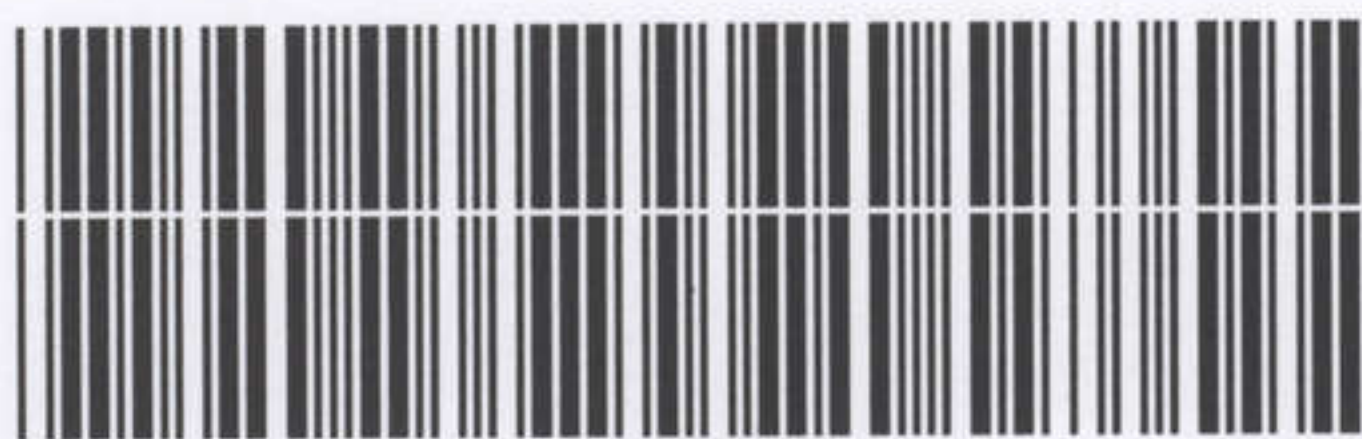


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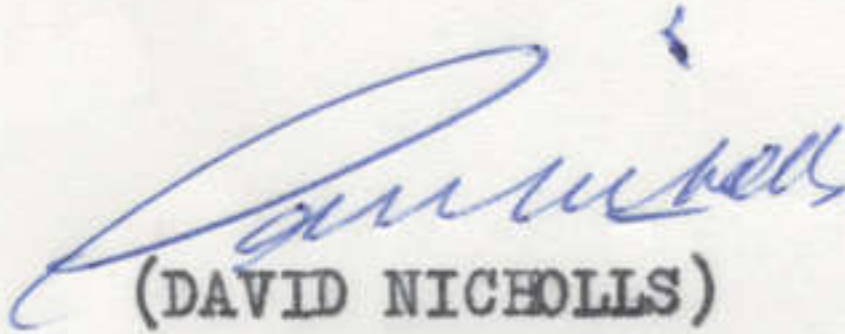
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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1977

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The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander,
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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of January 1977.
2. At 0001 Saturday January 1st, BETANO was alongside at HMAS MORETON undergoing a self maintenance and leave period.
3. At 0735 Thursday 6th BETANO cast off and proceeded downriver to Tangalooma beach in Moreton Bay for a families day. On completion of lunch and sporting activities at 1415, BETANO retracted and proceeded to HMAS MORETON securing at 1736. A pleasant and interesting day was had by the fiftyone guests that were onboard for the day.
4. At 0900 Wednesday 12 January, BETANO cast off and proceeded to Bulimba hard to carry out practice beachings as training for the five new members of the ship's company. During the forenoon the Port alternator overheated and on investigation was found to have a major electrical fault requiring a replacement alternator to be fitted (URDEF 80/76 refers). The ship secured alongside in No. 6 berth at HMAS MORETON at 1140 remaining alongside until Thursday 13 January.
5. At 1400 Thursday moved to alongside in No. 5 berth to enable replacement alternator to be fitted. BETANO remained alongside at 8 hours notice for sea until 2359 Monday 31 January 1977.

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TECHNICAL

6. The Port Alternator was replaced URDEF 80/76. All planned maintenance programs are up to date.

GENERAL

7. The health and welfare of the ship's company is good and their morale remains excellent. The entire ship's company are looking forward to the visit to Singapore in May. CPOMTP3 I. Goulding joined on 4th January and has assumed the duties of Charge Engineer.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant



FOR (G.R. RICHTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer AOL.

Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Report
Annex B - Exercise and Evolutions Report

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED
3 FEBRUARY 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	70.00
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	40543.4
3.	Hours underway this month	10 40/60
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4889.0

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EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

SEAMANSHIP

12 Jan	Practice alongside.		
		COXM	- 1
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4 Jan	Fire Drill Exercised		
7 Jan	" " "		
12 Jan	" " "		
28 Jan	" " "		

BEACHING

6 Jan	Tangalooma	- 2
12 Jan	Bulimba	- 2

Total since commissioning 186

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HMAS BETANO

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

DNO Report covers visits to ~~Grafton~~ Ballina, Grafton & Coffs Harbour 13/4

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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

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(DAVID NICHOLLS)
Captain OBE RAN
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Enclosure: HMAS BETANO letter 1/16/1 dated 4 March 1977.

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HMAS BETANO
at Brisbane

4th March, 1977

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

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of February 1977.
2. At 0001, Tuesday 1st February, BETANO was alongside at HMAS MORETON.
3. At 0900, BETANO cast off and proceeded downriver to Moreton Bay, to carry out seamanship evolutions. This was to enable the five new members of the ship's company to gain experience in tasks they had not before attempted.
4. The ashes of the late Mr. Robert Campbell Goldfinch were scattered at 1100 in position 27° 23' South 151° 17' East.
5. BETANO completed seamanship evolutions at 1120 and proceeded via the Rous Channel to Amity Point. The ship anchored off Amity Point at 1235. Action, Emergency and Leaving ship stations were exercised during the afternoon. As well Boat Drills were exercised and the Fire and Damage Control Parties were mustered and drilled. At 1610 BETANO weighed and sailed for Ballina.
6. Clocks were advanced at 2330(K) to 0030(L) Wednesday 2nd February.
7. The passage south was uneventful and at 0750 BETANO crossed the bar into Ballina Harbour. The ship secured alongside the Returned Services League Club of Ballina's Wharf at 0823, remaining alongside for a visit until Friday 4th February.

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8. At 0700 BETANO cast off and sailed for Grafton.
9. The ship hove to, off Yamba Bar at 1120, to embark the pilot, who was to guide the ship up the Clarence River to Grafton. Due to the sea state at the time, (Force 5 winds and a ten foot North Easterly swell) this idea was abandoned. At 1130 BETANO followed the pilot vessel across the bar and into the Clarence River. After reaching calm water, the pilot was transferred to BETANO at 1145.
10. The passage upriver was slow, due to the necessity to come to slow ahead for the many shallow patches encountered. BETANO passed under the raised span of the Harwood Bridge at 1300 and continued upriver to Grafton.
11. It is doubtful if a vessel of any greater draught than an LCH could transit the Clarence River past Harwood. A large amount of silting has occurred since dredging operations ceased and even the lower reaches of the river are becoming very shallow.
12. At 1600 BETANO anchored half a mile downstream from the Grafton Bridge. The Commanding Officer and the pilot departed in the ship's boat at 1610. The Commanding Officer returned at 1645 and BETANO weighed and proceeded to the Fry Street Hard, where the ship beached and secured at 1715. BETANO remained beached until Monday 7th February.
13. At 1830 Friday, 4th February, the Commanding Officer, Officers and Senior Sailors hosted a Cocktail Party, held onboard, for the Mayor of Grafton and thirty other residents of the Grafton area.
14. Although the ship was not officially open to visitors, approximately 300 people were shown over BETANO on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February. Indeed, the amount of interest shown by the people to the visit of a warship to their city was gratifying and the visit is considered a success in terms of public relations.
15. At 1000 Monday, 7th February, BETANO retracted and proceeded downriver to Harwood, arriving at 1325. At 1330 BETANO beached at an old ferry hard on the northern bank of the Clarence River. A beach survey was then conducted in the ship's boat, of all the hards on both the north and south banks of the river.
16. The ship retracted at 1450 and proceeded under the Harwood Bridge at 1500. An uneventful passage of the Clarence River was completed at 1605 when BETANO crossed Yamba Bar and sailed for Coffs Harbour.
17. At 0001 Tuesday, 8th February, it was noted in the Ship's Log that BETANO was commissioned on this day in 1974.

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18. BETANO anchored in Coffs Harbour at 0800. The Commanding Officer proceeded ashore to call on the Harbour Master at 0815. At 0930 the Commanding Officer returned and anchor was weighed. At 1000, the ship proceeded to the inner boat harbour, securing starboard side to the Concrete Wharf at 1035. BETANO remained alongside for a visit, until Thursday 10th February.

19. At 0904 BETANO cast off and sailed from Coffs Harbour for Brisbane. During the passage north a small arms familiarisation firing was carried out, for the benefit of the new members of the ship's company.

20. At 1830(L) clocks were retarded to 1730(K).

21. On Friday, 11th February, at 0930 BETANO secured alongside HMAS MORETON at No. 2 berth at 8 hours notice for sea.

22. At 1600 BETANO reverted to an "out of routine" status and to 47 hours notice for sea. This was to enable the ship to undergo an assisted maintenance and leave period.

23. At 0800 Monday, 28th February, I assumed the duties of Commanding Officer while LEUT G.R. Richter, RAN, is absent on leave.

TECHNICAL

24. There are no outstanding defects and all planned maintenance programmes are up to date.

GENERAL

25. The health and welfare of the ship's company is good and their morale continues to be high. Most outstanding leave is being taken during the assisted maintenance period.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(J.A. FALLON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Report
Annex B - Exercise and Evolutions Report

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED
4th MARCH, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	576.4
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	41119.8
3.	Hours underway this month	65
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	4954

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED
4th MARCH 1977

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

SEAMANSHIP

1 Feb Anchorage Evolutions
1 Feb Boat Drills

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1 Feb Damage Control Drills
1 Feb Fire Drills Exercised
1 Feb Action, Emergency and Leaving Ship
Stations exercised
3 Feb Fire Drills Exercised
6 Feb Fire Drills Exercised
14 Feb Fire Drills Exercised
23 Feb Fire Drills Exercised
28 Feb Fire Drills Exercised

GUNNERY

10 Feb Small Arms Firing

BEACHINGS

4 Feb Grafton
7 Feb Narwood

Total since commissioning 178

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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH 1977

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For Attention: The Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

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The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain, RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BELVINO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

HM VASILEVICH STEEL
The Chief Officer commanding

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HMAS BETANO
at Sydney

18th April, 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.

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of March 1977.
2. At 0001, Tuesday 1st March, BETANO was alongside at HMAS MORETON undergoing an assisted maintenance and leave period; remaining alongside in an out of routine basis until Monday, 14th March.
3. At 0854 Thursday, BETANO slipped and proceeded to Moreton Bay for a two day shakedown prior to deployment. Beaching practice was conducted at Bulimba hard and at 1100 a series of shakedown exercises were commenced. The ship anchored overnight at Tangalooma using a three point mooring method where landing and boarding party exercises were carried out.
4. At 0612 Friday, the ship weighed and proceeded to alongside HMAS MORETON remaining at eight hours notice until Wednesday 30th March. This period alongside was used for storing ship, repairing minor defects and preparing for deployment.
5. At 0832 Wednesday, 30th March, BETANO slipped and proceeded alongside Dalgety's to load a small cargo of return stores and ammunition for Sydney.
6. At 0921 the ship slipped and proceeded from Dalgety's Wharf to Sydney via the Rous channel. The voyage south was uneventful and the opportunity was taken to carry out small arms firing and to complete outstanding upper deck maintenance.

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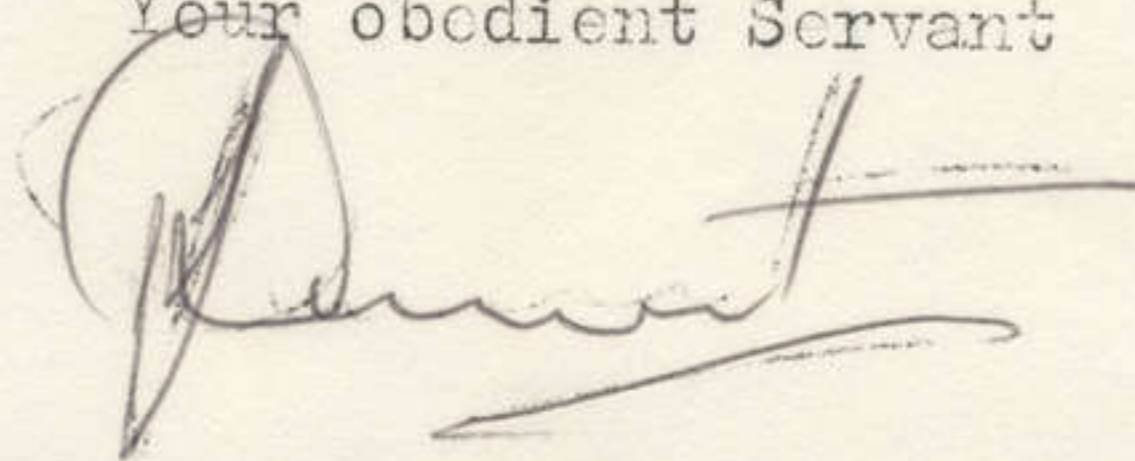
7. At 2359, Thursday 31st March BETANO was at sea in a position approximately 40 miles north of Sydney.

TECHNICAL

8. There are no outstanding defects and planned maintenance programmes are progressing satisfactorily.

9. The health and welfare of the ship's company remains good and all personnel are looking forward to our deployment and time in Singapore.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant



for
(G.R. RICHTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annex: A - Steaming Report
B - Exercise and Evolutions Report
C - Cargo Return (COMAUSLANCROON ONE only)

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ANNEX A TO 1-16-1
DATED 18 APR 77

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	483
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	41602.8
3.	Hours underway this month	61
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	5015

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ANNEX B TO 1-16-1
DATED 18 APR 77

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

SEAMANSHIP

17 Mar Boarding and Landing Party Boat Drills
17 Mar 3 Point Mooring Method Anchorage
17 Mar Manoverboard Drills
31 Mar Manoverboard Drills

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10 Mar Fire Drill Exercised
17 Mar Fire Drills Exercised using training smoke
canisters and breathing equipment.
18 Mar Fire Drills Exercised using training smoke
canisters and breathing equipment.
30 Mar Nighttime Fire Drill Exercise carried out Tank Deck
31 Mar Fire Drill Exercised

GUNNERY

17 Mar Small Arms Demonstration
17 Mar Boarding Party Exercised
17 Mar Landing Party Exercised

MISCELLANEOUS EXERCISE

17 Mar Pyrotechnics Demonstration
30 Mar Action Stations
31 Mar Action Stations

BEACHINGS

17 Mar Bulimba - 2
Tangalooma - 3
Total since Commissioning - 183

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ANNEX B

MEDICAL

- 15 Mar Lecture by Staff HMAS MORETON
- 17 Mar Exercised Medical Team
- 31 Mar Exercised Medical Team

RADIO

- 17 Mar Demonstration of Solas Emergency Radio equipment and Sarbe Beacon.

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HMAS BETANO.

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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain RAN
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HMAS BETANO
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The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON.

The Commanding Officer
HMAS WATERHEN.

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
APRIL 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of April 1977.
2. All times are local. At 0001 Friday 1 April, BETANO was at sea approximately 40 miles North East of Sydney enroute to HMAS WATERHEN securing alongside the Minesweeper wharf at 0330.
3. At 0900 Monday 4 April the cargo of ammunition and empty ammunition boxes was unloaded and the remainder of the day was used to mark out and prepare the tank deck for the 16 meter patrol boat cradles.
4. At 0803 Tuesday 5th, BETANO cast off and proceeded for Woolwich to embark the patrol boats using the floating crane "FALCON". The loading was completed at 1430 and after temporary lashings were provided, the Ship returned to HMAS WATERHEN securing alongside at 1538.
5. During the next four days the boats on deck were repaired, cleaned and secured using both chains and shoring.
6. At 1201 Saturday 9 April BETANO cast off and proceeded for Cairns. Due to inclement weather, however, BETANO diverted to Newcastle arriving at 1945.

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7. At 0730 Monday 11 April BETANO cast off and proceeded for Cairns.

8. At 1145 a half sunken small boat was sighted in a position 5 miles south west of Sugarloaf point and an attempt to recover it was made. The outboard motor was recovered but the boat foundered during the operation and course and speed was resumed at 1255. The passage north was uneventful until 0900 Friday 15th when the water pump on the port main engine failed resulting in overheating and the engine was stopped (URDEF 81/76 refers).

9. At 0935 Saturday BETANO secured alongside No. 6 wharf at Cairns to await the arrival of main engine spares.

10. Repairs to the engine were completed at 2300 Sunday 17th and the ship sailed from Cairns for Darwin. Small arms firings and internal ship exercises were carried out during the passage.

11. At 1716 Friday 22 April, BETANO secured alongside No. 2 Stokes Hill wharf and remained alongside until Tuesday.

12. At 1132 Tuesday 26 April the Ship sailed for Singapore via the Wetar and Caramata Strait and, at the end of the period, was north of Madura Island in Indonesia enroute to Singapore.

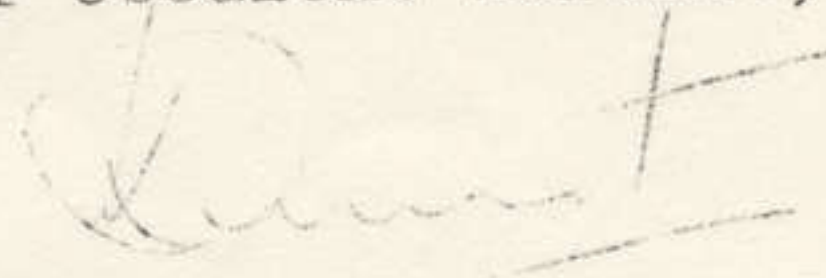
13. Technical. There are no outstanding defects and planned maintenance schedules are progressing satisfactorily. Repairs to the Port Main Engine were completed in Cairns (URDEF 81/76 refers).

14. General. The health and welfare of the Ship's Company is good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(G.R. RICHTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annex: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises and Evolutions Report
C. Cargo Return (COMAUSLANCROW ONE only)

ANNEX A TO
1/16/1
DATED MAY 77

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Total miles steamed this month	3602.6
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	45205.4
3.	Hours underway this month	319.9
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	5334.9

ANNEX B TO
1/16/1
DATED MAY 77

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS
REPORT

1. Seamanship

- a. 11 April - Boat recovery attempt
- b. 13 April - Manoverboard drills

2. NBCD

- a. 13 April - Fire and damage control drills
- b. 18 April - Night-time fire drill exercise

3. Gunnery

- a. 18 April - Small arms familiarisation and firing

4. Beachings

- a. Total since commissioning - 183

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(F.H. JAMES)

Captain RAN
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The Commander,
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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MAY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of MAY 1977.
2. At 0001 Sunday 1 MAY, Betano was north of the RAAS Channel, INDONESIA enroute to Singapore. The passage was uneventful and at 1026 Wednesday 4 May Betano anchored in the Singapore Strait for Radar repair and to scrub down ship and cargo prior to arrival in Singapore.
3. At 1949 that evening Betano weighed and proceeded to the Man of War anchorage Singapore Road remaining there overnight.
4. At 0930 Thursday 5th May the ship weighed and proceeded to the St John pilot boarding ground and then to alongside RSN Endurance in the Benoi basin Singapore arriving at 1145.
5. During the forenoon Friday 6th May the two Hawker de Havilland built 16 metre patrol boats were disembarked for trials prior to sailing for Tandjung Pinang in Indonesia.

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6. Betano remained alongside in the vicinity of the Singapore Shipbuilding and Engineering Pty Ltd wharves Benoi Basin and during the next 10 days was moved eleven times by dockyard tugs. The berth at Benoi is not recommended as during the ten days alongside, shore power, although available continuously could only be used for 48 hours due to the moves and no telephone extension was available for priority signal traffic.
7. At 0800 Sunday 15th May Betano sailed from Benoi Basin with 16 Metre patrol boat Sabola in company for the passage to Tandjung Pinang on Bintan Island. During this passage the 2nd Patrol boat Sasila remained in Singapore for repairs to keel damage that occurred during trials period. This passage was uneventful and Betano was welcomed and escorted through the Riaow Strait by KRI LAJANG and secured alongside the Naval Area Headquarters wharf at 1500.
8. At 1000 Monday 16th May I attended the Official commissioning ceremony of the patrol boat KRI SABOLA into the Indonesian Navy. That evening the ships company were entertained at an official concert by the Military personnel of the area. This was a series of dances and music from all provinces of Indonesia and was a spectacular performance.
9. At 0730 Tuesday 17th May Betano sailed for Surabaya arriving at the pilot boarding ground at 0715 Friday 20 May. After embarking the pilot at 0735, Betano proceeded through the Surabaya Strait to the Madura wharf arriving at 0915. At 1015 that morning, I called on the Dockyard Commander Col SIGIT SOEDARJAOI and at 1200 a return call was made onboard.
10. At 0830 Saturday 21st the loading of the Parman patrol boat engines and gearboxes commenced and was completed at 1030.
11. During the two days at Surabaya the opportunity was taken to visit several noted tourist centres and the ships company enjoyed the hospitality of the Indonesian people.
12. On completion of a small ceremony at 0800 Monday 23rd Betano proceeded through the Surabaya Strait enroute to Benoa Bali Island.

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13. At 1205 Tuesday 24th May the pilot embarked at the entrance to Benoa channel and at 1225 Betano secured alongside the main wharf for two days R and R. The next morning a bus arranged by the Australian Embassy departed from the ship with 11 members of the ships company for a tour of the Bali Island.

14. At 0755 Thursday 26th May Betano proceeded from Benoa enroute to Darwin. The weather was good whilst in the shelter of the Indonesian archipelago but on passing north of Wetar Island the effects of the south east weather were experienced with FORCE 6 wind until arrival in Darwin.

15. At 0820, Tuesday 31st May Betano arrived alongside Stokes Hill Wharf, Darwin remaining alongside until the end of the month.


TECHNICAL

The radar went unserviceable in Singapore waters and was repaired during the time there by ships staff. The water distillation unit was run during the period and has an output of 1.5 tonnes/day. During this deployment the machinery and systems operated within the design requirement and only required minor adjustments.

GENERAL

The health of the ships company is good and their morale remains very high. The entire ships company have enjoyed the SE Asian deployment and it was the first visit to this area for many of the ships company. SBLT R M CRAWFORD joined for passage/training on 15 MAY 1977.

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 EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT
3. ANNEX G CARGO RETURN (NOTAL)

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ANNEX A to
1-16-1 dated
04 JUNE 1977

STEAMING REPORT

MILES STEAMED THIS MONTH	-	3254.4
TOTAL MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING	-	48459.8
HOURS UNDERWAY THIS MONTH	-	325.8
TOTAL HOURS UNDERWAY SINCE COMMISSIONING	-	5670

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ANNEX B to
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EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT-MAY

SEAMANSHIP	18 May	Manoverboard drills
	26 May	Manoverboard drills
	8 May	Nighttime fire drills
NBCD	15 May	NBCD Drills
GUNNERY	19 May	Small arms shoot

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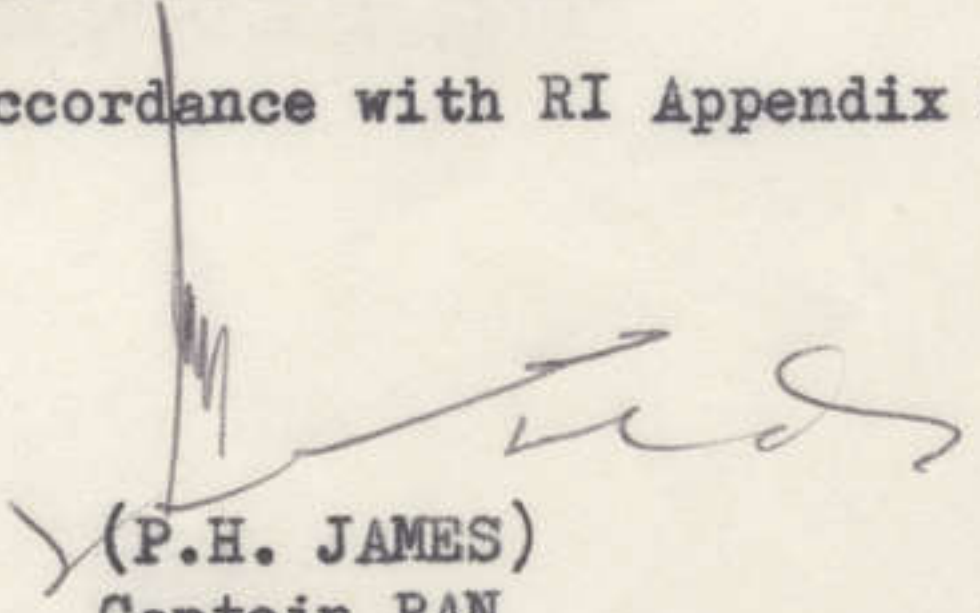
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HMAS BETANO
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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of June 1977. All times local.

2. At 0001 Wednesday 1st June, BETANO was alongside Stokes Hill wharf Darwin. At 0928 that morning the ship proceeded to Larrakeyah to load twenty-one BMSS for transportation to Brisbane. The beaching was made difficult by wind and tide and diving tender anchored off the beach over the sunken fishing boat "FLOODBIRD" making only one approach possible. On the first attempt the ship grounded on an underwater obstruction 30-50 yds from the beach, and subsequent examination revealed hull damage. After beaching it was found that the civilian forklift assigned was unable to load because of the height and steep incline of the bow door. The hard standing at Larrakeyah is considered unsuitable for landing craft operations because of the underwater obstructions beyond the low tide line and is not recommended for future beachings.

3. On completion of loading at 1505 Wednesday, BETANO retracted and sailed for South Alligator River to conduct a beach survey 20 miles upriver from the mouth. The survey was completed by 1200 Thursday and BETANO sailed for Townsville.

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4. Due to the exceptionally rough weather conditions experienced that evening the ship was forced to seek shelter and anchored in Somerville Bay, Croker Island. At 1335 Friday 2nd June, BETANO weighed and proceeded to Malay Bay on the Coburg Peninsular remaining at anchor until the weather abated Monday evening.

5. The ship proceeded from Malay Bay at 1920 Monday and followed the coast to lessen the effect of high seas in the area.

6. During Wednesday morning the ship passed clear of Cape Wessel into the Gulf of Carpentaria and encountered a 3 metre south easterly swell. This caused no damage, but was very uncomfortable and tiring on personnel. This weather continued for the next seven days with winds abating during the evenings and freshening to force 6 during most days.

7. On Thursday BETANO advanced clocks to time zone KILO (-10)

8. BETANO secured alongside No 1 berth, Cairns to land ABCK FRAZER with a suspected abscessed tooth. At 0120 the ship sailed for Brisbane.

9. BETANO secured alongside No 1 berth HMAS MORETON at 1627 Wednesday 15th June and embarked customs officers for clearance of the ship.

10. At 0800 Thursday 16th June BETANO assumed an "out of routine" status and commenced an Assisted Maintenance Period.

11. Arrangements were made for the ship to be slipped for temporary repairs to the hull, BETANO was cold moved to Peters Slipway at 2220 Tuesday 21st June and was pulled clear of the water at 0130. The damage was temporarily repaired by welding a steel plate over the stressed area with a view to cropping and replacing during the September refit.

12. On 30th June BETANO was alongside No 1 Berth HMAS MORETON undergoing a maintenance period.

TECHNICAL

13. All machinery has run well during the month and required only minor adjustments. The ship was slipped to investigate hull damage and temporary repairs were made by welding a steel plate over the damaged area.

GENERAL

14. The health of the ships company is good and their morale remains high.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant

(G R RICHTER)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED
7th JULY 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	2315.6
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	50775.1
3.	Hours underway this month	262.0
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	5932.0

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED
7th JULY 1977

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

<u>SEAMANSHIP</u>	2 June	Manoverboard drills	
<u>NBCD</u>	2 June	Fire Exercise	
	17 June	Fire Exercise	
<u>GUNNERY</u>	2 June	Small arms firing	
	6 June	Small arms firing	
<u>BEACHINGS</u>	1 June	Larrakeyah	3
	2 June	South Alligator	
		River	3
	4 June	Malay Bay	1
	17 June	Bulimba	1
Total since commissioning			191

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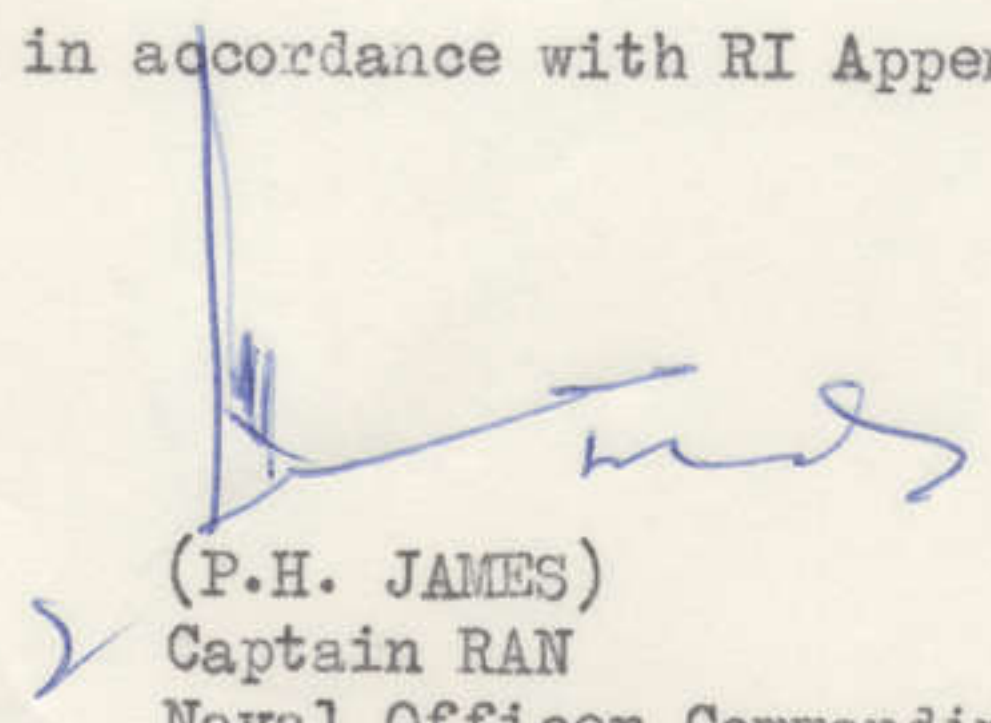
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HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY 1977

1. Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of July. Times are local Zone K (-10) unless otherwise stated.

2. On Friday 1st July, BETANO was alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing an Assisted Maintenance period. During this period all outstanding minor defects were rectified and the ships planned maintenance programme was progressed. BETANO is starting to feel the effects of the longer refit cycle with many hydraulic and electrical problems occurring, causing increasingly longer periods of equipment unserviceability.

3. At 0700 Tuesday 12th July, eighty soldiers from "D" company 6 RAR were embarked for LCH familiarization on passage to Tangalooma beach, Moreton Island. Several beachings were made to exercise personnel in beach landings and on completion at 1500 the ship sailed for HMAS MORETON securing alongside at 1800.

4. The next two days were spent preparing and storing the ship for the six weeks deployment as part of Exercise LONG VIGIL. BETANO proceeded to Bulimba hard at 0900 Thursday 14th to load containers and general stores for Townsville returning alongside HMAS MORETON on completion.

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5. BETANO sailed from Brisbane in company with HMAS BRUNEI at 0830 Friday enroute to Townsville. The ship made good speed on passage north and anchored at South Molle Island to join HMAS BALIKPAPAN before proceeding to Townsville.

6. BETANO secured alongside No 3 wharf Townsville at 0645 Monday and cargo discharge commenced at 0830. The next day ten Armoured Personnel Carriers and three howitzers were embarked by crane for shipping to South Alligator River.

7. BETANO sailed in company with BRUNEI and BALIKPAPAN at 1000 Wednesday 20th July, for passage through the Great Barrier Reef to Malay Bay on the Coburg peninsular anchoring at 0035 on Monday 25th July. BRUNEI and BALIKPAPAN secured alongside at 0050 and 0215.

8. The ship weighed at 1000 (-9½) and proceeded in company with BALIKPAPAN for South Alligator river having been detached from BRUNEI who was proceeding direct to Darwin. For the next five days BETANO sailed from Darwin to South Alligator river in accordance with the Sea Movements table of exercise LONG VIGIL. On completion of the insertion phase of the exercise BETANO secured alongside Fort Hill wharf remaining there until the end of the month.

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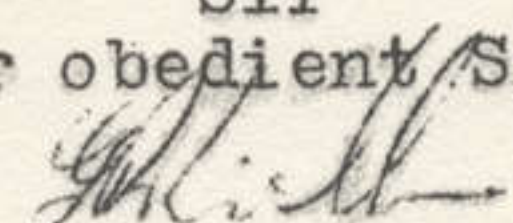
9. Major repairs to the Port Main Engine are being carried out by ships staff (URDEF 86/76 refers). Numerous oil seals and hydraulic lines have been replaced during the month. The Decca Super 101 Radar went unserviceable and is being repaired by ships staff. The airconditioning system was overhauled by local contractor in Townsville (URDEF 85/76 refers). The replacement Magnetic compass was fitted.

GENERAL

10. The health and welfare of the ships company is good and their morale remains very high.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient Servant


(G. R. RICHTER)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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- A. Steaming Report
- B. Exercise and Evolution Report
- C. Cargo Report (HMASLANCRON ONE only)

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ANNEX A TO 1-16-1
Dated 1st AUGUST 77

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	2512.0
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	53287.1
3.	Hours underway this month	311
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	6243

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ANNEX B TO 1-16-1
Dated 1st AUGUST 77

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTION REPORT

SEAMANSHIP

12 Jul	Man overboard drills
15 Jul	Man overboard drills
30 Jul	Man overboard drills

NBCD

15 Jul	Fire Exercise
20 Jul	Fire Exercise
26 Jul	Fire Exercise
28 Jul	Fire Exercise

GUNNERY

16 Jul	Small arms firing
28 Jul	Demonstration 1 inch Signal Pistol firing

BEACHINGS

12 Jul	Bulimba	2
12 Jul	Tangaloomba	3
14 Jul	Bulimba	1
26 Jul	South Alligator River	2
27 Jul	Darwin	1
28 Jul	South Alligator River	1
29 Jul	Darwin	1
30 Jul	South Alligator River	1

Total beachings since commissioning 204

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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1977

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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain RAN
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HMAS BETANO
AT BRISBANE.

4th September 1977

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The Naval Officer Commanding
NORTHERN AREA

The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of August 1977. All times are Local Zone K unless otherwise stated.

2. On Monday 1st August, HMAS BETANO was berthed outboard of HMA Ships BRUNEI and BALIKPAPAN at Fort Hill wharf in Darwin. The ship remained alongside undergoing a five day SMP and repairs to the Port Main engine (URDEF 86/76 refers).
3. At 0830(-9 $\frac{1}{2}$) Friday 5th, the ship proceeded to the Quarantine hard area and on completion of loading armoured vehicles at 1030, returned alongside Stokes Hill wharf.
4. HMAS BETANO sailed from Darwin at 0930(-9 $\frac{1}{2}$) for Dunk Island in company with HMA Ships Brunei and Balikpapan. The passage was uneventful, but salt spray and weather caused extensive rusting thus aggravating upperdeck maintenance problems.
5. Clocks were advanced to Zone K(-10) at 0800 9th August.
6. The ship beached on Dunk Island at 1510 Friday 12th August for an overnight recreational visit.
7. At 1630 Saturday, Betano retracted and detached for Sydney, but due to rough weather Sunday evening was forced to shelter in the lee of Carlisle Island overnight.
8. The ship arrived in Sydney on Friday 19th and on completion of unloading the vehicles at 0900, proceeded alongside HMAS Waterhen for the weekend.
9. After loading four containers at 0930 Monday 22nd, Betano sailed for Brisbane. Maintenance was progressed during these two days of fine weather and the ship berthed at No. 5 HMAS MORETON, Wednesday 24th August at 1045.

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10. HMAS BETANO remained alongside until the end of the month undergoing a Self Maintenance period.
11. The ship went out of routine and to forty-eight hours notice for sea at 1600 Tuesday 30th August.
12. Colours were half masted from 0800 until 1300 Thursday 25 August in respect to the Right Honourable, the late R.F.X. CONNOR MHR.
13. Technical
 - a. The Port main engine was repaired by ships staff with stores from HMAS MORETON.
 - b. Stress cracks in several engineroom frames have appeared and are being investigated by base staff. This has necessitated the moving of both hydraulic power packs to enable the problem area to be more closely investigated.
14. Personnel. The health and welfare of the ships company remain good and their morale is excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant



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

- Annexes:
- A. Steaming Report.
 - B. Exercise and Evolution Report.
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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED 4 SEPTEMBER 77

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	:	2705.5
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	:	55992.6
3.	Hours underway this month	:	316
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	:	6559

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO
LETTER 1-16-1 DATED 4TH SEP 77

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

SEAMANSHIP	-	6 Aug	Man Overboard Drills
		15 Aug	" " "
NBCD	-	6 Aug	Fire Exercise
		15 Aug	Fire Exercise
		15 Aug	Damage Control Exercise
GUNNERY	-	15 Aug	Small Arms Shoot
BEACHINGS	-	6 Aug	DARWIN - 1
		12 Aug	DUNK ISLAND - 1
		19 Aug	SYDNEY - 1

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Proceedings is forwarded for information and necessary
action in connection with the LCH vibration problem study
you are currently undertaking:-

"Stress cracks in several engine-room frames
have appeared and are being investigated by base
staff. This has necessitated the moving of
both hydraulic power packs to enable the problem
area to be more closely investigated."

(R.F. CREIGHTON)
Commander, RAN
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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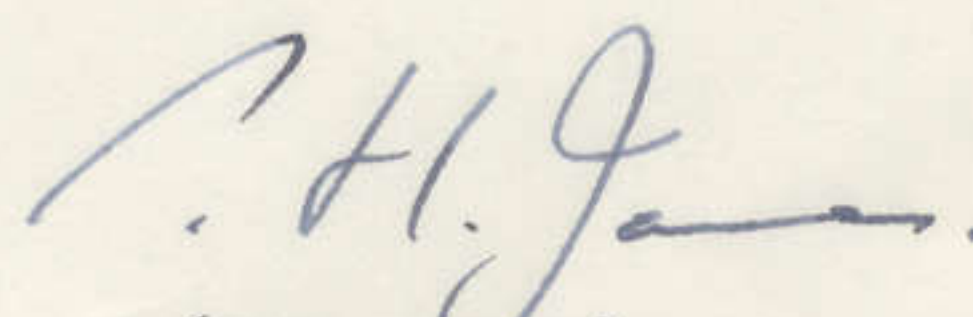
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HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1977

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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain, RAN
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HMAS BETANO
at Brisbane.

05 October 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commander
First Australian Landing Craft Squadron.

HMAS BETANO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of September 1977. All times are Local Zone KILO.

2. On Thursday 01 September, BETANO was alongside HMAS MORETON preparing for refit. On Monday 11, the refitting port was changed from Brisbane to Bundaberg and all available refit stores were embarked for the passage.

3. At 0800 Wednesday 21, a trials team from RANTAU were embarked for the pre-refit sea trials in Moreton Bay. These trials were completed at 1130 and BETANO returned to HMAS MORETON remaining alongside until the end of the month.

TECHNICAL

4. Both hydraulic power packs were moved and surveys were carried out on frames and shell plating where cracks have appeared.

5. Ship's staff have worked, refitting pumps, valves and electric motors to ease the workload during the refit in Bundaberg. All main engine and auxiliary machinery protection devices were tested and set to work as to design specifications.

GENERAL

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

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7. Most of the outstanding leave has been taken during this period in Brisbane.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

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

Annexes: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercise and Evolutions Report

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BETANO'S REPORT
OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the month	51.6
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	56044.0
3.	Hours underway during the month	5.0
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	6564.0

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BETANO'S REPORT
OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1977

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

NBCD	11 September	Fire Exercise
	21 September	Fire Exercise

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HMAS BETANO
at BUNDABERG
7 NOVEMBER 1977

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 - OCTOBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command for the month of October 1977. All times are local zone KIL0 (.10)
2. On Saturday 01 October, HMAS BETANO was alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing maintenance/refit on equipment and preparing for passage to Bundaberg. During the next week preparations for refit were completed and stores and equipment not required during the refit period were landed.
3. At 0815 Sunday 9 October, the ship sailed from Brisbane with three cadets from the Bundaberg Sea Cadet Unit for passage to Bundaberg. Their local knowledge of the Burnett river's uncharted sandbanks was appreciated as the river was entered at low water. The passage was uneventful and HMAS BETANO secured alongside the town wharf Bundaberg at 0910 Monday 10 October.
4. A pre-refit meeting was held at the head office, Bundaberg Foundry Company at 1000 that morning where final details of the refit were discussed.
5. At 0700 Tuesday 10 October, HMAS BETANO moved to the Bundaberg slipway and was hauled clear of the water at 0915. Work commenced immediately as per the work list and continued as surveys on fittings and equipment were completed.

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6. On 31 October HMAS BETANO was on the Bundeng slipway at Bundaberg undergoing refit.

7. Technical. Refit work as per work package and survey is continuing.

Decca Super 110 Radar was removed and returned to HMAS MORETON.

The Arma Brown Gyro was sent to Garden Island Dockyard for refit.

Ship's staff maintenance is progressing as planned.

A fatigue fracture in No. 5 starboard fresh water tank was discovered during survey and will be cropped and replaced by new material.

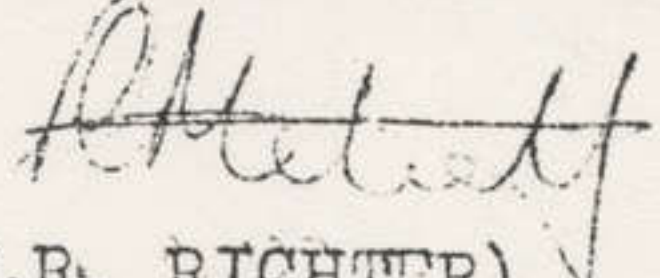
Modifications to superstructure and No. 4 tank is continuing.

8. General. Most of the ships company are on leave or posted temporarily to HMAS MORETON. Those remaining onboard have been accommodated at the Federal Motel, Bundaberg and appear to be enjoying their stay.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant


(G.R. RICHTER)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosure: ANNEX A. Steaming Report.
ANNEX B. Exercise and Evolutions Report.

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ANNEX A to
1-16-1 dated
7 NOVEMBER 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	256.6
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	56,300.6
3.	Hours underway this month	25.0
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	6,589.0

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ANNEX B to 1-16-1
dated 07 NOVEMBER 1977

EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS REPORT

NECD	04 OCTOBER	FIRE EXERCISE
	11 OCTOBER	FIRE EXERCISE
	24 OCTOBER	FIRE EXERCISE
SEAMANSHIP	11 OCTOBER	SLIPPED SHIP

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HMAS BETANO
AT BRISBANE
7 DECEMBER 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
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The Commander
FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON

HMAS BETANO - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of LMA ship under my command for the month of November. All times are local TIME ZONE KIL0 (-10).
2. On Tuesday 1 November, BETANO was on the slipway at Bundaberg Engineering and Slipway Co Ltd undergoing refit.
3. During the month the hull and tank deck was sandblasted and mechanical work was completed as per the refit work package.
4. On Thursday 24th, BETANO unslipped and on completion of shaft alignment check at 1130, moved to alongside the town wharf, Bundaberg. During the afternoon the hydraulics power packs were set to work and work commenced on the realignment of the starboard main engine.

The realignment problem was resolved during the forenoon Sunday 27th and the ship was ready for sea travel on Monday 28th.
5. BETANO sailed for trials at 0320 and on completion at 1030, BETANO sailed for Brisbane.

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6. The overnight passage was uneventful and the ship arrived in Brisbane at 1130 Tuesday 29th.

7. On Wednesday 30th, BETANO was alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing refit and the installation of the Decca 916 radar.

TECHNICAL

DECCA 916. Work commenced on fitting of wiring and associated equipments.

ARMA BROWN GYRO. Was returned from Garden Island fitted and set to work.

The modifications at No. 4 tank and superstructure were completed.

The repairs to No. 5 fresh water tank have been completed.

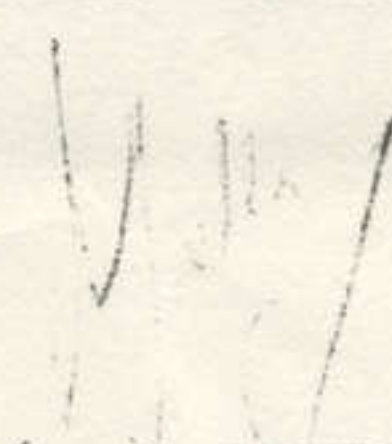
Both shafts and rudders were replaced/aligned and on completion of setting to work were within tolerance.

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

I Have the Honour To Be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(G.R. RICHTER)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A TO
1-16-1 DATED
7 DECEMBER 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed this month	263.6
2.	Miles steamed since commissioning	56,563.6
3.	Hours underway this month	27.0
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	6616.0

APPENDIX B TO
1-61-1 DATED
7 DECEMBER 1977

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

NBCD	-	4 - Nov	Fire Exercise
		10 - Nov	Fire Exercise
		16 - Nov	Fire Exercise
		28 - Nov	Fire Exercise
		24 - Nov	Unslipped Ship

SEAMANSHIP. Completion of Refit Tests on all anchors
and equipment.