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HMAS LADAVA - REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY, FEBRUARY 1974

1. Forwarded.

2. In regard to the January report the second 40/60 failure (para 7) was caused by defective gearing in the Training Gear Box, in all probability stressed when the mounting seized in the original instance.

3. The vessel referred to in Paragraph 3 of the February report was the MV FORTUNATE TREASURE which was destroyed by the PNG Defence Force at the request of her owners and the PNG Harbours Board.

(J.W. NORRIE.)
Brigadier
Commander

29. Mar 74

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HMAS LADAVA
at Port Moresby

4th FEBRUARY 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of January 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. Tuesday the 1st, found LADAVA alongside in Port Moresby. At 1400 on Wednesday 2nd LADAVA sailed from Port Moresby for Daru on a special task, with acting Lieutenant Commander K.J. HEYNATZ RAN embarked. The purpose of the visit was to do a feasibility study on two demolition jobs suggested by the local Administration.

3. LADAVA anchored at Daru at 1015 on Thursday 3rd remaining there overnight. The next day Friday 4th, the operation having been completed, LADAVA sailed at 1230 for Port Moresby. The return passage was uneventful and LADAVA secured portside to the PNG Support Squadron at 0800 on Saturday 5th.

4. The next two days were spent alongside with weekend leave being granted to the Ship's Company. At 1000 on Monday 7th LADAVA sailed from Port Moresby on a Fishery Surveillance Patrol of the Lousiade Archipelago. The first port of call was Bwagaoia on Misima Island arriving there at 1600 on Tuesday 8th. Official calls were made on the Local Administration Officials. LADAVA remained alongside for that night sailing the next morning, Wednesday 9th at 0800.

5. The passage to Samarai the next port of call was completed without incident and at 1830 LADAVA berthed portside to. The ship remained alongside untill 0950 on Thursday 10th, when sailed for the passage to Lombrum. During this passage good weather was experienced allowing routine upperdeck maintenance to be carried out. At 1200 on Saturday 12th LADAVA secured at Lombrum.

6. The next seventeen days were spent alongside Lombrum undergoing a Self Maintenance Period. LADAVA was due to sail at 1200 on Thursday 29th for Port Moresby. However a last minute defect on the 40/60 delayed sailing 24 hours. (Your 290500Z JAN 74 refers). The mounting was lifted and all bearing surfaces, bearings and cages cleaned and replaced onboard (Your 291545Z JAN 74 refers).

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7. At 1200 on Friday 30th LADAVA sailed for Port Moresby. The passage proceeded without incident until it was discovered that the 40/60 was again unserviceable and an URDEF was dispatched (My 310207Z JAN 74 refers). At 311359 LADAVA was at sea on passage to Port Moresby.

8. The material condition of the ship is very good and planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale and welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company is very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obediant Servant

(G.F. SMITH)
Lieutenant RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

ENCLOSURES: A. Steaming Annex.
B. Monthly return of ships availability.
C. Exercise Annex.



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ANNEX 'A'

Steaming Annex

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Distance steamed during January. | 2,148 Mls |
| 2. | Hours underway during January. | 168 Hrs |
| 3. | Total distance steamed since commissioning. | 127,891 Mls |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning. | 9,656 Hrs |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during January. | 11 Days |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed. | Nil |

ANNEX 'B'

Monthly return of ship availability - Attached

ANNEX 'C'

Exercise Annex

1. Action stations.
2. Emergency stations.
3. Leaving ship stations.
4. Minor NBCDX.
5. Blind pilotage.
6. Steering gear breakdown.
7. Man overboard.

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

HMAS....LAOAVA....

DATE...1...FEB 74....

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING...5 4/12...YRS. PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING NO. 1...2004.....

...127,891...MILES NO. 2...1982.....

| DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATION DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAM MAINT. | PROGRAM REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | TA | ND | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PORT MORESBY |
| 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | DARU |
| 4 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PORT MORESBY |
| 6 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SOUTHERN PATROL/ PASSAGE |
| 9 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | LOMBRUM |
| 22 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PASSAGE TIME. |
| 31 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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HMAS LADAVA
at Lombrum

5 March 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of February 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. Friday 1st found LADAVA at sea on passage to Port Moresby. The passage was without incident and LADAVA berthed port side to the Support Squadron Wharf at Port Moresby at 0900 on Saturday 2nd.

3. LADAVA remained alongside until 0815 on Wednesday 6th when sailed on a demolition task. A small coaster was to be sunk and the idea was for LADAVA to shoot up the vessel after several holes had been blasted in the hull. However this detonation was sufficient to completely destroy the vessel so LADAVA returned to Port Moresby berthing there at 1100.

4. At 1600 on Wednesday 6th LADAVA again sailed, this time for a Fishery Surveillance and Coastwatcher visit in the Lousiade Archipelago. Our first call was at Rossel Island anchoring there 0800 on Friday 8th. Unfortunately the coastwatcher was away however a message was left for him to the effect that we had called. LADAVA remained at anchor all day and a banyan was held in the afternoon for the Ships Company.

5. Saturday 9th LADAVA weighed and proceeded for Alotau berthing there at 0330 on Sunday 10th. Fresh water was immediatly embarked and once again LADAVA sailed this time to Samarai. At 0900 LADAVA berthed at Samarai and commenced fuelling. This completed, leave was then granted.

6. At 0600 on Monday 11th LADAVA sailed for the rendezvous with the remainder of the Papua New Guinea Patrol Boat Squadron. At 1200 on Tuesday 12th this rendezvous was effected and SQUADEX four was commenced. (HMAS AITAPE LEUT K.A. WINTLE RAN ROP february 1974 refers).

7. On Saturday 16th LADAVA berthed at Samarai at 1200 with SQUADEX four completed. Fuelling was completed and weekend leave granted to the Ships Company. Various sporting fixtures were organised during the weekend and generally an enjoyable stay was had by all.

8. At 0915 on Monday 18th LADAVA sailed for Rabaul with HMAS LAE (LEUT D.S. PERT RAN) in company. At 1915 a signal was received from HMAS AITAPE ordering LADAVA to join her and to pilot her to the nearest doctor as she had an injured sailor onboard and had no radar.(AITAPE 180856 Z FEB74 refers).

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A rendezvous was effected at 2100 and LADAVA then piloted AITAPE to Alotau berthing there at 0430. Once Aitape was alongside LADAVA reversed course and once more set course for Rabaul. This time the passage was without incident berthing at Rabaul at 1400 on Wednesday 20th.

9. LADAVA and LAE remained alongside until 0630 on Saturday 23rd when sailed to rendezvous with AITAPE and HMAS MADANG (LEUT D.A. CATON RAN). This was effected at 0730 in St Georges Channel. (AITAPE ROP February 1974 refers).

10. At 2000 on Saturday 23rd LADAVA sailed for Port Moresby with LAE in company. This passage was without incident and at 0630 on Tuesday 26th LADAVA and LAE rendezvoused with HM YACHT BRITTANIA (Rear Admiral R. Trowbridge) south of Port Moresby. In company with the Royal Yacht LADAVA and LAE entered Port Moresby berthing at the Support Squadron Wharf at 0845. LADAVA sailed again at 1415 and escorted a launch containing The Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips around Port Moresby returning alongside at 1625.

11. The remainder of the month was spent alongside in Port Moresby.

12. The material condition of the ship is good and planned maintenance will be bought up to date at our coming BAMP. The health, morale and welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obediant servant,

(G.F. SMITH)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures:

Annex A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly return of Ship Availability
C. Exercise Annex

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ANNEX A

Steaming Annex

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Distance steamed during February | 3979 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway during February | 297 hours |
| 3. | Total distance steamed since commissioning | 131870 miles |
| 4. | Total hours underwany since commissioning | 9953 hours |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during February | 19 days |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding fast routing speed | |

| DATE | SPEED | DURATION | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12-16FEB | Various | Continuous | SQUADEX FOUR |
| 8-19FEB | 19-5K | 9Hrs | Medical Emergency |

ANNEX B

Monthly return of ship availability
Attached

ANNEX C

Exercise Annex

1. Action Stations
2. Leaving Ship Stations
3. Emergency Stations
4. NBCDX's
5. NGSFX 40/60 and 50cal
6. Boarding Stations
7. Blind Pilotage
8. Steering gear breakdown
9. OOW manoeuvres
10. Man overboard

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS ...LADAVA...

DATE ...21MAR74...

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING ...5 1/2... YRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING ...131,870... MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS
NO. 1 ...2187...
NO. 2 ...2188...

| DAY | MONTH AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | 2 | OPERATION DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISITS | PROGRAM MAINT | PROGRAM REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS PERFORMANCE. (DURATION IN HOURS) H E L G S T N E D D C W L CBT | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | PASSAGE |
| 2 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 3 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 4 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 5 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 6 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | PORT MORESBY |
| 7 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 8 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 9 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 10 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 11 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | SOUTHERN PATROL |
| 12 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 13 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 14 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 15 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 16 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | SQUADEX FOUR. |
| 17 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 18 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 19 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 20 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 21 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 22 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | ROYAL TOUR |
| 23 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 24 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | DUTIES. |
| 25 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 26 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 27 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 28 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 28 | | 28 75 | | 11 | | | | 13 | | | | | | |

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Meadwac + Fisheries patrol.

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~~CNS~~

~~CNP~~ 5/6

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HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - ~~FEBRUARY~~ MARCH 1974

1. Forwarded.

2. The replacement Gyro Compass Retransmission Unit developed a servo amplifier fault after installation (paragraph 6). The defective servo amplifier was subsequently replaced and was subject to TM 179 action.

3. The efficient execution of the medical evacuation referred to in paragraph 4 was a commendable performance by HMAS LADAVA.

for (J. W. NORRIE)
Brigadier
Commander

22 Apr 74

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HMAS LADAVA
at Kavieng
1 March, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU.

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1974

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of March, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. The first day of the month, Friday 1st, was spent alongside in Port Moresby, LADAVA and HMAS LAE (Leut D.S. PERT RAN) having completed the assigned Royal Tour Duties.

3. The following morning, Saturday 2nd, at 1030 LADAVA sailed for Lombrum with LAE in company. Whilst on passage limited OOW manoeuvres were conducted in addition to several independent seamanship and Damage Control evolutions. The weather en route was very confused indicating the approaching season change. The passage was without incident and at 0800 on Tuesday 5th LADAVA and LAE berthed portside to Lombrum.

4. LADAVA then commenced a much needed Base Assisted Maintenance Period. Although having no major defects, a long list of minor defects had accumulated during the five week patrol. (My 020815Z MAR74 and 030250Z MAR74 refer). LADAVA was due to remain alongside Lombrum until Monday 18th. However at 1420 on Thursday 14th LADAVA was instructed to come to immediate notice in readiness for a possible Medical Emergency. (COMPNGFOR OPS 000199 of 140358Z MAR74 refers). At 1450 this state was achieved and Headquarters Papua New Guinea Defence Force were so informed. At 1600 in accordance with instructions from Headquarters, LADAVA sailed for Mussau Island with Surgeon Lieutenant P. CARTER RAN, POMED B. FREGON and Doctor ROGER LAKE embarked). (COMPNGFOR OPS 000206 of 140524Z MAR74 refers). Once clear of Lombrum wharf it became obvious that LADAVA had a gyro defect as none of the repeaters were following. The magnetic compass was used while Ships Staff investigated. The defect was traced to the gyro retransmission unit and the necessary URDEF and signal stores demand were raised. The gyro compass, and radar were serviceable and the decision was made to continue. At 0130 on Friday 15th LADAVA anchored at Mussau Island. The medical party proceeded inshore to Boliu Mission where it was presumed the patient was. It was a very dark night and the party had some difficulty navigating through the shore reef. Finally at 0400 with the patient (Mrs. NAIMMON KANNARO) onboard LADAVA weighed and proceeded for Kavieng. This passage was without incident and at 1000 LADAVA berthed at Kavieng, where the patient was immediately transferred to Kavieng General Hospital.

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5. LADAVA remained alongside Kavieng until 1400 then sailing for Lombrum arriving there at 0900 Saturday 16th. As several items from the BAMP were still not completed in addition to the Gyro retransmission defect LADAVA's sailing was delayed until Thursday 21st. (My 152352Z MAR74 refers)

6. During this period a new transmission unit was fitted and all Maintenance completed. However, just ppror to sailing the retransmission defect reoccurred and LADAVA's sailing was again delayed (HMAS TARANGAU 211000Z MAR74 refers.)

7. The following morning, Friday 22nd at 0800, the retransmission defect rectified LADAVA sailed for a Fishery Surveillance Patrol and Coastwatcher visit in the Islands Area. The first call was made at Rabaul where LADAVA berthed at 1015 on Saturday 23rd remaining there for the weekend.

8. At 1000 on Monday 25th, LADAVA sailed for the Duke of York Group. After a thorough surveillance of the Group LADAVA berthed at the Molott Mission Wharf on the North coast of Duke of York Island remaining there overnight. At 0800 on Tuesday 26th LADAVA sailed for Feni Island. While on passage a good watch was kept for any fishing boats, however having sigted no shipping at all, LADAVA anchored off Malekolon Plantation on Feni Island at 1715. A call was made on the coastwatcher, Mr. G. CARSON and his unserviceable MTR1 was exchanged for a serviceable unit.

9. At 0900 on Wednesday 28th LADAVA weighed and proceeded for Lihir Island. During this passage Tanga Island was investigated for any illegal visitors but with no result. Finally at 1530 LADAVA mediterranean moored off Pali Mission on Lihir Island. LADAVA remained there that evening and all of the following working day. Routine upper deck maintenance was carried out and in the afternoon the ship was open to visitors. At 1600 LADAVA sailed for an overnight fishery patrol in the Lihir/Tabar Island/Kavieng area. Once again no shipping was sighted and the patrol was completed when LADAVA berthed at Kavieng at 1200 on Friday 29th.

10. The remainder of the month was spent alongside Kavieng.

11. The material condition of the ship is good and planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company is very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.F. SMITH)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A: Steaming Annex
B: Monthly return of ship availability
C: Exercise Annex.

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ANNEX A to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 1 March, 1974

STEAMING ANNEX

| | |
|---|---|
| Distance steamed during March | 2182 miles |
| Hours underway during March | 164 hours |
| Total distance steamed since commissioning | 134052 miles |
| Total hours underway since commissioning | 10117 hours |
| Number of days on patrol during March | 13 days |

Occasions of exceeding fast routeing speed

| DATE | SPEED | DURATION | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 14/15 MAR | 16K | 15½ hours | MEDEVAC Mussau Island. |

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ANNEX C to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 1 March, 1974

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. Action Stations
2. Leaving Ship Stations
3. Emergency Stations
4. Blind Pilotage
5. Manoverboard
6. SUFX 40/60 and .50cal
7. Small arms sheet
8. Steering gear breakdown
9. Minor NBCDX.



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

HMAS ....LADAVA.....
DATE ....01 APR 74.....

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66
AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING ....54/12 YRS
MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING
.....MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS
NO. 1 ....2321.....
NO. 2 ....2251.....

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS LADAVA

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

1. Forwarded.

2. Action has been taken in this headquarters to ensure that delays in operational signal traffic, as reported in paragraph 5, do not occur again.

3. The month of April 1974 was a relatively busy one for HMAS LADAVA. All tasks assigned were completed expeditiously and efficiently.

(J.W. NORRIE.)
Brigadier
Commander

28 May 74

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HMAS LADAVA
at Kieta
02 May, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of April, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. On Monday 1st April, LADAVA slipped from alongside Kavieng at 0900 on passage to Emirau Island in the Saint Mathias Group. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident. At 1445 LADAVA anchored in Eulolo Harbour on the south coast of Emirau Island remaining there overnight. At 0850 Tuesday 2nd April LADAVA commenced weighing anchor. However, as the anchor was coming home, the belts securing the back plate on the windlass sheared resulting in the worm gear shaft and bearing thrusting back and damaging quite extensively, the croft coupling. The anchor was then secured by hand and LADAVA proceeded towards Ekalau Island. Whilst on passage the necessary stores demand signal was raised (my Sig DDW 020005Z APR74 refers).

3. At 1350 LADAVA anchored off Ekaleu Island as the small ship jetty had been severely damaged some months earlier. Unfortunately the coastwatcher Mr. B.F. KROENING was away at the time. However, his wife informed me that all his equipment was working satisfactorily and that there was nothing significant to report. LADAVA remained at anchor that night and next day Wednesday 3rd April until 1400 when the Ship's Company began weighing anchor by deck tackle. One hour and ten minutes later LADAVA got underway on passage to Lombrum. With no noteworthy incidents LADAVA berthed alongside Lombrum at 0800 on Thursday 4th and commenced a Self Maintenance Period (SMP).

4. This SMP continued through until Tuesday 16th April during which time all planned maintenance and ship husbandry was brought up to date. At 1315 Tuesday 16th LADAVA was ordered to come to 30 minutes notice in preparation for a trip to Awin Island in the Ninigo Group where a junk type fishing vessel, possibly in distress, had been reported. (COMPNGFOR OPS 001340 of 160327Z APR74 refers) At 1700 acting on instructions from Headquarters Papua New Guinea Defence Force (HQ PNGDF) LADAVA sailed from Lombrum for Awin Island.

5. At 0500 on Wednesday 17th April LADAVA arrived off Awin Island and commenced a search of the area. This search having been completed a party was sent inshore to question the local inhabitants. It was reported that the Foreign Fishing Vessel (FFV) had drifted past the island and was last seen heading towards Wuvulu Island. The ships boat having been recovered, LADAVA headed for Wuvulu. At 1215 a contact was sighted by the lookout. I ordered that course be altered to close the contact and speed increased. At 1231 LADAVA heaved to alongside the Taiwanese Fishing Vessel Regd. No: CT3-1505.

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A boarding party was put onboard, and I was informed that there was no fish and that the FFV had been broken down for seven days. (My FISHREP of 170245Z APR74 refers) LADAVA remained standing by the FFV until 0840 Thursday 18th April, during which time Ship's Staff made temporary repairs to the FFV, when advice from HQ PNGDF was received to return to Lombrum. These instructions were issued at 1540 Wednesday 17th April but due to traffic mishandling at HQ PNGDF the signal was not transmitted. At 0900 Thursday 18th April, LADAVA commenced the return passage to Lombrum. Whilst on passage the starboard main engine just stopped and upon investigation it was found that the governor shut down solonoid assembly was defective. The port main engine was started and the remainder of the passage was without incident. The necessary URDEF and stores demand signals were raised. (URDEF 20/74 refers) At 0820 Friday 19th April LADAVA berthed starboard side to Lombrum.

6. LADAVA remained alongside for the remainder of the 19th and Saturday 20th whilst repairs were carried out on minor defects which had occurred. URDEF 20/74 was completed but a 40/60 slip ring defect occurred and was raised as URDEF 21/74 as no spares were held. At 1630 Saturday 20th April LADAVA sailed for Oro Bay to commence support for the 8 Field Survey Squadron's operations in Bougainville and the British Solomon Island Protectorate. At 0800 Monday 22nd April LADAVA anchored in Oro Bay and embarked two Survey personnel and 200 lb of equipment. At 1200 LADAVA sailed for Kieta. At 2130 a signal was received from HQ PNGDF delaying LADAVA's sailing from Oro Bay due to unfavourable weather forecasts. This signal had been released at 1550 but due to carelessness on the part of LADAVA's operator and poor atmospheric conditions was not receipted for until this time. The weather on receipt of this message was quite good with an approximate long six foot swell from the North-west. Due to my position I requested and received permission to continue on to Kieta. The remainder of the passage was completed without incident when LADAVA berthed in Kieta at 1100 on Wednesday 24th April.

7. Fuel, stores and fresh water were embarked on completion of which at 1710 LADAVA sailed for Nila in the Shortland Islands. At 0800 on Thursday 25th April LADAVA berthed at Nila where Customs Clearance was obtained and the local headman was consulted and the purpose of our visit explained. No difficulties were experienced and at 0920 LADAVA sailed for the first survey point on the North coast of Shortland Island. At 1015 advice from HQ PNGDF was received instructing LADAVA to proceed with despatch to the Cartaret Islands. At 1036 an amplifying signal was received explaining that a mother ship and two FFV had been reported operating in the area. (COMPNGFOR 250001Z APR74 refers) Speed by this time had been increased and course altered as required to make passage to the group. At 1800 in poor visibility, LADAVA anchored in the Carteret Lagoon. There was no sign of any vessels however, but a local villager advised that a fishing boat was operating off Ielosa Island approximately six miles to the North. At this time darkness had descended and I considered it unwise to proceed any further considering the many shoals and coral heads reported in that part of the lagoon. (My 250817Z APR74 refers).

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8. At 0535 Friday 26th April LADAVA weighed and proceeded to Ielosa Island arriving there at 0615. A local villager reported that a FFV had been operating off his island the previous day but had sailed at approximately 1700. With this information in mind LADAVA proceeded out of the lagoon and commenced a search of the group from outside the reef at 0800. At 0950 a vessel was sighted close into the reef and course and speed were adjusted to close the contact. As the range was closed the vessel was identified as a Taiwanese type fishing vessel. On the basis of this the boarding party was mustered and boarding stations piped. At 1010 the FFV was intercepted and identified as a Taiwanese Fishing Vessel registered number CT3-1092. (My 260021Z APR74 refers) At 1015 the boarding party under the command of the Executive Officer A/LEUT G.B. MANOI SLEX PNGDF boarded the FFV. From the information and evidence obtained and supported by the fact that the FFV's two small boats were inshore, their crews diving for clam meat, I instructed the master of the vessel to accompany me to Kieta for further investigation into possible Fishing Offences. Finally after some delay, the two small boats were recovered heavily laden with clam meat at 1800. As it was considered that LADAVA could tow the FFV faster than it could proceed under its own power, a tow line was passed and the tow to Kieta commenced. (My 260844Z APR74 refers) At 0830 Saturday 27th April LADAVA and the FFV berthed in Kieta where subsequent investigation and responsibility for the FFV were transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fishers representative Mr. J. DAY. The necessary reports, statements and evidence were submitted in accordance with Procedures for Patrolling the Declared Fishing Zone and amplified in MARIMEM 2/73. (HMAS LADAVA letter FISHREP 3/74 dated 28 April 1974 refers.)

9. LADAVA remained alongside for the remainder of the weekend and for the forenoon of Monday 29th April. The scheduled initial hearing of the FFV case was postponed after some confusion regarding the requirement of an interpreter. As no survey points had yet been visited and it was expected that it would be two days before an interpreter would arrive, LADAVA sailed at 1230 to commence once again the survey operations in the Shortland Island area. At 1715 LADAVA anchored in the Oema Atoll Lagoon approximately two miles from the first survey point on Oema Island. At 0600 Tuesday 30th April, the survey party proceeded ashore returning at 0930. LADAVA then proceeded to the various survey points as required. Finally at 1713 LADAVA anchored in Kumuliai Bay on Shortland Island remining there overnight.

10. The material condition of the ship is very good and planned maintenance will be brought up to date during the forthcoming Self Maintenance Period. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company has been excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(G.F. SMITH)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A: Steaming Annex
B: Monthly return ofShip Availability.
C: Exercise Annex.



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ANNEX A to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 02 May, 1974

STEAMING ANNEX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Distance steamed during April | 2615 miles |
| 2. | Hours underway during April | 110 hours |
| 3. | Total distance steamed since commissioning | 136667 miles |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning | 10227 hours |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during April | 16 days |

6. Occasions of exceeding fast routing speed

| Date | Speed | Duration | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 16/17 April | 18K | 20 hrs | FFV Investigation |
| 25-30 April | Various | As required | Survey Ops/FFV Investigation |

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ANNEX B to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 02 May, 1974

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - Attached.

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ANNEX C to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 02 May, 1974

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. TOWEX
2. Boarding Stations
3. Action Stations
4. Leaving Ship Stations
5. Emergency Stations
6. Fire Exercises
7. Minor NBCDX
8. Steering gear breakdown
9. Man overboard
10. Blind pilotage.

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

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MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING
136667 MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
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NO. 1 ...2490.....
NO. 2 ...2336.....

| DAY | MONTH AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | 2 | OPERATION DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISITS | PROGRAM MAINT | PROGRAM REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS PERFORMANCE. (DURATION IN HOURS) H E L G A S T N D C W F D C H T | REMARKS |
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| 19 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | Fishery Patrol |
| 20 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 25 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | Survey Operations |
| 27 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | Bougainville/BSP |
| 29 | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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HMAS LADAVA

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

1. Forwarded.

2. The report mentioned in paragraph 5 has been received and forwarded to Department of Defence (Navy Office). No further action is intended at this Headquarters.

3. In regard to the main engine defect mentioned in paragraph 12, an investigation was conducted by HMAS TARANGAU. The fault subsequently proved to be a blown cylinder head and not a crank case explosion as originally thought. There is no evidence of any negligence.

(J.W. NORRIE.)
Brigadier
Commander

24 Jun 74

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HMAS LADAVA
at Lombrum

01 June, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1974

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of May, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. At 0830 on Wednesday 1st May, LADAVA weighed anchor and proceeded from Kumaliai Bay on Shortland Island and commenced passage to Kieta, berthing there at 1645. LADAVA remained alongside Kieta for the next four days, during which time the Taiwanese Master of the Taiwanese fishing vessel Regd. No. CT3-1092 was prosecuted successfully for illegal fishing in Papua New Guinea Territorial waters. Also whilst alongside new slip rings for the 40/60 were received and installed. After successful trials, the necessary URDEF completion signal was raised. (My 050733Z MAY 74 refers).

3. Monday 6th May at 0700 LADAVA sailed from Kieta for the Mortlock Island Group. Whilst on passage various internal drills and evolutions were conducted. LADAVA anchored in the Mortlock lagoon at 1700. A visit was made to the Headman, who reported that no fishing vessels had been operating in the area.

4. LADAVA remained at anchor overnight sailing the next morning, Tuesday 7th May, at 0730. The next call was at the Carteret Island, the scene of our recent encounter with a Foreign Fishing Vessel (FFV). At 1600 LADAVA anchored in the Carteret lagoon, there was however no sign of any further FFV activity. Once again the evening was spent at anchor, this time sailing at 0700 on Wednesday 8th May for Nuguria Island.

5. Whilst on passage and in heavy rain, four contacts were reported on radar. Course was altered and speed increased to investigate. The contacts were identified as four Russian Oceanographic vessels. A detailed report together with photographs of the incident is in the course of preparation. At 1650 LADAVA berthed portside to Nuguria Island. The coastwatcher was not on the island, however, his manager informed me that their battery charger was unserviceable. A serviceable charger was exchanged and the necessary paper work obtained.

6. At 1245 on Thursday 9th May, instructions were received from Headquarters, Papua New Guinea Defence Force, to sail and proceed to Sable Island where it was thought Russian personnel had landed. (COMPNGFOR 090123Z MAY 74 refers). At 1400 LADAVA hove to off Sable Island and a landing party proceeded ashore. After a thorough search of the atoll had been made with no sign of any recent activity, the landing party was recovered and passage commenced to Rabaul, berthing there at 0815 on Friday 10th May.

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7. Whilst fuelling was in progress I paid an official call on the Commanding Officer HMNZS WAIKATO (CMDR J.O'H. TOBIN, RNZN,) which was berthed at the Bay Road wharf.

8. At 0900 Saturday 11th May, CMDR J. TOBIN RNZN returned my call.

9. At 0900 Monday 13th May, LADAVA sailed from Rabaul for Lombrum. This passage was without incident enabling LADAVA to berth at Lombrum at 1100 on Tuesday 14th May and thus commencing a two week Assisted Maintenance Period (AMP).

10. During this period, planned maintenance was brought up to date as was the Ship Husbandry aspect. On Friday 17th May, it was discovered that the B Bank Hub Spindle of the Port main engine was badly worn,as a result of which the necessary stores demand and URDEF signals were raised (URDEF 22/ 74 refers).

11. On Sunday the 26th May at 1000 LADAVA sailed from Lombrum on a Families Day. Relatives and friends were embarked and a most enjoyable day was had by all. At 1415 LADAVA returned alongside.

12. At 0900 on Wednesday 29th May, LADAVA sailed from Lombrum on a Southern Patrol. At 0920 the engine room Special Sea Dutyman (second ERAD) shut down the port main engine and reported to the bridge that a crankcase door had been dislodged on the Port main engine. My Engineer Officer, upon investigation, confirmed this and reported that he suspected a possible crank case explosion. Course was immediately reversed and LADAVA returned to Lombrum berthing there at 0940. (My KVB/KNA/DAU of 290020Z MAY 74 refers).

13. The remainder of the month was spent alongside whilst Base Staff conducted an official investigation into the cause and effects. (Your 290100Z MAY 74 and 300440Z MAY 74 refer)

14. The material condition of the ship is very good and planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(G.F. SMITH)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly return of ship availability
C. Exercise Annex.



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ANNEX A to HMAS LADAVA
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
dated 01 June, 1974

STEAMING ANNEX

| | | |
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| 1. | Distance steamed during May. | 1103 miles |
| 2. | Total distance steamed since commissioning. | 137770 miles |
| 3. | Hours underway during May. | 88 hours |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning. | 10315 hours |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during May. | 8 days |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding Fast Routing Speed. | NIL |

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS ..ADAVALE.....

DATE ..1 JUNE 66.....

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING ..5 5/12.. YRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING ..137770.. MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS
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HMAS TARANGAU

The Commanding Officer
HMAS LADAVA

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1974

1. Forwarded.

2. When Lieutenant FRANK assumed command on 18 Jun 74, HMAS LADAVA became the first RAN Patrol Boat fully manned by a Papuan and New Guinean crew.

for (J.W. NORRIE.)
Brigadier
Commander

25 Jul 74

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HMAS LADAVA
At Lombrum
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.
17 June, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1 JUN - 17 JUN 74.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1 JUNE to 17 JUNE, 1974. All times are Zone Kilo (-10).

2. LADAVA has been alongside Lombrum for this entire period with a major Port Main Engine Defect. The necessary stores demands and URDEF signals have been raised. The official enquiry into the breakdown has been completed however no written findings have yet been received.

3. The material condition of the ship is very good and planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company is good.

I have the honaur to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(G.F.SMITH)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer.

17 JUNE, 1974.

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly return of ship availability
C. Exercise Annex.

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Annex A to HMAS LADAVA
Report of Proceedings
dated 17th JUNE, 1974.

STEAMING ANNEX

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|---|---|---|
| 1. | Distance steamed during period | NIL |
| 2. | Total distance steamed since commissioning | 137770 MILES |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | NIL |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning | 10315 HOURS |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during period | NIL |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding Fast Routine Speed | NIL |

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Annex B to HMAS LADAVA
Report of Proceedings
dated 17th JUNE, 1974.

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - ATTACHED.

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Annex C to HMAS LADAVA
Report of Proceedings
dated 17th JUNE, 1974.

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. Harbour plotting exercise
2. Small arms shoot
3. Practical fire fighting exercise
4. Boarding Party
5. 40/60 Drills

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HMAS LADAVA
At Lombrum
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU.

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 18th June - 30th June, 1974.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 18th June - 30th June 1974. All times are zone kilo (-10).

2. LADAVA has been alongside for this entire period with the major Port Main Engine Defect. The necessary stores demanded and signals have been raised. All stores have been received during the last week of this month.

3. Work on the Port Main Engine has not started due to TARANGAU's Water Pump Breakdown. Completion date will be set by TARANGAU when work starts again.

4. The material condition of the ship is very good and planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale, welfare and the conduct of the ship's company is very good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
Lieutenant SLEX PNGDF
Commanding Officer.

1 July, 1974.

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly return of ship availability
C. Exercise Annex.

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Annex A to HMAS LADAVA
Report of Proceedings
dated 1st July, 1974.

STEAMING ANNEX

| | | |
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| 1. | Distance steamed during Period | NIL |
| 2. | Total distance steamed since Commissioning | 137770 Miles |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | NIL |
| 4. | Total hours underway since Commissioning | 10315 Hours |
| 5. | Number of days on Patrol during period | NIL |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding Fast Routine Speed | NIL |

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS ....HOBART.....
DATE ....1 JUNE 70.....

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 5.42 YRS
MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING 13777.0...MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
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NO. 2 2423.....

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PNGS LADAVA

PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- JUL 74

1. Forwarded.

(P. LOWA)
Colonel

For Commander

28 Jan 75

Enclosure: PNGS LADAVA Report of Proceedings Jul 74

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HMAS LADAVA
AT CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1JUL - 31JUL74

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1st July - 31st July, 1974. All times are zone kilo (-10).

2. During the first week of the month LADAVA was along side Lombrum with the Port Main Engine defect, URDEF 23/74 refers. On Saturday 6th July this defect was completed and LADAVA sailed at 1000 the same day for sea and Engine trials. On completion of trials LADAVA returned to spend the weekend alongside Lombrum.

3. The big day came when LADAVA sailed for her first patrol with her all PNG crew at 1300 Monday 8th July. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling LADAVA to arrive at Wuvulu Island at 0950 9th July. A call was made to the coastwatcher Mr. B.O. CULLINAN and necessary help was given by the ship's staff. Whilst in the vicinity of Wuvulu Is LADAVA was diverted to return to Lombrum for Exercise New Hanover COMPNGFOR OPS 07341 of 080453Z July 74 refers. At 1207 Wednesday 10th LADAVA berthed alongside Lombrum.

4. On completion of stores, fresh water and rectification of minor defects and at 1805 Wednesday 10th LADAVA with HMAS MADANG in company sailed for Kavieng. The passage was without incident and both ships berthed at Kavieng wharf at 1200 Thursday 11th July. On completion of embarking troops from 1 platoon 2PIR and at 1441 LADAVA in company with HMAS MADANG sailed for Taskul, arriving Taskul at 1635. Troops were landed and both ships returned to Kavieng securing alongside at 1841.

5. At 0500 Friday 12th July troops and stores from 2 platoon 2PIR were embarked and LADAVA in company with HMAS MADANG sailed for Taskul. On arrival troops and stores were landed. Both ships returned to Kavieng and on arrival troops and stores from 3 platoon were embarked. At 1244 the same day LADAVA sailed for Ficher Harbour Djaul Island. At 1630 LADAVA arrived at Ficher Harbour. Troops and stores were landed and on completion sailed for Biwa plantation to visit the coastwatcher Mr. T. Brown Necessary help was given and on completion LADAVA sailed for Kavieng On passage to Kavieng a number of maps and documents were found belonging to Commanding Officer 3 platoon at Ficher Harbour. At this time darkness has decended and I considered it unwise to return until daybreak. The maps and documents were landed at first light and LADAVA return to Kavieng anchoring there at 1115 Saturday 13 July.

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6. At 0830 Sunday 14th July LADAVA shifted from her anchorage to berth alongside Kavieng wharf. At 0930 Commanding Officer of 2PIR Leut Colonel Lewis and party came onboard and at 1045 Monday 15July LADAVA sailed for Meteinge Bay. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling LADAVA to arrive there at 1540. On completion of landing Leut Colonel Lewis and party LADAVA sailed for Baongung to anchor overnight. At 0730 Tuesday 16th July LADAVA weighed anchor and proceeded to Kavieng arriving there at 1145.

7. 2platoon at Taskul were resupplied on Wednesday 17th July and on completion LADAVA proceeded to Ribnitz Harbour to visit coastwatcher Mr E.S. Lauder at Selapiu Island. Ships boat was sent ashore with my Engineering officer and REM. to lend any assistance required. An MTR1 and battery charger were replaced with serviceable ones. On completion LADAVA proceeded to Kavieng securing alongside at 1830 Wednesday 17th July.

8. At 0800 Thursday 18th July LADAVA sailed from Kavieng for a combined Air and Maritime Fisheries surveillance patrol of the New Ireland area, patrolling the north coast to Tonga Island across to and around Lihir Island thence to Tobar Island arriving there at 0600 to visit coastwatcher Mr B. Berve. At 0730 LADAVA sailed from Tobar Island arriving at position 03°00' South and 152°20' East at 1130 (COMPNGFOR 100629ZJUL74 refers) patrolling via East coast of New Ireland to Kavieng, arriving there at 1840 Friday 19th July.

9. At 0800 Saturday 20th July LADAVA sailed for Meteinge Bay to resupply 1 and 2 platoon and on completion of landing supplies proceeded to Metanus Harbour to spend the rest of the weekend. At 0625 Monday 22 July LADAVA weighed and proceeded to Meteinge Bay to pick up Leut Colonel Lewis and party. On embarking Commanding Officer 2PIR and party LADAVA sailed for Kavieng arriving there at 1130 and Mediterranean moored south end of Kavieng enabling LADAVA to fuel and water as the whole wharf was taken up by a bank liner (HOLLYBANK).

10. At 0630 Tuesday 23rd LADAVA sailed for Bendemann Harbour (Djaul Island) to transfer half of 3 platoon to Meteinge Bay. Troops were embarked and at 1045 LADAVA proceeded to Meteinge Bay. On the way HMAS LAE (Leut D.S. Pert RAN), who was on task to relieve LADAVA, was passed and salutes were exchanged. Troops were landed on arrival and at 1420 LADAVA set course for Lombrum. With no noteworthy incidents LADAVA berthed Lombrum at 0759 Wednesday 24th to commence a much needed Self Maintenance Period (SMP).

11. Once again LADAVA was out again an another task, a survey in Orangerie Bay with HMAS SAMARAI (Leut G.B. Atkinson RAN) COMPNGFOR OPS 07282 of 040425Z JULY74. At 0830 Monday 29th both ships to berth SAMARAI wharf at 1040 Wednesday 31st for fuel and stores Dr. J. Guise MHA and Deputy Chief Minister, Mr D. Mc Intosh Director of Forrests, Mr M. Aohova NBC and CMDR W.S.G. Batsman SO2 OPs HQPNGDF were embarked and on completion of fuelling both ships sailed for Orangerie Bay.



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On passage OOW manoeuvres and Heaving line transfer approaches were carried out for filming by ABC TV team embarked on HMAS SAMARAI. On completion both ships entered San Roches Passage HMAS SAMARAI anchored and LADAVA berthed alongside her for the night.

12. The material condition of the ship was very good and planned maintenance was up to date. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the ships company was very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES
A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly Return of Ship Availability
C. Exercises Annex



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STEAMING ANNEX

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| 1. | Distance steamed during period | 2887.1 mls |
| 2. | Total distance steamed since commissioning | 140657.1 mls |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | 220.5 hrs |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning | 10535.5 hrs |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during period | 19.0 days |
| 6. | Occasions at exceeding Past Routine Speed | |

| DATE | SPEED | DURATION | REMARKS |
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| 11 July | 16 | 4 hours | Exercise New Hanover (first day) |
| 31 July | 16 | 4 hours | ABC TV Filming |

ANNEX B

Monthly return of Ship Availability - attached

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. NBCD Exercises
2. Fire Exercises
3. Leaving ship station
4. Action station
5. OOW Manoeuvres
6. Heaving line transfer



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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

5/9/12 I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING.....YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

HMAS Labuan

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING NO. 1 2787

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HMAS LADAVA
AT CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1JUL - 31JUL74

Sir,

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66 5/19/2 I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

HMAS LADAVA

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 7 YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING NO. 1 2787

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APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66 5/9/12

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

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MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING NO. 1..2707.....

DATE..1ST JULY 74....

140657.1..... MILES NO. 2..2534.....

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2. The month was a busy one for LADAVA. It is pleasing to note that it was also a very successful month for the relatively new ship's company.

(P.LOWA)
Colonel

For Commander

9 Dec 74

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1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1stAug - 31stAug, 1974. All times are zone kilo (-10).

2. At 0705 Thursday 1st August, LADAVA shipped from HMAS SAMARAI to commence survey of Orangerie Bay. The purpose of the survey was to establish a suitable anchorage and passage deep enough for ships of 20,000 tons and over, as a timber mill was in a process of being established in this area. The weather on the first day of the survey was overcast. The first hour of the survey made me very uncomfortable as LADAVA was at steaming up and down with only 3 feet of water under her. LADAVA proceeded to Gadaisu close to the shore and from Gadaisu out of the middle of the bay then to Baibara. At 1159 LADAVA secured alongside HMAS SAMARAI for lunch at 1315 LADAVA proceeded to the centre of the bay thence surveyed up and down in a North and South direction. At 1600 LADAVA surveyed towards where she started in the morning anchoring there at 1722.

3. At 0730 Friday 2nd it was reported to me by my Engineering Officer that the windless was unserviceable. Investigations by the ships REM revealed that the motor was burnt out, my 120530Z AUG 1974 refers, the anchor was hoisted by deck tackle and at 0945 LADAVA proceeded to commence the second day of the survey The weather was fine showing the reef very clearly. Few runs were made over the reef areas than LADAVA proceeded to Gadaisu carrying out a thorough survey from this area southwards and at 1300 LADAVA proceeded Eastwards about 400 yards from the shore . At 1445 LADAVA secured alongside HMAS SAMARAI in San Roches passage CMDR W.S.G. Bateman RAN and Mr. D. Mc Intosh were transfered to HMAS SAMARAI and ABC TV team, Mr D.J. Hook, Mr P.S. Guthrie and Mr D.C. Brill were embarked. With verbal permission from CMDR W.S.G. Bateman, and at 1500 LADAVA sailed for Samarai Island arriving there at 1817. At 2352 Dr.J. Guise MHA Deputy Chief Minister and Mr. M Aohova NBC left the ship for Alotau.

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4. At 0758 Sunday 5th LADAVA sailed from Samarai Island for Alotau and at 0934 secured alongside Alotau wharf. Leut Commander K.J. Heynatz RAN SO2 MAR OPs was embarked at 1100 and at 1247 LADAVA sailed for a combined Air and Maritime Fisheries surveillance patrol in the Milne Bay area COMPNGFOR 190B03Z AUG74 refers. LADAVA arrived off Gawa Island patrolling south to Bgum Atoll thence to Alcester Island. Due to unserviceability of the windless LADAVA on arrival at Conflict Island group steamed overnight thence patrolled southward. LADAVA rendezvoused with HMAS SAMARAI to transfer CPORS J. Anderson R58117 HQPNGDF and on completion proceeded to Bramble Haven across to Wari Island thence to Samarai Island through to Alotau arriving there at 1815 Tuesday 6th August for the night. At 0820 Wednesday LADAVA sailed for ABC TV filming returning alongside at 0853. The ABC TV team were landed at 1205.

5. At 1314 Wednesday 7th LADAVA sailed for Samarai Island for fuel. On passage a signal was received from COMPNGFOR with instructions that LADAVA spend the night in Samarai Island and to escort HMAS SAMARAI to Port Moresby (COMPNGFOR 070127Z AUG74 refers) At 0756 Thursday 8th Aug LADAVA sailed from Samarai Island and at 1319 rendezvuous was made with HMAS SAMARAI. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling both ships to berth alongside PNG Sup Sqn wharf at 1240 Friday 9th August.

6. On completion of investigations on HMAS SAMARAI's crankcase explosion (HMAS SAMARAI August R.O. P. refers) it was decided that LADAVA excorted her to Cairns. At 1930 Monday 12th August both ships, sailed for Cairns with no noteworthy incidents both ships secured alongside Cairns wharf at 1300 Friday 16August. LADAVA spent the night alongside and at 0910 Saturday 17th sailed for Lombrum. Good conditions prevailed enabling LADAVA to berth Samarai Island wharf at 1610 Sunday 18th for fuel and stores LADAVA spent the night in Samarai Island and at 1200 Monday 19th sailed for Lombrum. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling LADAVA to berth alongside Lombrum at 1519 Wednesday 21st August with only two working days for Self Maintenance Period before the start of SQUADEX SIX. COMPNGFOR OPS instruction 13/74.

7. 54019 WO2 D.M. Lawson HQPNGDF was embarked in Port Moresby for Patrol Boat Communication familiarisation and was landed at Samarai Island. Midshipman J.P. Less PNGDF was embarked at Cairns for passage to Lombrum for continuation of phase two Midshipman training on board HMAS MADANG.

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8. At 0855 Sunday 25August LADAVA in company with HMAS LAE And MADANG sailed from Lombrum to commence Phase 1 of exercise Squadex Six, and LADAVA's first Squadex with her all PNG crew. Internal drills commenced at 0923 and at 0940 OOW manoeuvres began. LADAVA's movements were a bit shaky at times. On completion of OOW manoeuvres and at 1020 commenced ROFX LADAVA was unable to fire her 2" RFL as parts of the RFL where given to HMAS MADANG This exercise was carried out quite well and on completion SUCRF commenced. The splash target was first towed by LADAVA for HMAS LAE and MADANG firing. It was then transfered to HMAS LAE for LADAVA to do a firing run and during her second firing run her gyro toppled. The gyro was back on again an hour later. Even though the 40/60 guns crew needed more practice in their drills there were some very good shooting witnessed. Radar Index Calibration commenced straight after completion of SUCRF. On completion OOW manoeuvres/REL VEL began This exercise was much better then the first one and on completion LADAVA proceeded to PATROLEX area. On passage Internal drills were carried cut. At 1900 PATROLEX commenced with LADAVA acting as enemy force. A false attempted break through was carried out to confuse the friendly force and at 2240 an attempt was made to break through Unfortunately LADAVA was caught thus completing the exercise.

9. At 0100 Monday 26 August Plotex commenced. Eventhough this exercise was carried out througout a heavy rainstorm it was done very well. The exercise was completed at 0555 LADAVA then rejoined HMAS LAE and MADANG and at 0745 commenced heaving line transfers. TOWEX was commenced at 0900 where LADAVA towed HMAS MADANG. Unfortunately LADAVA could not be towed due to defective windless. OOW manoeuvres commenced on completion of TOWEX with much better results from LADAVA and at 1309 commenced Foreign Fishing vessel (FFV) Boardex LADAVA boarded HMAS LAE and on completion, and as OCE carried out Formation Anchorage. This exercise was carried out sucessfully. Another BOARDEX was carried out at 1530 followed by general drill and at 1725 the three ships entered Seeadler Harbour. At 1800 all ships secured alongside Lombrum for fuel, freshwater and stores.

10. At 2213 Monday 26th August LADAVA in company with HMAS LAE and MADANG sailed from Lombrum for Rabaul via Ysabel and Nusa channels (New Hanover area). At 0800 Tuesday 27 non delaying OOW manoeuvres commenced with LADAVA as OCE. This exercise was completed at 0945 and at 1410 the three ships entered Ysabel channel. This channel was cleared at 1524 and at 1618 entered Nusa channel through to Stephan strait. On cleaning it all ships night steamed to Rabaul with LADAVA as OCE. Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling LADAVA, LAE and MADANG to berth Rabaul at 0710 for fuel, fresh water and stores.

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11. At 1411 Wednesday 28th August LADAVA in company with HMAS LAE sailed from Rabaul for Exercise area. Patrolex commenced on arrival at the exercise area with a patrol line from Green Island to Mimias Cape. The rest of Wednesday 28 and all day Thursday 29th was spent on PATROLEX. LADAVA was not very sucessful as she only reported seven skunks. At 0630 Friday 30th LADAVA proceeded to Green Island for uplift of troops COMPNGFOR 291151ZAUG74 refers. LADAVA entered the Lagoon with no depth readings on the echo sounder. Troops were embarked at 1330 and a course was set for Teni Island arriving there at 1629. On completion of landing troops LADAVA returned to the patrol area and on arrival was given a new patrol line while HMAS LAE was detached to Rabaul for fuel..On return of HMAS LAE to the patrol area LADAVA sailed for Rabaul to fuel arriving there at 0005 Saturday 31st August.

12. The material condition of the ship was very good. The morale, health, welfare and conduct of the ships company was good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
Commanding Officer

Annexes

A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly Return of Ship Availability
C. Exercise Annex



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STEAMING ANNEX

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Distance steamed during period | 3782.8 mls |
| 2. | Total distance steamed since commissioning | 144439.9 mls |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | 320.0 hrs |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 10855.5 hrs |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during period | 3 days |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding fast routine period | |

| Date | Duration | Speed | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd | 2½ | 19 | Passage from San Roches to Samarai Island |
| 25 to 31st | Various | Various | SQUADEX SIX |

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - ATTACHED

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. Fire exercises
2. NBCD exercises
3. Action, emergency and leaving ship station
4. Boarding exercise
5. Towing exercise
6. OOW Manoeuvres
7. ROFX
8. SUCRF
9. Heaving line transfers
10. Plotex
11. Patrolex



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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66 5 11/12 I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING....12.YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING NO. 1..30279..Hrs

HMAS..Labuan.....

DATE...AUGUST..74... 144439.9 MILES NO. 2..2747..Hrs

| MONTH DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | 2 | OPERATIONAL DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAM MAINT. | PROGRAM REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | S/T | ND | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
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| 1 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY ORANGERIE BAY |
| 2 | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | COMBINED AIR & MARITIME FISHERIES SURVEILLANCE |
| 5 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ESCORT HMAS SAMARAI TO PORT MORESBY |
| 9 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 12 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ESCORT HMAS SAMARAI TO CAIRNS |
| 14 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PASSAGE FROM CAIRNS TO LOMBRUM. |
| 19 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 23 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 25 | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | SQUADEX SIX |
| 26 | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | ✓ | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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HMAS LADAVA
At LOMBRUM
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

17th October, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD - 1SEP-30SEP74

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1st September - 30th September 1974. All times are zone kilo (-10).

2. At 0005 Sunday 1st September LADAVA sailed from RABAUL to continue on SQUARDEX SIX and on arriving at the exercise area recommenced PLOTEX. At 1500 PLOTEX was completed and at 1530 SAREX commenced. LADAVA proceeded to the area with all despatch and on arrival was given a search pattern. This pattern was thought to be the best as it covers the approximate position of the dinghy.
Unfortunitely after completing 2 (two) legs of the search pattern LADAVA was diverted to a new search pattern and during the night and the next day she covered the same area twice with no sighting of the dinghy.
At 1500 Monday 2nd September the search was called off and LADAVA in company with HMAS MADANG proceeded to RABAUL arriving there at 0016 Tuesday 3rd September.

3. At 0900 Tuesday 3rd September a debriefing was carried out on board HMAS LAE conducted by CMDR P.D. McKAY RAN. Members of the Land and Air clement also attended.

4. At 0900 Thursday 5th September LADAVA in company with HMAS MADANG sailed from RABAUL for LOMBRUM. This passage was without incident enabling both ships to berth at LOMBRUM and thus LADAVA commencing a ten days much needed assisted maintenance period (AMP) and for the ships company to get the ship ready for annual inspection that was to be held on 16th September.

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5. Due to PNG National Day on the 16th September the inspection was postphoned to the 17th. Divisions was held on the wharf at 0830 by CMDR P.D. McKAY RAN and at 1400 the sameday main rounds was carried out by CMDR P.D. McKAY RAN.

6. At 0750 Wednesday 18th September Senior Observers were embarked on LADAVA and 0805 in company with HMAS MAGANG (LT M. HARRISON RAN) sailed from LOMBRUM at action station for sea inspection. During this inspection it was found that there is a lot of work to be done on most of the exercises, mainly the fire exercise. On completion of the inspection both ships returned alongside. Mechanical, Electrical, Supply, Medical, Gunnery and Navigation inspections were carried out on the 19th and 20th September.

7. At 1000 Monday 23 September LADAVA in company with HMAS AITAPE sailed for CAIRNS. LADAVA for refit and AITAPE for investigation on her starboard main engine. Both ships arrived at SAMARAI ISLAND at 1500 Wednesday 25 September for fuel. On completion of fuelling and at 1750 both ships sailed from SAMARAI ISLAND for CAIRNS. The passage was without incident and both ships berthed at No 1 wharf at 0900 Friday 27th September.

8. The weekend was spent alongside and on Monday 30th September LADAVA began destoring.

9. The material condition of the ship is very good and the planned maintenance is up to date. The health, morale, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LT COMMANDER PNGDF
COMMANDING OFFICER

ANNEXES:
A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly Return of ships availability
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ANNEX A

STEAMING ANNEX

| | | |
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| 1. | Distance steamed during September | 2,364.5 mls |
| 2. | Total Distance steamed since commissioning | 146450 mls |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | 152.0 hrs |
| 4. | Total hours underway since commissioning | 10998.0 hrs |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during period. | Nil |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding past routine period | Nil |

ANNEX B

Monthly Return of ship availability attached

ANNEX C

1. 40/60 and 50 cal Browning
2. Man overboard
3. Small arms
4. Practical fire fighting exercise
5. Steering gear breakdown
6. Boardex (FFV)
7. Action stations
8. Leaving ship stations
9. Blind Pilotage
10. Emergency stations
11. Heaving line transfers

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 5 YRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING ..... MILES

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS
NO. 1 ..3001.....
NO. 2 ..2808.....

HMAS ..LADAVA.....

DATE ..1ST SEPTEMBER 74.....

| DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATIONAL DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | WAIT | PROGRAM MAINT. | PROGRAM REFIT | DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | CPT | MD | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
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| 1 | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | } SQUADEX SIX |
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HMAS LADAVA. Report of Proceedings Oct '74.

Refit at Cairns.

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HMAS LADAVA
At Cairns

31st October, 1974

The Commanding Officer
HMAS TARANGAU

HMAS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD

1ST OCT - 31ST OCT

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the period 1st October - 31st October, 1974. All times are in zone kilo (-10).

2. The first week of the month was spent alongside de-storing, defuelling and de-ammunition. The pre-refit meeting was held at North Queensland Engineers and Agents Pty Ltd (N.Q.E.A.) on Wednesday 2nd October, 1974 The meeting was chaired by the Project Officer Lieutenant Commander J.W.E. Green RAN and attended by ship staff, contractors and Lieutenant Commander T.C. Dodds RAN representing PNGDF.

3. The refit came into full swing on the second week of the month and the ship was slipped at 0630 Friday 11th October. Sand blasting was carried out on 14th October and the 40/60 bofor . Rocket Flare Launcher and funnel were removed on 15th October, 1974. The first refit meeting was held on 16th October, attended by the ship's staff and representives from HMAS CAIRNS, NQEA, GOSIEAA and Sub-contractors. The main engines were removed on Friday 18th October, 1974.

4. The remainder of the month was spent on the slip as refit work continued. Ship's company was employed on general ship husbandry, stripping paint on the deck and shipside and general Departmental jobs.

5. The material condition of the ship is very good. The morale, health, welfare and the conduct of the ship's company is satisfactory.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your Obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Annex
B. Monthly return of ship availability
C. Exercise Annex

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STEAMING ANNEX

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| 2. | Total distance steamed since commisssioning | 146430 Mls |
| 3. | Hours underway during period | Nil |
| 4. | Hours underway since commissioning | 10998Hrs |
| 5. | Number of days on patrol during period | Nil |
| 6. | Occasions of exceeding fast Routine Period | Nil |

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY-ATTACHED

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. Fire fighting exercise
2. Flooding exercise

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

HMAS. LADAVA

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 5½ YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING 146430 MILES

NO. 1.....

NO. 2..... } 8 HP ON REFIT

DATE. 31.05.74

| MONTH DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATION DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAM MAINT. | PROGRAM REFIT | DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | A S | ND | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
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Brigadier
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PNGS LADAVA
AT CAIRNS

DECEMBER, 1974

COMPNGFOR
HQPNGDF MURRAY BARRACKS

PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1STNOV to 30TH NOV 74

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of PNG Ship under my command for the period 1st Nov to 30th November, 1974.

2. The first four days of the month were spent on the NQEA slipway. At 1100 Tuesday 5th November LADAVA unslipped and was coldmoved to No 1 wharf.

3. LADAVA was alongside No 1 wharf throughout the rest of the month for fitting out. Generator trials were carried out on the third week of the month, and the remaining week was spent on various mechanical and electrical trials.

4. Refit is progressing steadily with 40/60 before yet to be fitted,

5. The material condition of the ship is very good and plannedmaintenance is up to date. The health, morale , welfare and the conduct of the ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
Commanding Officer

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I.C. ENGINE SHIPS

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING...7...YRS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL EN. HRS

MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING ...146430... MILES NO. 1.....

HMAS...LADAVA... NO. 2.....

DATE...1st NOVEMBER...

| MONTH DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | 2 | OPERATIONAL DUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAM MAINT. | PROGRAM REFIT | DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H E L G T ND C EW DL CPT | REMARKS |
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1. STATES OF READINGS AND CONTROL OF OPENINGS

a. Patrol boats have a very simple layout which renders unnecessary a sophisticated system of states of readings and control of openings.

b. The following states of readiness will apply in PNGS LADAVA

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| DC Condition 1. | Action state. All openings closed Permission required from OOW to open them. |
| DC Condition 2 | Sea state. All openings closed May be opened for passage but closed afterwards except if permission has been obtained to have them open. EXCEPTION Permission is always to be obtained from OOD before double bottoms are left open. |
| DC Condition 3 | Harbour state. All opening may be left open unless otherwise ordered EXCEPTION Permission is always to be obtained from OOD before double bottoms are left open |
| NBC CONDITION B | All NBC openings may remain open |
| NBC CONDITION A | Ship is to be closed down against NBC attack by all means.available. |

2. DAMAGE CONTROL PARTIES

a. In peacetime no damage control parties will be detailed off for routine duties. They will be detailed off as required and for exercise.

b. In wartime separate orders will be issued.

3. STABILITY

a. Stability curves are held in the ships box, kept in the captains cabin.

b. Jettisoning of topweight In a state of lall or other damage, topweight may have to be jettisoned. The order of priority will depend on the factors prevailing at the time.

The following items can be considered:

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| Wheelhouse: | Radar display<br>Charts and navigational publications |
| Flying Bridge: | Signal lockers, Signals lamp, flags<br>Captain and OOW's seats, wooden deck gratings, contents of console locken |
| Upper deck: | Ready use ammunition<br>RF Locken<br>Vegetable locker |



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| | DC lockers and firefighting and DC equipment |
| | Windless, anchors and cable |
| | 40/60 auto. loader, barrel and motor |
| Miscellaneous | Radar aerial |
| | Funnel and ER coverplate |
| | RFL |
| | Upper deck doors |
| | Vents |
| | 40/60 mounting |

4. FIREFIGHTING

a. All personnel are to be fully conversant with firefighting techniques, and with the available firefighting appliances onboard.

b. The officer of the watch, duty sailor in charge of the watch in harbour and the officer of the day are to be kept informed of the state of the firemain pressure. If pressure is off when a fire breaks out, it is the duty of the LME (at sea) or the duty technical sailor (in harbour) to restore pressure to the firemain immediately.

c. Particular attention is to be paid to the danger of fire in the galley. The most important factors in galley fire prevention may be summarised as follows:-

1. Galley to be locked out of working hours
2. Galley range switch on switchboard to be locked out of working hours, key being kept on OOD's Keyring.
3. Deep fryers to be kept off the galley stove when not in use.

d. Other fire dangers to watched for include accumulation of oil in the bilges, accumulation of damp oily rags in any place and (when in southern climates) electric radiations.

5. PRE-WETTING

Pre-wetting, if required, will be rigged using fire hoses spraying vertically from the forecastle

SHELTER STATIONS

Shelter stations are:

a. After messdeck

b. Forward cabin flat and Senior ranks mess each person on board will be allocated a shelter station in the appropriate watchbill

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7. PORTABLE PUMPS

The following portable pumps are available on board.

a. Pacific pump
b. Sigmund pump

8. DARKEN SHIP

When darker ship is ordered.

a. All deadlights are to be lowered and secured
b. All upperdeck doors are to be closed
c. Darken ship screens are to be rigged inside upper deck doors.
d. The deadlight shade to be mounted on the radar display
e. The flying bridge wing gyro repeats and techometers lights are to be masked on switched off.
f. All lighting in the wheel house is to be switched off with the exception of the chart table which will have its screen rigged.



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PNGS LADAVA

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ASRP-N (NS55) 13/3

1. Post refit trials at Cairns.
2. "kick in the guts" technique of correcting defects.??
3. Work-up. - SAREX not very successful.
4. Passage to Port Moresby.

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Brigadier
Commander

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The Commander
PNG PATROL BOAT BASE
LOMBRUM

PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1st - 31st December, 1974.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of PNG Ship under my command for the period from 1st Dec - 31st Dec 1974. All times are zone kilo (-10).

2. The first few days found LADAVA being fittedout alongside NO1 wharf Cairns. At 1005 Wednesday 4th LADAVA sailed from Cairns for main engines trials. The trials were carried out satisfactorily and on returning to Cairns and before coming alongside it was found that the Starboard Main Engine revolutions build up when the throttle was put to neutral. Quick investigation revealed a defective fuel pump in that the pump was pumping more fuel i. then usual, and the engine was shut down by means of overspeed trip. LADAVA secured alongside No1 wharf at 1440. Work was done on the fuel pump and at 0800 Friday 6th LADAVA sailed for another engine trials. The trials were sucessful and on returning and before coming alongside the same problem was experienced. This time the engine could not be stopped by either mechanical or electrical means and so the old 'kick in the guts' proved very successful thus enabling LADAVA to secure alongside with no damage.

3. A week was spent on investigating and rectifying the starboard main engine fuel pump. On Thursday 12th December LADAVA went to sea for another trial and was carried out successfully. A final trial was carried out on Friday 13th December. The 975 radar and 691 UHF radio were tried on Saturday 14th and were found to be operating satisfactorily.

4. Due to defects on the Deep freeze, galley refrigerator, air-conditioning and 975 radar LADAVA was alongside on the first day of her workup. With all defects rectified and at 0758 Tuesday 17th LADAVA sailed for compass swing. On completion and at 0950 LADAVA with HMAS BAYONETin company (LEUT J.R. LANSFORD RAN) sailed for LADAVA's workup. 40/60mm firing commenced at 1113 using Break Up Shots and at 1121 OOW manoeuvres were carried out. LADAVA sailed for Cairns at 1215 to disembark POW GERRARD. At 1435 LADAVA rendezvous with BAYONET for TOWFX followed by BOARDEX where each ship towed and boarded the other.. OOW manoeuvres were conducted between 1735 to 1830 and on completion Night Encounter Exercise commenced with LADAVA as blue force and BAYONET as red force. At 1940 HMAS BAYONET was intercepted and on completion was boarded by LADAVA. A Formation anchorage was conducted by LADAVA and at 2135 both ships anchored at Low island for the night.

5. At 0630 Wednesday 18th both ships weighed anchor and at 0635 commenced Station Keeping for LADAVA. Surface Firing Exercises were carried out from 0800 to 1000 using Splash target followed by OOW manoeuvres and Heaving Line transfer. On completion LADAVA returned to Cairns to disembark observers. On returning to the exercisewere major NBCD exercises were carried out where LADAVA transfered the Emergency Party to HMAS BAYONET. SAREX commenced at 1630 initiated by HMAS CAIRNS. This exercise was not carried out very well as it was my first time to conduct and take charge of an exercise of this nature.

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The PATROLEX, with LADAVA as OCS was carried out satisfactorily and was completed at 2359. The rest of the night was spent Night Steaming In Company and at 0800 Thursday 19th BOARDEX commenced followed by TOWEX and OOW manoeuvres. Both ships returned to Cairns securing alongside at 1200.

6. At 0800 Friday 20th LADAVA in company with HMAS BARBETTE and BAYONET sailed from Cairns at Action Stations for HMAS BARBETTE Sea Inspection and LADAVA final Battle Problem. OOW manoeuvres commenced on leaving the leads to Cairns harbour. ROFX and SUFX commenced respectively at 1000. Unfortunately there was shipping in the direction of fire and very poor communications between ships LADAVA was unable to carry out these exercises satisfactorily. BOARDEX, TOWEX and NBCDEX were carried out during the afternoon with very good results. On completion a non-delaying OOW manoeuvres were carried out and at 1500 all ships entered Cairns harbour securing alongside No10 wharf at 1535 for fuel. On completion of fuelling LADAVA shifted berth to No1 wharf.

7. At 0900 Saturday 21st LADAVA sailed from Cairns for Port Moresby and at 1830 cleared th One Mile pass north of Lizard Island. Good condition prevailed and the passage was without incident thus enabling LADAVA to berth alongside PNGLANCRON wharf at 2010 Sunday 22nd. On the next Monday 23rd I made a formal call to Commander W.R. LANG GLEX RAN SO1 MAR OPS. LCDR T.C. DODDS SDEN RAN and staff came onboard for inspection of mechanical, electrical and hull side of the ship. On completion of fuelling LADAVA sailed from Port Moresby for Samarai Island at 2000 Monday 23rd, arriving Samarai Island at 1330 Tuesday 24th. A Family Christmas Day was held on the 25th when LADAVA sailed from Samarai at 1030 for Alotau returning to Samarai at 1530 the same day. On arrival and before coming alongside it was reported to me by my engineering officer that the Port Main Engine fuel pump was unserviceable(My 252250Z DEC74 refers). It was also found that the Deep freeze and the galley refrigerator were unserviceable(My 250130Z DEC 74 refers). A suitable contractor could not be found due to the long Christmas leave. On Friday 27th a representative from ELCOM was employed. A final answer was given to me with confirmation from the ship staff that the compressor was unserviceable (My 270145Z DEC 74 refers).

8. At 0500 Saturday LADAVA sailed from Samarai Island for Lombrum on one engine COMPNGPATRON 261037Z DEC74 refers. With no noteworthy incident LADAVA secured alongside Lombrum at 0800 Monday 30th December. The remaining day of the month was spent rectifying the Port Main Engine fuel pump.

9. The material condition of the ship good and planned maintenance is being brought up to date. The health, welfare, morale and conduct of the ships company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
COMMANDING OFFICER

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(MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS) APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 1/42

TMAS.....  ACE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONED.....

DATE.....  MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONED.....

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| SPECIAL TASKS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ASW | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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PNGS LADAVA
at LOMBRUM

The Commander,
PNGDF PATROL BOAT BASE,
LOMBRUM.

PNGS LADAVA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1ST TO 31ST JANUARY, 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of PNG Ship LADAVA under my command for the period 1st January - 31st January, 1975. All time are in Zone Kilo (-10).

2. The beginning of the month found "LADAVA" alongside LOMBRUM with the Port Main Engine fuel pumps defect (My 252250ZDEC74 refers). On completion of repairs at 1000 Thursday, 9th January, "LADAVA" sailed for engine trials returning to LOMBRUM at 1145.

3. At 1200, Tuesday, 14th January, "LADAVA" sailed for LORENGAU to investigate a TAIWANESE fishing vessel brought in by PNGS BUNA. On arrival at LORENGAU a boarding party with the District Commissioner, MR SMARE, included was sent across to investigate. Investigations proved there was no illegal fishing. The vessel entered the harbour due to an engine breakdown, lack of provisions, and for shelter from bad weather. With instructions from COMPNGPATRON, "LADAVA" handed over the ship to the District Commissioner and proceeded to sea to begin her Northern Patrol arriving in MADANG town at 0900 Wednesday, 15th January.

4. At 1300 Thursday, 16th January, "LADAVA" was slipped from the small ship's wharf. On slipping it was noticed that the scuttle to the Executive Officer's cabin was damaged. (My 160330ZJAN75 refers). "LADAVA" stayed overnight in MADANG and at 1033 on Friday, 17th, proceeded to MADANG slipway for repairs, arriving there at 1043. (COMPNGPATRON 160530Z JAN75 and COMPNGFOR 170002ZJAN75 refer). On completion of temporary repairs to the scuttle "LADAVA" stayed overnight.

5. At 0807 Saturday, 18th, "LADAVA" sailed for LAE (town). On leaving MADANG HARBOUR "LADAVA's" 975 radar broke down followed by a power failure. Power was restored immediately and later investigations showed that the motor generator to the 975 radar was defective (My URDEF 200715ZJAN75 refers). "LADAVA" arrived LAE (town) at 0900 Sunday, 19th. "LADAVA" spent Sunday and Monday alongside and at 0010 Tuesday, 21st, proceeded to sea for ORO BAY, arriving there at 1430 the same day. "LADAVA" stayed overnight and at 1300 on Wednesday, 22nd, sailed for LOMBRUM. Good conditions prevailed and with no noteworthy incidents "LADAVA" arrived LOMBRUM at 0755, Firday, 24th January.

6. "LADAVA" spent the following week alongside for Self Maintenance Period and ship's husbandry was bought up to date. During the BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PNG, MR G. BAKER'S, visit to PNGDF PATROL BOAT BASE, LOMBRUM, "LADAVA" was appointed to ferry him to LORENGAU on completion of his visit. At 1419, Tuesday, 28th January, the BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER and MRS BAKER embarked accompanied by COMPNGPATRON, CMD P.D. McKAY. "LADAVA" sailed for LORENGAU arriving there at 1500. HIGH COMMISSIONER and MRS BAKER were disembarked at 1505 and at 1510 "LADAVA" sailed for LOMBRUM arriving there at 1550. The last days of the month were spent alongside LOMBRUM.

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7/ The material condition of the ship is good and planned maintenance is up to date. The morale, welfare, and conduct of the ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(K. FRANK)
A/LCDR SLEX PNGDF
COMMANDING OFFICER

Annexes: A. STEAMING ANNEX
B. MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP'S AVAILABILITY
C. EXERCISE ANNEX

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ANNEX 'A' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1-31 JANUARY, 19[illegible]

STEAMING ANNEX:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DISTANCE STEAMED DURING PERIOD | - | 1206.00 miles |
| TOTAL DISTANCE STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING | - | 14931.5 MILES. |
| HOURS UNDERWAY DURING PERIOD | - | 98.00 hours |
| TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY SINCE COMMISSIONING | | 11 215 HOURS. |
| OCCASSIONS OF EXCEEDING FAST ROUTINE PERIOD | - | NIL |
| NUMBER OF DAYS ON PATROL DURING PERIOD | - | 9 days |

ANNEX 'B' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1-31 JANUARY, 1975.

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIPS AVAILABILITY - Attached

ANNEX 'C' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1-31 JANUARY, 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX:
1. FIRE EXERCISE
2. NBCD EXERCISE
3. ACTION STATIONS
4. BLIND PILOTAGE

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

PNGS LADAVA

PERIOD January 1975

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 7 2/12 YEARS

MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING _____ MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

NO. 1 135

NO. 2 346

| MONTH DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATION DUTIES | EXERCISE WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAMMED MAINT | PROGRAMMED REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE |
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| 31 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 25 | 9 | | | | | | | 13 | | | 2 | |

DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)

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PASSAGE TO MADANG

SCUTTLE BERAIA

PASSAGE TO LOMBRUM

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1073287

PNGS LADAVA
at LOMBRUM

The Commander,
PNGDF PATROL BOAT SQUADRON,
LOMBRUM.

PNGS LADAVA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY, TO 5TH MARCH, 1975

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of PNG Ship LADAVA under my command for the period 1st February to 6th March, 1975. All times are in Zone Kilo (-10).

2. At 1234 Sunday, 2nd February, "LADAVA" sailed for MADANG (town) to escort PNGS MADANG and a short Northern Patrol. The passage was without incident thus enabling both ships to arrive MADANG (town) at 0800 Monday, 3rd February. At 1308, Tuesday 4th, "LADAVA" sailed from MADANG for a Northern Patrol arriving at RAMBUTYO ISLAND to pick up the ship's senior REM, who was on compassionate leave. Unfortunately this patrol could not be carried out as the weather at the time was not favourable to circumnavigate MANUS ISLAND (My 042225ZFEB refers). During this period "LADAVA's" 975 radar was still unserviceable, (My RCP JANUARY, 1975, refers). At 1218 "LADAVA" secured alongside LOMBRUM (COMPNGFOR 042323ZFEB75 refers). The following week was spent alongside rectifying minor defects and bring the ship's husbandry up to date.

3. On 17th February, a signal was received from COMPNGFOR (COMPNGFOR OPS 13887 of 140347ZFEB75). directing "LADAVA" to proceed to PORT MORESBY for PNGS BUNA escort. "LADAVA's" sailing was delayed as her 975 radar was still unserviceable. On arrival of PNGS LAE her radar motor generator was transferred to "LADAVA" and on completion of repair "LADAVA" sailed for PORT MORESBY at 1700 Tuesday, 18th March (COMPNGFOR DTS 3967 of 172230ZFEB75 refers). Good conditions prevailed and the passage was without incident. "LADAVA" arrived at PORT NORESBY at 1357 on Friday, 21st February.

4. At 1035 Tuesday, 25th, "LADAVA" sailed from PORT MORESBY for escort of PNGS BUNA to MT ADOLPHUS ISLAND. At 1430 "LADAVA" joined PNGS BUNA and with no noteworthy incident both ships arrived at MT ADOLPHUS ISLAND at 1900. Rendezvous with HMAS BAYONET (LEUT J.R. LANGFORD, RAN) was made and at 1945 escort was handed over. "LADAVA" then proceeded to the GULF OF PAPUA for a fisheries patrol, (My 26085ZFEB75 refers). With no sightings of illegal fishing vessels "LADAVA" arrived at PORT MORESBY at 0800 on Friday, 28th February.

5. The first weekend of March, 1975, was spent alongside at PORT MORESBY. At 2000 Monday, 3rd, "LADAVA" sailed for fisheries patrol in the GULF OF PAPUA area and at 2125 Tuesday, 4th March, "LADAVA" intercepted an illegal TAIWANESE fishing vessel inside the twelve mile limit of BRAMBLE CAY. Due to the devolution of Defence Powers on the 6th March, "LADAVA" was advised by COMPNGFOR not to arrest the vessel but to warn her (COMPNGFOR OPS 14405 of 041253ZMAR75 refers). On warning the vessel "LADAVA" returned to the GULF to continue patrol arriving at PORT MORESBY at 0757 on Thursday 6th March. The remainder of the day was spent alongside.

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6. The material condition of the ship was good and planned maintenance was up to date. The morale, health, welfare, and conduct of the ship's company was satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(K. FRANK)
MAJOR (A/LCDR) SLEX PNGDF
COMMANDING OFFICER

ANNEXES: A. STEAMING REPORT
B. MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP'S AVAILABILITY
C. EXERCISES ANNEX

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ANNEX 'A' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY TO 6TH MARCH, 1975.

STEAMING ANNEX:

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| 1. | DISTANCE STEAMED DURING PERIOD | - | 3052.0 mls |
| 2. | DISTANCE STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING | - | 152363.5 MILES. |
| 3. | HOURS UNDERWAY DURING PERIOD | - | 239 hrs |
| 4. | TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY SINCE COMMISSIONING | - | 11454 hrs |
| 5. | NUMBER OF DAYS ON PATROL DURING PERIOD | - | 17 days |
| 6. | OCCASSIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED | - | NIL |

ANNEX 'B' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY, TO 6TH MARCH, 1975

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP'S AVAILABILITY - Attached

ANNEX 'C' TO PNGS LADAVA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR PERIOD 1ST FEBRUARY TO 6TH MARCH, 1975

EXERCISE ANNEX:

1. FIRE EXERCISE
2. NBCD EXERCISE
3. ACTION STATIONS

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

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PNGS LADAVA

PERIOD February, 1975

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING _____ YEARS

MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING _____ MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS PROGRESSIVE TOTAL

NO. 1 299

NO. 2 3215

| MONTH / DAY | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATION OUTIES | EXERCISE | WEAPON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAMMED MAINT | PROGRAMMED REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | T A S | ND | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
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| 2 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ESCORT of PNGS MADANG |
| 3 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | NORTHERN PATROL |
| 7 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 18 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 21 | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | PASSAGE TO PORT MORESBY |
| 22 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| TOTAL | 16 | 13 | | | | | | | 2 | 4 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIPS AVAILABILITY
ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66 74/12

PNGS LADAVA

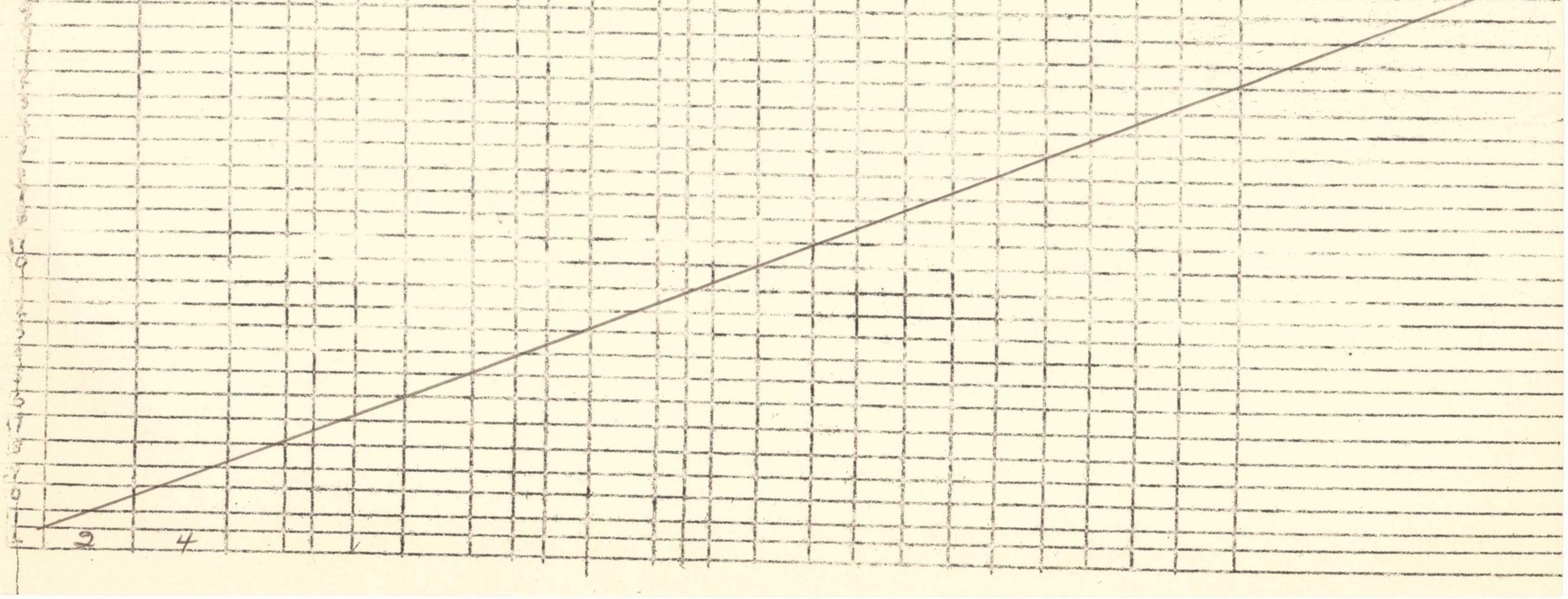
PERIOD 6th. March 1975

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING _____ YEARS

MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING _____ MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ___
NO. 1 350
NO. 2 3217

| ~~MONTH~~ | AVAILABILITY STATE 1 | AVAILABILITY STATE 2 | OPERATION OUTIES | EXERCISE VIEW ON TRAINING | SPECIAL TASKS | POST REFIT TRIALS | PASSAGE TIME | VISIT | PROGRAMMED MAINT | PROGRAMED REFIT DOCKING | REPAIR | HARBOUR | LONG LEAVE | DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIPS DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS) H | E | L | G | TAS | ND | C | EW | DL | CPT | REMARKS |
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