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea and after an uneventful patrol berthed at the Sugar Terminal wharf, Mackay at 0800 Thursday 16th.
- 10. Technical assistance from HMAS WATERHEN was required to repair to cooling fan in the 975 radar whilst alongside at Mackay. Satisfactory repairs were completed on Friday 17th.

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- 11. The southern patrol was continued when BARRICADE cast off and proceeded at 0900 Saturday 18th.
- 12. After an uneventful patrol the ship entered Bowen at 1220 on Wednesday 22nd and cast off to proceed to Townsville at 0900, Thursday 23rd securing to No. 5 berth at 1616.
- BARRICADE remained alongside from 24th to 29th, during which period all fuel injectors were overhauled and general maintenance carried out in preparation for the passage to Sydney.

PASSAGE TO SYDNEY

- 14. At 0800, Wednesday 29th the ship cast off from Townsville and proceeded on passage to Sydney. BARRICADE refuelled at Gladstone entering at 1015 and proceeding at 1215 on Thursday 30th.
- With a 2 knot south-east current and in good weather, BARRICADE was making good passage time until 2330, Friday 31st when funnel explosions were experienced; BARRICADE's 311430Z refers. The explosions were caused by a fractured gasket between the turbo blower and exhaust manifold in the port main engine. The remainder of the passage was made on the starboard engine.

STATE OF THE SHIP

16. Much work is needed on both main engines to bring them to a satisfactory state. The state of electrics and ancillary machinery is good.

CONDUCT, HEALTH AND MORALE

17. The conduct and morale of the ship's company are satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(W.E. McAllister) LIEUTEMANT RAN

CAPTAIN

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1970

APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month
Distance steamed since commissioning

2221.9 miles 39054.7 miles

Hours underway during the month Hours underway since commissioning

136 2767

APPENDIX B

EXERCISES

Saturday 18th

Blind pilotage

Monday 20th

Night illuminations exercise

((4) 2" flares)

Thursday 23rd

Man overboard and ship handling

APPENDIX C

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS

Posted: Midshipman H.J. Hickman SLEX RAN - 3rd July 1970

APPENDIX D

SPORTING RESULTS

Saturday 11th

Golf versus Innisfail - Lost 142-68

Sunday 12th

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HMAS BARRICADE letter of 2nd September 1970

H.M.A.S. Barricade, at Waterhen.

2 September, 1970

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Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of August, 1970.

- At the beginning of the month BARRICADE was alongside at HMAS WATERHEN and remained alongside until 20 August. During this period a defective starboard gearbox was renewed.
- It had been noticed that when manoeuvring BARRICADE's starboard gearbox was engaging astern, when the controls were in the neutral position. Subsequent inspection revealed that the principal factor in the gearbox failure, was excessive wear in the blocktube interlock controls.
- 4. Satisfactory sea trials on the new gearbox were commenced at 0930K Thursday 20th and completed at 1230K when BARRICADE secured at Waterhen.
- In company with HMAS BARBETTE, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded at O800K Monday 24th to participate in JUCEX 77. Without warning, BARRICADE's starboard engine seized at 1000K necessitating the ships' return to WATERHEN. BARRICADE's 240055Z refers.
- Inspection by Waterhen base staff revealed that a replacement of the starboard A1 cylinder, liner, piston assembly and cylinder head was necessary. Investigation into the cause of seizure is in progress.
 - 7. BARRICADE remained alongside undergoing engine repairs for the remainder of the month.

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State of Ship

8. Apart from major engine defects, the state of the ship is satisfactory.

Conduct, Health and Morale

9. The conduct, health and morale of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory.

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

> > (W.E. MCALLISTER) LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.

Appendices to HMAS BARRICADE Report of Proceedings Enclosures:-

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 1970

Appendix 'A' Steaming Figures

Distance steamed during the month

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Hours underway during the month

Hours underway since commissioning

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Appendix 'B' Exercises

Monday 24th

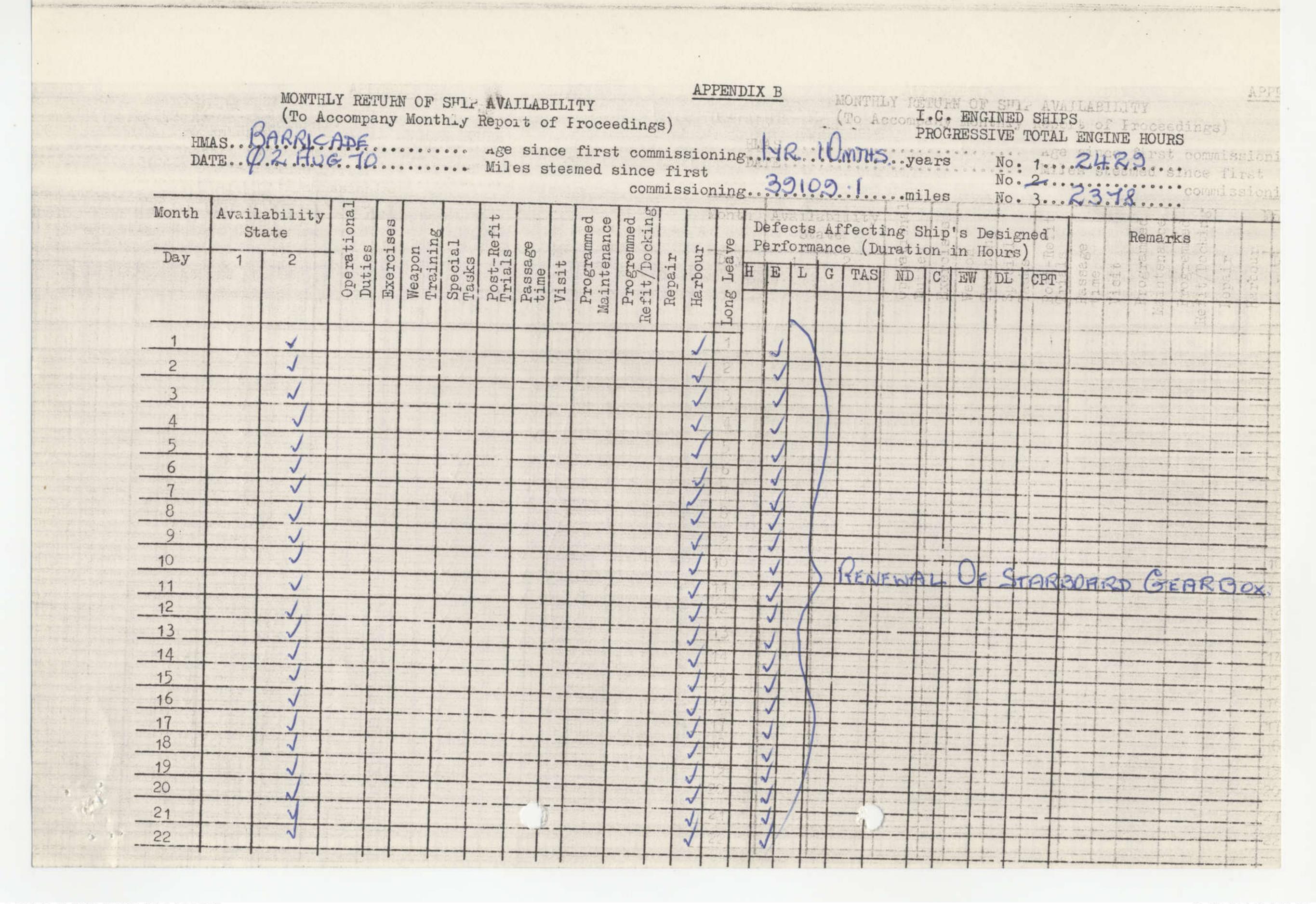
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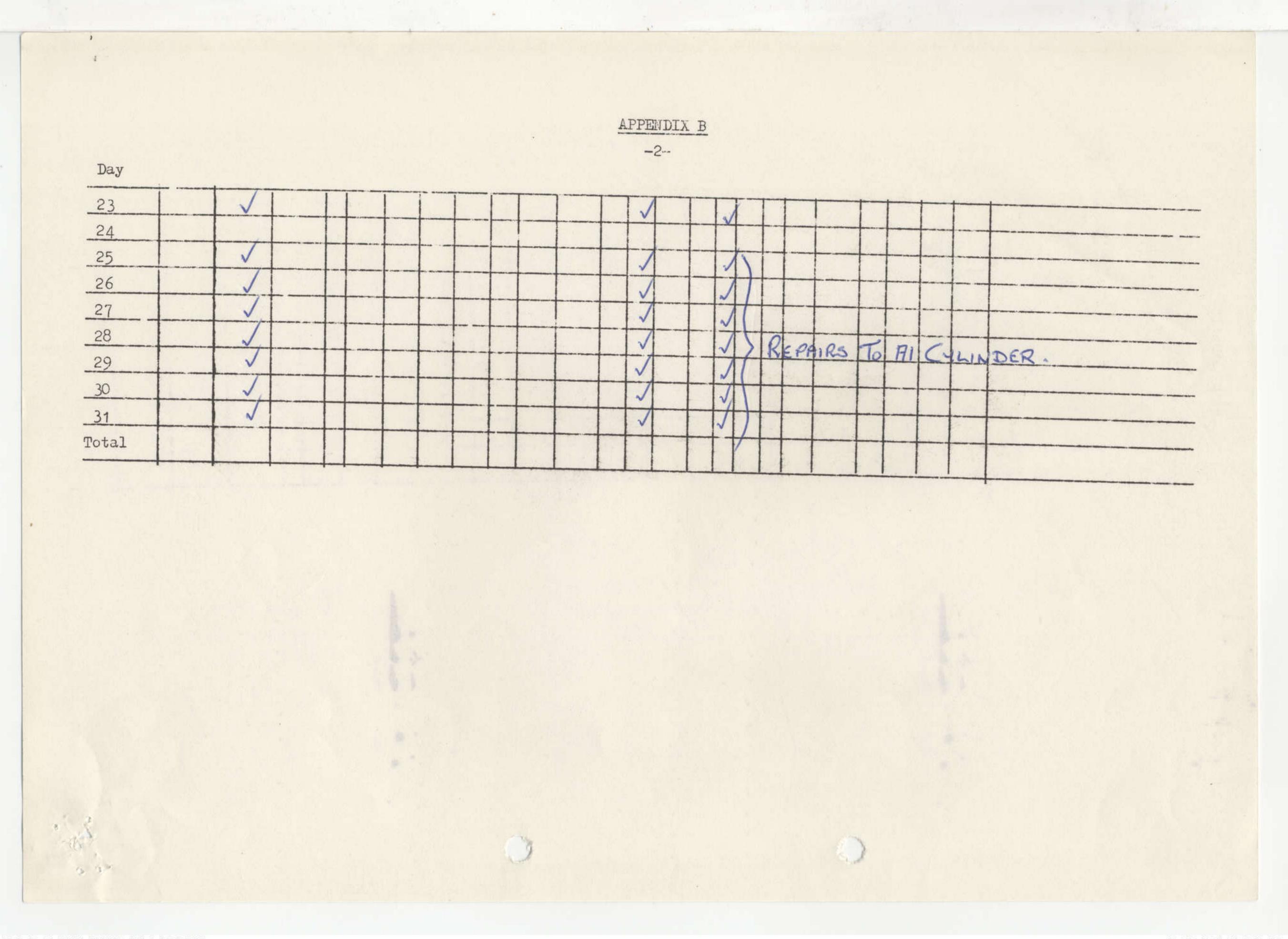
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H.M.A.S. Barricade, At Jervis Bay.

4 October, 1970

Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BARRICADE under my command for the month of September, 1970.

- At the beginning of the month, BARRICADE was alongside at HMAS Waterhen and remained alongside until Monday 7 September. During this period replacement of A1 cylinder in the starboard main engine was completed.
- In company with HMAS ARDENT, BARRICADE cast off at 1330K Monday 7th, and proceeded to Jervis Bay. At 1600K it was noticed that BARRICADE's starboard engine was running roughly and in view of recent repairs, it was decided to shut it down and endeavour to make repairs whilst on passage. Repairs were not completed when the ship secured at SAR wharf at 2020K. The fault in the starboard main engine was found to be a misaligned fuel pump which, with commendable effort, the engineering staff repaired by 0700K Tuesday 8th.
- Casting off at 0850K Tuesday 8th, Barricade and Ardent proceeded for towing and 00W manoeuvres. On completion of the inner harbour exercises both ships proceeded to area R445A for a ROFX and AACRF firing scheduled for 1430K. At 1630K course was set for Jervis Bay securing alongside SAR wharf at 1835K.
- off at 2359K Tuesday 8th, and proceeded to rendezvous with HMAS BRISBANE and HMAS SWAN for filming of BRISBANE'S IKARA firings. The rendezvous was made at 0610K Wednesday 9th. In steadily deteriorating weather, BARRICADE stood by until 1435K when the ship was required to recover BRISBANE's swimmer who's safety line had parted while recovering the bouyed target. The ship recovered both swimmer and bouy and returned them to under BRISBANE's starboard davit. Ikara firings were cancelled and as BARRICADE was required for the following day, course was set for Sydney entering harbour at 2200K and secured No. 12 berth WATERHEN at 2335K.



- Despite a strong wind warning, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to once again rendezvous with BRISBANE at 0415K Thursday 10th. Due to extremely bad weather, BARRICADE was unable to remain at sea and returned WATERHEN securing alongside No. 12 berth at 0800K. Casting off at 1550K the ship proceeded to Jervis Bay and in abating weather secured to SAR wharf at 2145K.
- 7. Air to ground range clearance was carried out when BARRICADE cast off at 0825K Monday 14th and completed at 1025K when the ship secured to SAR wharf and remained at immediate notice.
- 8. On Wednesday 16th at 0725K, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded for range clearance and returned alongside SAR wharf at 0850K.
- 9. At 1055K Thursday 17th, the ship cast off and proceeded to clear Jervis Bay Range. BARRICADE returned and secure to SAR wharf at 1545K.
- The range was cleared by BARRICADE on Friday 18th commencing at 0720K and completed at 0858K when the ship secured to SAR wharf and remained alongside until Monday 21st.
- In company with SAR craft AIRSPRITE which had temporary repairs to her bows after colliding with the SAR wharf, BARRICADE cast off at 1050K Monday 21st and proceeded to escort AIRSPRITE to Sydney. Due to short choppy seas AIRSPRITE began taking water into her damaged bows and at 1415K course was reversed for Jervis Bay. Both vessels secured to the SAR wharf at 1650K.
- 12. On Tuesday 22nd BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to clear the Jervis Bay range far air to ground firings and returned alongside at 0911K. At 1535K the ship cast off and proceeded to Sydney and after an uneventful passage secured to No. 12 berth WATERHEN.
- 13. Casting off at 0750K Thursday 24th BARRICADE proceeded to WATSON'S BAY to embark a Coxswains class for 00W and Ship handling training. The weather outside being unsuitable, it was decided to conduct inner harbour anchorages and ship handling. After a useful days training, BARRICADE secured to No. 12 Waterhen at 1540K and remained alongside until Monday 28th.
- At 1300K Monday 28th in company with HMAS CURLEW, HMAS IBIS and DT1 SEAL, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea. BARRICADE was detached at 1330K for Shark Island degaussing runge and completed ranging at 1330K. The ship returned to WATERHEN with unserviceable communications and secured to No. 9 berth at 1430K.
- Repairs to communications completed, BARRICADE cast off at 1700K Monday 28th and in company with HMAS ASSAIL proceeded to Jervis Bay. Both ships anchored at Jervis Bay at 2255K.
- At 0700K Tuesday 29th, whilst preparing to get underway, a broken bridge piece was discovered in the port main engine, BARRICADE's 282230Z refers.

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The ship weighed and proceeded to alongside SAR wharf securing at 0908K.

The repairs on the port main engine being completed BARRICADE cast off and proceeded in company with ASSAIL for exercises within Jervis Bay at 0730K Wednesday 30th. Exercises were completed at 1030K and both ships anchored at Darling Roads at 1052K.

Despite contingul trouble with main engines,
BARRICADE has managed to complete a month of useful work,
however it is definitely apparent that the ship is in need of
the coming refit.

The conduct and health of the Ship's Company are satisfactory. Morale is high due to the impending leave period.

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

> (W.E. McALLISTER) Lieutenant, R.A.N. COMMANDING OFFICER

(For Information:

Commander,

Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

Commander,

1st. Australian Patrol Boat Squadron).

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Appendix A - Steaming Figures

Distance steamed during the month Distance steamed since commissioning Hours underway during the month Hours underway since commissioning

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Appendix B - Exercises

Tuesday 8th - TOWEX (HMAS ARDENT)
ROFX and AACRF (40/60 and 50 CAL)

Monday 14th - Crash sail

Thursday 24th Coxswain training

Tuesday 29th - TOWEX (HMAS ASSAIL)

Wednesday 30th - 00W Manoeuvres
BOARDEX
Heaving line transfers

Appendix C - Officers Movements

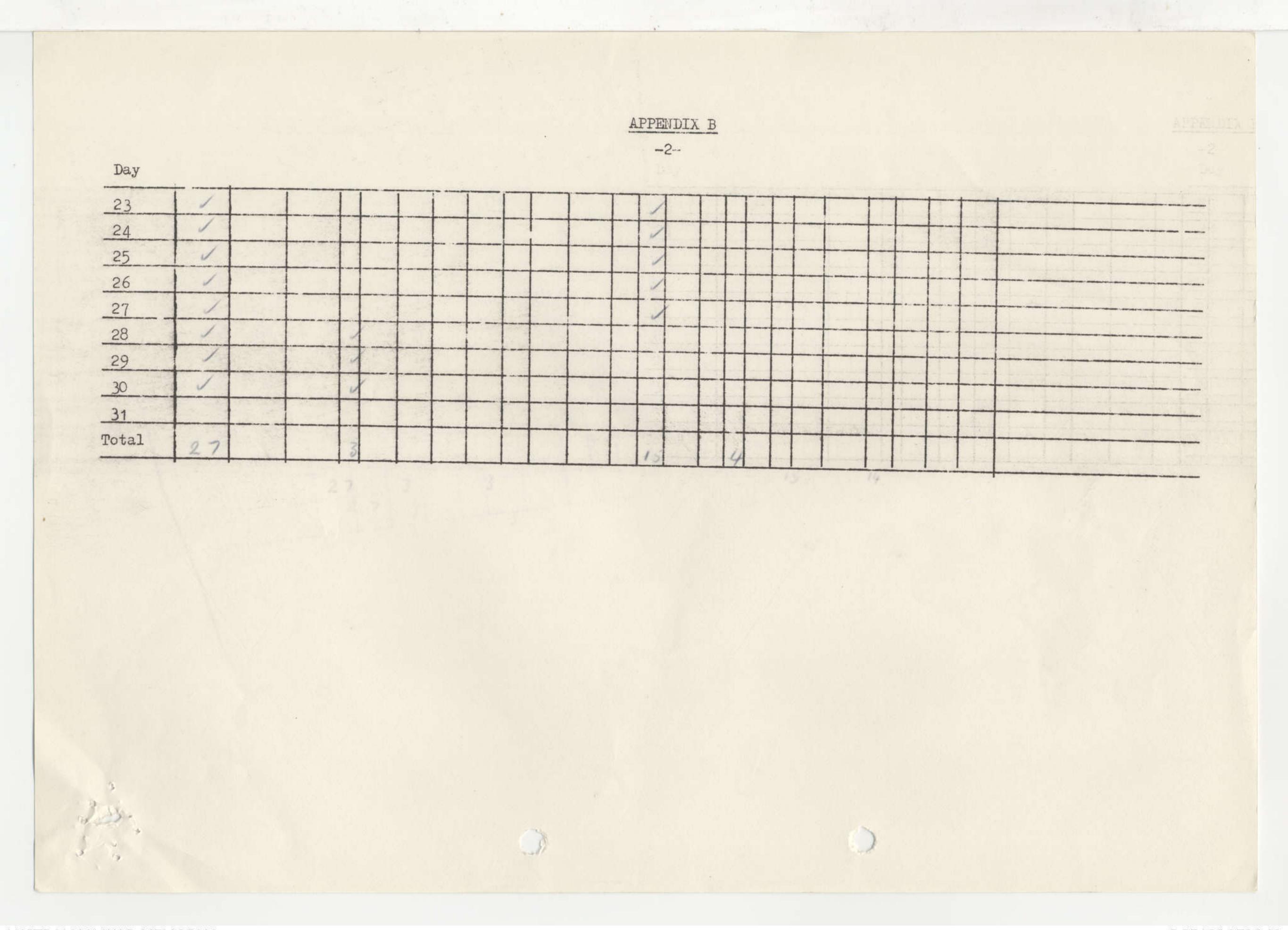
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Appendix D - Sporting Results

Wednesday 30th - Golf versus ASSAIL WON 21-20

Volley Ball versus ASSAIL LOST 16-14

APPENDIX B MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY (To Accompany Monthly Report of Froceedings) Month Availability Defects Affecting Ship's Designed State Remarks Performance (Duration in Hours) Day G TAS ND C EW DL 12 16 18 19 20



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

3 November, 1970

Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(For Informations-

Commander,

Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron).

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1970

(All times Kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BARRICADE under the command of Lieutenant W.E. McALLISTER, RAN until the 19th October, 1970 and thereafter myself, while the Captain is absent on leave.

- BARRICADE began the month at anchor in Jervis Bay.
 Weighing anchor at 0603, Thursday 1st October, BARRICADE joined HMAS
 IBIS to act as a mine disposal unit for the minesweeping exercise
 NEW DEAL. No mines had been found by 1000 and at this time BARRICADE
 detached to participate in Officer of the Watch manoeuvres until 1207
 in company with HMA Ships ASSAIL and AWARE. BARRICADE anchored at
 Darling Roads at 1220 and remained at anchor until the next morning.
- The anchor was weighed at 0806, Friday 2nd when BARRICADE was joined by ASSAIL for seamanship exercises which were completed at 1000. BARRICADE and ASSAIL then proceeded to sea where Bofor and Small Arms surface firings were conducted followed by a ROFX. All firings were completed by 1200 and a course was set for Steamer's Beach. During the passage to Steamer's Beach, heaving line transfers and a towing exercise were carried out. A blind pilotage approach was made into Steamer's Beach where BARRICADE and ASSAIL anchored at 1406.
- BARRICADE sailed in company with ASSAIL at 1620 to conduct a surface attack on H.M.A. Ships CURLEW and IBIS and the diving tender SEAL operating in Jervis Bay. BARRICADE and ASSAIL entered Jervis Bay at full speed at 1640 and attacked the ships firing break-up shot. The attack was completed by 1715 and BARRICADE secured to the SAR Wharf, HMAS CRESWELL, at 1730.
- On Saturday 3rd October, at 0603, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to transit Jervis Bay to Montague Roads where the ship was secured at 0640 starboard side to ASSAIL then at anchor. BARRICADE cast off at 1228 and returned with ASSAIL to anchor off Captain's Point at 1300. ASSAIL secured on BARRICADE's portside at 1312. The two ships remained in this position until 1627 when ASSAIL cast off and BARRICADE weighed anchor at 1630. Both ships proceeded to Steamer's Point Beach where they anchored at 1715.

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- The Ship's Companies of BARRICADE and ASSAIL were landed ashore at 1100, Sunday 4th for a banyan returning onboard at 1430. At 1600 both ships weighed and proceeded to Jervis Bay to attack IBIS and CURLEW which was completed at 1643. BARRICADE secured portside to the SAR Wharf at 1656.
- On Monday, 5th October, BARRICADE and ASSAIL sailed at 0832 for Montague Roads where towing exercises were carried out being completed by 1007. These exercises were followed by a BOARDEX completed at 1035. BARRICADE secured port side to the SAR Wharf and ASSAIL secured starboard side to BARRICADE at 1107. At 1138, BARRICADE cast off to assist the aircraft lighter to lay mines within Jervis Bay. BARRICADE was anchored off Captain's Point by 1215 and remained at anchor for the remainder of the day and night.
- 8. BARRICADE participated in an Operation Awkward exercise on the night of the 5th. On completion of the exercise divers were sent down to search the ship's hull. No mines were found however one diver reported that one blade of the port and starboard propellors were slightly damaged. BARRICADE's signal 060244Z OCT70. refers.
- 9. BARRICADE weighed anchor at 0800 and secured alongside the SAR Wharf at 0810 on Tuesday 6th October. The ship was underway at 0830 and assumed the duties of an air defence ship in company with ASSAIL and AWARE for CURIEW and IBIS. This phase of the exercise NEW DEAL was completed at 1115. Within this period several air attacks were made and break-up shot was fired.
- Officer of the Watch manoeuvres were conducted from 1115 until 1150 with ASSAIL and AWARE. At 1200, BARRICADE secured portside to the SAR wharf. At 1210, the SEAL secured to BARRICADE's starboard side. The Captain of SEAL, Lieutenant E.L. Graham, RA.N., entered the water to examine the damaged propellors. His report stated that the port propellor was not damaged. As a result of his investigation, BARRICADE's signal 060552 OCT70 was originated stating the damage sustained to the starboard propellor.
- At 1712, BARRICADE cast off and cleared Jervis Bay with ASSAIL and AWARE to conduct tracking exercises with two Grumman S2E Tracker aircraft. The exercise was completed at 1930 when a course was set for Jervis Bay to conduct a night illumination exercise against the minesweepers and the diving tender. On completion of the attack, ASSAIL detached and proceeded to Sydney. BARRICADE secured atarboard side to the SAR Wharf at 2110.
- BARRICADE cleared the berth at 0850, Thursday 8th, to allow IBIS alongside. BARRICADE then berthed port side to AWARE. At 2157, BARRICADE cast off and had cleared Jervis Bay by 2245 in company with CURLEW, IBIS and SEAL to proceed to Sydney. After an uneventful overnight passage, BARRICADE secured starboard side to No. 12 berth, HMAS WATERHEN.
- BARRICADE remained alongside until 0830, Monday 12th October, when the ship cast off and proceeded to Spectacle Island. The ship had deammunitioned from alongside a lighter by 0930. BARRICADE then proceeded to WATERHEN and secured to Oil Fuel Lighter to defuel. On completion the ship secured at No. 12 berth.

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- 14. At 0800, Tuesday 13 October, BARRICADE cast off and proceeded to Garden Island securing alongside the COLAC at 0823 to commence cleaning the tanks and bilges.
- The Captain, Charge and Second ERA and I attended BARRICADE's pre-refit meeting at the Principal Overseer's Office at Cockatoo Island returning on board at 1230. At 1300, BARRICADE cast off and returned to WATERHEN.
- BARRICADE remained alongside at WATERHEN destoring ship until 0809, Monday 19th October, when the ship cast off and proceeded to Spectacle Island. All remaining stores and equipment not required for the refit were disembarked here.
- 17. The ship cast off at 1011 and proceeded to Cockatoo Island securing portside to the Patrol Boat Wharf at 1020. BARRICADE commenced the biennial refit and long leave. The Captain proceeded on leave at 1100.
- 18. I attended the first refit progress meeting for BARRICADE during the forenoon of 27 October and all reports indicate that the refit is progressing satisfactorily.
- 19. At 1100 on Wednesday 28th, BARRICADE made a cold move under the direction of Lieutenant Commander J.E.A. Toulouse RLEX RAN to the waiting position on the slipway. BARRICADE was successfully slipped during the afternoon of the 28th by Cockatoo Island Dockyard employees.
- 20. For the remainder of the month, work on BARRICADE has continued without any difficulties.
- 21. The conduct, health and morale of the members of the Ship's Company remaining on board during the refit is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.V. RYAN)

Sub-Lieutenant, R.A.N. COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures:- Appendices to Report of Proceedings.

Appendix B

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APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 1970

Appendix A - Steaming Figures

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Appendix C - Exercises

Thursday 1st - 00W Manoeuvres
Friday 2nd - Seamanship

- SUFX (40/60 and Small Arms)

- ROFX (40/69)

- Heaving Line Transfers

- TOWEX (ASSAIL)

- Surface attack (minesweepers)

Sunday 4th - Surface attack (minesweepers)

Monday 5th - TOWEX (ASSAIL)

- BOARDEX

- Operation Awkward

Tuesday 6th - Air Defence (minesweepers)

- 00W Manoeuvres

- Searchlight tracking (aircraft)

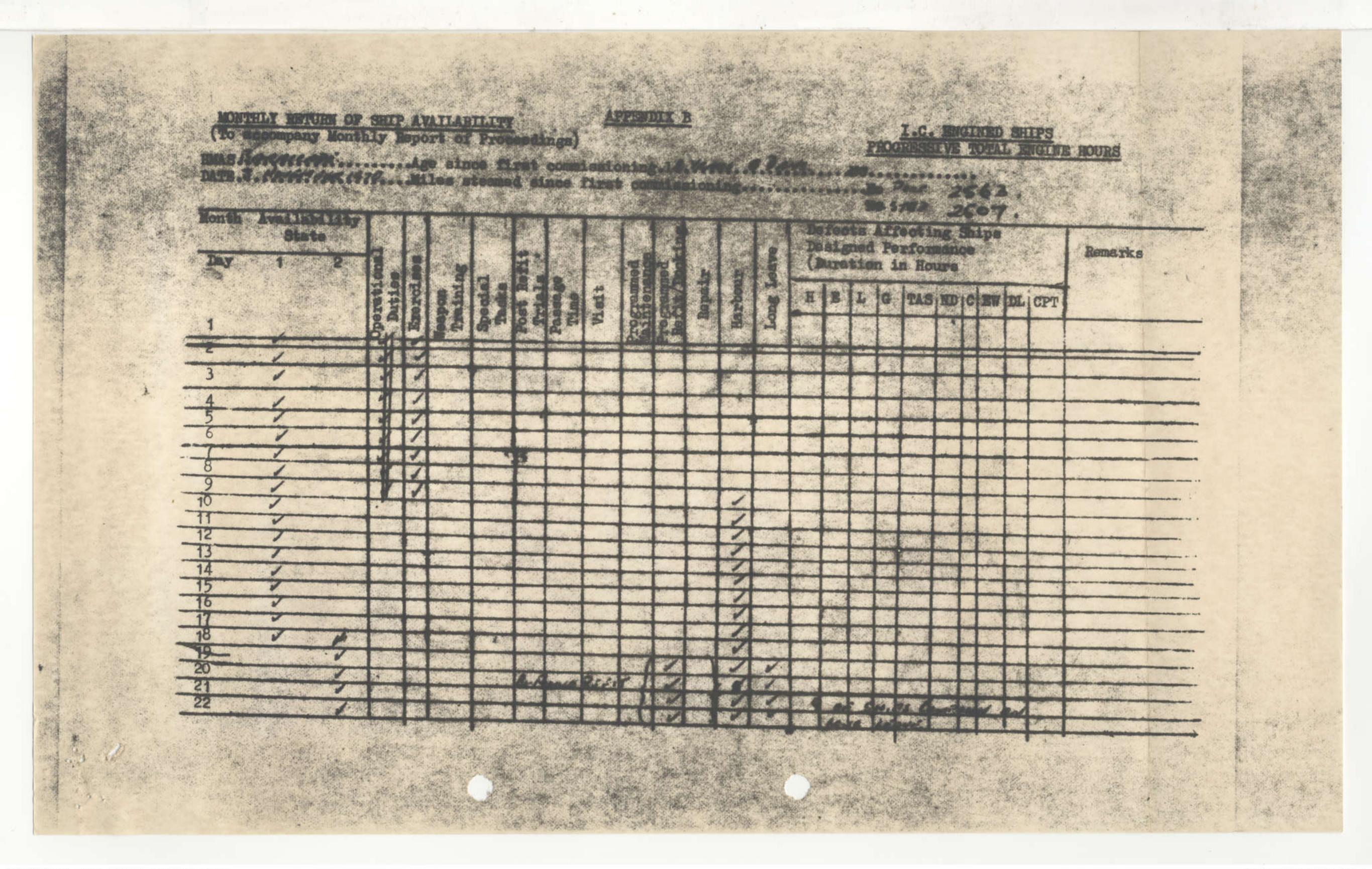
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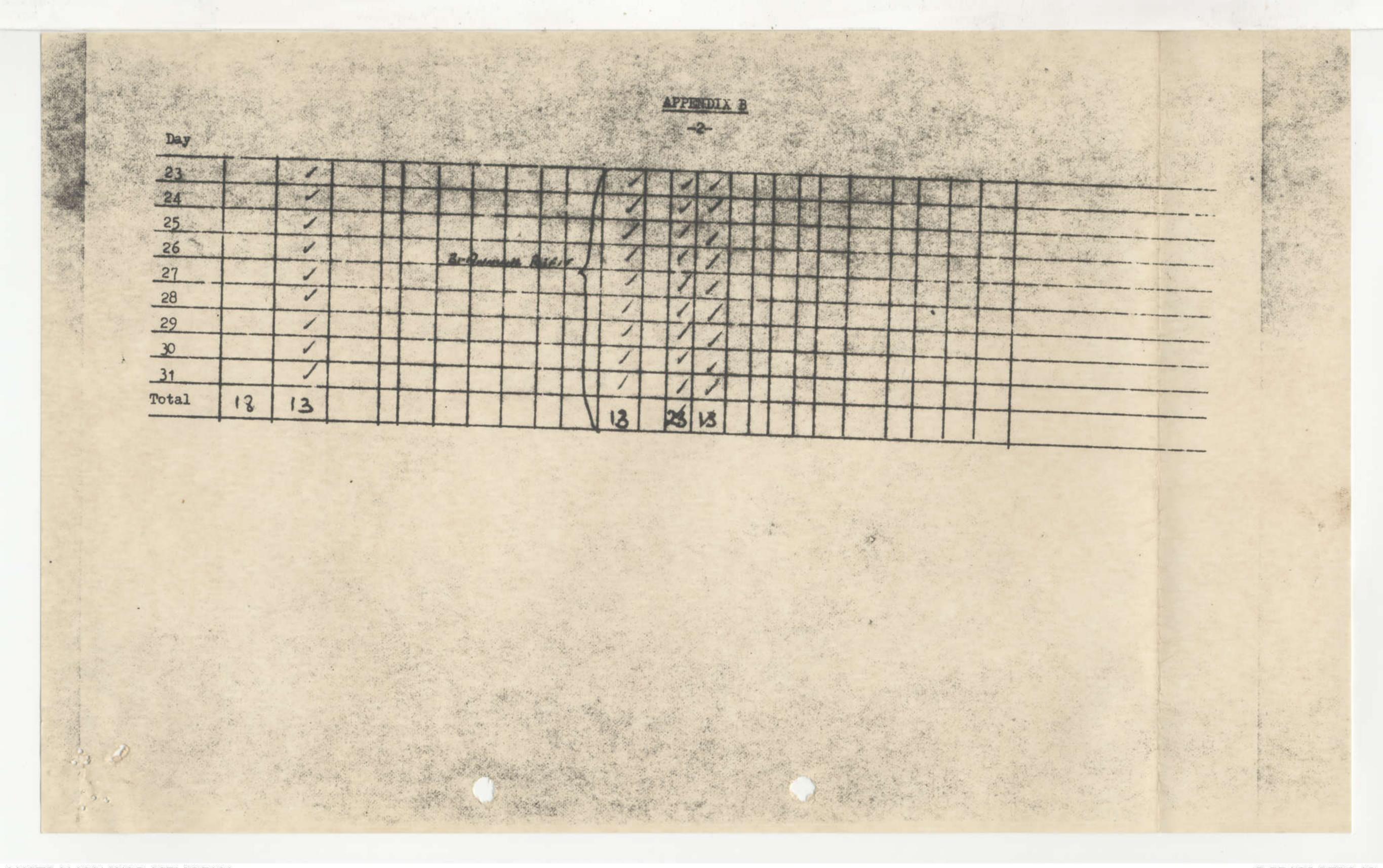
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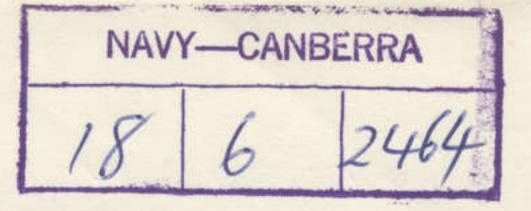
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(For Information: -

Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces,

Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron).

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 1970

(All times Kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BARRICADE under the command of Sub-Lieutenant G.V. RYAN, R.A.N. until 30 November while I was absent on leave and thereafter myself.

- 2. At the beginning of the month, BARRICADE was on the slipway at Cockatoo Island Dockyard undergoing a biennial refit.
- The progress of the refit has been satisfactory in all departments except in the Engineering department. On Thursday, 19 November, the General Overseer and Superintendent of Inspection, Eastern Australia Area requested that both of BARRICADE's main engines be replaced. GOSIEAA's signal, 190146Z NOV 70 refers. This request was approved on Friday 20 November. ACNB signal 200753Z NOV 70 refers.
- At 1130 on Friday 27 November, BARRICADE left the slip at Cockatoo Island Dockyard. Under the direction of Lieutenant Commander J.E.A. Toulouse, RLEX, R.A.N. and with the assistance of a try, BARRICADE was secured port side to the Patrol Boat Wharf, Cockatoo Island, at 1145 and remained in that position until the end of the month.
- Jesumed irom leave on Monday 30 November and resumed command from the Executive Officer, Sub-Lieutenant G.V. Ryan, R.A.N.

The conduct, health and morale of the members of the Ship's Company remaining on board during the refit is satisfactory.

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(W.E. McALLISTER) Lieutenant, R.A.N. COMMANDING OFFICER

APPENDICES TO HMAS BARRICADE REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 1970

Appendix A - Steaming Figures

Distance steamed during month

Distance steamed since commissioning

Hours underway during month

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Appendix C - Exercises

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Appendix D - Officers Movements
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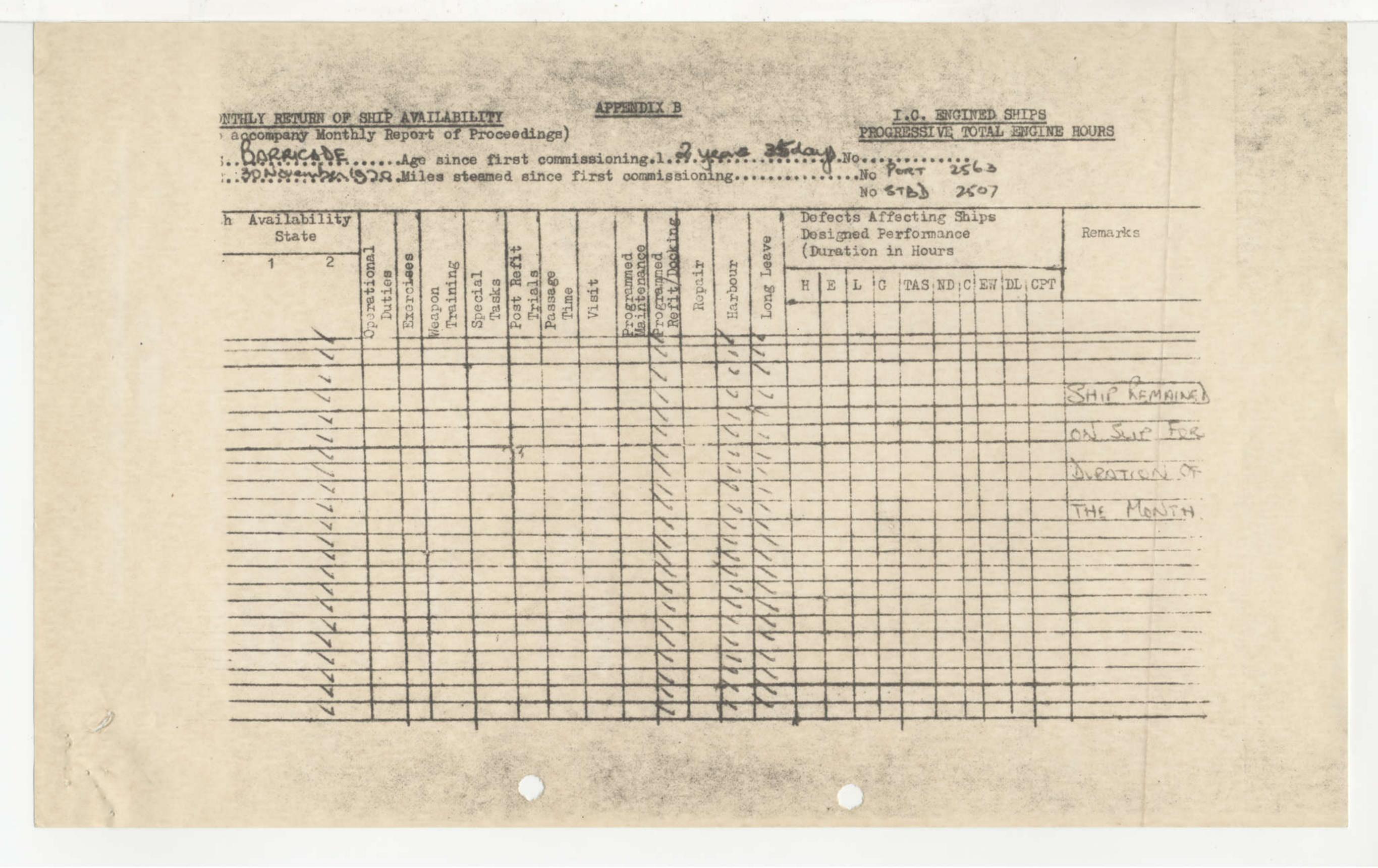
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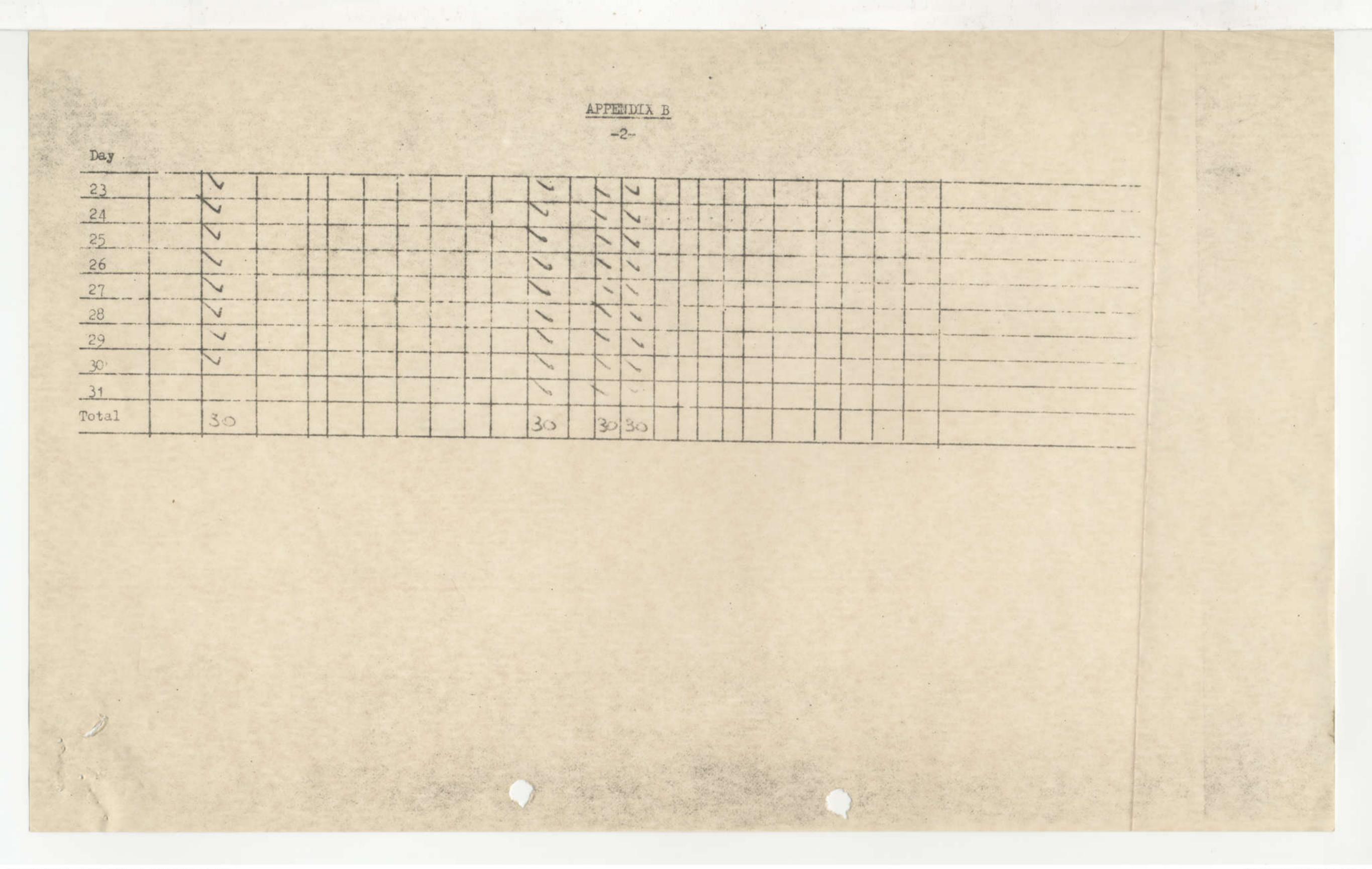
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Appendix E - Sporting Results

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

6th January, 1971

Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(For Information: - Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron).

H.M.A.S. BARRICADE - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 70

(All times Kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BARRICADE, under the command of LEUT SDEX(B) W.E. McAllister, RAN until 14th December, 1970, thereafter myself.

- 2. At 1600K on 15th December, 1970 I assumed command from LEUT SDEX(B) W.E. MoAllister, RAN. At this time, HMAS BARRICADE was alongside Cockatoo Island Dockyard undergoing main refit.
- At 1015K on Thursday 17th December, 1970 I had the honour of calling on you, Sir at your Headquarters, Garden Island SYDNEY.
- 4. The progress of the refit has been satisfactory. Some regions however have been affected by the lack of labour available.
- The replacement of both BARRICADE's main engines has been completed, the engines required rewiring on receipt from the supplier thereby necessitating additional work to be carried out.
- A refit progress meeting was held on Tuesday 8th December, 1970, departmental overseers gave assurances that the new refit completion date of Wednesday 27th January, 1971 should be met, thereby enabling the ship to meet fleet operational requirements from that time. The next refit meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 5th January, 1971.

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- Prior to assuming command on the 15th December, 1970 I had undergone a PB PCT (including Gunnery) conducted by HMAS Waterhen and CERBERUS from 1 December, 1970 until 11 December, 1970. Both courses were well conducted and advantageous to an officer posted in command of a Patrol Boat.
- 8. With the ship in dockyard hands for the full period, no internal husbandry has been possible by ships staff with the exception of fire and security parties from the duty watch to reduce the element of a fire danger on completion of dockyard work.
- 9. The conduct, health and morale of the members of the Ship's Company remaining onboard during the refit is satisfactory. The Christmas festivities was made more enjoyable by the facilities provided by H.M.A.S. WATERHEN.

(A.F.S. WYATT)
LEUT SDEX(C) R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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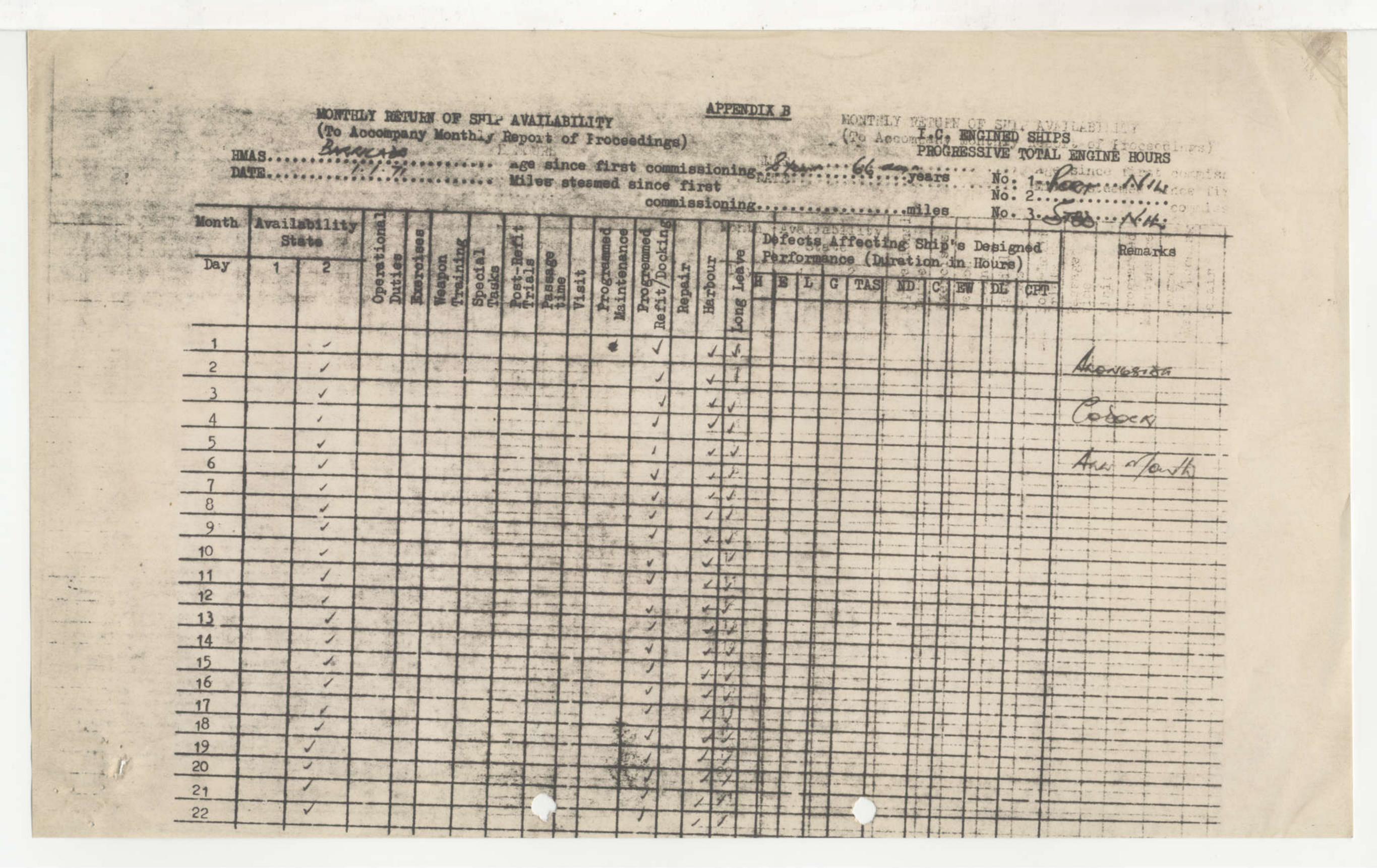
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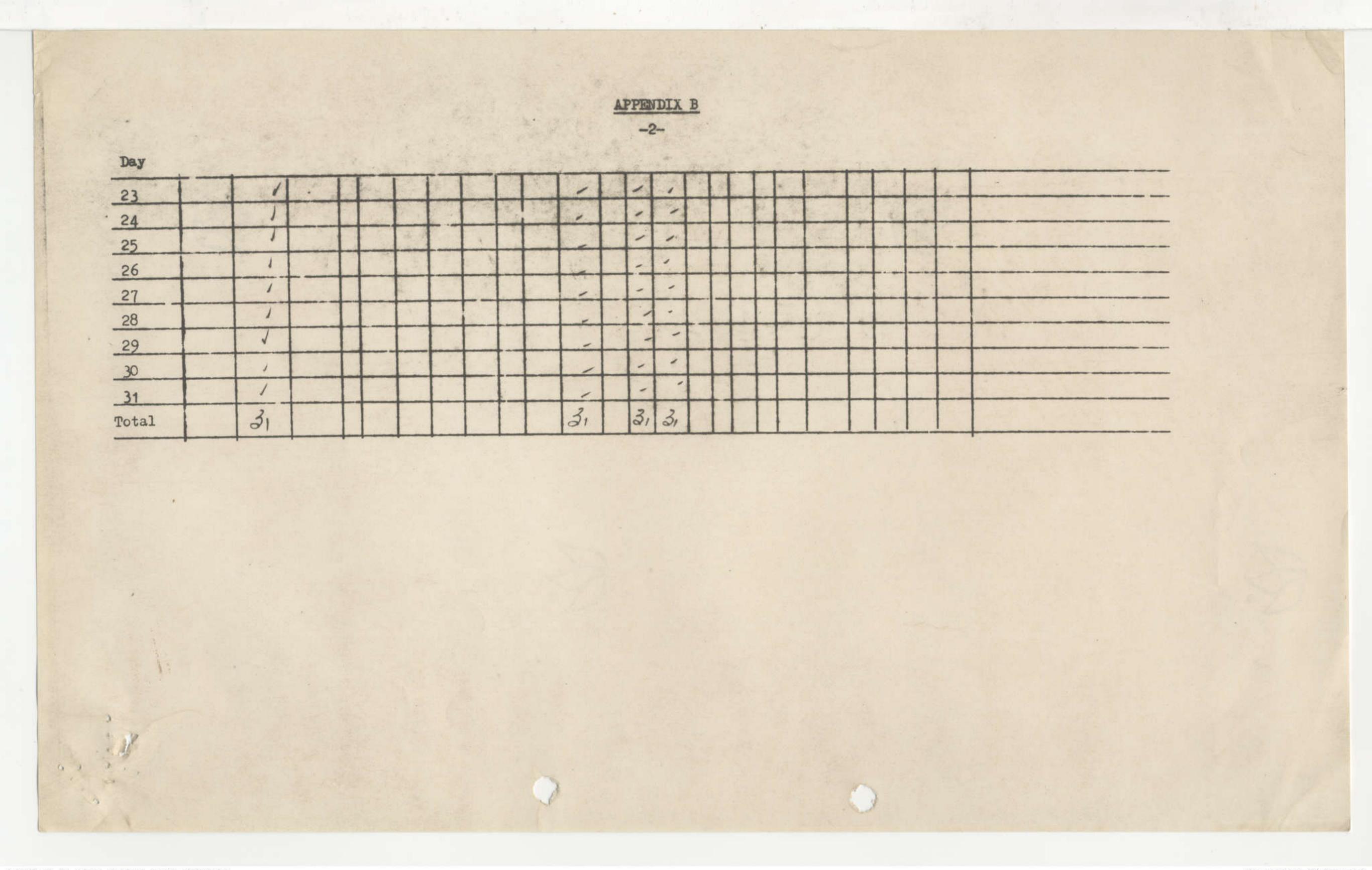
LEUT SDEX(B) W.E. McALLISTER, RAN posted to H.M.A.S. KIMBLA (EXECUTIVE OFFICER) 15.12.70

LEAVE - SBLT SLEX G.V. Ryan, R.A.N. - 1 December, 1970

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