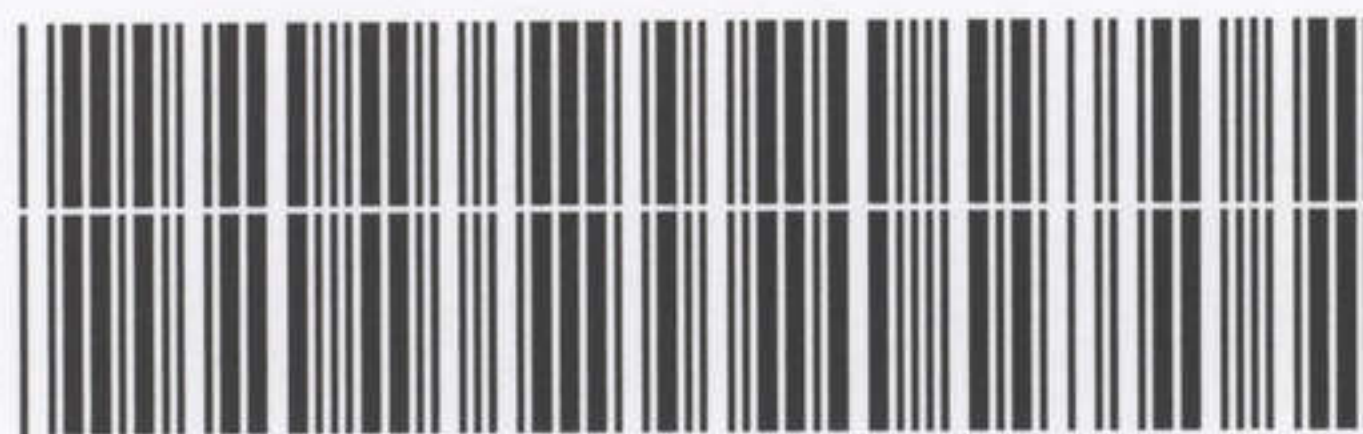


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HMAS BETANO  
At TOWNSVILLE

4th February 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET  
The Commander First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of January 1976.
2. At 0001, 1st January 1976 HMAS BETANO was berthed starboard side to HMAS BALIKPAPAN, no. 7 berth, HMAS MORETON at 8 hours notice for main engines. At 0815 Wednesday 7th January, BETANO cast off and proceeded to Moreton Bay to complete the P.R.T. The Ship anchored at Tangalooma at 1212 and several beach surveys were carried out as part of the P.R.T. At 1840 Wednesday 7th January 1976, the Ship weighed and proceeded to Moreton Bay for an independent night steam. At 2100 that night the starboard gearbox was found to be overheating. In view of the recent defects affecting the starboard main engine and gearbox, another URDEF was raised (HMAS BETANO KOO/DAJO71005Z refers) and the Ship returned to MORETON, <sup>berthing</sup> recurring at no. 7 berth starboard side to HMAS BALIKPAPAN at 2359, Wednesday 7th January. The Ship reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines and normal leave was granted to the Ship's company.
3. BETANO carried out basin trials from 1455 until 1510, Thursday 8th January and proceeded to Moreton Bay for engine trials at 1340 Monday 12th January. These were successfully completed at 1623 that day and the Ship returned to MORETON at 1855. Twenty nine (29) Naval Reserve Cadets (from T.S. GAYUNDAH) were embarked for the duration of engine trials and were familiarised with life on an LCH. BETANO remained at no. 7 berth until 0700 Thursday 15th January.
4. BETANO sailed in company with HMAS BALIKPAPAN for Moreton Bay at 0700 Thursday 15th January to complete her P.R.T. At 0924 BALIKPAPAN was detached and BETANO proceeded to sea via the North East channel. At 1147 gun crews were closed up and a .50 calibre firing exercise was commenced. The surface target was sunk by .50 cal fire at 1238 and BETANO proceeded back to Tangalooma, anchoring there at 1516, Thursday 15th January. During the night several NBCD exercises were carried out.
5. At 0800 Friday 16th January colours were half masted for the late Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. Several NBCD lectures were presented to the Ship's Company and at 0923 Friday 16th January, BETANO

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weighed anchor and proceeded to Moreton Bay for OOW ship handling exercises. Shortly after arriving in Moreton Bay the weather rapidly deteriorated and BETANO returned to MORETON with BALIKPAPAN in company. The ship berthed starboard side to HMAS WEWAK at 1234 and BALIKPAPAN berthed outboard at 1305 Friday 16th January.

6. BETANO remained at no. 6 berth until 0841 Thursday 22nd January 1976 when it cast off and proceeded to no. 2 berth Dalgety's wharf to embark army stores for Townsville. Loading operations were completed at 1245 and the Ship returned to no. 7 berth starboard side to BALIKPAPAN at MORETON at 1255 Thursday 22nd January 1976.

7. At 1035 Friday 23rd January 1976 BETANO cast off and proceeded to sea bound for Port Alma. The passage to Port Alma was uneventful except for the presence of a moderate easterly swell caused by cyclone David. BETANO anchored over COD SHOAL at 1840 Saturday 24th January 1976 and remained there until 0300 Sunday 25th January when anchor was weighed.

8. At 0930 Sunday 25th January the ship berthed starboard side to Port Alma wharf and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines. The berthing party was provided by 30 Naval Reserve Cadets from T.S. ROCKHAMPTON. BETANO was open for inspection by the Naval Reserve Cadets until 1700 Sunday 25th January.

9. At 0636 BETANO cast off and proceeded for passage up the Fitzroy River to Rockhampton. The local Harbour Master, Mr. John Nugent and his launch Master, Mr. Rod Oberg, had been embarked and acted as pilots for the passage. 25 NR cadets from T.S. ROCKHAMPTON were also embarked. The passage up the Fitzroy River was uneventful even though the river had been closed to navigation for some four years and was in flood owing to heavy rains which had fallen recently. Most navigational beacons had been recently restored by the Harbour and Marine department.

10. BETANO anchored in the Rockhampton City Beach at 1201 - Monday 26th January, bows upstream. At 1000 Tuesday 27th January, I called on the Mayor of Rockhampton, Alderman Rex Pilbeam and at 1100 I called on the Superintendent of Police, Central Queensland district, Superintendent E. Clifford.

11. At 0630 Wednesday 28th January 1976 the Harbour master, Mr. John Nugent was embarked and at 0706 BETANO weighed and proceeded downstream for Port Alma. A comprehensive beach survey was carried out at Thompson's Point, Fitzroy river by utilizing the ship's boat and an army assault craft. The Ship berthed starboard side to Port Alma wharf at 1205 Wednesday 28th January 1976 and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines.

12. At 0720 Thursday 29th January 1976 BETANO cast off and proceeded to Seahill Pt, Port Alma. 20 personnel from the 42nd Royal Queensland Regiment and 20 Naval Reserve Cadets were embarked at 0700 that morning for passage to Sabina Pt, Shoalwater Bay but in view of the inclement prevailing weather conditions the passage was aborted. At 0840 Thursday 29th January BETANO anchored at Seahill Pt and landed elements from 42 RQR, using the two army assault craft embarked for that purpose. The landing was successfully completed by 0900 and all army personnel were re-embarked by 0905. BETANO weighed anchor and returned to Port Alma, disembarking all army and NRC personnel there and at 1110 Thursday 29th January sailed for Mackay.

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13. At 1210 Thursday 29th January the weather had worsened considerably and BETANO returned to Port Alma, securing starboard side to Port Alma Wharf at 1444. The Ship reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines and remained at Port Alma Wharf until 2359 Saturday 31st January 1976 awaiting more favourable weather conditions.

14. Technical

One URDEF was raised during the month of January which has been rectified with base staff assistance. The electrical state of BETANO remains satisfactory.

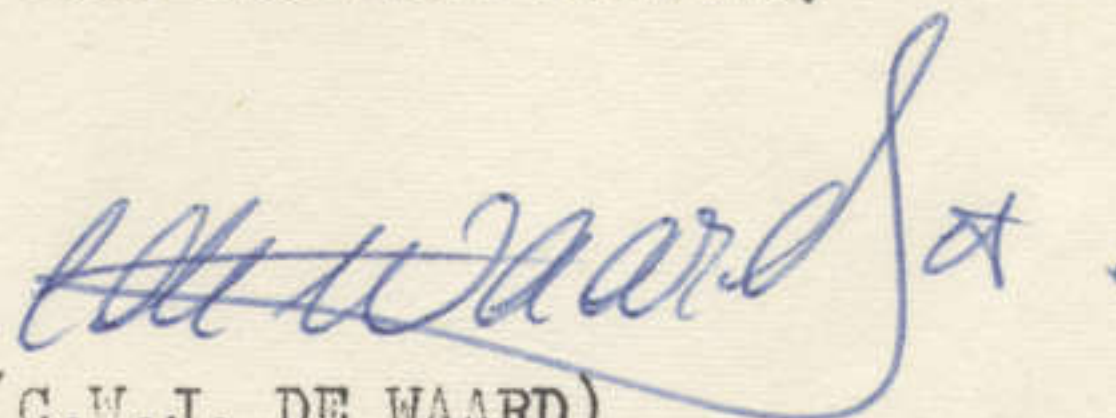
15. General

The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale is excellent.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(C.W.J. DE WAARD)

Lieutenant RAN

Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. ANNEX A - Steaming Report  
2. ANNEX B - Exercises, Evolutions and Beaching Reports

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ANNEX A TO  
HMS BETANO LETTER 1/16/1  
DATED 4th Feb 1976

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month:	718.2
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning:	24027.8
3.	Hours underway this month:	85 00/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning:	2847 16/60

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ANNEX B TO  
HMAS BETANO LETTER 1/16/1  
DATED 4 Feb 76

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS

NBCD:

- |    |                      |          |
|----|----------------------|----------|
| 1. | Daily Fire Exercises | (31)     |
| 2. | Emergency Stations   | (5)      |
| 3. | NBCD lectures        | (3½ hrs) |
| 4. | Mayor NBCD Exercise  | (2)      |

SEAMANSHIP

- |    |                  |         |
|----|------------------|---------|
| 1. | Beach surveys    | (4)     |
| 2. | OOW Manouvers    | (4 hrs) |
| 3. | OOW Shiphandling | (2 hrs) |

BEACHINGS

Nil beachings occurred during January

Total since commissioning	(.137)
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EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

WBOB:

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|----|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Daily type exercises | (31)        |
| 2. | Emergency stations   | (5)         |
| 3. | WBOB exercises       | (3 1/2 hrs) |
| 4. | Major WBOB exercises | (5)         |

SHIP

- |    |                  |         |
|----|------------------|---------|
| 1. | Boat surveys     | (4)     |
| 2. | OOV maneuvers    | (4 hrs) |
| 3. | OOV shiphandling | (2 hrs) |

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REMARKS

All exercises carried out during January

Total since commissioning (137)

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane.

1st March, 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding,  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FEBRUARY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of February 1976.
2. At 0001 Sunday, 1st February, 1976 HMAS BETANO was starboard side to Fort Alma wharf at 8 hours notice for main engines. By Monday, 2nd February, 1976 the inclement weather conditions responsible for the ship's prolonged stay at Port Alma, had abated considerably and at 1046 that day BETANO cast off and proceeded for Townsville.
3. At 2359 Monday, 2nd February, Operational Control was chopped to HMAS CAIRNS, but at 0715 Tuesday, 3rd February, Operational Control was reverted back to NOC.QLD owing to manpower problems at HMAS CAIRNS caused by severe flooding in that area. The passage to Townsville was uneventful except for frequent heavy tropical rain squalls which at times reduced visibility to 1/4 of a mile or less. The performance of the Decca 101 radar in those conditions was very pleasing indeed.
4. Owing to rapidly worsening weather conditions BETANO entered Townsville harbour at 0305 Wednesday, 4th February, some six hours earlier than planned. The ship secured port side to No. 2 berth at 0341 and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines. At 0830 cargo operations commenced and 17 Army connexes were disembarked. Six Army 5-ton trucks were embarked and loading operations were completed by 1430 that day.

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5. BETANO cast off and proceeded for Mackay at 1147 Thursday, 5th February, 1976. Shortly after departing Townsville harbour a 16-ft outboard craft at anchor was sighted with no apparent personnel visible on board. Engines were stopped and the ship proceeded to close the craft for further investigation using the whistle to attract attention. After some five minutes, two divers were observed on the surface and making towards the craft. Both divers boarded the craft and made out that they were alright; after which BETANO proceeded on her proper course. Townsville Harbour Control was kept informed of the incident via VHF as the craft was anchored within Townsville Harbour limits. It is noteworthy that the craft was not manned during diving operations nor were the proper International Code flags for such an operation displayed.

6. After clearing the Whitsunday Passage at 0351, Friday 6th February, 1976, the sea state was such that speed had to be reduced to 6 knots and the ship experienced severe rolling on her proper course. At 0759, BETANO came to anchor at Maryport anchorage to await more favourable weather conditions before proceeding on to Mackay. At 0903 Friday, 6 February, the weather had abated sufficiently and BETANO weighed and proceeded to Mackay, arriving at Mackay Outer Harbour at 1120. At 1135 BETANO secured port side to the North Wharf and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines. This berth offered little shelter against the prevailing weather and at 1711 Saturday, 7th February, berth was shifted to Loves Jetty, Mackay Outer Harbour.

7. Exercise "BLUE BELLS", a disaster exercise involving BETANO and units of the 42nd Royal Queensland Regiment was scheduled to take place on Sunday, 8th February, but had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather experienced that day. From 1800 until 2000 Monday, 8th February, 1976. An official cocktail party was held onboard HMAS BETANO for local dignitaries. Unfortunately weather conditions were such that only half of the official guests could attend.

8. At 0843 Tuesday, 10th February, 1976 BETANO shifted berth back to the North Wharf to embark fuel and at 0812 Wednesday, 11th February, 1976 the ship cast off and proceeded for Brisbane, the weather having abated sufficiently.

9. The passage to Brisbane remained uneventful until 1130 Thursday, 12th February, 1976 when a rising swell and falling barometer gave indication of a predicted complex low pressure area off Fraser Island. Course was altered for Bundaberg and the ship entered the Burnett River at 1415. At 1451 Thursday, 12th February, BETANO secured starboard side to the Sugar Wharf, Port Bundaberg, and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines.

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10. On receipt of favourable weather forecast, BETANO cast off and proceeded for Brisbane at 1800, Friday, 13th February. The passage to Brisbane was made at 6 knots due to high seas and a 20-30 knots South Easterly wind.

11. At 1845 Saturday, 14th February, 1976, the ship entered Moreton Bay via the North West channel and at 2303 secured starboard side to HMAS WEWAK at No. 7 berth, HMAS MORETON.

12. At 1000 Monday, 16th February, BETANO sailed for Bulimba to disembark Army cargo but due to unfavourable wind conditions the beaching at Bulimba was aborted and the ship returned to HMAS MORETON, berthing at No. 7 berth at 1123 that day. At 0728 Wednesday, 18th February, the ship again sailed for Bulimba and at 0815 beached there to unload six 5-ton trucks. At 0916 the ship retracted and returned to MORETON, securing there at No. 7 berth at 0939, starboard side to HMAS WEWAK.

13. At 0800 Monday, 23rd February, BETANO commenced her Assisted Maintenance and Leave Period. BETANO cast off and changed berths with HMAS WEWAK at 0855 Tuesday, 24th February. BETANO remained at No. 5 berth for the remainder of the month of February.

14. TECHNICAL

The electrical and engineering state of BETANO remains satisfactory.

15. GENERAL

The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale is excellent.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

*[Signature]* SBT  
for  
(C.W.S. de Waard)  
Lieutenant, RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Steaming Report  
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ANNEX A to HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1.16.1 dated  
1st March, 1976.

STEAMING RETURN - FEBRUARY 1976

1.	Miles steamed during month	1141.6
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	25169.4
3.	Hours underway during month	137 05/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	2984 05/60

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ANNEX B to HMAS BETANO  
letter 1.16.1 dated  
1st March, 1976.

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS - FEBRUARY 1976

NBCD

1.	Daily Fire Exercise	29
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SEAMANSHIP

1.	OOW Shiphandling	3 hours
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BEACHING

	Bulimba Hard	1
	Total since commissioning	138

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*One trip for the month - the good samaritan was a 30,000 ton tanker - TEXACO BRISBANE. 21/7*

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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1976

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HMAS BETANO  
at Sydney

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The Naval Officer Commanding,  
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For Information:

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The Commander,  
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HMAS BETANO -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of March, 1976.
2. At 0001, Monday 1st March, 1976, BETANO was starboard side to No. 5 berth at HMAS MORETON, undergoing an Assisted Maintenance and Leave Period. The A.M.P. progressed satisfactorily and at 1450, Thursday, 18th March, 1976, basin trials were carried out alongside HMAS MORETON.
3. At 0800, Monday 22nd March, 1976, BETANO completed her AMP and again became operational. The ship remained at No. 5 berth HMAS MORETON until 0805 Monday, 29th March, 1976, when it cast off and proceeded to Sydney via Newcastle.
4. The passage to Newcastle was marred by a force 5 wind and high seas causing the ship to reduce to 6 knots for six hours. During the afternoon of Tuesday, 30th March both the ship's main and standby HF equipment became unserviceable and the ship's P.I.M. was finally cleared through a passing British Merchant ship, call sign GHDQ, using VHF at 2050K Tuesday, 30th March.

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5. At 0318 Wednesday, 31st March 1976, BETANO anchored off Newcastle heads and reverted to 30 minutes notice for main engines. At 0536 the ship weighed and proceeded to Newcastle harbour, beaching at Horseshoe Beach at 0604. Three Army Larc V's were embarked and at 0627 BETANO retracted and proceeded to Sydney.

6. After a smooth passage BETANO berthed starboard side to at No. 2 berth, HMAS WATERHEN at 1400 Wednesday, 31st March, 1976.

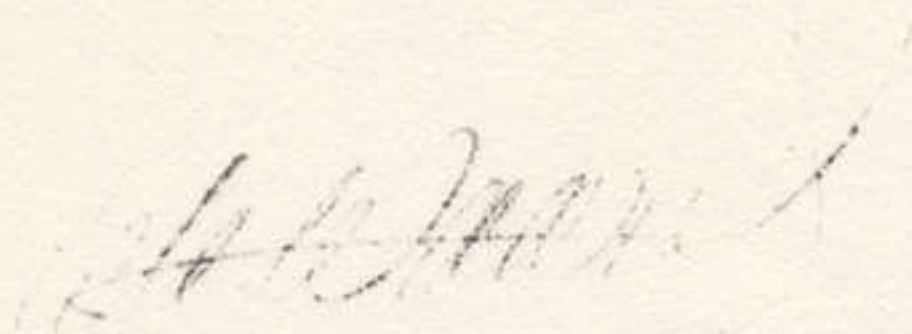
Technical

7. The engineering state of BETANO remains satisfactory. The electrical state is good although two Urdefs were raised during the month. Both of these pertained to the ship's HF equipment. (HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 310410Z MARCH 76 and KOD/DAJ 310412Z MARCH 76 refer).

General

8. The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.

I have the honour to be  
Sir  
Your obedient Servant

  
(C.W.J. de Waard)  
Lieutenant, RAN  
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ANNEX A to HMAS BITANO  
Letter dated 2nd April 1976

STEAMING REPORT - MARCH 1976

1.	Miles steamed during month	489.4
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	25658.8
3.	Hours underway during month	54 20/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	3038 25/60

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ANNEX B to HMAS BTTANO  
Letter 1.16.1 dated  
2nd April 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - MARCH 1976

NBCD

1.	Daily fire exercises	31
	Leaving Ship Stations	2
	Emergency Stations	2

SEAMANSHIP

1.	OOV Shiphandling	1½ hours
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BEACHING

	Horseshoe Beach	1
	Total since commissioning	139

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*It is encouraging that the Captain "permitted" his ship's company to hold a fishing competition at Kennedy Shoal! R 01/7*

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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1976

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane

4th May, 1976

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The Naval Officer Commanding,  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of April 1976.

2. At 0001 Thursday, 1st April, 1976, HMAS BETANO was starboard side to No. 2 berth HMAS WATERHEN at 8 hours notice for main engines. At 0830 BETANO proceeded to Woolwich hard where the ship was beached to disembark cargo. The ship retracted and berthed at Woolwich Wharf for embarkation of cargo. With the embarkation of cargo completed BETANO proceeded to No. 2 berth HMAS WATERHEN securing then at 1650.

3. HMAS BALIKPAPAN was berthed outboard at 0830 on Friday 2nd April and cast off at 1300. HMAS BETANO departed Sydney at 0830, Tuesday, 6th April for passage to Brisbane. During the passage the ship experienced weather conditions which aided the ship in her northerly passage. On Thursday, 8th April, at 1006 BETANO beached at Bulimba ramp to disembark cargo. With cargo operations completed BETANO retracted and commenced passage to Townsville at 1620 6th April.

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4. The passage to Townsville was uneventful and the weather was predominantly fine with prevailing force 4 southerly winds. BETANO berthed port side to No. 2 wharf Townsville at 0935 Sunday, 11th April. Cargo operations commenced at 0815 and were completed at 1540 Monday, 12th April. BETANO cast off No. 2 Wharf and proceeded on passage from Townsville to Cairns at 1038 on Tuesday, 13th April. At 1800 the ship anchored at Kennedy Shoal for 3½ hours to attain ETA at Cairns. During this interval the ship's company were permitted to hold a fishing competition. At 2129 the ship proceeded to Cairns anchoring north of the entrance beacons from 0530 to 0713 Wednesday, 14th April. BETANO berthed starboard side to No. 2 Wharf Cairns at 0800 Wednesday, 14th April. On completion of cargo and fuelling operations HMAS BETANO cast off from No. 2 wharf and berthed starboard side to HMAS FLINDERS at 1145 14th April and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines.

5. At 0958 Monday, 19th April, HMAS BETANO cast off from HMAS FLINDERS for passage to Brisbane. The inclement weather conditions were responsible for the seeking of safe anchorages. The wind was predominantly south-east gusting to force 7 and the swell from the same direction peaking at 10 feet. The ship was anchored in the North East Bay of Great Palm Island at 0216 Tuesday, 20th April. At 0638 anchor was weighed and the passage was commenced after favourable weather reports. BETANO was anchored at 0259 Wednesday, 21st April at Kennedy Sound in the lee of Shaw Island reverting to 8 hours notice for main engines. Whilst sheltering, short leave was granted to the ship's company.

6. On Sunday, 25th April at 1100 the passage to Brisbane was resumed. At 1200 heavy seas were encountered and shelter was sought in the lee of Carlisle Island at Maryport Anchorage. BETANO was beached at Brampton Island for hull inspection and painting, the ship returned to Maryport Anchorage at 0830 Tuesday, 27th April.

7. Due to Cyclone Watorea warnings being issued (COMAUSLANCRON ONE SIG FEO 272330Z APR 76) BETANO sought shelter in Cid Harbour, anchoring at 1344 Wednesday, 28th April. At 2223 BETANO proceeded to the aid of CORAL STAR after operational control was assumed by NOC.QLD and signal (NOC QLD SIG KAO 280854Z APR 76) was received authorising BETANO to respond. BETANO continued passage to Brisbane upon receipt of signal (NOC QLD SIG KAO 282114Z APR 76) stating that the foundered vessel no longer required assistance.

8. Due to rising sea and swell BETANO anchored in West Bay of Middle Island at 1332 Thursday, 29th April reverting to one hour's notice for main engines. Anchor was weighed at 1602 29th April, the weather having eased considerably. Weather conditions increased to force 6 after rounding Breaksea Spit at 2100 Friday, 30th April. At 2359 Friday, 30th April, BETANO was 278°, 8 miles from Breaksea Spit Light on passage to Brisbane.

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9. The engineering and electrical state of BETANO remains satisfactory although two URDEFS:

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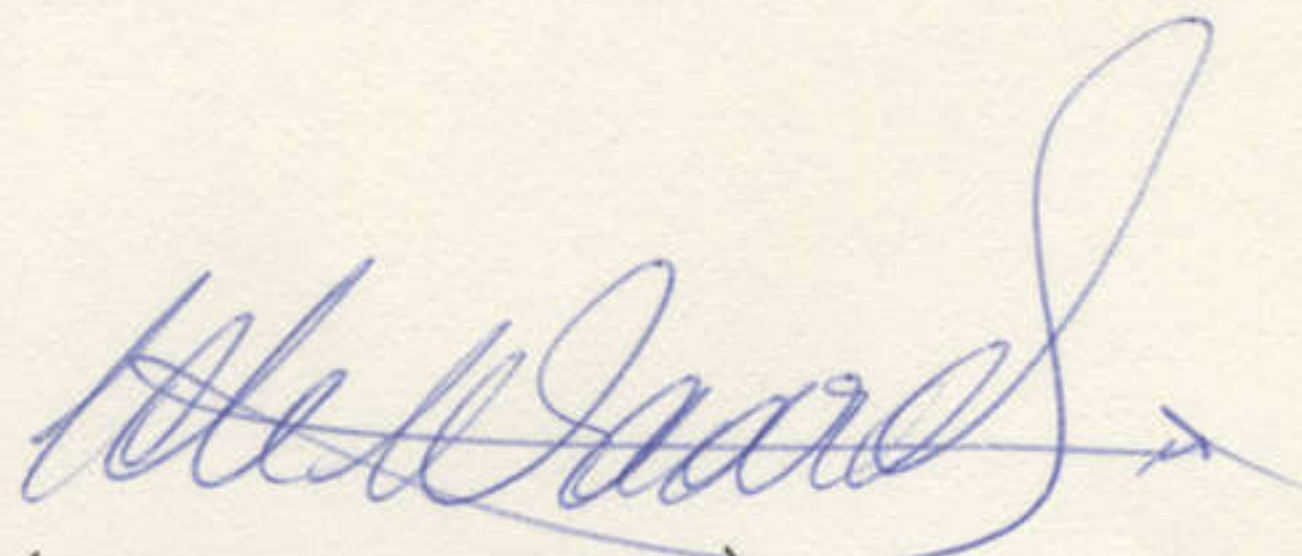
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pertaining to the starboard generator and a defective AN/GRC 106 respectively, were raised.

GENERAL

10. The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.

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



(C.W.J. de Waard)  
Lieutenant, RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER DATED 4th MAY 1976

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STEAMING REPORT - APRIL 1976

1.	Miles steamed during month	2083.9
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	27742.7
3.	Hours underway during month	265 31/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	3303 56/60

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EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - APRIL 1976

NBCD

1.	Daily fire exercises	30
	Leaving ship stations	2
	Emergency stations	2

SEAMANSHIP

1.	OOW Shiphandling	
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BEACHING

Bulimba	1
Woolwich	1
Brampton Island (dry out 24 hours)	1
Total since commissioning	142

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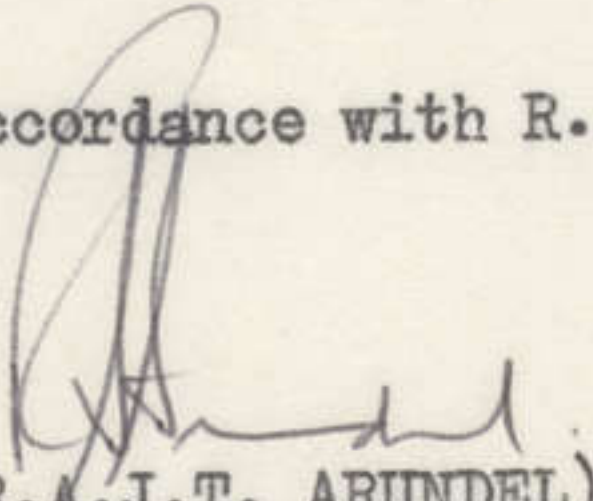
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Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.

### HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1976

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(R.A.J.T. ARUNDEL)  
Commander RAN  
for Naval Officer Commanding  
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The Naval Officer Commanding,  
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For Information:

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H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

The Naval Officer Commanding,  
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRUNEL

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of May 1976.

2. At 0001K Saturday 01 May, 1976, BETANO was at 24 35 S 153 21 E proceeding for shelter in the lee of Fraser Island en route Cid Harbour to Brisbane. At 0600K BETANO altered course to anchor in the lee of Lady Elliott Island at 0805K remaining at immediate notice for main engines. BETANO weighed anchor at 1340K Saturday 01 May after the weather had abated and the passage was continued. However, the weather again deteriorated and by 0300K Sunday, 2nd May the wind was force 6 with high seas. The ship continually rolled 40° either side of the vertical. ||

3. At 1504K Sunday, 2nd May, BETANO entered Moreton Bay via North West Channel. The ship secured starboard side to HMAS BRUNEL, No. 6 berth HMAS MORETON at 2040K Sunday, 2nd May. She remained at No. 6 berth until Friday 7th May during which time main engines and radar urdefs were rectified. At 0847K Friday, 7th May, 1976 BETANO cast off to allow BRUNEL to proceed resecuring to No. 5 berth HMAS MORETON at 0915K. At 1255K BETANO cast off and proceeded to Bulimba Hard to commence loading cargo for Townsville. The ship retracted at 1710K and secured at No. 5 berth HMAS MORETON reverting to 8-hours notice for main engines.

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4. At 0801K Saturday, 8th May BETANO cast off No. 5 berth HMAS MORRISON and proceeded to sea for passage to Townsville. At 1740K Sunday, 9th May, in the vicinity of Great Keppel Island, the ship effected a rendezvous with HMAS BRUNEI. BETANO assumed OTC and guide and BRUNEI stationed 1000 yards astern. At 1754K BETANO experienced a steering gear failure and BRUNEI assumed guide. At 2220K automatic steering was restored. At 1100K Monday, 10th May, operational control was chopped to HMAS CAIRNS. At 1353K a highline transfer was carried out with BRUNEI to pass spare parts for the defective radar in HMAS BETANO. Transfer was completed at 1407K.

5. BETANO and BRUNEI beached at Paliarenda Beach at 0905K Tuesday, 11 May and due to the unfavourable conditions at the beach, BETANO retracted and secured alongside No. 2 wharf Townsville at 1047K reverting to 8-hours notice for main engines. BRUNEI remained on the beach to unload ammunition, sailing for Townsville on completion. Cargo operations were completed by 1500K Tuesday, 11th May.

6. At 2000K Wednesday, 12th May, BETANO cast off and proceeded to Darwin with BRUNEI in company. During the passage the weather was fine with the predominant S.E. wind aiding passage. Underway replenishment approaches and OOW manoeuvres were carried out with BRUNEI throughout the passage. Operational control was chopped to NOCM at 1600K Saturday, 15 May. At 1630 clocks were retarded half an hour to Zone IK.

7. At 1311 IK Tuesday, 18th May, BETANO berthed at No. 1 berth Stokes Hill wharf reverting to 8 hours notice for sea. At 1325 IK BRUNEI secured port side to BETANO. At 1200 IK Wednesday, 19th May, BRUNEI cast off and proceeded to Larakea Hard returning at 2030 IK. At 1337 IK Thursday, 20th May, BRUNEI held clear while BETANO cast off and proceeded to beach at Larakea Hard. The ship dried out during cargo operations and retracted at 1830. She berthed alongside BRUNEI at 1917 Thursday, 20th May, and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines.

8. BETANO cast off BRUNEI at 0909, Friday, 21st May, and proceeded to Larakea Hard, beaching at 0932. The ship retracted at 1105 and secured port side to No. 6 berth Stokes Hill Wharf at 1122 and reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines. HMAS BRUNEI was secured port side to at 1130.

9. BRUNEI was cast off at 0635 Monday, 24th May to proceed to Larakea Hard. At 0651 BETANO cast off No. 6 berth Stokes Hill wharf and proceeded to anchor in the Port Quarantine Anchorage at 0707, reverting to 4 hours notice for main engines. BETANO weighed anchor at 0605 Tuesday, 25th May and commenced passage to Princess Charlotte Bay. BRUNEI effected a rendezvous with BETANO in the vicinity of Cape Don at 1738 Tuesday, 25th May. BETANO assumed the duty of OTC and stationed BRUNEI 1000<sup>0</sup> astern.

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10. At 0300 Wednesday, 26th May, the sea state increased to Force 6 proportions and shelter was sought in the lee of Cape Croker, BETANO and BRUNEI anchored in the lee of Cape Croker at 0712 Wednesday, 26th May. BETANO reverted to 8 hours notice for main engines. At 0812 Thursday, 27th May, BETANO weighed anchor and proceeded to Princess Charlotte Bay in company with BRUNEI. At 0834 BETANO experienced a steering breakdown, which was rectified by 0837. BETANO and BRUNEI proceeded to Malay Bay independently after experiencing Force 6 weather at 0933 Thursday, 27th May. BETANO passed through Bowen Strait and anchored in Malay Bay in the company of BRUNEI at 1530 Thursday, 27th May, reverting to 8 hours notice for main engines. At 2359 Monday, 31st May, BETANO was at anchor in Malay Bay at 8 hours notice for main engines.

TECHNICAL

11. The engineering and electrical state of BETANO remains satisfactory although three URDEFS:


(HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 010632Z MAY 76)  
(HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 130750Z MAY 76)  
(HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 310930Z MAY 76)

pertaining to the defective AN/GRC 106 were raised.

GENERAL

12. The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.

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



S.O.O.

*for* (C.W.J. De Waard)  
Lieutenant, RAN  
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ANNEX A to  
HMAS BETANO Letter  
dated 3rd June, 1976

STEAMING REPORT - MAY 1976

1.	Miles steamed during month	2701.1
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	30443.8
3.	Hours underway during month	285 39/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	3589.35/60

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HMAS BULimba Letter  
dated 3rd June, 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - MAY 1976

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1.	Daily Fire Exercises	31
	Leaving Ship Stations	2
	Emergency Stations	2

SEAMANSHIP

1.	OOW Shiphandling
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BEACHING

Bulimba	1
Palloranda Beach	1
Larakea	2
Total since commissioning	146

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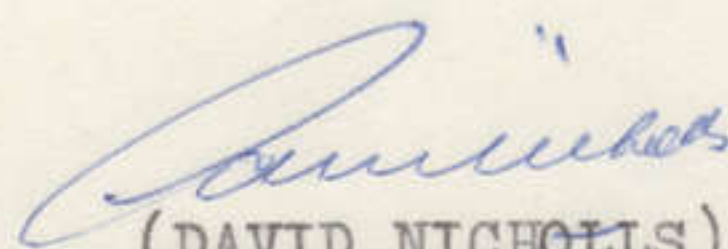
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HMAS BETANO  
at Darwin

1 July 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET  
The Commander FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of June 1976.
2. At 0001 Tuesday 1 June 1976 BETANO was at anchor in Malay Bay, 11°22'S 132°53'E, at eight hours notice for main engines. At 0801 BETANO with HMAS BRUNEI in company weighed anchor and commenced passage to Thursday Island to conduct Cape York Beach Reconnaissance. At 1055 Wednesday 2 June BETANO experienced a port main engine breakdown due to a failure in the cooling system, the defect was rectified by 1131.
3. BETANO berthed starboard side to the Caltex Wharf Thursday Island at 2141 Thursday 3 June reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. BRUNEI was secured starboard side to at 2210. At 1302 BETANO cast off the Caltex Wharf and anchored in Thursday Island harbour at 1324 Friday 4 June reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. BETANO weighed anchor at 1745 and berthed port side to BRUNEI on the harbour wharf at 1816 Friday 4 June.
4. At 0900 Saturday 5 June BETANO cast off from BRUNEI and proceeded to Bamaga via Normanby Sound. At 1459 BETANO anchored in the entrance to Bamaga to conduct sounding operations. At 1610 the ship weighed anchor and proceeded to berth port side to Bamaga Wharf at 1653, reverting to eight hours notice for main engines.
5. The ship departed Bamaga at 0608 Monday 7 June and commenced passage to Port Musgrave. BETANO anchored in Port Musgrave at 1905, reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. At 1527 Tuesday 8 June anchor was weighed and passage was commenced to Weipa with BRUNEI in company. At 2305 BETANO berthed starboard side to Evans Landing Wharf at Weipa Harbour reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. BRUNEI was secured starboard side to at 2320. At 1000 Thursday 10 June BRUNEI cast off and proceeded.
6. At 1625 Monday 14 June BETANO cast off Evans Landing Wharf and proceeded on passage to Karumba. At 0043 a green flare was sighted which was investigated and found to be the Taiwanese fishing vessel YIH CHEN No. 1 (HMAS BETANO SIG KBG 141615Z JUN 76) fishing report was originated. At 0140 Wednesday 16 June 1976 BETANO anchored at the entrance to the port of Karumba. At 0710 anchor was weighed and at 0830 BETANO berthed starboard side to BRUNEI reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. BETANO cast off from BRUNEI and proceeded in company for Nassau River at 1601 Wednesday 16 June. BETANO anchored at Nassau River at 0451 Thursday 17 June in order to carry out beach surveys.
7. Anchor was weighed at 0840 Friday 18 June and passage to Darwin was commenced with BRUNEI in company. At 0528 Monday 21 June BETANO anchored at Fitzpatrick Shoal, and at 1640 anchored at Hancox Shoal. At 1958 Monday 21 June BETANO weighed anchor and proceeded to Darwin. At 2311 BETANO anchored 170° one mile from Emery Point in Darwin Harbour reverting to eight hours notice for main engines.

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8. Anchor was weighed at 0810 Tuesday 22 June and BETANO beached at Larrakeyah Hard at 0821 to disembark CDT1 and cargo. With cargo operations completed BETANO retracted at 0915 and berthed port side to No. 1 berth Stokes Hill Wharf at 0945, reverting to eight hours notice for main engines. At 0800 Thursday 24 June colours were half masted in the honour of the late Lord Casey. At 1520 Friday 25 June Warrant No. 1/76 was read on the Flag Deck. BETANO cast off from Stokes Hill Wharf at 1405 and berthed starboard side to BRUNEL at the Boom Wharf at 1420 Monday 28 June.

9. At 2359 Wednesday 30 June BETANO was starboard side to HMAS BRUNEL at the Boom Wharf Darwin Harbour at eight hours notice for main engines.

Technical

10. The engineering state of BETANO remains satisfactory with one URDEF outstanding pertaining to an outboard motor (HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 020518Z JUN 76). The electrical state is good with one outstanding URDEF; the radar has been inoperable throughout the month (HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 310930Z MAY 76 refers); and an URDEF (HMAS BETANO KOD/DAJ 062230Z JUN 76) pertaining to the AN/GRC 106 has been rectified.

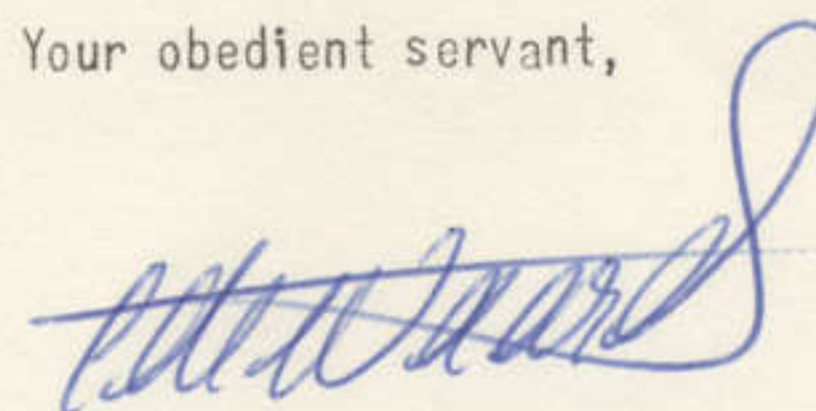
General

11. The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(C.W.J. de WAARD)  
Lieutenant RAN  
Commanding Officer

Annexes 'A' Steaming Report  
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ANNEX 'A' TO  
HMAS BETANO LETTER 1/16/1  
OF 1 JULY 1976

STEAMING REPORT - JUNE 1976

1. Miles steamed during month	2110.0
2. Miles steamed since commissioning	32553.8
3. Hours underway during month	219 <sup>30</sup> /60
4. Hours underway since commissioning	3808 <sup>05</sup> /60

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ANNEX 'B' TO  
HMAS BETANO LETTER 1/16/1  
OF 1 JULY 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - JUNE 1976

NBCD	1. DAILY FIRE EXERCISES	30
	LEAVING SHIP STATIONS	1
	EMERGENCY STATIONS	1
SEAMANSHIP		
	1. OOW SHIP HANDLING	6 hours
BEACHING		
	LARRAKEYAH	1
	TOTAL SINCE COMMISSIONING	147

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MEMO BETANO

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BETANO returned from Darwin to Brisbane  
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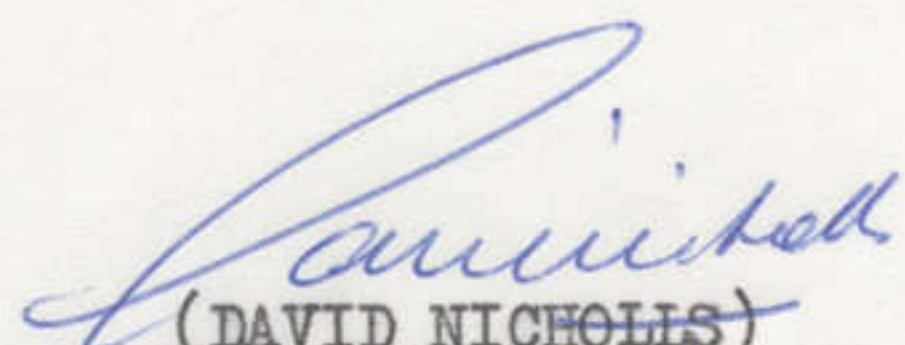
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NAVY BELIMO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 14th 1975

Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

COMMUNIC. V.C.L. 2500  
Naval Officer  
Department of Defence (Naval Office)

13 Aug 1975

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane

1st August, 1976

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The Naval Officer Commanding,  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander,  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

The Naval Officer Commanding,  
NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer,  
HMAS BRUNEI

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
JULY 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of July 1976.
2. At 0900K Tuesday, 20th July I assumed command, whilst the ship was on passage from Scawfell Island to the Percy Islands group.
3. At 0001 Thursday, 1 July, 1976 BETANO was alongside the Boom Wharf, Darwin Harbour at eight hours notice for sea. At 1415 that day BETANO cast off to prepare for the intended beaching at Larrakeyah hard but due to unfavourable tidal currents at the time, this was cancelled and the ship berthed alongside Stokes Hill wharf at 1615.
4. At 1258 Friday, 2nd July, when conditions were more favourable the ship cast off and proceeded to Larrakeyah, beaching at 1320 and on completion of cargo operations, retracted and proceeded on passage to Townsville. At 2030 that evening BETANO rendezvoused with HMAS BRUNEI (1EUT N.H.V. COBB, RAN) in the Vernon Islands area and proceeded in company to an anchorage at Cape Don where BRUNEI landed the Lighthouse maintenance party.

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5. At 0655 Saturday, 3rd July BETANO weighed and proceeded in company with HMAS BRUNEI on passage across the Gulf of Carpentaria experiencing heavy South Easterly weather en route.

6. At 1259 Tuesday, 6th July, a defect in the starboard engine blower drive resulted in BETANO detaching HMAS BRUNEI and proceeding to Thursday Island, berthing at 1635 to await the arrival of spares from Brisbane (URDIF 73/76 refers). BETANO cast off and proceeded from Thursday Island wharf at 0700 Friday an anchor in the harbour to carry out repairs to the starboard main engine. The repairs and trials were successfully completed Saturday evening and at 0703 Sunday, 11th July the ship weighed and sailed for Townsville. During the next two days on passage through the Barrier Reef, BETANO exchanged identities with HMAS PARTAMATTA and HMAS BARBITTE arriving at Townsville 0617 Monday, 14th July securing port side to No. 7 wharf.

7. To facilitate cargo operations the ship moved to No. 2 wharf and on completion at 1552 Thursday 15th sailed for Port Clinton. Due to the inclement weather encountered on passage BETANO anchored in Cid Harbour at 0715 Friday, 16th and at 1405 proceeded alongside South Molle Island wharf securing at 1745.

8. At 1530 Saturday, 17th July, I joined BETANO at South Molle Island for the passage to Brisbane via South Arm Creek, Port Clinton.

9. At 0955 Monday, 19th July, BETANO cast off and proceeded but again due to unfavourable weather was forced to seek shelter in the lee of Scawfell Island anchoring at 1730. At 0637 Tuesday, the ship weighed and proceeded to West Bay in the Percy Islands group to enable the arrival at Port Clinton to be made during daylight hours.

10. BETANO weighed at 0457 and in moderating weather, proceeded to the hard in South Arm Creek, arriving at 1353 and on completion of loading cargo at 1440, sailed for Brisbane. On arrival at Bulimba hard at 1334 on 23rd July, BETANO disembarked the heavy earthmoving equipment and secured alongside HMAS BRUNEI at HMAS MORETON wharf at 1440.

11. The Assisted Maintenance Period commenced on Monday, 26th July, and although a week late in commencing, has resolved a considerable number of outstanding minor defects and assisted planned maintenance programs. On Tuesday, 27th July, BETANO was cold moved alongside HMAS MORETON wharf to assist the maintenance program and HMAS BRUNEI secured alongside at 1220.

12. At 2359 Saturday, 31st July, BETANO was starboard side to HMAS MORETON wharf at eight hours notice for sea.

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13. TECHNICAL

RADAR - The DECCA Super 101 radar remains unserviceable and is being worked on by Base Staff (URDEF 71/76 refers).

Starboard Main Engine - Tolerances on the main engine blower were excessive and both are being replaced. (URDEF 73/76 refers)

Magnetic Compass - The casing was fractured by vibration is being replaced (INDEF 64/76 refers).

Outboard Motor - was surveyed by Base Staff and is being replaced.

14. GENERAL

The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.



(G.R. Richter)  
Lieutenant, RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: 1. Annex A Steaming Report  
2. Annex B Exercises, Evolutions and  
Beaching Reports  
3. Annex C Cargo Return

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER DATED  
1st AUGUST 1976

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during month	2212.7
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	34766.5
3.	Hours under way during month	255 10/60
4.	Hours under way since commissioning	4063 15/60

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER DATED  
1st AUGUST 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - JULY 1976

NBCD

1	Daily fire exercises	10
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Seamanship

1	OOW shiphandling	5 hours
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Beachings

Larrakeyah	1	1
Port Clinton	1	
Bulimba	1	3
Total since commissioning		150

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CARGO RETURN  
MONTH OF JULY 1976

ANNEX C TO  
HMAS ENTABO ROP  
DATED 1st AUGUST 1976

erial	Voyage		Owner Service			Cargo						Total Tonnes	Remarks		
						Vehicles			Containers					Pallets	Loose Gen Stores (Tonnes)
	From	to	RAN	ARMY	RAAF	A	B	C	BMSS Tyre A	Other Tyre B	Types B				
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)
	Darwin to Townsville		2-4RAN			2 5 ton Trucks 8 1/2 17 Trailers			1 Wrecker					47.224	
	South Arm Creek to Brisbane		2 Field Eng.			2 D8 2 Graders 1 Airtrack Drill 1 Roller								112.037	

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane

2nd September 1976

1-16-1

The Naval Officer Commanding  
QUEENSLAND

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. Australian Fleet

The Commander,  
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

The Commanding Officer  
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of ~~July~~ <sup>AUGUST</sup> 1976.
2. At 0001 Sunday 1st August BETANO was alongside at HMAS MORETON undergoing an Assisted Maintenance period which continued until 1030 Thursday 12th August when the ship sailed for Bulimba Hard, Brisbane River to embark a cargo of empty ammunition boxes for Sydney. On completion of loading the ship returned alongside at MORETON, berthing outboard of HMAS WEWAK at 1403.
3. At 0623 Friday 13th August the ship sailed to Dalgety's wharf to load two containers and then proceeded in company with HMAS BRUNEI and HMAS LABUAN to a rendezvous with HMAS TARAKAN south of Peel Island - Moreton Bay to await the arrival of the Fleet Commander. At 1225 RADM G.V. GLADSTONE, RAN, A.O., D.S.C. and Bar, arrived and after inspecting the ship was piped ashore for transit to HMAS BRUNEI. After weighing at 1405 the ship proceeded to Sydney via the Rainbow Channel South Passage, Moreton Bay.
4. At 1610 that afternoon AN/GRC 106 LF radio became unserviceable (my URDEF 74/76 refers) and BETANO returned to Brisbane where the radio was exchanged with a serviceable unit from HMAS BRUNEI and on completion sailed for Sydney at 0155 Saturday, 14th August.

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5. After two days of very rough weather the ship arrived in Sydney securing alongside the Patrol boat wharf HMAS WATERHEN at 2020 Monday, 16th August.

6. At 0637 Tuesday 17th BETANO proceeded to Woolwich to disembark cargo and load heavy equipment for the amphibious landing demonstration rehearsal at Balmoral Beach - Hunters Bay. The rehearsal commenced at 1020 and on its completion BETANO returned to HMAS WATERHEN, securing alongside at 1322. At 0914 Wednesday, the ship again sailed to Hunters Bay for the second day of the rehearsals involving 8 LARC, MK V 1 LCM 8 - 1 LCM 6 and heavy cargo moving equipment. BETANO sailed to Hunters Bay at 0856 Thursday for the demonstration to the members of the Joint Services Staff Course and personnel from the Portsea Officers Training College and on completion proceeded alongside Chowder Bay Wharf.

6. At 1330 BETANO was detached and proceeded to Woolwich embarking heavy earthmoving equipment and on completion at 1447 sailed via HMAS WATERHEN for Brisbane. During the fine weather experienced on passage a small arms shoot, internal NBCD drills and preparations for the Annual inspection in September were carried out. After passage through the Rous Channel, South Passage Moreton Bay and disembarking cargo at Bulimba, BETANO secured alongside HMAS WEWAK at 1710 Saturday 21st August.

7. At 0930 Friday 27th August the ship sailed to Hamiltons Reach, Brisbane River to carry out a magnetic compass swing and practice beachings for LEUT I.J. PURNELL-WEBB, returning alongside HMAS BRUNEI at 1220.

8. BETANO sailed at 0736 Tuesday, 31st August, to participate in the initial practices for loading/unloading of helicopters into LCH's and to train personnel in directing and safety procedures. At 0905 that day BETANO rendezvoused with HMAS TARAKAN to disembark personnel and stores before proceeding to Cleveland Bay where the trials commenced at 1025. On completion of trials that afternoon the ship proceeded to Redcliffe Jetty, arriving at 1719 and remaining alongside that evening at 8 hours notice for sea.

#### TECHNICAL

All outstanding defects have been repaired or replaced (BETANO R170422Z AUG 76 refers).

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GENERAL

The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent.

I have the honour to be  
Sir  
Your obedient Servant



(G.R. RICHTER)  
Lieutenant RAN  
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Annex A Steaming Report  
2. Annex B Exercises, Evolutions and  
Beaching Reports  
3. Annex C Cargo Return (NOTAL)

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ANNEX A O HMAS BUTANO  
LETTER 1 16.1 DATED  
2nd September, 1976

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	1158.6
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	35925.1
3.	Hours underway this month	142 36/60
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	4205 51/60

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER 1.6.1 DATED  
2nd SEPTEMBER, 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

1. SEAMANSHIP

27 Aug 76 LEUT P.J. PURNELL-WEBB  
Commanding Officer HMAS BRUNEI 1 beaching

2. NBCD

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3. GUNNERY

20 Aug 76 Small Arms Shoot (SLR & F1)

4. BEACHINGS

12 Aug 76	Bulimba	1
17 Aug 76	Woolwich	1
17 Aug 76	Balmoral	4
18 Aug 76	Balmoral	4
19 Aug 76	Balmoral	4
19 Aug 76	Woolwich	1
21 Aug 76	Bulimba	1
27 Aug 76	Bulimba	2

Total since commissioning 168

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HMAS BETANO  
AT SEA  
04 OCTOBER 1976

The Naval Officer Commanding  
QUEENSLAND

For Information

The Flag Officer Commanding  
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

The Commander  
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

The Commanding Officer  
HMAS WATERHEN

HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 1976

Sir

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of September 1976.

1. At 0001 1st September 1976 BETANO was alongside REDCLIFFE JETTY-MORETON BAY on the completion of the first day of helicopter/LCH loading/unloading trials and training with an RAN IRIQUOIS helicopter.
2. At 0802, 1st September BETANO proceeded from Redcliffe jetty to the anchorage in Cleveland Bay for the second day of helo training under the guidance of LCDR B J BOETCHER RAN. This was considered invaluable as continuation training for engineering staff and general update of firefighting and damage control drills in a situation not previously considered onboard. On completion of these drills at 1155 BETANO weighed and proceeded to HMAS MORETON, securing alongside No 6 Berth outboard of HMAS BRUNEI at 1528.
3. The annual inspection of books and procedures commenced at 1000 Thursday 2nd September and continued throughout the day with all departments being inspected.  
At 1000 Friday 3rd September the ships company was inspected at Divisions by CMDR R A J T ARUNDEL RAN, who on completion formally inspected the ship.
4. At 0700 Monday 6th September, BETANO sailed to the CLEVELAND BAY anchorage to commence Defence force trials directive No 377 with the RAAF and ARMY, which consisted of loading/unloading of equipment and stores by both CHINOOK and IRIQUOIS helicopters.

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5. On completion of the first days trial, BETANO proceeded to alongside Redcliffe Jetty where post inspection maintenance and repairs to the bow door lifting gear was carried out. BETANO sailed at 0836 Tuesday 7th September to the anchorage and during the next three days, embarked/disembarked vehicles, weapons and fuel containers as required by the trials directive. On completion of the trials at 1308, Thursday 9th, BETANO weighed and proceeded to alongside HMAS MORETON at 1605.
6. At 0936, Monday 13th September BETANO sailed for Sydney in company with HMA Ships TARAKAN, LABUAN and WEWAK arriving at 1601, Wednesday 15th September.
7. On Thursday 16th September LEUT J A FALLON RAN assumed the duties of EXECUTIVE OFFICER from SBLT D NOLAN RAN.
8. BETANO sailed to Woolwich hard at 0803 Friday 17 September to embark a cargo of vehicles and earthmoving equipment, returning alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 1130 on completion of loading.
9. On Saturday morning at 0906, BETANO sailed from Sydney in company with HMA Ships BALIKPAPAN, TARAKAN, LABUAN and WEWAK for the movement of equipment for exercise Kangaroo Two. The passage north was calm and uneventful and BETANO secured alongside HMAS WEWAK at anchor in Port Alma Roads at 1517 Tuesday 21st September. At 0616 BETANO slipped and proceeded to alongside Port Alma wharf where cargo disembarkation by crane commenced at 0821. The cargo was unloaded by 0954 and at 1245 BETANO sailed in company with HMAS WEWAK for Brisbane. BETANO anchored in Moreton bay at 2140 Thursday and at 2155 HMAS WEWAK secured alongside. At 0735 Friday 24 September the ship weighed and proceeded to HMAS MORETON arriving at 0900 - remaining alongside until Thursday 30th September.
10. At 1032 Thursday 30th September BETANO proceeded to Bulimba hard to embark a cargo of armoured vehicles from 4 CAVALRY REGT for passage to Seahound Hard - Port Clinton.
11. At 2359 Thursday 30th September the ship was alongside HMAS MORETON at 8 hours notice for sea.

#### TECHNICAL

Port Main Engine inspected and rings were found broken (INDEF 66/76 refers)

Starboard Main Engine - Problem as in Port Engine (URDEF 75/76 refers)

Gyro - constant 4 degree low error - will be repaired at Intermediate docking

#### TRAINING

LSMTP BULLOCK passed Part 1 and 2 for promotion

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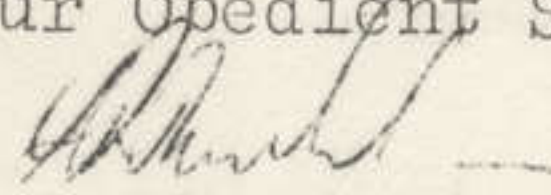
GENERAL

The health and welfare of the ships company is very good and their morale is excellent.

I Have the Honour to be

SIR

Your Obedient Servant

  
(G R RICHTER)  
LIEUTENANT RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

ENCLOSURES

1. ANNEX A. Steaming Report
2. ANNEX B. Exercises - Evolutions and  
Beaching reports

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER 1/16/1 DATED

STEAMING REPORT

1. Miles steamed this month	- 1799.5
2. Miles steamed since commissioning	- 37724.5
3. Hours underway this month	- 204/ <sup>20</sup> / <sub>60</sub>
4. Hours underway since commissioning	- 4549

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER 1.16.1 dated  
04 OCTOBER 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

1. SEAMANSHIP

01 SEP 76	OOW SHIPHANDLING (CAPTAIN, XO, COXN)
08 SEP 76	SHIPHANDLING (ALL OF SHIPS COMPANY HANDLED THE SHIP AT LEAST ONCE, PRACTISING RECOVERING A MAN-OVERBOARD)
22 SEP 76	CARGO DISEMBARKATION BY CRANE
22 SEP 76	LAUNCHED SHIPS BOAT - EQUIPMENT TRANSFER TO HMAS WEWAK

2. N.B.C.D.

02 SEP 76	}	HELO - CRASH ON DECK AND FIRE DRILL EXERCISED
04 SEP 76		
07 SEP 76		
09 SEP 76		
12 SEP 76	}	FIRE DRILL EXERCISED
17 SEP 76		
27 SEP 76		
29 SEP 76		EXERCISED CASUALTY TREATMENT

3. BEACHINGS

17 SEP 76	WOOLWICH
30 SEP 76	BULIMBA

TOTAL SINCE COMMISSIONING - 170

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane

4th November 1976

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The Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. Australian Fleet

The Commander  
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of October 1976.
2. At 0001 Friday 1st October, BETANO was alongside at HMAS MORETON undergoing repairs to the Port Main engine (INDEF 66/76 refers) and at 0810 that day the ship proceeded downriver for engine trials. On completion of the successful trials at 0850, BETANO secured alongside at HMAS MORETON.
3. At 1000 BETANO proceeded in company with HMA Ships BALIKTAPAN, WEWAK, TARAkan and LABUAN for Sea hound-hard Port Clinton with a cargo of armoured vehicles for Exercise Kangaroo Two. The passage north was uneventful and BETANO anchored in Port Clinton at 0213 Sunday 3rd October.
4. Anchor was weighed at 0754 and BETANO proceeded to the hard at 0917 and on completion of unloading at 0940, retracted and sailed for Brisbane.
5. During the passage south, weapon familiarisation training, small arms firing and damage control drills were carried out.
6. BETANO secured alongside HMAS MORETON at 2253 Monday 4th October remaining alongside until 1000 Tuesday 6th October when AUSLANCRON ONE sailed for Moreton Bay for P.R. photographs. On completion of this photography, BETANO returned to HMAS MORETON remaining alongside at 48 hours notice until the ship was "cold moved" to Peters Slipway at 1100 Friday 15th October. On completion of slipping at 1500 the ship was fumigated.

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7. During the period 15-28 October BETANO was on Peters slipway for survey and repair of underwater valves and fitting. At 1130 Thursday 28th October, BETANO unslipped and was "cold moved" to No. 5 berth HMAS MORETON.

8. At 2359 Sunday 31st October BETANO was alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing Intermediate docking period at 48 hour notice for sea.

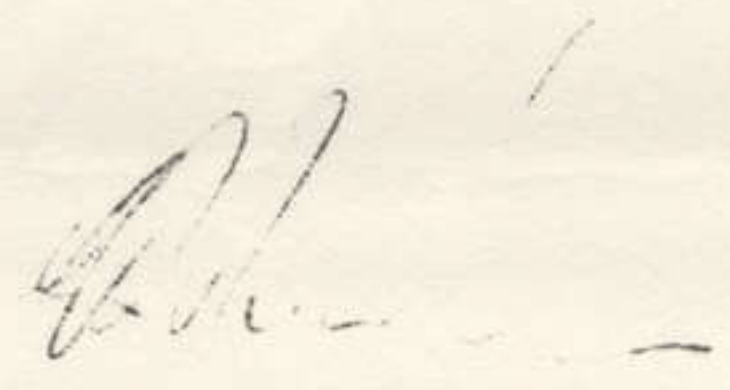
Technical

9. All outstanding defects and modifications are being rectified during the docking period.

General

10. The health and welfare of the ship's company is very good and their morale remains excellent. The outstanding leave is being reduced during this docking period.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant

  
(G.R. RICHTER)  
Lieutenant RAN  
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Annex A Steaming Report  
2. Annex B Exercises, Evolutions and  
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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1-16-1 dated  
4th November 1976

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	846.1
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	38570.1
3.	Hours underway this month	85
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	4634

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
LETTER 1.16.1 DATED  
4th NOVEMBER 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

SEAMANSHIP

5 Oct	OOW manoeuvres
5 Oct	Heaving line transfer

NBCD

4 Oct	Fire drills exercised
10 Oct	" " "
18 Oct	" " "
21 Oct	" " "
23 Oct	" " "

GUNNERY

4 Oct	Weapon familiarisation
	Small arms firing

TEACHINGS

3 Oct	Port Clinton	1
	Total since commissioning	171

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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER '76

DNO *Intermediate docking followed by shakedown + engine breakdown at end*

DGNOP *of work for 26/1.*

DCNS *22/1*

CNS

CNP *21/1*

CNTS *27/1*

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CNM *28/1*

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10 JAN 1977

Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1976

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(DAVID NICHOLLS)  
Captain OBE RAN  
Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland

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Naval Officer Commanding  
Captain OBE RVM  
(DAVID HIGGINS)



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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1976

Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff.

COMMUN. V.C.L. 5000  
Naval Officer  
Department of Defence (Naval Office)

10 JAN 1977

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane

3rd December 1976

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The Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. Australian Fleet

The Commander  
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of November 1976.
2. At 0001 Monday 1st November, BETANO was alongside at HMAS Moreton undergoing an Intermediate Docking period at 48 hours notice for sea.
3. On Tuesday 2nd, Betano was refuelled as a fuel shortage in the Brisbane area was expected and 12600 gallons was embarked.
4. The second phase of fumigation was carried out during Friday 12th and although insect pests have never been a problem onboard it was a year since the last fumigation
5. Betano resumed an "in routine" status on Friday 19th November and on the successful completion of basin trials the Intermediate Docking and maintenance period was finished.
6. On Monday 22nd the ship commenced the first day of workup with a series of lectures and practical training alongside at HMAS Moreton. During the day equipment not worked on during the docking was tested and preparations were made for sailing the next day.
7. Betano sailed at 1000 Tuesday 23rd for workup in Moreton Bay and during the day Action, Emergency and Leaving ship stations were exercised along with Fire, Medical and Damage control parties. Lectures and demonstrations on First Aid, Emergency Radio equipment and pyrotechnics were given en-route to Tangalooma beach Moreton Island where practice beachings were carried out.

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8. On completion of the days activities Betano anchored off the entrance beacons at 1820 using a three point moor method.

9. The following morning, the ship sailed for HMAS Moreton where on arrival RADM G R P C Branston CBE RN was embarked for passage to Bulimba for a demonstration of LCH beaching technique.

On completion of the beaching at 1130 Betano proceeded to HMAS Moreton remaining alongside overnight.

11. At 0700 Thursday 23 Betano sailed to carry out practice gunfirings and a pilotage exercise for all bridge watchkeepers.

At 0935 that day an oil pressure alarm on the port main engine sounded and on investigation it was found that the lubrication oil was diluted by fuel oil from several loose injector lines. The defect was rectified by ship staff and Betano proceeded to sea via the Rous channel to Area R696 for the 0.5 calibre gun firing.

13. At 1115 that morning the Starboard main engine alarm sounded and the engine shut down. On investigation it was discovered that the defect was beyond ships staff capabilities and Betano returned alongside HMAS Moreton for repairs. The defect was caused by a crankshaft big end bearing bolt not being correctly tensioned which came loose and caused major internal damage to the engine resulting in the engine being changed.

14. At 2359 30th November 1976 Betano was alongside HMAS Moreton for the replacement of the Starboard main engine at 8 hours notice for sea

#### Technical

15. All known defects have been rectified and all modifications were completed during the Intermediate docking.

#### General

16. The health and welfare of the ships company is good and their morale remains excellent. The majority of outstanding leave was taken during the docking period.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant



(G.R. RICHTER)  
Lieutenant RAN  
Commanding Officer

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2. Annex B Exercise and Evolutions

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1-16-1 dated  
3rd December 1976

STEAMING REPORT

1. Miles steamed this month 140.0
2. Miles steamed since commissioning 38710.1
3. Hours underway this month  $19 \frac{40}{60}$
4. Hours underway since commissioning  $4653 \frac{40}{60}$

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1-16-1 dated  
3rd December 1976

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

SEAMANSHIP

23 Nov Man Overboard

NBCD

15 Nov Fire drill exercised  
16 Nov Fire drill exercised  
23 Nov Damage control drills  
23 Nov Fire drill exercised  
24 Nov Fire drill exercised  
25 Nov Fire drill exercised  
23 Nov Pyrotechnics famil and firings

GUNNERY

25 Nov 0.5 cal weapons firing  
25 Nov Small arms firing

BEACHINGS

23 Nov Tangalooma 6  
24 Nov Bulimba 1

Total since commissioning 178

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(DAVID NICHOLLS)  
Captain OBE RAN  
Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland

*A.* Enclosure: Report of Proceedings (2 copies)

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HMAS BETANO  
at Brisbane  
4th January 1977

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The Naval Officer Commanding  
Queensland

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. Australian Fleet

The Commander  
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron

The Naval Officer in Charge  
Victoria

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 1976

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of December 1976.
2. At 0001 Wednesday 1st December Betano was alongside at HMAS MORETON undergoing the replacement of the Starboard Main Engine (My URDEF 76 '76 refers) and an extended self maintenance period.
3. On the completion of the engine change and basin-trials at 1135 Tuesday 3rd, Betano proceeded up river for engine trials, returning alongside HMAS Moreton at 1214.
4. At 0845 Monday 6th, Betano cast off and proceeded to Bulimba hard where a cargo of "A" type containers and two trailers was embarked. On completion of loading at 1255 the ship retracted and sailed for Sydney via the Rous channel.
5. The passage south was calm and the opportunity was taken to carry out a small arms familiarization and firing.
6. The ship beached at Woolwich hard, Sydney at 1013 Wednesday and cargo unloading/loading commenced at 1030. The unloading of the 19 containers was completed at 1140 but the loading of 51 containers for Melbourne took 5½ hours as they were being shuttled from Moorebank to Woolwich. Betano retracted and sailed for Melbourne at 1725 that day

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7. At 1416 Friday 10 December, the Starboard main engine shut down and upon investigation it was found that the turbo blower drive shaft had stripped the spline at one end. The shaft was reversed as a temporary repair and URDEF 78/76 raised for repairs in Melbourne.
8. Betano berthed alongside No 12 North Wharf at 0720 Saturday 11th December, and at 0800 proceeded to Webb dock shore where unloading commenced at 0950. The equipment provided for the task of unloading/loading proved to be inadequate and cargo operations were stopped at 1820 with approximately half the task completed. The CASE rough terrain forklift used has a max safe lift of 6000LB and many of the containers consigned for passage to Sydney weighed in excess of 4000KG. On Sunday 12th the forklift was unserviceable and as no replacement vehicle or spares were available an alternative method for cargo operations had to be found.
9. During the afternoon Monday 13th the Patrick Stevedoring Company was hired and work was to commence at 0730 Tuesday 14th December. At 0700 Tuesday Betano moved to No 23 Victoria Dock securing alongside at 0713 and after telephone approval, the loading commenced at 0935. The loading was completed at 1540 and Betano sailed for Sydney at 1635 with the load of containers and pallets.
10. A heavy beam swell was encountered on the SE Victorian coast and the Decca Radar went unserviceable that afternoon (URDEF 79/76 refers).
11. The ship beached on Woolwich hard Sydney at 0225 Friday 17th and unloading commenced at 0750. The unloading/loading was completed at 1200 and Betano proceeded to HMAS Waterhen to refuel and then alongside HMAS Brunei at the minesweeper wharf at 1300.
12. At 0900 Saturday 18th December, Betano sailed in company with HMAS BRUNEI for Brisbane and carried out OOW manoeuvres and small arms firing enroute. The Walker CHERUB III taffrail ship-log was streamed on the passage north and was found to be extremely accurate - 0.9 mile/24 hours run.
13. Betano secured alongside HMAS Moreton outboard of HMAS BRUNEI remaining alongside until the 31 December at 8 hours notice for sea.

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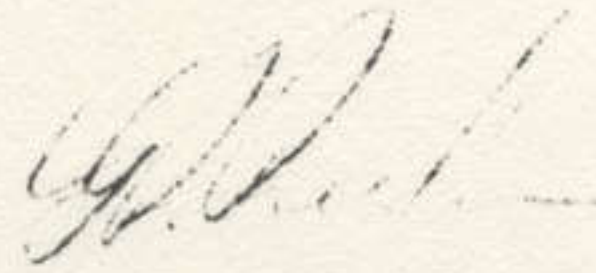
14. Technical

The starboard main engine was replaced (URDEF 76/76)  
A hot gas by-pass was fitted when the main refrigeration system went unserviceable (URDEF 77/76)  
Blower drive shaft was replaced (URDEF 78/76)  
The Decca Radar defect was temporarily rectified in HMAS Waterhen and was rectified by base staff at HMAS Moreton (URDEF 79/76)

15. General

The health and welfare of the ships company is good although the uncertainty of the 1977 ships programme has caused some problems in leave and planning for several families.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant



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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1-16-1 dated  
4 January 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1. Miles steamed this month	1763.3
2. Total miles steamed since commissioning	40473.4
3. Hours underway this month	225
4. Total hours since commissioning	4878 $\frac{40}{60}$

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO  
Letter 1-16-1 dated  
4 January 1977

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

SEAMANSHIP

18 Dec OOW Manoeuvres  
20 Dec OOW Manoeuvres

NBCD

6 Dec Fire Drill Exercised  
10 Dec Fire Drills exercised  
19 Dec Fire Drills Exercised  
23 Dec Fire Drills Exercised

GUNNERY

7 Dec Weapon Familization and small arms  
firing

BEACHINGS

6 Dec	Bulimba	1
8 Dec	Woolwich	1
11 Dec	Webb Dock Melbourne	1
19 Dec	Woolwich	1

Total since commissioning 182

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