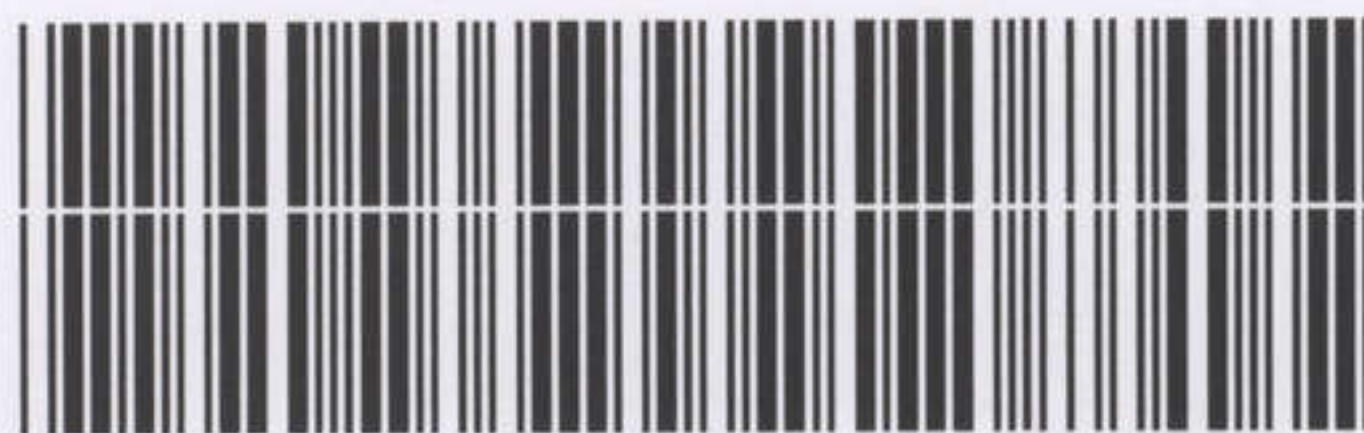


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*Tow to Cairns for survey
of cyclone damage.*

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21 MAR 1975

The Special Deputy,
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For Information

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET
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The Commander, AUSTRALIAN MARINE BATTALION AND PATROL FORCES
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HMAS ATTACK
At Cairns

1st February, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of January, 1975.
2. At the commencement of the month, ATTACK was alongside Stokes Hill Wharf Inner, Darwin. The ship remained at this berth until 2230 (-9½) on Tuesday 14th January when slipping was successfully completed. Temporary watertight integrity repairs had been effected by Thursday 16th January and at 2020 (-9½) ATTACK was unslipped and later berthed alongside HMAS ADVANCE at Stokes Hill Wharf Inner.
3. Lines were cast off at 1010 (-9½) on Friday 17th January and ATTACK proceeded by cold move to rendezvous with HMAS STUART in the vicinity of Channel Rock buoy. Conditions in the main channel proved too rough to effectively pass and secure the tow and was not effected until 1300 (-9½) after proceeding to calmer waters further in shore. Towing speed was gradually increased and by the time open seas had been reached, a speed of 12 knots proved quite satisfactory in the prevailing North West winds and choppy seas. Apart from a wind and rain squall during which time speed was reduced to 6 knots, the tow was conducted without incident, making good a speed of 10 knots across the Gulf of Carpentaria and 12 knots from Cape York to Cairns inside the Reef. Details of towing arrangements onboard ATTACK are shown at Appendix C.
4. The tow was slipped at 0930 (-10) on Wednesday 22nd January, the tug Daly secured alongside and the ship was berthed at No.4 Berth, Cairns, at 1055(-10). ATTACK remained at this berth until 0615 (-10) on Friday 24th January, when the ship proceeded by cold move to the N.Q.E.A. slipway. Slipping was completed by late forenoon and ATTACK remained on the side slip for the remainder of the month.
5. ATTACK chopped to S.N.O. CAIRNS operational control on Wednesday 22nd January.
6. On Sunday 5th January, I attended a Buffet Luncheon given by the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, RADM D.C. Wells, C.B.E. The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet conducted an informal walkround of ATTACK on Tuesday 14th January.

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HULL AND MACHINERY

7. Auxiliary machinery functioned well throughout the month except nos. 1 and 2 Air Conditioning units which **were** unserviceable for most of the month. Main machinery was not flashed up during the month. The top yoke to the starboard rudder head had been broken and the port rudder only was made serviceable for the tow from Darwin to Cairns.

8. A full survey of cyclone damage had not been conducted by the end of the month.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

9. The health of the officers and ship's company is good. With the majority of personnel having had disaster leave welfare problems have eased and morale is high. Married members are in the process of being flown to Darwin at departmental expense to arrange storage of personal effects, and a signal requesting advice on entitlements for these personnel, in the present domestic situations, has been raised. (HMAS CAIRNS message HNK 292300Z JAN 75 refers).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(P. DE GRAAFF)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures:

1. APPENDIX A - Steaming Figures
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3. APPENDIX C - Tow Arrangement

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APPENDIX A TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

- A. Distance steamed during month - Nil (towed 1250N.M.)
- B. Hours underway during month - 121
- C. Distance steamed since commissioning - 173,087.3
- D. Hours underway since commissioning - 13,486 30/60

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APPENDIX B TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1975

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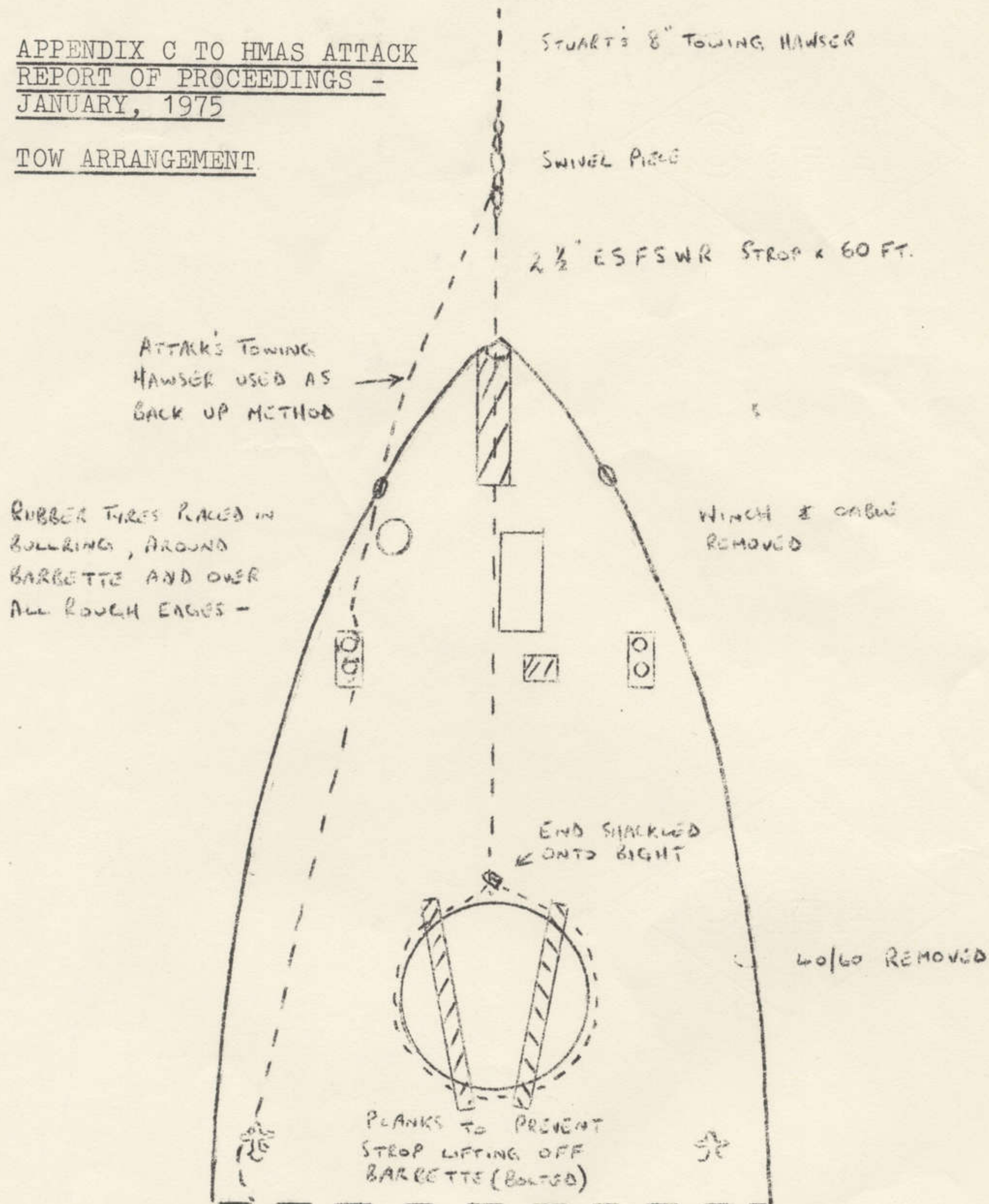
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APPENDIX C TO HMAS ATTACK
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
JANUARY, 1975

TOW ARRANGEMENT



1. The method shown in the diagram was originally the back up method. The original method consisted of two $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch ESFSWR strops, 60 feet in length attached to the swivel piece. Each strop was then brought through the fair leads and turned up on each bollard using this method, the strops ran away with 2 turns on each bollard and 2 men backing up each strop.
2. It is considered that the method shown in the diagram is the most practicable and feasible one when no cable and/or winch is carried, and presents no problems if the 40/60 Bofor is fitted.
3. Rubber tyres were used to prevent chaffing and the strop was oiled daily. Chaffing was negligible and lifting/friction around the BARBETTE did not occur.
4. Speeds up to 13 kts were used with no difficulty, and one rudder was available for steering.

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HMAS ATTACK,
at Cairns.

1st. March, 1975.

NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA.

HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command for the month of February, 1975

2. ATTACK remained on the N.Q.E.A. slip for the entire month. A detailed survey of cyclone damage was conducted by Mr. E. Jacobs, Naval Architect, during the month (HMAS CAIRNS message DUT 112235Z February, 1975 refers). Approval to proceed with repair of the ship had not been received by the end of the month.

3. Both main engines were removed from the ship on Saturday 1st February and work by ship's staff is progressing satisfactorily.

4. The health and welfare of the officers and ship's company is good and their morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

P. de GRAAFF

(P. de GRAAFF)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: 1. Appendix A - Steaming Figures

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APPENDIX A TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

A.	Distance steamed during month	Nil
B.	Hours underway during month	Nil
C.	Distance steamed since commissioning	173,087.3
D.	Hours underway since commissioning	13,486 30/60

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Damage repairs at Cairns.

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HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1975

Reference: RI Appendix 29A.

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S. A. Hall

(S.A. HALL)
Commander RAN
For Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

1st April, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of March, 1975.

REFIT

2. ATTACK spent the entire month on the N.Q.E.A. slip, Cairns. Approval to commence main refit, including cyclone damage repair, special class survey and dual main engine change, was received during the month, and ATTACK commenced refit on Monday 17th March. (DEFNAV CANBERRA message DXX 140303Z MAR 75 refers). Principal dates for ATTACK's main refit were amended by NOCQLD letter B 20-2-33 undated.

3. Work undertaken by ship's staff continues to progress satisfactorily although hampered by wet weather. N.Q.E.A. contractors had cut out sections of damaged hull plates around the forepeak and stern by the end of the month.

SECURITY

4. The ship's company was instructed on matters affecting security during the month.

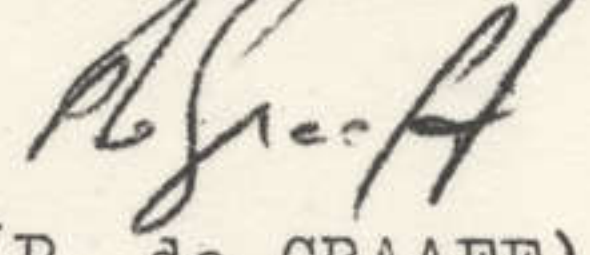
HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

5. One sailor contracted a gastric ulcer during the month. His transfer to HMAS PENGUIN for treatment was delayed due to the Airline Hostess strike, and the sailor remained in Calvary Hospital, Cairns, over Easter. The health and welfare of the officers and remaining ship's company is good and their morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(P. de GRAAFF)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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APPENDIX 'A' TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

A.	Distance steamed during month	Nil
B.	Hours underway during month	Nil
C.	Distance steamed since commissioning	173,087.3
D.	Hours underway since commissioning	13,486 30/60

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APPENDIX B

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY

MMAS	ATTACK	Age since first commissioning	7 1/2	years
DATE	01 APR 75	Miles steamed since first commissioning	173,081.3	miles

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

No. 1. ENGINES
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HMAS Attacks

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1. Cyclone repairs at Cairns.

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Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND
Commanding Officer, HMAS ATTACK

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1975

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Cairns RM
(E.E. JOHNSON)

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HMV2 VLLVCK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1 MAY 1972

Commanding Officer: HMV2 VLLVCK
NAVY OFFICER COMMANDING, QUEENSLAND
Commander: AUSTRALIAN MARINE FORCE AND BATHURST FORCES
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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

1st May, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1975

Sir,

RESTRICTED

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of April, 1975.

REFIT

2. ATTACK spent the month of April on the North Queensland Engineers and Agents slip, Cairns, undergoing cyclone repair, main refit and special class survey.

3. By the end of the month, a total of 443 square feet of shell plating had been cut out of the hull, mainly forward near the void spaces and aft near the tiller flat and after mess. 188 Square feet of plating had been replaced, leaving approximately 600 square feet still to be replaced. Upper deck plating on the starboard side walkway abreast the funnel and on the forecastle around the vents, had been replaced during the month.

4. Ship's staff work is progressing well now that the dry season is here. Main jobs undertaken so far are paint stripping of screens and masts and refurbishing of all valves and pipe systems.

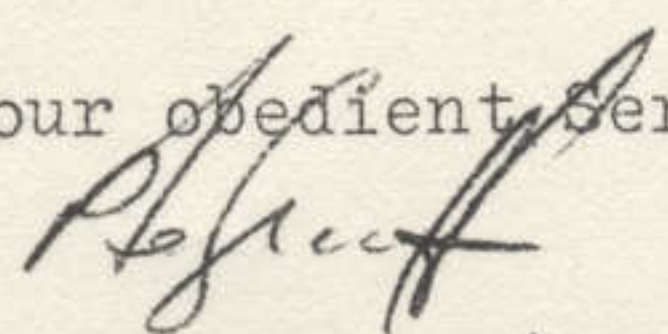
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5. Two minor wrist fractures and a number of bruises resulted from intership contact sports played during the month. Sport continues to play a large part in morale under the present circumstances and more than fifty percent of the officers and ship's company are involved in Cairns club sports. The health and welfare of the officers and ship's company is good and their morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(P. de GRAAFF)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Appendix A - Steaming Figures
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APPENDIX 'A' TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

A.	Distance steamed during month	Nil
B.	Hours underway during month	Nil
C.	Distance steamed since commissioning	173,087.3
D.	Hours underway since commissioning	13,486 30, 60

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY

ATTACK
01 MAY 75

Age since first commissioning

 $7 \frac{6}{12}$

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE

years

No. 1. ENGINES

Miles steamed since first commissioning

173,087.3 : miles

No. 2. REMOVED

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1. Repairs at Cairns.

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(E.E. JOHNSTON)
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Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

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Commanding Officer: HMVS VILLACK
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Commander: VASUBUTIV NINE MARELVE AND BATHOT LONGER
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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

2nd June, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of May, 1975.

REFIT

2. ATTACK remained on the North Queensland Engineers and Agents slip, Cairns, during the month, undergoing cyclone repair, main refit and special class survey.

3. An additional 20 square feet of shell plating had been removed from the hull during the month. Main cyclone damage repair work centred on replacing shell plating, and approximately 200 square feet had been replaced by the end of the month. The enclosed photographs taken on 22nd May show majority of work completed. All shell plating aft of frame 19 had been completed by the end of the month.

4. Fittings in the Senior Sailors' Mess, bathroom, Officers' Cabins and bathroom are being replaced subsequent to completion of half life survey in that section of the ship.

5. Ship's staff work continues to progress satisfactorily.

AWARDS

6. Naval Board Commendations for meritorious conduct onboard HMAS ATTACK during cyclone Tracy were presented to SBLT P.R. BLANCH, RAN, and ABRP D. DADE R.105111 at a well publicised ceremony on Friday 9th May. A Naval Board Commendation for POMTP3 B.W. BAILEY R.107116 who was serving in HMAS ADVANCE during the cyclone, was received in ATTACK at the end of the month.

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HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

7. The health and welfare of the officer's and ship's company is good and their morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(P. de GRAAFF)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Appendix A - Steaming Figures
2. Appendix B - Availability State
3. Photographs of ATTACK taken on 22nd May

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APPENDIX 'A' TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

A.	Distance steamed during month	NIL
B.	Hours underway during month	NIL
C.	Distance steamed since commissioning	173.087.3
D.	Hours underway since commissioning	13,486 30/60

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AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 7 7/12 YEARS

MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 173,087.3 MILES

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

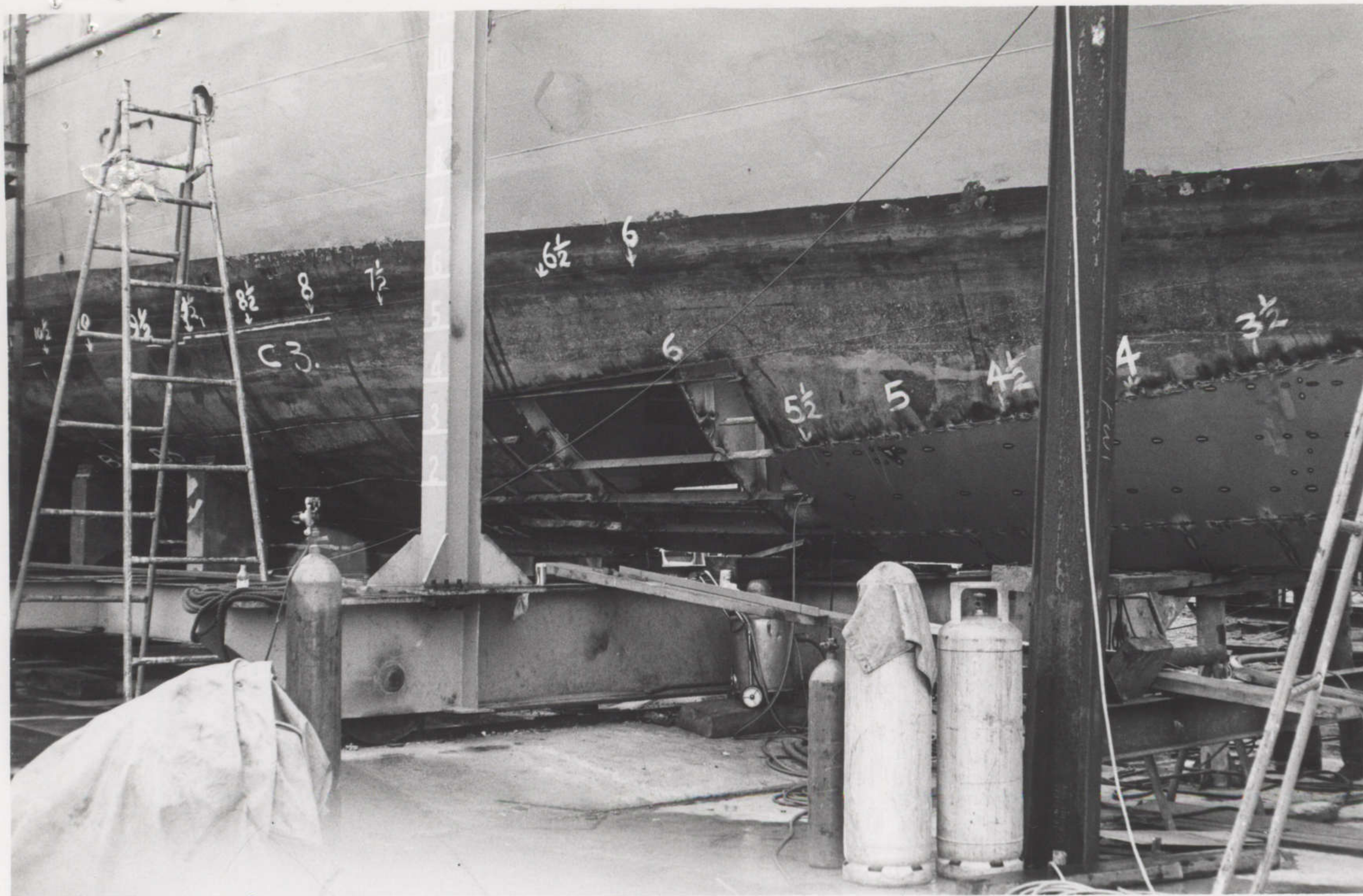
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3. SPECIAL CLASS SURVEY

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Damage repairs at Cairns

DNO *24/3/11*

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CNP *11/4/8*

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Cairns RMA
(E.E. JOHNSON)

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HMAS VELLACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1975

Commanding Officer, HMAS VELLACK
NAVY OFFICER COMMANDING, QUEENSLAND
Commander, AUSTRALIAN MINE WAREFARE AND BATHOT FORCES
JUGO OFFICER COMMANDING, RM AUSTRALIAN LEECH

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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

1st July, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during month of June, 1975.

REFIT

2. ATTACK spent the entire month of June on the North Queensland Engineers and Agents slip, Cairns, undergoing cyclone damage repair, main refit and special class survey.

3. All work progressed well, and by the end of the month approximately 75 percent of cyclone damage had been repaired. Supplies of shell plating from Garden Island were exhausted by mid June and with the non arrival of further shell plating, a decision was made to use approved stocks held by North Queensland Engineers and Agents.

4. Ship's staff work continues to progress satisfactorily. To enable a complete deck survey to be conducted, upper deck paint stripping was commenced towards the end of the month.

SECURITY

5. The ship's company was lectured on matters affecting security during the month.

HEALTH, WELFARE AND MORALE

6. The health and welfare of the officers and ship's company is good and their morale high.

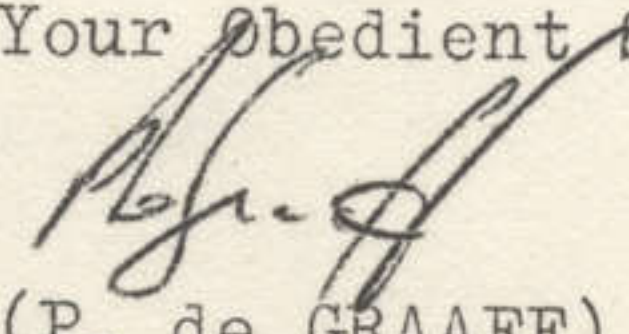
7. Lieutenant J.R. STAPLETON, RAN, joined on Monday 30th, June and assumes command of HMAS ATTACK on 1st July, 1975.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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(P. de GRAAFF)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 173,087.3 MILES

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

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27/8

1. Repairs at Cairns

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS ATTACK

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1975Reference: RI Appendix 29A

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S. A. Hall
(S.A. HALL)
Commander RAN
for Naval Officer Commanding
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NOBLE VESPERATIVE VESPER
FOR HEAD OFFICE COMMANDING
COMMISSIONER VESPER
(S.V. UNIT)

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Reference: HI Appendix 2A

HMS VESPER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1 AUG 1975

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, HMS VESPER
THE HEAD OFFICE COMMANDING, COMMISSIONER
THE COMMISSIONER, VESPERATIVE WINE MANEVE AND BALBOA BOMBS
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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

Quote in Reply:
1.16.6

1st August, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of July, 1975.

2. For the entire month ATTACK was on the North Queensland Engineers and Agents slip, Cairns, continuing cyclone damage repair, main refit and special class survey.

3. Work in all departments is progressing well.

Engineering

4. During the month freshwater and fuel tanks were tested, painted and sealed. The work on hull plating was completed with the final plate being fitted on Friday 11th. Sand blasting of the hull is nearing completion after being delayed by inclement weather and dockyard strikes.

5. The arduous task of fitting the 'P' brackets commenced towards the end of the month and work is continuing satisfactorily.

6. Ship's staff completed stripping the funnel, bridge superstructure and the upper deck. The upper deck is awaiting survey and shot blasting while nil stocks of chromate delays completion of ship's screens and funnel.

7. Work continues in the forward and after messes and these areas are now starting to resemble what used to be living spaces.

Electrical

8. Rewiring of ship's electrical circuits and main broadcast is progressing. Radar display and component parts have been released for repair to the contractors, Sonar Marine Electronics.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

9. The health of the ship's company is good. Despite the monotonous conditions, morale of the officers and ship's company remains high, this could be attributed to the recent and forthcoming changes in personnel and continued involvement in ships and civilian sporting activities. The welfare committee met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(J.R. STAPLETON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Appendix A - Steaming figures
2. Appendix B - Availability State
3. Photographs of ATTACK taken on Friday 11th Jul

APPENDIX 'A' TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDING - JULY 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month	Nil
Hours underway during the month	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning	173,087.3 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	13,486.5 hours

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY

ATTACK
01 AUG 1975

Age since first commissioning 7 $\frac{9}{12}$ years
Miles steamed since first commissioning 113,081.3 miles

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

No. 1
No. 2
No. 3

1. MAIN REFIT
2. CYCLONE REPAIR
3. SPECIAL CLASS SURVEY

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The Commander, AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES
The Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND
The Commanding Officer, HMAS ATTACK

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1975Reference: RI Appendix 29A

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(E.E. JOHNSTON)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

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HMS VULCAN - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1972

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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns
01 September, 1975

1.16.6

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of August, 1975.

ATTACK. was on the North Queensland Engineers and Agents slip, Cairns, for the entire month progressing main refit. It is expected that ATTACK will unslip on September 16th.

During the period 11-15 Aug I proceeded to sea in HMAS BAYONET for AUSPABRON 2 exercises. The chief bosuns mate was also at sea for the exercise in HMAS BARRICADE. Valuable experience was gained by POQMG W.R. Buckley and myself.

SBLT L.J. RAGO RAN joined on the 4th to take up his posting as executive officer and ASLT P.J. DEBNAM RAN joined on the 25th.

ENGINEERING

Work is progressing in accordance with the refit schedule. The Main engines and associated machinery have been replaced and the funnel is now in position. The 'P' brackets have been fitted to specifications, port propellor shaft and rudder have been installed. Blasting and metal spraying of the upper deck is 80% completed.

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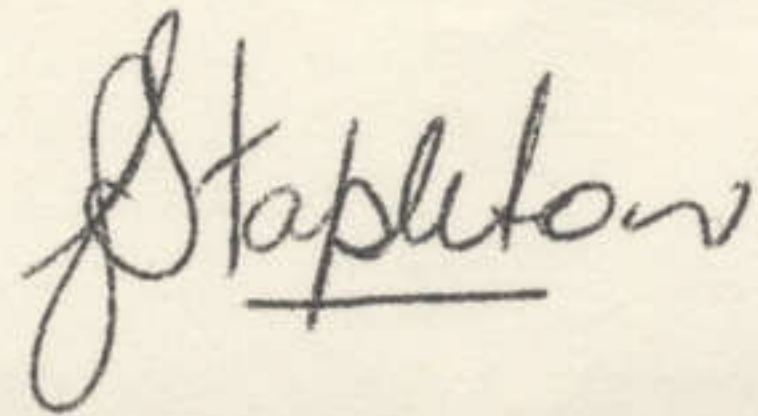
ELECTRICAL

Progress in this area has slipped behind the refit schedule as an escalation of work has resulted from an incomplete survey prior to commencement of refit.

HEALTH, WELFARE & MORALE

The health of the ships company is good. Morale of Officers and ships company remains high. One contributing factor is visible signs of work done as projects near completion. The welfare committee met during the month.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
your Obedient Servant.



(J.R. STAPLETON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

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Distance steamed since commissioning	173,087.3 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	13,486.5 hours

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APPENDIX B

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY

HMAS

ATTACK

DATE

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Age since first commissioning

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years

Miles steamed since first commissioning

173,087.3

miles

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

No. 1

PORT - REMOVED

No. 2

STBD - REMOVED

No. 3

Availability
State

Month

Day

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Operational
Duties

Exercises

Weapon
Training

Special Tasks

Post-Refit
TrialsPassage
Time

Visit

Programmed
MaintenanceProgrammed
Refit/Docking

Repair

Harbour

Long Leave

Defects Affecting Ship's
Designed Performance
(Duration in Hours)

Remarks

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DNO

HMAS ATTACK remained alongside in Cairns for the month completing her long refit.

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Captain RAN
(L.E. JOHNSON)

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS ATTACK
The Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND
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HMAS ATTACK
at Cairns

1st November, 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDING - OCTOBER, 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of October, 1975.

2. ATTACK spent the entire month alongside No.1 wharf in the hands of North Queensland Engineers and Agents Cairns, completing refit and carrying out pre-workup training in accordance with Patrol Boat Standing Orders.
3. Included in the pre-workup training was a day on the range at Atherton familiarising personnel with small arms drills. The Cairns Fire Brigade once again provided the venue for NBCD training as the ship's company were put through their paces in the smoke tunnel and fire pits. The facilities provided by the Cairns Fire Brigade were much appreciated and thanks were expressed in the usual manner.
4. At 0600 on Wednesday 8th ATTACK's Gunnery crews proceeded to sea in HMAS BARRICADE. During the forenoon they conducted a surface firing of the 40/60 and .50 calibre machine guns. To the surprise of onlookers and jubilation of the guns crew the target (three forty-four gallon drums) was destroyed on the third firing run.
6. Gunnery EATS were carried out by RANTAU on the 22nd, while EATS of the Radio/Radar equipment are progressing. Results will be forwarded.
7. A boarding exercise on the 29th provided relief from the monotony of refit routine. The Queensland State Fisheries department provided a Taiwanese fishing vessel for the exercise. Some instruction by the State Fisheries Inspector Mr. G. Secagio on what evidence was required for prosecution and where it was usually stowed proved valuable.
8. The long awaited basin trial commenced at 0855 on Friday 31st and was completed by 1055. The successful results provided a contrasting end to an extremely frustrating month (my KNH 310530Z refers).

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Health Welfare and Morale

9. The health of the ship's company is good and the morale is high. One welfare problem has arisen during the month and reports asked for (my MAJ 271100Z OCT 75 refers). The welfare Committee met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Stapleton

(J.R. STAPLETON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

APPENDIX A TO HMAS ATTACK REPORT OF PROCEEDING - OCTOBER 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month	Nil
Hours underway during the month	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning	173,0073 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	13,486.5 hours

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APPENDIX B
 HMAS ATTACK
 DATE 01 NOV 75

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
 AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 8 YEARS
 MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 173087.3

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
 PORT 3
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AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISES	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST-REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE	PROGRAMMED REFIT/DOCK	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECT'S AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)											REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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1. MAIN REFIT
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HMAS ATTACK

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ATTACK, her refit completed, commenced operating again on 01 Nov and remained in the Cairns area until 19 Nov completing trials and work up. She sailed from Cairns on 19 Nov and carried out a patrol of the Gulf of Carpentaria en route to Darwin where she arrived on 27 Nov remaining there until the end of the month.

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS ATTACK

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1975

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(E.E. JOHNSTON)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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(E.E. JOHNSON)



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HMAS VITACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1975

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The Naval Officer Commanding, QUEENSLAND
The Commander, AUSTRALIAN MARINE AND AIRBORNE FORCES
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HMAS ATTACK
at Darwin

4 December 1975

The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of November 1975. All times K until Monday 24 when time zone changes to IK.
2. The month began on a high note when ATTACK sailed from Cairns at 0900 Saturday 1 to conduct her "Captain's" sea trials. North Queensland Engineers and Agents staff and members of GOSIEAA were embarked to carry out the trials on the ship's machinery and hull repairs while CPORS Livingstone of RANTAU carried out an electrical analysis of the ship's radar/radio equipments.
3. On completion of the trials ATTACK berthed at No. 1 Wharf Cairns and eagerly awaited the results of the crankshaft deflection readings. As there was no increase in the deflections preparations were made to repair several minor defects and get ATTACK ready for a short shakedown/workup period in the Cairns area (my KNH 010909Z NOV 75 refers).
4. The post refit meeting was held at 1030 Wednesday 5 and ATTACK cast off from Cairns at 1300 the same day to commence her workup. Internal drills were carried out for the remainder of the day.
5. With RANTAU staff embarked ATTACK carried out a gun functioning trial in area R792 during the forenoon of 6 November and 1300 carried out a surface shoot and AACRF at 2 inch rocket flares. ATTACK returned to Cairns at 1600 to disembark RANTAU staff and at 1626 cast off and proceeded to an overnight anchorage in the lee of Fitzroy Island.
6. Gunnery occupied the forenoon of 7 November while the afternoon's internal exercises consisted of officer of watch anchorages, breakdown drills, NBCD exercises and a small arms shoot from the quarterdeck. The ship remained at sea overnight anchoring in 80 feet of water in calm conditions off Peart Reef at 0700 on Saturday 8.
7. ATTACK remained at anchor all day with the awnings keeping the deck at a bearable temperature while the ship's company progressed with upper deck maintenance. Anchor was weighed at 1900 and COMCHECK procedure initiated as the ship proceeded to Mourilyan Harbour at 20 knots. Extreme atmospheric conditions had adverse effects on the ANURC-58 transceiver and the PIM was passed by telephone to Cairns from the coastguard phone at 2015. ATTACK departed Mourilyan Harbour at 2034 and proceeded to an anchorage off North Barnard Island anchoring at 2139 in 50 feet of water.
8. Work on the upper deck continued the following morning, Sunday 9, and at 1130 ATTACK weighed anchor and proceeded north to Fitzroy Island where the ship anchored at 1520.
9. A small labour force was sent ashore to Fitzroy Island to rid the area of a navigation hazard in the form of a log some 20 feet long, 15 feet wide and 10 feet deep. The log was towed there by ATTACK two nights previous. Unsuccessful attempts were made to beach the log with the aid of a landrover. It was then decided to leave the task for MV CAPE MORETON to undertake the following week.
10. Anchor was weighed at 0545 Monday 10 and ATTACK proceeded to Cairns where she berthed at No. 1 Wharf at 0800. During the next two days ATTACK fuelled, ammunitioned and carried out preparations for the coming exercise/workup period.

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11. At 0830 Wednesday 12 ATTACK sailed in company with HMA Ships BAYONET and BARBETTE for exercise Tropic Springs North. Embarked in ATTACK were LEUT C. Oxenbould and CPOQMG J.B. McLymont. The following two days of exercises and evolutions proved a valuable workup and preparation for ATTACK's ORE. The assistance and experience of COMAUSMINPABFOR staff proved invaluable throughout the exercise. All ships carried out officer of the watch manoeuvres, sleeve firings, boarding exercises and seamanship evolutions. Exercises conducted are detailed at Annex C.

12. At 1700 Thursday 13 on completion of a compass swing ATTACK in company with BAYONET anchored off Double Island to make preparations for ATTACK's ORE the following day.

13. Anchor was weighed at 0645 and ATTACK proceeded in company with BAYONET to the exercise area R792 to conduct ATTACK's ORE with COMAUSMINPABFOR, Commander G. Halley RAN, embarked in ATTACK. BAYONET detached and joined as necessary throughout the day to carry out her roles of both Orange and Blue forces. The sea ORE completed at 1400 and heaving line transfers were conducted on passage to Cairns.

14. While entering Cairns preparations were made in both ships for the final exercise, a disaster relief exercise for the cyclone destroyed town of Cairns. ATTACK secured starboard side to 1-3 Wharf Cairns and BAYONET outboard at 1530 Friday 14. A debrief of the exercise and ORE were conducted by COMAUSMINPABFOR and staff in ATTACK with favourable comments for all concerned.

15. During the next few days ATTACK prepared for her return to Darwin and AUSPABRON THREE. Repairs were made to minor defects while the winch, my URDEF 2/78, remained the centre of little attention. A new winch motor was installed on Tuesday 18 but all attempts by ship's staff to make it operable were unsuccessful.

16. ATTACK sailed from Cairns at 1000, Wednesday 19. A piper on the wheelhouse entertained the crowd of well wishers on the wharf. On clearing the harbour at 1045 ATTACK commenced an uneventful passage to Thursday Island in unfavourable weather conditions. For the majority of the passage north, the helmsman fought a following sea and force 6 winds.

17. After anchoring in Normanby Sound at 2315 on Thursday 20 ATTACK proceeded into Thursday Island at 1300 Friday 21. The ship berthed port side to Naval Repair Jetty at 1330 where she was fuelled and remained overnight.

18. ATTACK cast off at 1100 Saturday 22 and at that time chopped to NOCNA Operational Command. The ship proceeded south to Weipa. During passage south several contacts were investigated. My KBG 230915Z NOV 75 refers.

19. At 0720 Sunday 23 the ship stopped in the vicinity of Weipa Leads and despatched safe hand mail ashore in the ship's boat. The boat returned at 0830 and ATTACK proceeded into the gulf to commence patrol. Several radar contacts were investigated to the north leading to the sighting of several pair stern trawlers. ATTACK remained in the trawlers' vicinity until 2000 when due to the failure of the port generator, departed for Gove.

20. With your approval ATTACK entered Gove and secured port side to the General Cargo Wharf at 1722 Monday 24. At 0830 Tuesday 25 berth was shifted to the Caltex Fuelling Wharf. On completion of fuelling ATTACK cast off and proceeded to Darwin at 1130. This part of the passage was also in unfavourable conditions with visibility in heavy rain squalls being reduced to a few yards on a number of occasions.

21. After passing ships of AUSPABRON THREE ASSAIL and ADROIT with you, sir, embarked in ADROIT, ATTACK proceeded into Darwin berthing port side to the Patrol Boat Landing at 1000 Friday 27. The ship remained alongside for the rest of the month progressing work in preparation for the coming inspection.

Engineering

22. 3 major defects occurred during the month. All but the anchor windlass have been rectified. Repair was carried out on minor defects during passage to Darwin as well as preparations in the machinery spaces for the Annual Inspection.

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Health, Welfare and Morale

23. The general health of the ship's company has been good with one exception. LSMTPD Cook R95225 was landed to HMAS COONAWARRA on the ship's arrival in Darwin with a severe form of gastro-enteritis. This is an isolated case as no other members of the ship's company have been affected.

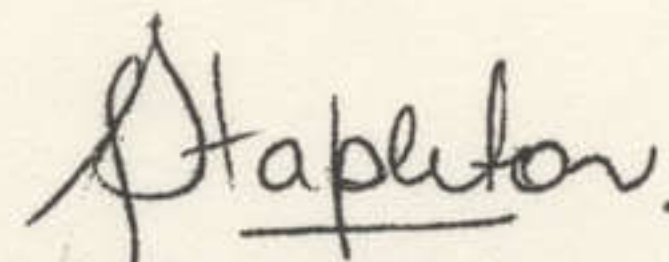
24. One sailor, ABOW D.A. Cropper R104287 was despatched on 7 day's compassionate leave from Cairns as advised by Social Worker Mrs Crommie. My MAJ 182236Z NOV 75, HMAS CAIRNS MAJ 190047Z NOV 75 and NOIC VIC MAJ 180319Z NOV 75 refer.

25. The ship's morale remains high despite the leaving behind of several wives and families in Cairns.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(J.R. STAPLETON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes - A. Steaming Figures
B. Ship's Availability
C. Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS ATTACK
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during the month	2608.3 miles
Hours underway during the month	238.9 hours
Distance steamed since commissioning	175695.6 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	13725.4 hours
Hours at more than economical speed	9 hours
1. Sea Trials	4 hours
2. Workup	4 hours
3. COMCHECK Procedure	1 hour

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ANNEX 'B'

HMAS ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **ATTACK.**
 DATE **01 DEC 75.**

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING **8 1/2** YEARS
 MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING **175,695.6**

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
 PORT **183**
 STBD **139**

AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISES	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST-REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE	PROGRAMMED REFIT/DOCK	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECT'S AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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ANNEX 'C' TO HMAS ATTACK
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 1975

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

	<u>Exercise</u>	<u>No. Conducted</u>
1.	TOWEX	2
2.	HEAVING LINE TRANSFERS	3
3.	BOARDEX	3
4.	EMERGENCY PARTY TRANSFER	5
5.	MINOR NBCDX	2
6.	MAJOR NBCDX	2
7.	SUFx	2
8.	AATx	3
9.	AACRF	3
10.	SMALL ARMS FX	1
11.	WEIGH ANCHOR - DECK TACKLE	2
12.	NEX	1
13.	STEERING GEAR FAILURE	5
14.	MAN OVERBOARD	15
15.	WDX	2
16.	OOw MANOEUVRES	4 hours
17.	COMPASS SWING	1
18.	DISTEX (PAPER)	1

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In his R.O.P. Attack describes his arrest of two
Taiwanese fishing vessels north of MELVILLE Is on

27/11 Dec and subsequent escort into Darwin.

The ship was inspected by WOCNA on 14 Dec

and from 16-19 Dec the carried out
exercises in company in the local area

under the direction of COMUSMACV/PAB FOR.

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(T.A. DADSWELL)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS ATTACK
at DARWIN

1 January 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS ATTACK - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1975

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS ATTACK under my command during the month of December 1975. All times are Zone India-Kilo.
2. For the first week of the month ATTACK was alongside the patrol boat landing, Darwin, continuing with planned and assisted maintenance while preparations for the ship's annual inspection continued.
3. ATTACK cast off at 1615 Monday 8th to investigate a report of Taiwanese fishing vessels operating inside the declared fishing zone north of Melville Island. The passage north to Snake Bay was via the Clarence Strait and at high speed (17 knots) to enable ATTACK to arrive in the area early morning.
4. At 0103 Tuesday 9th a radar contact 20 miles to the west was two miles inside the DFZ. Another contact was gained at 0118, also to the west and inside the DFZ. Both contacts were closed at slow speed from the north. At 0301 one contact moved outside the DFZ. Speed was increased to 20 knots at 0308 as ATTACK closed the contact inside the DFZ. As the range decreased the silhouette and lights indicated that the vessel could be Taiwanese.
5. A boarding party was despatched to HUAN HAI (CT6-0048) at 0340, upon coming alongside. ATTACK hauled off and remained in close proximity to YUAN HAI while the boarding party secured it. At 0405 ATTACK steamed down a line of nets extending from HUAN HAI, a distance of two miles into the declared fishing zone.
6. At 0535 another contact moved inside the DFZ and ATTACK closed to investigate. The second vessel, DEN AN No. 1 (CT6-0872) was boarded at 0552 and secured by the second boarding party. The Executive Officer was transferred to DEN AN NO. 1 at 0635 to carry out his questioning and search.
7. On completion of recovering nets at 1100, YUAN HAI and DEN AN No. 1 were escorted by ATTACK back to Darwin via the west coast of Bathurst Island. Prize crews were onboard each of the Taiwanese vessels. (My KBG 081915Z DEC 75, KBG 082130Z DEC 75 and KBG 090230Z DEC 75 refer).

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8. ATTACK, with HUAN HAI and DEN AN No. 1, entered Darwin harbour at 1100 on Wednesday 10th and proceeded to the Naval buoys. HUAN HAI and DEN AN No. 1 were detached to their respective buoys and awaited customs and quarantine inspection.

9. Pratique was granted to ATTACK at 1400 and, after the second boarding party returned onboard at 1430, she proceeded alongside the patrol boat landing. Commonwealth Fisheries Department representative, Mr W. Middleton, came onboard later that afternoon for statements and any evidence.

10. Departmental inspections were carried out on Thursday 11th and the ship's company was paraded for your inspection, Sir, at 0900 Friday 12th. Formal inspections of the ship began at 1030 and included minor NBCD exercises conducted by the Command Technical Officer.

11. The ship remained alongside over the weekend. At 0830 on Tuesday 16th ATTACK cast off and proceeded to sea in company with HMA Ships ADVANCE, ASSAIL and ADROIT for squadron exercises. COMAUSMINPABFOR, Commander G. Halley RAN, was embarked in ADVANCE.

12. Officer of the watch and heaving line transfers were conducted on passage to the firing areas. Gunnery serials were conducted during the afternoon. For the next two days, exercises, including towing, infiltration and gunnery firings, were carried out in exercise areas off Darwin. Exercises conducted are detailed at Annex "B".

13. The exercises finished with a formation anchorage off Mandorah Jetty. Due to strong wind conditions and rough seas, anchorage was shifted to a more sheltered position near the Naval buoys. ADVANCE came to anchor and ships of the squadron berthed on her, ATTACK coming alongside ADROIT at 1915.

14. ATTACK cast off from ADROIT at 0900 Thursday 18th and proceeded to Fort Hill wharf where she berthed portside to at 0910. Berth was shifted at 0925 Friday 19th to the patrol boat landing where ATTACK embarked families.

15. At 0935 ATTACK cast off and proceeded up the harbour in company with AUSPABRON THREE boats ADVANCE, ASSAIL and ATTACK for the squadron families' day. After a short spell of officer of the watch manoeuvres and drills, ATTACK secured starboard side to ADROIT at anchor off Mandorah Point for lunch.

16. ATTACK moved up harbour at 1430 and secured to the patrol boat landing at 1447. On completion of fuelling, ATTACK proceeded to the Naval buoys where we transferred some 600 gallons of water to the Taiwanese fishing vessel FU YUAN.

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17. On completion, the ship berthed starboard side to Fort Hill wharf, remaining there as duty boat for the next four days. At 0810 Wednesday 24th, berth was shifted to the patrol boat landing, where ATTACK remained for the rest of the year.

Health, Welfare and Morale

18. The health and welfare of the ship's company is good and morale remains high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Stapleton
(J.R. STAPLETON)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: 1. "A" - Steaming Figures
2. "B" - Exercises Conducted
3. "C" - Monthly Return of Ship Availability

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ANNEX "A" TO HMAS ATTACK
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 1975

STEAMING FIGURES

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| 1. Distance steamed during the month | 736.6 |
| 2. Hours underway during the month | 88.7 |
| 3. Distance steamed since commissioning | 176432.2 |
| 4. Hours underway since commissioning | 13814.1 |
| 5. Occasions for Exceeding fast routeing speed: | |
| 16/17 SQUADEX as required. | |

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ANNEX "B" TO HMAS ATTACK
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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EXERCISES CONDUCTED

<u>Squadex</u>	<u>No.</u>
1. OOW Manoeuvres	3
2. Heaving Line Transfers	2
3. NBCDX	1
4. NGSFX	1
5. TOWEX	2
6. NAVCOMEX	1
7. Competitive Drills	2
8. INFILTEX	1
9. NSIC	1
10. MOBEX	3
11. AACRF	3
12. Formation Anchorage	1
13. WDX	2

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ANNEX 'C'

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

HMAS ATTACK

DATE 02 JAN 76

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 8 1/2 YEARS

MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 176432.2 MILES

PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

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DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISES	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISITS	PROGRAMMED MAINTENANCE	PROGRAMMED REFIT/DOCK	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)									REMARKS
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HMAS MELVILLE	1/16/5	8/1/76	

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