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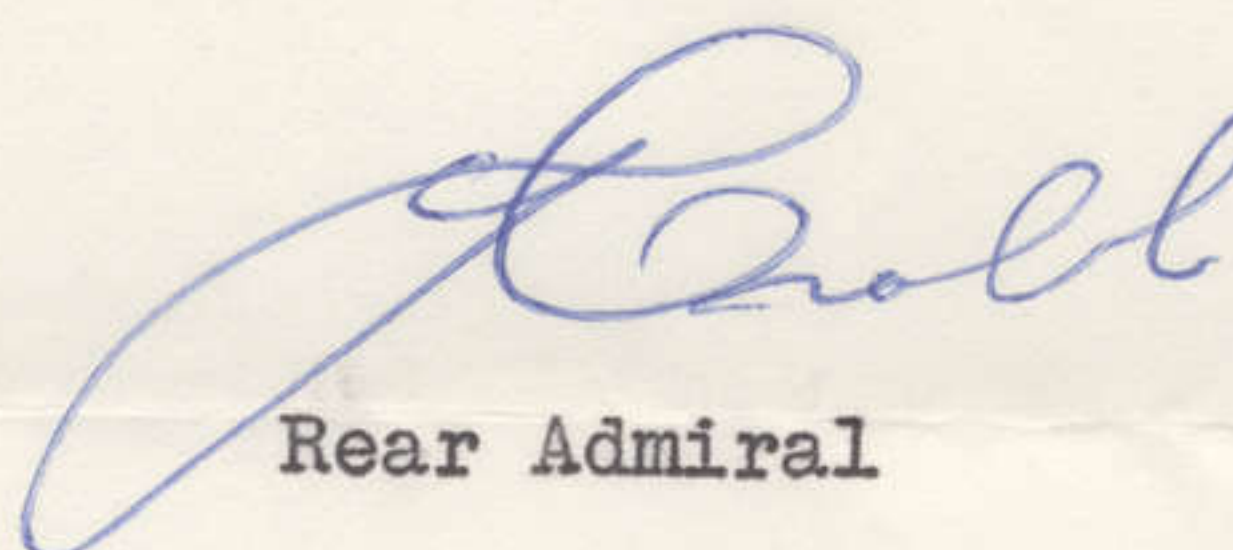
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1968

1. Forwarded.
2. It is recommended that the condition of the paint in all HMA Ships on acceptance be given close scrutiny by the Trials Team.


Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter BOMROP 11/68 of 1st
December, 1968.

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BOMROP 11/68



HMAS BOMBARD
At WATERHEN.

1st December 1968.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
Fleet Headquarters,
Garden Island.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 1968

Sir,

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

2. BOMBARD was commissioned into service with the Royal Australian Navy at 1030 on Tuesday 5th November 1968, at Urangin, Qld. Builder's Seatrials and Final Acceptance/Handover trials, which were carried out on Tuesday 29th October and Monday 4th November respectively went very successfully save one small electrical fault which caused a small delay to the final day's trials before being rectified. Walker's representatives commented that the ship's performance figures compared very favourably with previous patrol craft built by them; the most impressive factor being the lack of vibration at high speed. This is attributed to the five-bladed propellers, BOMBARD being the first craft permanently fitted as such.
3. After a small commissioning party, the ship cast off and proceeded for Sydney at 1335. Except for a gyro repeat failure fine weather and calm seas made it a comfortable and uneventful passage, the ship berthing at HMAS WATERHEN at 1155 on Thursday 7th. Apart from a small trip with you, Sir, for the commissioning of ARCHER into the Sydney Port Reserve Forces, on Saturday 9th, BOMBARD remained alongside for the remainder of the week, the ship's company storing and painting ship.
4. Class item defects were effected by Cockatoo Dock the following week, the ship securing alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf at Cockatoo Island at 0833 on Monday 11th, and remaining as such until Friday 15th. At 1558 that day, BOMBARD cast off and returned to WATERHEN, securing alongside OFL 4 at 1607. Unfortunately, one of the jobs carried out was not acceptable with respect to the ship's watertight integrity, and consequently, the ship sailed from WATERHEN at 0819 Monday 18th back to Cockatoo Island. Successful trials permitted the ship to sail at 1506 that day, arriving alongside at WATERHEN at 1518.
5. In accordance with EAXP 46/68 serial 1907, BOMBARD cast off at 0800, Tuesday 19th and made passage to Number 3 buoy, tying up at 0833. Ammunitioning commenced immediately and was completed one hour later. The ship then slipped and proceeded to No 4 buoy for the compass adjustment swing. Unfortunately, the ship was a victim of the Boatdriver's strike at 1245 and the swing was not completed. As a result, No 4 buoy was slipped at 1301 and the ship proceeded to WATERHEN, securing alongside the OFL at 1322. Fuelling commenced at 1328 and was completed by 1402.
6. Gun functioning trials were carried out on Wednesday 20th in fine weather, the ship departing WATERHEN at 0814 and returning alongside at 1222. On completion of firings, BOMBARD closed ARDENT, also engaged in gunnery trials, and acted as radio relay for that ship and the Department of Civil Aviation, Mascot, due to radio trouble in ARDENT.
7. Thursday's programme was regrettably cancelled due to the entire Starboard main engine battery bank being unservicable. Investigation revealed the cause to be a defect in the battery charging arrangement for that bank, coupled with finger trouble on the part of the ship's electrical sailors. The defective batteries and solenoid were subsequently replaced from mobile spares by base staff, BOMBARD being completely operational at 1500 that day. Instruction was arranged in WATERHEN for both sailors concerned and an occurrence of this nature will not happen again under similar circumstances.

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8. Serial 2201 commenced at 0810 on Friday 22nd, the ship having sailed for WATERHEN at 0744. Communications between BOMBARD and the De-gaussing Control Centre consisted of gestures of the hand, due to trouble with the UHF radio receiver onshore. On completion, the ship proceeded back to WATERHEN arriving at 1016, and apart from a shift alongside the OFL for fuel that afternoon, remained alongside for the duration of the weekend.
9. BOMBARD, in company with BARBETTE, BARRICADE and ASSAIL cast off and proceeded at 0500 Tuesday 26th to rendezvous with HMA ships STUART and VENDETTA. The squadron was to have sailed 0900 the previous day, but due to bad weather, sailing was cancelled. At 0845, BOMBARD & BARBETTE detached and carried out a FPBS against the two larger ships. Much of realism and interest of this evolution was lost due to the evasive movements of VENDETTA & STUART at a long range. However, the MAXBUS exercise that followed at 1109 and lasted till 1330, was invaluable to BOMBARD'S work-up, the officers and ship's company deriving much experience from the close AA action whilst in company with other units. On completion, the patrol boats were detached for serial 2606, a ROFX using 2" rocket flares fired from each boat. The gun's crew performed well considering this was their first shoot. At 1550, BOMBARD proceeded in company into Jervis Bay and participated in a formation anchorage, anchoring for the evening at 1758 5 cables north west of the breakwater at CRESWELL.
10. At 0803 the following morning, the ship weighed and proceeded for independent exercises in accordance with the EAXP. A graunch transfer with ASSAIL resulted in the embarkation of 3 cadet midshipmen from CRESWELL who received simple OOW, helmsman and general seamanship instruction while in the ship. During these evolutions, the General Service pump motor short circuited, affecting fireman and salt water services. After consultation, BOMBARD transferred the 3 cadets to BARBETTE by graunch transfer, and on completion, proceeded to the SAR wharf at CRESWELL securing alongside at 1102. As there was not a spare motor available as previously thought, and the defective motor, after inspection, could not be repaired, the ship cast off and proceeded at 1350, with temporary salt water services rigged. General seamanship exercises followed including a towex with BARRICADE.
11. At 1610, while in company with the squadron in the vicinity of Point Perpendicular, the Port Main Engine failed without warning. A badly twisted carden coupling shaft was the cause, and as a result, BOMBARD was detached for independent passage to Sydney with ASSAIL acting as escort. The ship secured at WATERHEN at 2245 that evening. Thursday was spent alongside effecting repairs, and apart from a short trials run around Cockatoo Island during Friday forenoon, the ship remained alongside for the weekend.
12. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company since commissioning has been most satisfactory. The appearance of the ship however is just satisfactory. I wish to put on record, Sir, my disappointment at the standard of external paintwork of BOMBARD on handover from the ship builders, Walkers Pty. Ltd., Maryborough. Mr. J. Concannon, Shipyard Manager, admitted after handover that the ship's paintwork was, without doubt, the worst of any patrol boat from his company. Despite constant effort by the ship's company to rectify this state of affairs during the work-up period, BOMBARD'S external appearance is still below the acceptable standard of patrol boats generally.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant

(R.H. GYTON)
LIEUTENANT SLEX RAN
CAPTAIN

For Information
The Commander,
Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

APPENDIX : A :

STEAMING APPENDIX (RE APPENDIX 29/A para 6)

Distance steamed during month (November 1968)	1114.67 miles
Hours underway during month	79.30 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	1114.67 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	79.30 hours
Occasions of exceeding economical speed -	Endurance data not yet to hand.

23 JAN 1969

APPENDIX 'B'EXERCISE & EVOLUTION APPENDIX.

- (a) Stations (1) Action - 26/11, 27/11
(2) Leaving Ship - 6/11
(3) Emergency - 6/11
- (b) Firings (1) AAROF - 26/11
(2) SUFX - Nil
(3) RFFX - 26/11
(4) TRIALS - 20/11
- (c) Operational (1) OOW Manoeuvres - 26/11, 27/11
(2) Lifebuoy recoveries - 27/11
(3) FPBX - 26/11
(4) MAXBUS - 26/11
(5) Transfers (graunch) - 27/11
(6) Towing - 27/11

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 3.12.68

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 28 DAYS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 114.67 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 78.5
NO. 2 72.0
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Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN,
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6 JUN 1969

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER, 1968

- References:
- A. Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet's letter AF 17/21/1 dated 13th February, 1969.
 - B. Navy Office letter 18/206/913 dated 8th May, 1969.
 - C. HMAS BOMBARD's Report of Proceedings - December, 1968 paragraph 5.

Forwarded in accordance with the reference B, the following correction to paragraph five of HMAS BOMBARD's Report of Proceedings for December, 1968.

2. For ... 5 cables westward, delete and substitute 2.5 cables westward ...

IAN K. WILSON
COMMANDER R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

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For Information:

Secretary, Department of the Navy.
The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD.

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8 MAY 1969

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
DECEMBER, 1968.

Reference: Your 17/21/1 of 13th February, 1969.

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2. It is requested that action be taken to have the error corrected and that an amendment be forwarded to Navy Office.

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Secretary.

For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD
The Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and
Patrol Forces.

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HMAS **BOMBARD**

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13 FEB 1969

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1968

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Rear Admiral

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REF. NO. BOMROP 1/69

HMAS BOMBARD
at JERVIS BAY

16 January 1969

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER, 1968

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command, for December 1968.
2. In accordance with EAXP 48/68, BOMBARD cast off from HMAS WATERHEN on Monday 2nd December and proceeded in company with HMA Ships YARRA and VENDETTA, defects preventing HMAS BARRICADE from sailing at that appointed time. Once clear of Sydney Heads, Officer of the Watch manoeuvres commenced and continued until 1058, when BOMBARD was detached for independent exercises. The manoeuvres, although basic and done in slow time were of great value to BOMBARD's command team as this was only the second occasion of fleet work during the ship's work-up period.
3. Once detached, BOMBARD carried out several DTFX runs on MV TUDOR TONSBORG which was making a northerly passage in the vicinity of Port Hacking. Unfortunately the absence of the junior consort caused a little of the realism of this evolution to be lost. At 1123, the ship set course to the east to remain in the designated exercise area NV(S) for the SUFX which commenced at 1400. Rapid alterations of course and speed while carrying out firing runs, gave the guns crew and boarding party teams realistic weapon experience against a small surface target. On completion of firing at 1428, the ship proceeded to Kiama, securing alongside the south basin wall at 1706. The ship was opened to visitors for one hour from 1715.
4. BOMBARD remained alongside on Tuesday 3rd, casting off and proceeding to Jervis Bay at 1145. Prior to sailing I had cause to ring your office, Sir, to explain my negative KL7 capability, both machines having gone U/S late the previous afternoon. The Kiama police afforded me the use of the station telephone, and were most helpful with four subsequent calls, the local Post Office not being open at the time.
5. During the passage to Jervis Bay both main engine sea-water suction lines became fouled, causing the ship to be stopped for 10 minutes at 1320 while the filters were cleared. Two large pieces of plastic material were found to be the cause of fouling, and after 20 minutes engine trials, the ship proceeded to Jervis Bay, anchoring at 1552, five cables west of the /breakwater



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breakwater light. At 1600 the ships landing party was exercised on the nearby beach, returning onboard at 1750. While this evolution was being carried out, BOMBARD in company with BARRICADE, weighed and proceeded closer inshore, anchoring for the night at 1739.
6. At 0924 on Wednesday 4th, the ship weighed and proceeded alongside the SAR wharf at HMAS CRESWELL, where the ship's company received I.L.R. and winching instruction. On completion at 1042, the ship cast off and commenced towing exercises with BARRICADE. At 1118 lifebuoy recovery races were conducted by the ship's Executive Officers, friendly rivalry between the two ships prevailing throughout. BOMBARD anchored for lunch at 1155 in the south-east corner of Jervis Bay.
7. The ship weighed and proceeded independently at 1300 and commenced the NAVEX in accordance with the EAXP. However, very poor visibility created by fine rain and sea mist, caused the exercise to be aborted after only two hours. The ship proceeded directly to Kiama, securing at the previous berth at 1538. As the result of a telephone conversation with Lieutenant D. ANGUS, SDBN, Commanding Officer of HMAS AWARE at HMAS CRESWELL, all ship's company were recalled from short leave at 1710 and BOMBARD went to immediate notice for sea. However, at 1819, after consultation with your Duty Staff Officer, Sir, all leave restrictions were lifted and the ship reverted to 4-hours notice for power.
8. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0830 on Thursday 5th and proceeded to Jervis Bay, anchoring a short distance from No.3 beacon at 1105. Due to bad weather and high seas, all serials for that day and night were cancelled. The ship exercised during the afternoon and dog watches at static evolutions, completing these at 1815.
9. The ship, in company with BARRICADE, weighed and proceeded at 0730 Friday 6th, and made an uncomfortable passage to Sydney, arriving at HMAS WATERHEN at 1244. On completion of refuelling, the ship moved berth twice, finally securing alongside OFL4 for the weekend, at 1506.
10. BOMBARD remained alongside until Wednesday 11th, carrying out limited ship husbandry, being at 1-hour standby for sea. At 0952 on that day, the ship cast off and proceeded for Noise Level trials off Sydney Heads. In addition to the Trials Team, FOICEA's Acting Chief Staff Officer, Commander G. BEAN, RAN and Chaplain W. LONG, RAN, were also embarked. On completion of the trials at 1145, Chaplain LONG conducted six Ash Scattering ceremonies, lower deck being cleared on the Quarterdeck at 1150 for the services. At 1214 the services completed, the ship proceeded to HMAS WATERHEN, securing alongside at 1247.
11. At 0755 Friday 13th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to No.3 buoy, Rushcutters Bay, where ammunition was embarked from Small Arms Lighter No. 30. On completion at 0840 the ship slipped and proceeded back to base, securing at 0931. At 1400, BOMBARD shut down completely, reverted to 24-hours notice for power, and commenced the Christmas long leave period.

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Page 3. HMAS BOMBARD Report of Proceedings, December 1968

12. The health, conduct and morale of the Officers and Ship's Company for this month has been good. Concern was expressed at the Group Pay System by several sailors, including a senior sailor; however, Sir, this anxiety has since been sorted out and BOMBARD is now trouble free in this respect.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(R. H. GYTON)
LIEUTENANT SLEX RAN
CAPTAIN

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

The Commander,
Mine Warfare & Patrol Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN

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Report of Proceedings

APPENDIX A

STEAMING DATA (RI APP 29/A para 6)

Distance steamed during month (Dec 68)	333.1 miles
Hours underway during month	27 4/60 hours
Total Distance steamed since commissioning	1447.77 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	106 34/60 hours

Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

Endurance data not yet available

Report of Proceedings

APPENDIX BEXERCISE AND EVOLUTION APPENDIX

- (a) Stations 1. Action Stations - 2/12
- (b) Firings 1. SUPX - 2/12
 2. AAROF - NIL
 3. DTFX - 2/12
- (c) Operational
1. Landing Party - 3/12
2. IIR demonstrations - 4/12
3. TOWEX - 4/12
4. NAVEX - 4/12
5. Lifebuoy recovery - 4/12
6. Emergency Electrical
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7. Trials -11/12

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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet.

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For Information: The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD
The Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and
Patrol Forces.

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HMAS BOMBARD
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 1968

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HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BOMBARD
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Howard

Director of Operations.

4th March 1969.

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HMAS BORDA

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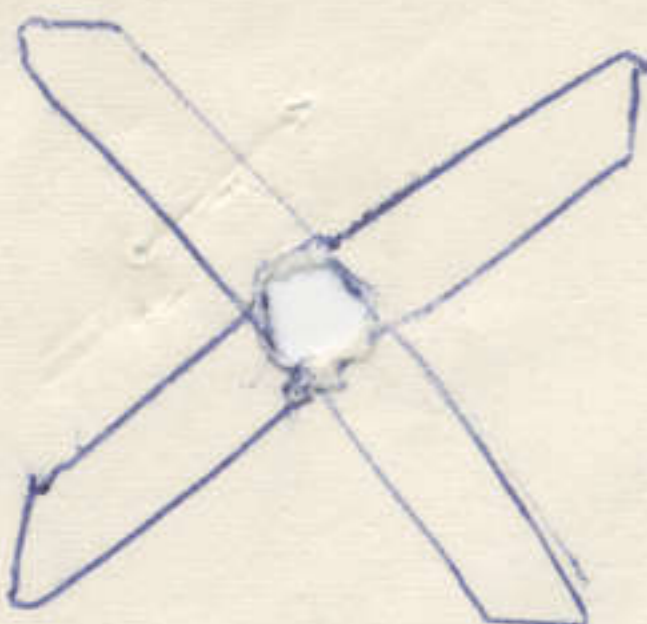
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1969

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter of 2nd February, 1969.

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HMAS BOMBARD,
at WATERHEN.
FEBRUARY,
2nd January 1969.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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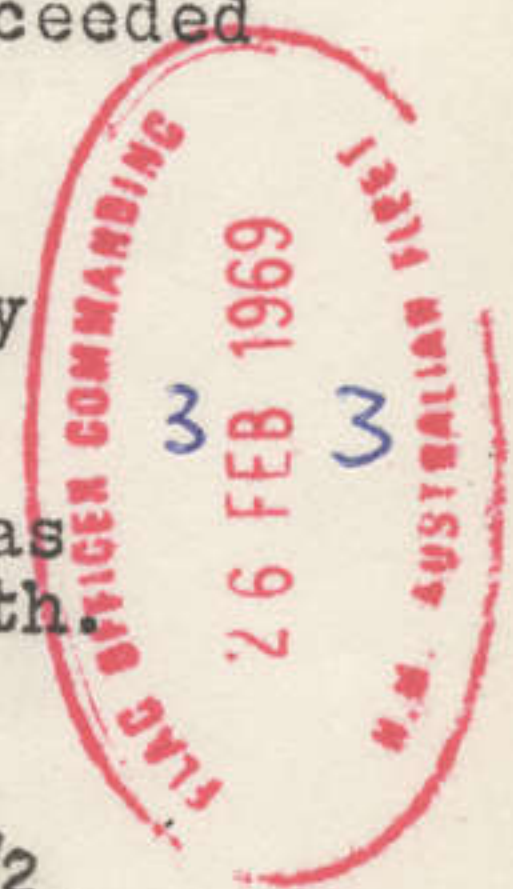
Sir,

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

2. The ship was out of routine for the first fourteen days of the month whilst the long leave period finished, WATERHEN based personnel carrying out the planned maintenance schedules. At 0800, Wednesday 15th, BOMBARD reverted to 4 hours NOTICE FOR POWER, all ships company having rejoined from leave. Sub Lieutenant D.H. NINEHAM, RANR joined for 3 days sea experience. In accordance with amended EAXP 2/69, the ship cast off and proceeded for Jervis Bay for SAR duties, securing alongside at CRESWELL at 1629.
3. At 0715 the following morning, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for seaward clearance of the Beecroft Naval Firing Range, completing this task at 0825. HMA Ships VENDETTA, PARRAMATTA, BARBETTE and BARRICADE, exercising in the area, were leaving harbour at this time and permission was given for BOMBARD to join those units for OOW manoeuvres and a ROFX. Officers of the Watch manoeuvres commenced immediately and continued until 0950; when PARRAMATTA was detached for independent exercises. At 1025, 40/60 firings commenced at 2" rocket flare targets, and finished at 1045. BOMBARD then proceeded independently for Jervis Bay, securing alongside at 1201. Although the ship was not originally programmed for these exercises, it was considered a good workup for the officers and ships company after the long leave period.
4. The ship remained alongside for the next three days, taking the opportunity of the good weather to paint ship and continue much needed ship husbandry.
5. The ship commenced the week beginning Monday 20th, with a range clearance of the Beecroft peninsula, sailing at 0715 and returning alongside at 0948. BOMBARD carried out similar clearances for the remainder of the week, sharing the seaward patrols with SAR craft AIR SPRITE. In addition to these forenoon patrols, at 1930 on Wednesday 22nd, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea for a night illumination exercise with Tracker A/S aircraft. However this exercise was cancelled at 1955, and BOMBARD returned to harbour, securing alongside at 2021. The ship remained alongside then for the duration of Australia Day Weekend.
6. Due to return to Sydney on Friday 24th BOMBARD was retained in the Jervis Bay area by NOIC JB until Wednesday 29th. This was caused by the unavailability of HMAS AWARE, the SAR patrol boat which was docking at Cockatoo Island Dock.

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7. At 0800 on that day, the ship cast off and proceeded, arriving alongside in HMAS WATERHEN at 1436. Apart from reammunitioning at No 3 buoy during the afternoon of Thursday 30th BOMBARD remained alongside for the rest of the month.

8. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ships company is satisfactory. The appearance of the ship, vide BOMBARD's REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS November 1968, is now satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.H. GYTON)
LIEUTENANT RAN
CAPTAIN

For Information

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

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APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA (R.I. APP 29/A para 6)

- (a) Distance steamed during month (Jan 69) 668.1 miles
- (b) Hours underway during month 45 46/60 hours
- (c) Total distance steamed since commissioning 2115.8 miles
- (d) Total hours underway since commissioning 152 20/60

Occasions of exceeding economical speed: -

Endurance data not yet available

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS ~~.....~~ **BOMBARD**
DATE **1.2.69**

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING **3 months** YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING **2115.8** MILES.

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1
NO. 2
NO. 3

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MAS **BOMBARD**

Report of Proceedings: **FEB' 69**

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LNM *The increasing number of defects in patrol boats is disturbing*
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3NM *The failure of the gear boxes is being investigated by the makers and HCMD*
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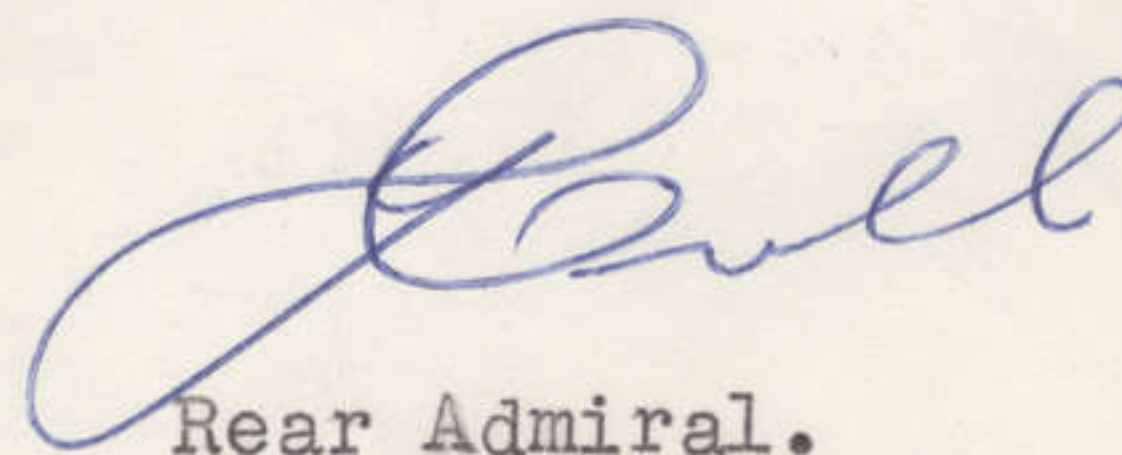
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS,
FEBRUARY 1969.

1. Forwarded.
2. The battery defects mentioned in paragraphs 17 and 18 were due to incorrect wiring and have now been rectified.
3. Investigations are continuing into the repeated failure of gearboxes mentioned in paragraph 20. The problem does not appear to be caused by material failure.


Rear Admiral.

Enclosure:

H.M.A.S. BOMBARD letter of 6th March, 1969.

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HMAS BOMBARD,
at WATERHEN.

6th March 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
Fleet Headquarters,
Garden Island.

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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, FEBRUARY 1969

Reference: RANRL Trials Proposal No. 1/69

Sir,

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

2. The first two days of the month found BOMBARD alongside WATERHEN, preparing for the SPI cruise conducted by the RAN Experimental Laboratory. At 0838K on Monday 3rd, the ship cast off and proceeded with 2 RANEL scientists and their equipment embarked. In accordance with the instructions contained in the reference, the ship operated throughout the day with KIMBLA, securing alongside that ship at 1743K for 4 minutes for a transfer of equipment. At 2045K, BOMBARD completed the first aspects of the reflectivity trials, and returned to harbour, securing alongside at WATERHEN at 2242K.
3. Due to radio defects, the following days' trials were postponed, BOMBARD remaining alongside while repairs were effected. At 0234K Wednesday 5th, the ship cast off and proceeded, rendezvousing with KIMBLA at 0350K in the vicinity of Ben Buckler. The days' trials were carried out within the area bounded Broken Bay - Port Hacking and 12 miles offshore. At 1412K, BOMBARD carried out a graunch transfer with KIMBLA at anchor, one electronics engineer being embarked into the ship for passage to WATERHEN. At 1415K, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, finally securing alongside at 1451K, at WATERHEN.
4. At 0430K on Thursday 6th, the ship cast off and proceeded for the final day of the trials. The important aspects of Tuesday's postponed trials were carried out and on completion, BOMBARD proceeded to WATERHEN, securing on OFL 4 at 1649K. Apart from shifting berth at 1337K the following day, the ship remained alongside till the weekend.
5. At 0859K on Saturday 8th, in accordance with previous instructions, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with ARCHER on passage to Hobart. Due to gyro failure in ARCHER at 2055K that evening, both ships proceeded to Eden to effect repairs, securing alongside the main jetty at 0040K on Sunday 9th (BOMBARD's letter BOMR 1/69 dated 12th February refers). At 0350K, the gyro was deemed serviceable and both ships cast off and proceeded at 0409K. Passage was resumed, and despite heavy sea conditions, an average speed of 16.8 knots was maintained to comply with the scheduled E.T.A at Hobart. However, at 1209K, ARCHER's starboard main engine went unserviceable and after joint consultation, it was decided to make the remainder of the passage on one engine. Consequently, BOMBARD secured

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portside to on ARCHER at Princes number 2 wharf Hobart, at 1207L on Monday 10th. The ship's company were returned to immediately repaint the ship's side which had deteriorated badly in the heavy seas.

6. At 1345L, the ship cast off and proceeded with the Fleet Operations Officer, Cdr M.W. Hudson RAN, and a number of local Press and Television representatives embarked for a ship's demonstration. At 1405L, a number of the photographers were transferred to a workboat from HMAS HUON, and in the immediate area of Hobart, BOMBARD carried out various speed and seaman evolutions. At 1434, the workboat transferred the press back into BOMBARD, and the ship proceeded shortly afterwards to Princes No. 2 berth, securing alongside at 1443L. Fuelling commenced immediately and was completed at 1842L.
7. The ship remained alongside on Tuesday 11th, being opened to Regatta-Day visitors from 1330L till 1900L. During this time, 2140 persons were shown over the ship. It was regretted that operations did not permit the presence of more than two patrol boats at this time as the interest generated by the general public in these ships was very strong.
8. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0921L the following day on a harbour cruise for a number of local children. Ten were prize winners of a Navy-sponsored contest, the other ten were from the Aikenhead orphanage. During this trip, the children witnessed the departures of US Ships JOSEPH STRAUSS and JENKINS, visiting for the Regatta Festival. The ship secured alongside at her previous berth at 1100L. From 1330L to 1900L the ship was again opened for public inspection: the number of visitors totalling 310.
9. At 0934L Thursday 13th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, participating in the fleet departure with HMA Ships STALWART, PARRAMATTA, QUEENBOROUGH, and ARCHER. At 1050L, BOMBARD carried out heaving-line transfers with all ships, completing these evolutions at 1136L. Passage to Jervis Bay was then set, ARCHER and BOMBARD constituting Division 2 in a Formation 6 disposition.
10. At 1830L, in accordance with serial 1305 of HOBEX (Operation Order 2/69) clocks were retarded I (one) hour to Zone Kilo time.
11. Officer of the Watch manoeuvres commenced at 0930K Friday forenoon and were completed at 1130K. During this period, the ship exercised at static internal stations. At 1645K BOMBARD carried out a heaving line transfer with STALWART and on completion at 1648K, was detached with ARCHER for passage to Eden. The ship berthed on ARCHER on the main wharf at 1852K.
12. HMAS BARBETTE entered harbour and secured alongside at 0620 Saturday 15th. During the forenoon, all ships shifted berth to refuel and on completion at 1240, cast off and proceeded in company to Bateman's Bay. At 1747K, BOMBARD came to anchor 600 yards west of Tollgate Island in 27 feet of water. BARRICADE joined, and after a Captain's briefing, BOMBARD, at 1822K, weighed and proceeded with BARRICADE for the first attack in the LONGEX stage of JUCEX 72. Over the next three days, BOMBARD participated in six such attacks in the Jervis Bay area, anchoring as necessary on completion at convenient anchorages.

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13. Whilst weighing anchor in ~~Shoalwater Bay~~ ^{Shoalhaven Bight} at 2131K on Monday 17th, the port main engine battery bank, the windlass and the battery charger went unserviceable simultaneously. After making temporary repairs, the anchor was weighed by hand at 2230K, and BOMBARD proceeded to her attack station, Mr Soames 4. On completion of Situation 6, BOMBARD proceeded in company into Jervis Bay, anchoring 125⁰ Beacon No. 1 1.9 cables at 0149K Tuesday 18th.
14. At 1236, after weighing anchor by hand, the ship proceeded in company with BARBETTE and ARCHER for passage to Sydney. At 1456K, without warning, the port main engine stopped and passage was continued on the starboard only. ARCHER was detached to escort BOMBARD, (COMAUSPABRON ONE's signal 180528Z NOTAL refers). After repeated efforts, the defective engine was started again at 1642K, only to stop once more at 1725K. Passage was continued on one engine, and BOMBARD secured alongside ARROW at WATERHEN at 1824K.
15. Base staff assisted in the defect work for the two next days, the ship's programme being cancelled in view of these faults. On Friday 21st, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with units of the 16th Minesweeping Squadron and combined patrol-boat squadrons at 0856K. Embarked in BOMBARD were Senator D. McClelland, Labour N.S.W. and Mr. L. H. Irvin M.B.E., M.P. (MITCHELL) N.S.W., members of the Defence Forces Committee and the 'Shadow' Committee respectively, observing a display by the Inshore Flotilla ships. Various manoeuvres were executed during the forenoon's exercises, including a departure screen for the minesweeping element (Exercise Red Ned - reference number C5/5/40 refers). When, at 1125K, the target aircraft for the scheduled MAXBUS had not arrived, the patrol boat forces were turned and proceeded northwards to Broken Bay. At 1355, BOMBARD entered Broken Bay and at 1427K, secured starboardside to HMAS GULL at anchor and transferred the Parliamentary observers and press representatives. On completion, the ship cast off and proceeded in company with HMAS BUCCANEER to run the northern leg of a patrol-line 8 miles north-east of Barrenjoey Lighthouse.
16. At 1645K, the ship sailed for Broken Bay and at 1705K, secured portside to HMAS HAWK at anchor. Cdr. J. Ferguson D.S.C. RAN, and two sailors of his staff were embarked and 1704K, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with HMAS ARCHER, securing portside to on that ship at HMAS WATERHEN at 1837K.
17. Apart from changes of berth, BOMBARD remained alongside until Tuesday 25th, base staff rectifying defects in the battery charging unit and the port main engine battery bank.
18. At 0930K, both main engines failed to start as BOMBARD prepared to get underway. At 1025K, both main engines were successfully started, the defect being located in the starting batteries. At 1027K, the ship cast off and proceeded north on the first leg of the fishery patrol to Brisbane. However, after continuing trouble with the Port main engine batteries and the battery charger itself, it was decided to take shelter in Port Stevens. This action was prompted further when the starboard main engine failed to start and prevailing sea conditions worsened. At 1805K, BOMBARD came to anchor in Salamander Bay. After consultation with the ship's technical sailors, the batteries were found to have deteriorated even further, despite constant charging. (BOMBARD's 251050Z refers).
19. At 0805K on Wednesday 26th after both main engines were started

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with manual assistance, BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Nelson's Bay, securing portside to on HMAS BANDOLIER at anchor. Two sailors of the ships' company were sent ashore and purchased 8 gallons of ready-mixed battery acid. This was subsequently used in the defective battery bank. On receipt of your signal 260024Z, Sir, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with BONDOLIER, experiencing no difficulty in starting both main engines this time.

20. At 1358K, BANDOLIER signalled BOMBARD that her port main engine was unserviceable and both ships proceeded on one engine to Sydney from that time. While entering Sydney Harbour at 1943K, the smell of burning oil was noticed by the bridge special seadutymen. Shortly afterwards the engineroom staff reported the starboard gear-box was smoking, that engine being immediately brought to the idling position. BOMBARD secured starboard-side to on the OFL 4 at 2019K BANDOLIER securing outboard at 2025K.


21. The ship remained alongside until 0851K on Friday 28th, when trials on the gearbox were carried out by base staff in the Cockatoo Island area. On completion of trials, the ship secured starboardside to in WATERHEN at 1047, where preparations were made for the starboard gearbox to be changed. The ship remained alongside for the rest of the month.

22. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ship's company is satisfactory. The ship's appearance, with consideration of the months' programme, is also satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(R.H. GYTON)
LIEUTENANT RAN
CAPTAIN

For Information

Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

Commander, Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

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APPENDIX 'A'

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Steaming Data (RI APP 29/A para 6).

- a. Distance steamed during month (Feb 69) - 2423.8 miles
- b. Hours underway during month - 185 5/60 hours
- c. Total distance steamed since commissioning - 4539.6 miles
- d. Total hours underway since commissioning - 337 25/60 hours
- e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed - endurance data not yet available

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Exercise and Evolution Appendix

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Stations: 1. Action stations - 10/2

Gunnery 1. AATX - 21/2
2. DTFX - 15/2, 16/2, 18/2
3. KOMAR - 16/2

Operational 1. COW Manoeuvres - 13/2, 14/2, 21/2
2. Transfers (a) ground - 5/2, 21/2
(b) heaving line - 9/2, 13/2, 14/2, 15/2, 16/2,
3. Weighing by hand - 17/2, 18/2

Exercises and trials (a) RANEL SPI Cruise
(b) Operation HOBEX (Op 2/69)
(c) JUCEX 72
(C) Operation RED NED (CMPF 1/69)

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HMAS BOMBARD

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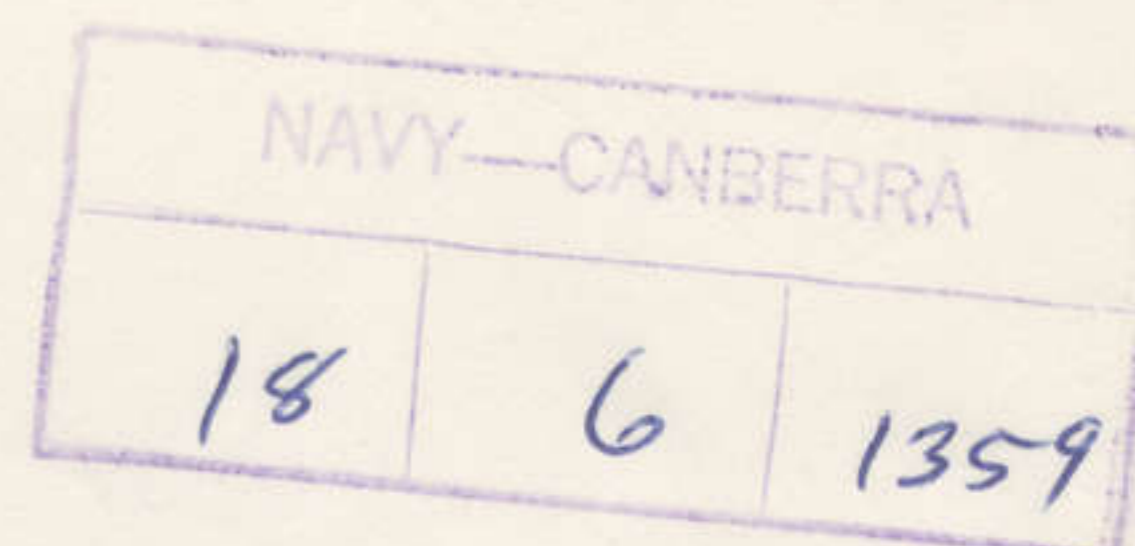
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1969

Forwarded.

John B... ..
Rear Admiral

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2. HMAS BOMBARD letter 3A/69 of 15th March, 1969.

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The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from 15th March 1969.

2. At 1300 on Saturday the 15th I assumed command from Lieutenant (SLEX) R.H. GYTON, RAN. At 1308 BOMBARD cast off from the S.A.R. wharf at Jervis Bay and set course for Sydney. After clearing Point Perpendicular the Quarterly Full Power Trial was commenced. On successful completion of the trial BOMBARD proceeded into Port Jackson to berth outboard of BAYONET, No. 13 berth WATERHEN, at 1734.

3. BOMBARD remained alongside until Monday the 17th. At 1330, after embarking two Reserve Officers for training, the ship cast off and proceeded in company with BARRICADE. Ships carried out O.O.W. manoeuvres off Sydney, the Reserve Officers acting as O.O.W. and Tactical Operator. On return BOMBARD berthed port side to BAYONET, No. 11 berth, at 1555.

4. BOMBARD spent the remainder of the week alongside for a self-maintenance period.

5. At 0830 on Monday the 24th, on completion of fuelling, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Adelaide in company with ARROW and BARRICADE. Passage was uneventful until 1105 on the 25th when ARROW, having an unserviceable fuel transfer pump, detached BARRICADE to proceed independently. BOMBARD was retained in company as an escort. At 1350 identities were exchanged with HMAS ARDENT who subsequently offered to escort ARROW to Williamstown. BOMBARD was then detached to join BARRICADE and continue the intended passage. (ARROW's 2501032 and my 2503552 refer.)

6. Weather conditions prevented ships proceeding at the speed required to make the original ETA of 261800K; thus speed was reduced to make an ETA the following morning. However, at 0735 on Wednesday the 26th BOMBARD's LME received lacerations on his elbow and forearm when the after hatch accidentally fell on his arm. As I wished the sailor to have proper medical attention as soon as possible the incident was reported to BARRICADE who increased speed to make an amended ETA of 262359K. On arrival Port Adelaide BOMBARD berthed starboard side to BARRICADE, No. 1 Queen's Pier. The LME was sent to Port Adelaide Hospital, where it was determined that he had sustained no further injuries and the lacerations had been satisfactorily treated.



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7. At 1000 on Thursday the 27th the Commanding Officer of BARRICADE and I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, South Australia (Commander (GLEX) J. LANCASTER, RAN). The call was returned at 1130. The organisation and assistance given by NOIC SA and his staff made the short stay a most enjoyable one for officers and ship's company.
8. In company with BARRICADE, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Melbourne at 1000 on Saturday the 29th. At 1600 BOMBARD held a Small Arms Shoot at a target towed astern.
9. During the night of the 29th/30th BOMBARD's port after liferaft broke adrift and was lost overboard. Prevailing weather conditions prevented a search being carried out. Ships entered Port Phillip at 1230 on Sunday the 30th, BOMBARD berthing port side to No. 7 North Wharf at 1540.
10. BOMBARD remained alongside in Melbourne for the remainder of the month.
11. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



D.B. FITZPATRICK
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

For information:

Commander Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces
Commander First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - MARCH REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during the Month	-	2305.7
Distance steamed since commissioning	-	6845.3
Hours underway during month	-	144
Hours underway since commissioning	-	481

APPENDIX B

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

AACRF (Sleeve Target)	-	13th
OOW Manoeuvres	-	17th
Small Arms Shoot	-	29th

APPENDIX C

SPORT

Volley Ball	.. BOMBARD -v- BARBETTE	-	6th
Squash	.. BOMBARD -v- GULL	-	27th
Water Polo	.. BOMBARD -v- GULL	-	28th

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD,
at CRESWELL.

15th March, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
Fleet Headquarters,
GARDEN ISLAND.H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 1st - 15th

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. BOMBARD, for the period the 1st to the 15th March 1969.

2. From Saturday 1st to Friday 7th BOMBARD remained alongside in WATERHEN while the base staff replaced the starboard main engine gear box. During this period, the ships company were employed in planned maintenance work and general ship's husbandry.
3. At 0810 Saturday 8th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for gearbox trials in the Cockatoo Island area. A small defect was located and the ship returned to WATERHEN, securing alongside at 0840. Upon successful adjustment, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded again at 0857. High speed evolutions were carried out in the vicinity of Sydney Heads, and on completion, returned to WATERHEN at 1043 to land base staff embarked for the trials. At 1047, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded on a fishery patrol to Brisbane in accordance with EAXP 10/69
4. A reasonably fast passage of 17 knots was made to Brisbane, the ship remaining at least 9 miles off shore at all times to facilitate good visual coverage of the 12 mile limit. Apart from speaking to a local fisherman at 0830 Friday 9th in the vicinity of Evans Head, the only interesting occurrence of the passage was the discovery of a large yellow buoy, drifting near Cape Byron at 1035 that same forenoon. (BOMBARD's 09045Z refers). The ship secured alongside at MORETON at 1922 Sunday evening.
5. BOMBARD remained alongside on Monday 10th and at 0858 Tuesday forenoon, cast off and proceeded for Sydney. An extremely fast passage was made, mainly due to the East Australian Current effect; with the result, the ship came to anchor in Broken Bay on Wednesday 12th at 1028 to effect the signalled E.T.A. The ship weighed and proceeded at 1314, securing portside to on BUCCANEER in WATERHEN at 1446 that afternoon.

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6. At 0759 on Thursday 13th, BOMBARD shifted berth to fuel and on completion at 1101, cast off and proceeded for Jervis Bay. The scheduled AATX/AAROF exercises at 1400 in exercise area NV(S) were delayed for one half hour due to BRISBANE fouling the firing area. Firings commenced at 1439 and were completed at 1456. The TARTOW aircraft reported one direct hit on the sleeve target during the evolution. On completion, BOMBARD set course for Jervis Bay securing alongside at CRESWELL at 1906.

7. At 0632 the following morning, the ship cast off and proceeded, rendezvousing with MELBOURNE at 0800. BOMBARD then acted as Rescue Destroyer for that ship during the flying operations until 1432, when upon being detached, proceeded back to Jervis Bay, securing alongside at CRESWELL at 1638.

8. At 1940 approximately, the Officer of the Day in CRESWELL, LCDR J. Perritt (E) RAN, boarded and informed me that I was to be relieved of my command and that the ship was not to proceed to sea until my successor joined (ACNB's 140724Z refers).

9. At 1200 Saturday 15th, Lieutenant SLEX D.B. Fitzpatrick, R.A.N. joined in CRESWELL and after handover, assumed command at 1300, (BOMBARD's 150105Z refers).

10. The health, welfare and morale of the First Lieutenant and ships company is satisfactory. The appearance of the ship has again deteriorated and action is in hand to the appropriate authorities concerning the cause and possible rectification of this matter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.H. GYTON)
LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

MAS BOMBARD

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We seem to be getting too many defects in the PTF's

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Defects noted and where necessary are being investigated

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I am glad to note from para 2 of FOSAC comments that comments such as that - 'B's para 5 are being checked out by FOSAC staff in order that remedial action, when necessary, can be taken straight away 9/1/7

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1969

1. Forwarded.
2. The statement in paragraph 5 concerning the supply of an incorrect pump is inaccurate. The correct pump was supplied but was fitted with the wrong type of coupling. It is considered that if the problem had been intelligently approached by the maintenance personnel the inter-change of couplings between the defective and new pumps would have solved the problem.

James Bamside
Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter unnumbered and undated.

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17/2/2 (10)
H.M.A.S. BOMBARD
At BRISBANE

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. Australian Fleet,
Fleet Headquarters,
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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS APRIL 1969

Sir,

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

2. For the first day of the month BOMBARD was secured port side to No. 7 berth, North Wharf, Melbourne.
3. At 0655 on Wednesday the 2nd BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, in company with BARRICADE, for Sydney. At 1240 the O.O.W. observed that the Port Engine was not giving full power. The defect, a Fuel Injection Pump, was temporarily rectified and ships continued passage. At 1940 a recurrence of the defect caused the Engine to be shut down as this time the defect had become worse and the pump was not repairable by Ships Staff. (My 022330Z refers).
4. Further passage to Sydney was uneventful, BOMBARD berthing Port side to BARRICADE, No. 13 berth WATERHEN at 1930 on Thursday the 28th 3rd.
5. The Easter Period was spent alongside at WATERHEN. BOMBARD was not operational over this period (FOCAF's 040008Z refers). On arrival ships staff attempted to effect repairs however the wrong pump was supplied. The correct pump was not available at this time. 1
6. From 0800 on the 8th until 2359 on the 17th, BOMBARD reverted to 24 hours Notice for Steam for a Base Assisted Maintenance Period. The ship remained alongside WATERHEN during this period.
7. At 1230 on Friday the 18th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with BARBETTE and AWARE. Ships rendezvoused with MELBOURNE off Botany Bay and together with PARRAMATTA and BAYONET formed a "Safety lane" between MELBOURNE and MASCOT Air Port as V.I.P. observers were flown ashore. (FOCAF's 170140Z refers). On completion of the task all ships proceeded into Sydney in formation. BOMBARD berthed port side to No. 11 berth at 1749.
8. The ship remained alongside WATERHEN for the weekend.
9. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cockatoo Dockyard at 0840 on Monday the 21st. The ship remained port side to the Patrol Boat Wharf for the following two days enabling the Pannant Numbers to be changed to the new style.
10. At 1315 on Wednesday the 23rd BOMBARD cast off and proceeded back to WATERHEN. On completion of fueling from OFL 4 the ship berthed port side to No. 13 berth at 1430.

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11. During this week BOMBARD was programmed for Fleet Support Duties, however, as there was no requirement the ship remained alongside storing and preparing for deployment to the Barrier Reef area.

12. In company with BARBETTE and BARRICADE, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for GLADSTONE at 0900 on Monday the 28th.

13. At 0200 on the 29th BOMBARD's Radar became inoperative. Work on the defect was held up at 0500 due to an unserviceable Multimeter. At 0955 BOMBARD carried out a Heaving Line Transfer with BARBETTE and by borrowing their Multimeter work was continued. At 1400 the Port Main Engine began to lose power. Ships staff were unable to locate the defect thus at 1415 the Engine was shut down and BOMBARD detached to proceed into Brisbane for repairs. (COMAUSPABRONONE's 290359Z refers). At 1739 the ship berthed STB side to HMAS ADROIT, at HMAS MORETON.

14. Repairs to both defects were completed by 0230 on the 30th, however as prevailing weather conditions prevented the ship from sailing the remainder of the day was spent alongside in Brisbane.

15. The morale of the Officers is only just satisfactory. The cause of this being the growing concern over a pay rise, the length of time before it may be introduced and the conditions under which it may be awarded.

16. The health welfare and morale of the Ships Company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.



(D.B. FITZPATRICK)
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during month	1141.8
Distance steamed since commissioning	7987.1
Hours underway during month	65
Hours underway since commissioning	546

APPENDIX 'B'

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

Heaving Line Transfer 29th

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

HMAS BOMBARD
5TH MAY 1969

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/65

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING SIX MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 7825.2 MILES

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 ...
NO. 2 ...
NO. 3 ...

MONTH	AVAILABLE STATE	OPERATIONAL	REPAIRS	WATSON	SPECIAL TASKS	PORT	PASSENGER	VISIT	PUSHED	PAINTING	REPAIR	LABOUR	LONG	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)							REMARKS
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JAN	✓							✓										MELBOURNE			
FEB	✓					✓						14½									
MAR	✓											24						Nil			
APR	✓											24						Nil			
MAY	✓											24						Nil			
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SEP	✓								✓												
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NOV	✓								✓												
DEC	✓								✓			18						SHIP HUSBANDRY			
TOTAL	✓				✓							24						Nil			
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	✓								✓			1						PENIVANT NUMBERS			
	✓											24						SHIP HUSBANDRY			
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	✓											24						Nil			
	✓											24						Nil			
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	✓										✓	24						BAD WEATHER			
	✓																	PREVENTED SAILING			

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HMAS BOMBARD

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1969

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Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter unnumbered of 2nd June, 1969.

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD
At Sydney.

2nd June, 1969.

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

H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1969
(ALL TIMES KILO)

Sir,

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

2. In company with HMA Ships BARBETTE and BARRICADE, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Saumarez Reef at 1320 on Thursday the 1st. As weather conditions precluded a safe passage, the ships returned to Brisbane. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 1910.
3. During this short passage it was determined that BOMBARD's port engine was still defective: it would not give full power. The Senior Technical Sailors from ships in company assisted with work on the engine during the First and Middle Watch. All possible work, by ships staff, was completed during this time.
4. At 1000 on the 2nd the Base Engineer Officer (LCDR T.C. DODDS RAN) and a Senior Technical Sailor from HMAS WATERHEN Base Staff joined to inspect and assist with work on the engine. Work was continued through the forenoon and at 1330 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for engine trials. On successful completion the ship returned to Newfarm berthing starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 1735.
5. On Saturday the 3rd, at 1100, BOMBARD, in company with BARBETTE and BARRICADE, cast off and proceeded for Townsville. As the ships proceeded north weather conditions deteriorated. This, combined with the fact that a few minor defects existed in the Squadron, forced ships to seek shelter in the lee of Sandy Cape.



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6. BOMBARD came to anchor in 5 fathoms in position 280 degrees Sandy Cape Light 1.2 miles at 0115 on Sunday the 4th. At 1100, as weather conditions had abated slightly, BOMBARD weighed and proceeded north in company. Ships took passage via the inner reef.

7. After an uneventful passage, BOMBARD anchored in formation on the northern side of Brampton Island at 0705 on Monday the 5th. Commanding Officers called on the Manager of the Island at 0930 and by arrangement recreational leave was given from 1300 to 2359.

8. All ships weighed and proceeded for Townsville at 0600 on Tuesday the 6th. BOMBARD berthed port side to No. 1 Berth, Breakwater Wharf at 1550.

9. Ships remained in Townsville for the 17th while repairs were effected within the Squadron. A defective radar in the Senior Ship was the main reason for this decision.

10. Radio contact was maintained with the Meteorological Station on Willis Island and although the weather appeared unfavourable for the planned Sovereignty Patrol, it was reported that conditions should abate. With this in mind ships cast off and proceeded at 0700 on Thursday the 8th. As the passage progressed sea conditions worsened and although it may have been possible to continue, visibility was deteriorating and it was considered that the poorly chartered outer reefs could not be approached with safety. Thus the Squadron returned to Cleveland Bay to carry out O.O.W. manoeuvres and independent exercises.

11. Identities were exchanged with HMAS SYDNEY at 0830 on the same day. SYDNEY was anchored off Magnetic Island embarking the 6th Royal Australian Regiment. As the weather conditions prevented SYDNEY lowering her L.C.M.'s, Patrol Boats were asked if they could assist with the embarkation. On investigating the anchorage it was determined that with the existing swell, Patrol Boats could be damaged while rolling alongside and thus no assistance could be given.

12. BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BOMBARD re-entered Townsville at 1600. BOMBARD berthed port side to No. 1 Berth.

13. At 0700 on Friday the 9th ships again cast off and proceeded in an attempt to complete the programme. On clearing Cleveland Bay ships were faced with the same conditions as the previous day. It was decided to return to Townsville. BOMBARD berthed port side to No. 1 Berth at 1215.

14. No further attempt was made to visit the outer reefs as ships would have been unable to fulfill the Coral Sea Week commitment in Townsville.

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15. BOMBARD remained alongside in Townsville until Thursday the 15th.

16. During this period arrangements were made with the two local radio stations (4TO and 4AY) to introduce "Dial a Sailor". This received an excellent response from the people of Townsville and surrounding area. To such an extent, in fact, that unfortunately on some days there were just not enough sailors to fill the invitations that came in. This system compensated in a slight way for the "sobering" effect the ships company were feeling because the ship was unable to complete her programme.

17. A Mayoral Reception was held for the visiting warships at 1600 on Monday the 12th. This was attended by the Commanding Officer of BARBETTE BARRICADE and BOMBARD and the Commanding Officers of the two visiting American destroyers, U.S.S. HOPEWELL (Commander R.F. Wilson U.S.N.) and U.S.S. DUNCAN (Commander C.R. Stephan U.S.N.)

18. At 1800 on the same evening a small Squadron Cocktail Party was held onboard BARBETTE. Invitations were accepted by the Mayor of Townsville (Alderman H. Phillips), Brigadier E. Logan C.B.E., the G.O.C. Northern Command Wing Commander N. Ashworth, the C.O. of Ten Squadron R.A.A.F., together with other prominent citizens of the city including representatives for the Navy League and Service Clubs.

19. On Tuesday the 13th the Commanding Officer of BARBETTE and myself embarked as observers on a Neptune Patrol Flight. The flight was over most of the reefs the ships were to visit during the sovereignty Patrol and gave an excellent over all picture of these reefs. The information gained during this flight would have been of great assistance had the ships been visiting these reefs shortly after.

20. At 1630, in company with the Commanding Officer of BARRICADE I attended an Official Reception for visiting warships given by the Harbour Board.

21. ^{at!} The principle reason for the warships visit to Townsville was to attend the opening of the Coral Sea Memorial Rock Swimming Pool on the evening of Wednesday the 14th. The Ships Company of BARBETTE and BOMBARD took part in a march through Townsville to the pool location on Kissing Point. The march commenced at 1930 led by a contingent from the American destroyers followed by the RAN, Sea Cadets, R.A.A.F. and Army. Speeches were given by the Mayor, Mr. D. Bonnett, M.L.A. (Representing the Minister for the Navy), and Commander R.F. Wilson USN. On completion of the speeches and Official Ceremonies the Memorial Pool was officially opened by the Mayor. At this time BARRICADE who, anchored off, had been providing a very effective background, gave a pyrotechnics display.

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22. At the conclusion of the opening I attended a small dinner party given by Brigadier and Mrs. E. Logan.
23. The co-operation and hospitality shown by the citizens of Townsville, the local radio stations and press, the R.A.A.F., Army and C.M.F. was appreciated by the Ships Company and made their stay a most enjoyable one.
24. BOMBARD, in company with BARBETTE and BARRICADE, cast off and proceeded for Sydney at 0700 on Thursday the 15th. Ships made a fueling stop at Brisbane on the evening of the 16th. BOMBARD was berthed Port side to the AMOCO Wharf from 2020 to 2307. Passage to Sydney was uneventful, BOMBARD berthing starboard side to No. 12 Berth at 2350 on Saturday the 17th.
25. The ship remained alongside at WATERHEN for a Self Maintenance Period until Tuesday the 27th.
26. During this period extensive planned maintenance and work was carried out on the ships Main Engines. At 0900 on the 27th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea to "prove" the engines whilst under load. The trials were successful after a few minor adjustments and the ship returned to harbour berthing port side to No. 10 berth at 1120.
27. Ship was shifted at 0800 on Wednesday the 28th to starboard side to the Ferry Steps at Garden Island. After embarking a group of Qantas officials at 0900, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea to carry out trials on a new aircraft life raft. Trials on the raft and its radio beacon were carried out from 1015 to 1245. On completion BOMBARD returned to harbour disembarking the Officials at the Ferry Steps at 1405 and finally berthing starboard side to No. 10 Berth at 1425.
28. The remainder of the month was spent alongside.
29. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good. The health, welfare and morale of the ships company is satisfactory.
30. The morale of the officers remains only just satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your obedient Servant.



D. B. FITZPATRICK
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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For Information:
The Commander Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.

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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1969

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during the month	2243.4
Distance steamed since commissioning	10230.5
Hours underway during the month	13 0
Hours underway since commissioning	676

APPENDIX 'B'

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

Action Stations	8th
Emergency Stations	8th
Steering Gear Breakdown	8th
Man Overboard	8th
O.O.W. Manoeuvres	8th

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

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 3rd June 1969

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/68

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING SEVEN MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 2243.4 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STBD - 684
NO. 2 PORT - 621
NO. 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	PORT VISITS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROG. MAINT.	PROG. REPLY DOCKING	REPAIR	BLACKOUT	LONG LEAVES	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)								REMARKS	
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28	✓					✓							17											TEST NEW LIFERAFT
29	✓												24											SHIP HUSBANDRY
30	✓												24											
31	✓												24											Nil
TOTAL																								

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(TO ACCOMPANY REPORT OF PROSECUTOR)
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Case No. 100-100000-1000

INVESTIGATION OF THE ACTS AND OMISSIONS OF

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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HMAS BOMBARD

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30 JUL 1969

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1969

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Rear Admiral

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD
At Sydney.9TH July 1969.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1969

Sir,

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

2. The ship was secured alongside No. 10 berth, HMAS WATERHEN, for the first two days of the month.
3. In accordance with COMAUSPABRON ONE's signal (DTG 012235Z Radio Trials), BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0730 on Tuesday the 3rd. Weather conditions off Sydney prevented the Trials being carried out, thus the ship returned to harbour berthing starboard side to No. 10 berth at 0845. (BOMBARD's 022215Z refers.)
4. As the Radio Trials were postponed (CAPT. TRIALS 030037Z refers) and weather conditions precluded the ship from proceeding to sea, BOMBARD remained alongside for the following week.
5. At 0735 on Tuesday the 10th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with BARRICADE. (COMAUSMINPABFOR's 082318Z refers.) On clearing Port Jackson ships were faced with conditions only slightly better to that which BOMBARD experienced on the 3rd, thus trials were cancelled. On return to harbour (BARRICADE's 092225Z refers) BOMBARD berthed starboard side to No. 10 berth at 0925.
6. In company with BARRICADE, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0703 on Wednesday the 11th in another vain attempt to carry out the programmed Radio Trials. Ships returned to harbour and berthed in a trot on HMAS MORESBY, cruiser wharf, Garden Island. (BARRICADE's 102223Z refers) BOMBARD berthed starboard side to BARRICADE at 0900. At 0930 the Commanding Officers of both ships proceeded to a conference held in MORESBY. The conference, attended by COMAUSMINPABFOR (CMDR I.K. WILSON R.A.N.) and key personnel from his staff, was held to discuss and explain the requirements for the support of, and the employment of, Patrol Boats assigned to assist MORESBY during her forthcoming survey. At 1130 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for WATERHEN, securing starboard side to No. 10 berth at 1145.

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7. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with ARCHER and BARRICADE at 0910 on Thursday the 12th. (COMAUSMINPABFOR's 060150Z - ARCHER sea trials and COMAUSMINPABFOR familiarisation - refers.) Ships carried out Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres from 1000 to 1155 when BARRICADE and BOMBARD were detached to return to harbour. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to No. 12 berth at 1310.
8. The tasks of de-ammunitioning and de-fuelling, required to be carried out prior docking were completed on Friday the 13th. De-ammunitioning progressed as planned at No. 5 buoy from 0920 until 1010. On slipping from the buoy BOMBARD proceeded to WATERHEN securing starboard side to OFL 4 at 1040. De-fuelling commenced at 1050 and was completed at 1800.
9. Ship was shifted at 0930 on Saturday the 14th from along-side the OFL to port side to No. 11 berth, securing at 0940. BOMBARD remained in this berth until Tuesday the 17th.
10. At 1310 on the 17th, the ship cast off and proceeded to Cockatoo Island, securing port side to the slipway wharf at 1330. Preparations began immediately and by 1430 BOMBARD was slipped.
11. The normal period allowed for a Mid-Cycle Docking was extended to enable the dockyard to Sandblast and re-paint the ship above the waterline. (COMAUSMINPABFOR's 120140Z and FOCAF's 120602Z refer.) Thus BOMBARD remained slipped until 1100 on Thursday the 26th.
12. When unslipped, the ship proceeded to WATERHEN securing starboard side to OFL 4 at 1130 for fuelling. At 1410 BOMBARD off and proceeded to the Patrol Boat Wharf, securing starboard to No. 12 berth at 1425.
13. The remainder of the month was spent alongside at WATERHEN.
14. During the period 14th June to 7th July the Ship's Company were divided into two watches and proceeded alternatively on 10 days leave.
15. The quarterly address on security was given to the Ship's Company on Friday the 13th.
16. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good. The ship profited from the extra time spent in harbour, due to bad weather, with hands employed on both Planned Maintenance and Ship Husbandry. This combined with the sandblast and re-painting has made a vast improvement to the ship's external appearance. (BOMBARD's Report of Proceedings for November 1968, paragraph 12 refers.)

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17. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company and Officers is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(D.B. Fitzpatrick)
LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

Distance steamed during month	118.2
Distance steamed since commissioning	10,348.7
Hours underway during the month	11
Hours underway since commissioning	687

APPENDIX 'B'

Exercises and Evolutions

O.O.W. Manoeuvres	12th
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APPENDIX 'C'

Sport

Inter mess volley ball (Junior Sailors Vs Senior Sailors and Officers)	2nd
Inter mess squash (Officers Vs Junior Sailors)	4th

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 7th JULY 1969

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 8 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE LAST COMMISSIONING 10,348.7 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STBD - 698
NO. 2 PORT - 635
NO. 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAM. MAINT.	PROGRAM. REFIT/DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 5th AUGUST 1969

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 9 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 13080.3 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STAB 858
NO. 2 PART 801
NO. 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGME. MAINT.	PROGME. REFIT/DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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APPENDIX "C".

SPORT.

Volleyball. (BOMBARD Vs. BARBETTE)	10th.
"Touch Rugby" (BOMBARD Vs. BARBETTE)	10th.
Inter Mess Squash.	24th, 25th and 31st.

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The Secretary,
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HMAS BOMBARD,
at DARWIN.

18th August, 1969.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1969.

Sir,

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

2. For the first seven days of the month the ship was secured starboard side to No. 10 berth, HMAS WATERHEN, this period being the final week of a long leave period.

3. At 0850 on Tuesday 8th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to No. 5 Buoy berthing at 0910 starboard side to the Ammunition Lighter secured at this buoy. At 0935, on completion of ammunitioning, ship was shifted to No. 4 buoy where, from 1000 to 1110, a Compass Swing was carried out under the direction of LCDR A.W. HOCKINGS, R.A.N.. BOMBARD slipped from No. 4 Buoy at 1115 and proceeded to WATERHEN, berthing port side to No. 11 Berth at 1205.

4. In company with BARBETTE and BAYONET, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Broken Bay at 0900 on Wednesday 9th. (COMAUSMINPABFOR'S 040830Z refers). Ships exercised on passage, completing with a formation anchorage in Refuge Bay at 1200. BOMBARD anchored in position 187 degrees CHALLENGER HD. LT. 5.8 cables. Weighing anchor at 1320, the ship proceeded in company with BARBETTE to carry out a Towing Exercise. Both inshore (three inch teryelene) and ocean (teryelene with cable veered) tows were completed. At 1500 BARBETTE, BAYONET and BOMBARD set course for Port Hacking, exercising Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres enroute. Ships anchored in formation at 1712, BOMBARD in position 064 HACKING PT. 3.0 cables.

5. In a darkened ship state, with navigation lights extinguished, BOMBARD weighed anchor at 0400 on Thursday 10th. Proceeding 12 miles east of Cape Banks, the ship took up a Patrol Line established to intercept "enemy forces" (DERWENT and VENDETTA) before they bombarded Cape Baily. (DERWENT'S 070451Z refers). Contact was established at 0255 and the subsequent attack completed by 0315. BOMBARD then joined BARBETTE and BAYONET for passage to Port Jackson. On arrival BAYONET and BOMBARD were detached to anchor at Hunters Bay. BOMBARD anchored in position 263 ROCKY PT. 3.5. cables at 0515.

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Weighing anchor at 0825 BAYONET and BOMBARD proceeded in company to rejoin BARBETTE for passage to Broken Bay, where ships were to carry out independent exercises. From 1015 to 1130 BOMBARD conducted a Blind Pilotage Exercise along Cowan Creek and, on completion, anchored eight cables east of Cowan Pt. LT.

6. All ships weighed anchor at 0730 on Friday 11th and proceeded in company to the east of Broken Bay to carry out a 40/60 surface shoot. On completion an independent small arms shoot was held. The three ships rejoined for passage to Sydney. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to No. 10 berth at 1200.

7. BOMBARD remained alongside at WATERHEN until Saturday 19th. During this time final preparations were made for the ship's forthcoming deployment to the North Australia Area.

8. At 0800 on 19th, BOMBARD cast off and, in company with BUCCANEER, proceeded for Gladstone. After an uneventful passage BOMBARD berthed port side to Auckland Point Jetty at 0800 on Monday 21st.

9. With fuelling completed at 1130, ships cast off and proceeded for Cairns at 1140. Overnight passage was without incident. However, at 0730 on 22nd BOMBARD reverted to transferring fuel by Hand Pump when the Fuel Transfer Pump began faltering. Further investigation showed that the Electrical Drive Motor to the Pump had burnt out. The Naval Agent at Townsville was contacted and it was determined a replacement could be obtained there. Thus at 1430 BUCCANEER detached BOMBARD to proceed into harbour. On arrival the ship berthed port side to No. 1 Berth. (BUCCANEER's 220515Z and BOMBARD's 220550Z refer).

10. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Cairns at 0600 on Wednesday 23rd. At 0700 power was lost on the starboard main engine due to an electrical defect (BOMBARD's 230504Z refers). During the passage the ship's staff were unable to locate the defect. At 1745 BOMBARD secured starboard side to No. 6 Berth, Cairns Wharf. On arrival ship's staff from BUCCANEER embarked to assist with the defect. A possible fault was located at 2000 and subsequently proved by testing BOMBARD's suspected solenoid in BUCCANEER's circuit.

11. A replacement solenoid was purchased locally, installed and tested by 1045 on Thursday 24th. Both ships cast off and proceeded at 1100. Having cleared the channel a recurrence of the previous day's problem occurred, together with an additional defect which necessitated a demand for spare parts to be air freighted. (BOMBARD's 240345Z refers). The ship was detached to return to harbour due to the comparatively better air service between Cairns and Thursday Island. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to the American Seismographic ship UNITEDGEO I, No. 5 berth at 1245.

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12. The spares did not arrive in Cairns as anticipated causing BOMBARD to be delayed a day in her programme.

13. At 0600 on Saturday 26th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Thursday Island. After an uneventful but uncomfortable passage the ship was anchored in the lee of Adolphus Island, in position 331 degrees FORBES HD. 9.0 cables at 0800 on Sunday 27th. Weighing anchor at 1000 the ship proceeded to Thursday Island, berthing port side to the Thursday Island Jetty at 1200.

14. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Darwin at 0700 on Monday 28th. Passage proceeded uneventfully though a steep quarter sea afforded little opportunity for rest.

15. At 1718 on Tuesday 29th BOMBARD anchored off Croker Island (267 degrees PEACOCK ISLAND 4.5 miles). At 2130 the ship weighed and proceeded for Darwin. Both main engines lost power at 0855 on Wednesday 30th due to defective Lead Battery Strap. Repairs were completed by 0915 and the ship proceeded into harbour securing starboard side to No. 1 Berth Inner Stokes Hill Wharf at 0955.

16. BOMBARD was secured alongside for the remainder of the month having commenced a Self Maintenance Period on arrival Darwin.

17. On departure from Thursday Island on the 28th BOMBARD chopped to the Operational Control of the Naval Officer in Charge North Australia.

18. BOMBARD was this month graced with an influx of officers, the senior of which considerably eased the watch-keeping burden. SBLT D. STONE, RAN joined on 19th for passage to Thursday Island then to be transferred to BUCCANEER for Survey Duties. Due to the ship's delay in Cairns this officer was transferred on the 24th. LT. J. GARDYNE, RANER joined on 27th for a training passage to Darwin and departed on arrival on 30th.

19. MIDN TAN PENG YOUNG S.A.F. joined the ship on 7th and has remained throughout the month. Although a Midshipman can be of much assistance on a Patrol Boat, it is considered that, due to lack of time and facilities, periods exceeding two weeks do not greatly assist the officer's training.

20. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is satisfactory.

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21. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. However, the morale of the officers remains satisfactory. ?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.



(D.B. FITZPATRICK)
LIEUTENANT, RAN.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commander, Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.
The Commander, First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.
The Naval Officer-in-Charge, NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA.
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APPENDIX "A".

STEAMING DATA.

Distance steamed during month.	2,731.6 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	13,080.3 miles.
Hours underway during month.	185 hours.
Hours underway since commissioning.	872 hours.

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HMAS BOMBARD -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- JULY, 1969.

APPENDIX "B".

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS.

2 in No. Heaving Line Transfers	9th.
Towing Exercise	9th.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres	9th.
Action Stations	10th.
Emergency Stations	10th.
Blind Pilotage Exercise	10th.
40/60 Surface Shoot	11th.
Small Arms Shoot	11th.
Nav. Com. Exercise	20th.

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Rear Admiral

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HMAS BOMBARD,
at DARWIN.

5th September, 1969.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1969.

Sir,

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

2. Completing a self maintenance period, BOMBARD remained alongside until 0900 on Wednesday 6th when a North Coast and Gulf Patrol commenced.

3. Passage was taken south of Melville Island thence a direct route for Alyangula. Three licensed Japanese fishing vessels were sighted at 1900. (BOMBARD's 06100Z refers).

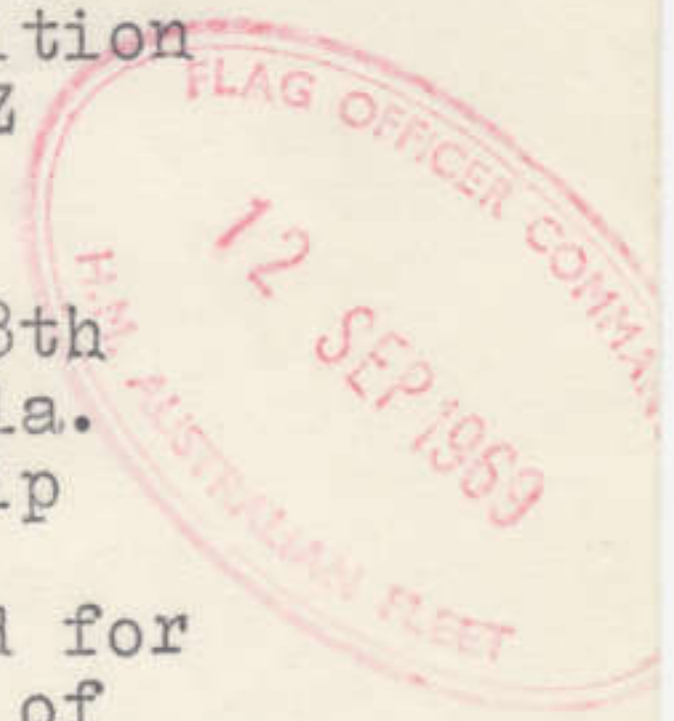
4. The ship's radar became intermittent and subsequently unserviceable at 1600 on Thursday 7th. With patrol capability impaired in an area of poorly charted waters, speed was increased in order to anchor in the lee of Bremer Island (posn. 12°05'S 136°47'E) during daylight hours. At 1840 the ship was brought to anchor in position 313° R.H.E. Bremer Island 2.2 miles (BOMBARD's 070025Z refers).

5. Temporary repairs were effected by 0100 on 8th and BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0230 for Alyangula. (NOIC NA 071346Z refers). On arrival at 1245, the ship berthed on BUCCANEER at the inner wharf. At 1710, on completion of fuelling, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for patrol off the Western and Southern Coast of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

6. The ship arrived in the vicinity of the Sir Edward Pellew Group of islands at 0230 on Saturday 9th and came to anchor at 0310 in Paradise Bay. (218 Rose Point 1.5 miles). Weighing anchor at 1000 BOMBARD proceeded for further patrol to the east. Weather conditions, however, precluded passage, and the ship returned to the Paradise Bay Anchorage. (BOMBARD's 090130Z refers).

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7. BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded for Mornington Island at 0400 on Sunday 10th and, after an uneventful passage, anchored in position 197 Gee Wee Point 2.5 miles at 1445. At 2100 the ship weighed and proceeded on patrol. Whilst departing the anchorage it was reported that a high pitched noise, coming from the area of the 'A' Bracket, had developed. After investigation and a trial it was decided to proceed to Karumba. (BOMBARD's 101205Z refers). Arriving at 0800 on Monday 11th, the ship berthed starboard side to the Craig Mostyn Wharf.

8. During the afternoon of the 11th technical checks were carried out in accordance with NOIC NA 110053Z. BOMBARD remained alongside overnight, and cast off and proceeded at 0700 on Tuesday 12th. The whine from the 'A' Bracket area persisted and so course was set for Darwin. (BOMBARD's 112215Z refers).

9. After an uneventful passage BOMBARD berthed starboard side to BUCCANEER, Inner Stokes Hill Wharf, at 1830 on Thursday 14th.

10. Apart from engine trials carried out from 1100 to 1200 on the 18th, the ship remained alongside until Wednesday 20th. During this period the ship's hull and underwater fittings were examined by divers and no irregularities found. It was therefore decided that the ship should continue as programmed.

11. Casting off at 0530 on 20th BOMBARD proceeded to Bathurst Island to act as S.A.R. Boat for the arrival by air of the Duke and Duchess of Kent at Bathurst Island Mission Station. In this connection the ship was anchored in position 257 Buchaan Island 2.3 miles from 0900 to 1230.

12. On completion of this task BOMBARD was engaged in a Fishery Patrol off the North and West coast of Melville and Bathurst Islands respectively. On Thursday 21st the ship was anchored in position 192 Malgrew Point 1.8 miles from 0800 to 1600 (posn. 11°45'S 130°03'E). At 1900 two Japanese trawlers were sighted to the west of Bathurst Island and reported in BOMBARD's 211015Z.

13. At 0100 on Friday 22nd course was set southwards for Anson Bay (posn. 13°15'S 130°05'E). The ship came to anchor at 0900 in the northern end of the bay (121° South Peron Island 1.5). BOMBARD weighed anchor at 1800 and proceeded on a coastal patrol for Beagle Bay (posn. 16°55'S 122°30'E) anchoring at Troughton Island, from 1200 to 1430 on Saturday 23rd. The remaining passage was uneventful and the ship was anchored in Beagle Bay at 1330 on Sunday 24th. (340° Cliff Point 0.2 miles). Clocks were retarded to Hotel time (-8) at this anchorage.

14. Weighing anchor at 0001 on 25th BOMBARD proceeded for Broome arriving and berthing on Broome Wharf at 0900 25th. Due to fuelling requirements and other ships movements BOMBARD shifted ship three times during the day, completing at 1730, with the ship secured starboard side to the inner northern side of the wharf.

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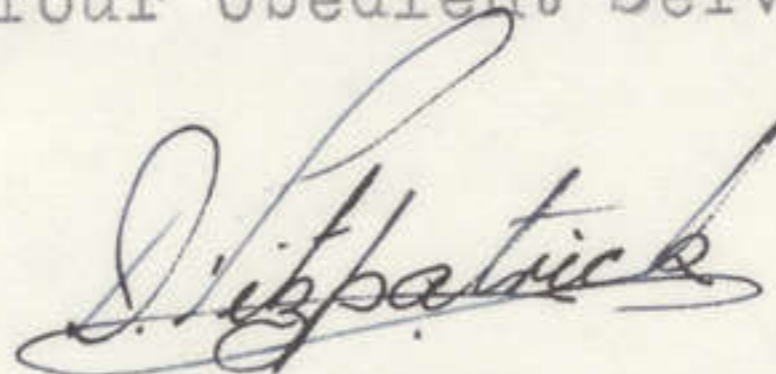
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15. At 1020 on Thursday 26th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Yampi Sound. After an uneventful passage the ship came to anchor at 0100 on the 27th in position 197 Bubb Point 0.3 miles.
16. Weighing anchor at 0800 a daylight patrol of the Yampi Sound/Buccaneer Archipelago areas was carried out. On completion course was set for Troughton Island. Both passage and patrol were without incident. At 0745 on Thursday 28th BOMBARD anchored off Long Reef (273 R.H.E. Low Rocks 2.5 miles). Between 1715 and 1825 ship was shifted to a more comfortable anchorage in Bouganville Bay (posn. 13°55'S 126°03'E). Whilst at this anchorage clocks were advanced to India Kilo (-9½).
17. At 0200 on Friday 29th BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded for Darwin. After an uneventful passage the ship arrived at 0600 on Saturday 30th and berthed starboard side to Inner Stokes Hill Wharf.
18. During the forenoon of the 30th the ship was de-ammunitioned and de-fuelled in preparation for docking on the 1st September.
19. BOMBARD remained alongside for Saturday and Sunday the 30th and 31st.
20. At 1500 on Monday 25th the Commanding Officer called on the Mayor of Broome (Councillor P.A. Haynes, J.P.).
21. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
22. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(D.B. FITZPATRICK)
Lieutenant, RAN.
CAPTAIN.

For Information:

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APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during month.	4,018.4 miles.
Distance steamed since commissioning.	17,098.7 miles.
Hours underway during month.	294 hours 35 minutes.
Hours underway since commissioning.	1166 hours 35 minutes.

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APPENDIX "B"

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

Man Overboard.	23rd.
Steering Gear Breakdown.	23rd.
Small Arms Shoot.	24th.
Action Stations.	27th.
Emergency Stations.	27th.
Man Overboard.	27th.

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APPENDIX "C"

SPORT

Volley Ball Ships Company Vs. Coonawarra Wrans.	5th.
Volley Ball Inter Mess.	9th.
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Squash Inter Mess.	19th.

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

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 4.9.69

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 10 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 11098.7 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STBD 1020
NO. 2 PORT 964
NO. 3

MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATION DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGME. MAINT.	PROGME. REFIT/ DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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The Secretary,
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969

Forwarded.



Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS BOMBARD letter 65/11 of 7th October, 1969.

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HMAS BOMBARD,
at CAIRNS.

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7th October, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
FLEET HEADQUARTERS.
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969.

Sir,

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

2. At 0800 on Monday the 1st the ship cast off and proceeded to the Darwin Port Authority Slipway. BOMBARD secured to the slip at 0840 and was slipped at 0930.
3. The ships unscheduled slipping was to inspect Under Water fittings, attempting to locate a cause for the noise reported in BOMBARD'S signal D.T.G. 1012052 Aug. No anomalies were found and the ship was unslipped at 0935 on Tuesday the 2nd (NOIC NA 0202052 refers). BOMBARD secured starboard side to Inner Stokes Hill Wharf at 0950.
4. BOMBARD remained at this berth until the 8th, to complete a Base Assisted Maintenance Period.
5. Casting off at 1000 on Monday the 8th the ship proceeded to carry out trials in accordance with NOIC NA's signal D.T.G. 020205Z. At 1030, on completion of Trials (NOIC NA 080515Z refers), course was set for Beagle Bay where it was intended to carry out a 40/60 Surface Shoot. This had to be cancelled due to an Electrical Defect, thus, at 1300 BOMBARD proceeded via Clarence Strait, for Port Essington. On arrival, at 2350, the ship anchored in position 172° Table HD., 0.85.
6. BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded at 0800 on Tuesday the 9th however weather conditions precluded passage. The ship returned to harbour and anchored in position 065° Table HD., 0.4 at 0930.
7. Due to an unserviceable Deep Freeze Unit, BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded to Darwin at 0345 on the 10th, and at 1400 berthed starboard side to BUCCANEER, Inner Stokes Hill Wharf. (BOMBARD'S 091850Z refers). Initial repairs were completed by 1630, however as these did not appear satisfactory the ship remained overnight. This enabled a "second contractors opinion and the unit to "settle down". (BOMBARD'S 100700Z refers).
8. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded on a coastal patrol, for Gove, at 0700 on Thursday the 11th. The ship arrived at 1700 on Friday the 12th and, after an uneventful passage, berthed port side to M.V. TOBICLIPPER at the Gove Wharf.
9. To enable Merchant Shipping Movements to proceed, BOMBARD shifted ship at 1500 on Saturday the 13th to an anchorage in Inverell Bay, remaining there until 1640 and then returning to berth port side to M.V. FOURCROY.
10. Casting off at 1500 on Sunday the 14th BOMBARD proceeded to carry out an overnight patrol of the Wessel Islands.



11. At 0730 on Monday the 15th the ship anchored off Yirrkala Mission in position 325° R.H.E. Mission Bay Pt. 1.1. Weighing anchor at 1000 BOMBARD proceeded for Grootte Island to carry out a patrol. At 2300 the ship came to anchor in the recommended anchorage in Bartalumba Bay.

12. Weighing anchor at 0740 on the 16th BOMBARD proceeded to Alyangula, arriving at 0800 and berthing port side to the inner wharf.

13. In company with BUCCANEER, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Port Langdon at 0700 on Wednesday the 17th. After an uneventful passage BOMBARD anchored in position 205° Scott Pt., 3!0 at 0930. At 1500 ship was shifted to port side to MORESBY.

14. At 0600 on the 18th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for Maria Island. Arriving off the Eastern side of the Island at 1220, technical personnel from MORESBY were landed to complete repairs to the Lamda Station. Prevailing weather conditions, for the next 2 days, caused the ship to anchor around the Island as follows.

Weigh & Proceed	Anchor	200ft Hill	Maria I.	N.P.L.
-	181305	237°	-"-	0'.4
181800	181908	213°	-"-	0'.4
190400	190440	259°	-"-	0'.4

15. With repairs still not completed on the Lamda Station, the ship weighed anchor and proceeded for Alyangula at 0250 on Saturday the 20th, arriving at 0800 and anchoring in Melner Bay. (006° Nth END WHARF 0'.3) While at this anchorage the ships boat proceeded inshore to collect mail and meet personnel due to arrive on the morning Aircraft. At 1350 BOMBARD weighed and proceeded for the Port Langdon Anchorage, arriving at 1515 and anchoring, on completion of a Mail Transfer with BUCCANEER, at 1550. Ship was shifted to port side to BARRICADE, on MORESBY, at 2000, remaining in this berth for Sunday the 21st.

16. At 0630 on the 22nd, in company with MORESBY, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the survey grounds. Severe sea conditions however, forced Patrol Boats to return to the Port Langdon Anchorage. BOMBARD anchored in position 202° Scott 2'.7 at 1150.

17. All Patrol Boats weighed and proceeded at 0630 on the 23rd but weather conditions again made it necessary to return to harbour. BOMBARD remained anchored in position 202° Scott Pt., 2'.7 until 1630 on the 24th when ship was shifted to port side to MORESBY.

18. With a favourable weather forecast and previously observed abating winds during the "silent hours", all ships cast off/weighed and proceeded at 2015 on the 24th to commence sounding at 2115.

19. BOMBARD remained on the survey grounds until the 26th. At 1540 on Thursday the 25th the ship carried out a "Touch and Go" on MORESBY to transfer Echo Sounder Rolls and Records and to compare Echo Sounder Readings. BOMBARD berthed port side to BARBETTE, on MORESBY, at 1830 on the 26th remaining for one hour, then, in company with BARBETTE, casting off and proceeding to the Port Langdon Anchorage arriving at 2025.

20. Weighing anchor at 0515 on the 27th BOMBARD proceeded, in company with BARBETTE, to rendezvous with MORESBY and subsequently to commence surveying at 0635. The ship remained on the Survey Grounds until 0440 on the 29th, being detached at this time to proceed to Alyangula for fuel.

21. Passage was uneventful, BOMBARD berthing starboard side to the inner wharf at 0830. At 1200, on completion of fueling, the ship cast off and proceeded for the survey grounds. On arrival, at 1500, a "Touch and Go" was carried out with BARRICADE (berthed on MORESBY) to transfer mail and Survey Records.
22. Ships recommenced surveying at 1530 on the 29th and continued for the remainder of the month.
23. The Commanding Officer paid an official call on the Yirrkala Mission Coast Watcher (Rev. W. J. FAWELL).
24. On rendezvous with MORESBY on the 17th, BOMBARD choped from the Operational Control of the Naval Officer in Charge Northern Australia Area to the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet.
25. The quarterly address on security was given to the Ship's Company on the 23rd.
26. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
27. The health, welfare and morale of the ships company and Officers is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(D. B. FITZPATRICK)
Lieutenant, RAN.
CAPTAIN.

For Information:

Naval Officer-in-Charge, NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA.
The Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.
The Commanding Officer, HMAS MORESBY.
The Commander, 1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969.

APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING DATA

Distance Steamed during month.	3,386.3 miles
Distance Steamed since commissioning.	20,485.0 miles
Hours underway during month.	214 hours 50 minutes
Hours underway since commissioning.	1,381 hours 25 minutes

APPENDIX "B"

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS

Point Ship.	9th
Point Ship.	19th
Man Overboard	20th

APPENDIX "C"

SPORT

Inter Mess Volley Ball	9th
Inter Mess "Touch Rugby"	9th
V's Buccaneer Jolley Ball	23rd
V's Barricade Volley Ball	23rd

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

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 8th OCT. 69

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 11 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 20,485.0 MILES

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STBD 141
NO. 2 PORT 181
NO. 3

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1969

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for *for* *for*
Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter 65/12 of 5th November, 1969.

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REF. No. 65/12

HMAS BOMBARD
At Cairns
5th NOVEMBER 1969

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1969

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of October 1969.
2. From 0001 on the 1st to 0915 on the 3rd, the ship was surveying in company with HMAS MORESBY, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER. These were the last of 5 days continuous surveying and of the Patrol Boats first period of deployment for survey duties.
3. BOMBARD secured port side to MORESBY at 0930 on the 3rd for the transfer of Survey Records and to receive stores. At 1000 the ship cast off and proceeded for Alyangula, arriving at 1220 and berthing starboard side to BUCCANEER, Inner Wharf. Ship was shifted at 1645 to an anchorage in Milner Bay enabling BARRICADE to proceed alongside for fuel. BOMBARD weighed anchor at 1830 and, in company with BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER proceeded for Endeavour Strait.
4. Passage proceeded uneventfully until 1800 on the 4th when a worsening head sea caused a reduction in speed. This delayed the units arrival in the Endeavour Strait area until 0330 on the 5th. BOMBARD came to anchor in position 175 Bampfield Hd 0'.6 at 0350.
5. Having been detached by BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD weighed anchor and proceeded in company for Cairns at 1000 on the 5th. After an uneventful passage, BOMBARD berthed starboard side to BUCCANEER, No. 10 berth at 1815 on Monday the 6th.
6. Ship was shifted at 0900 on the 7th to starboard side to No. 4 berth. BOMBARD remained in this berth until the 16th.
7. In company with BUCCANEER, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 1000 on the 16th for Thursday Island. The ships arrived at 1630 on Friday the 17th. BOMBARD berthed port side to BUCCANEER at Thursday Island Main Wharf at 1640.
8. On Saturday the 18th at 0930, both ships cast off and proceeded for Gove. On arrival at 0800 on the 19th, BOMBARD carried out a "touch and go" transfer with MORESBY to pass mail and stores. The ship then proceeded to berth port side to BUCCANEER at Gove Wharf at 0835.
9. At 0400 on Monday 20th, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to rendezvous with MORESBY and commence sounding. BOMBARD carried out a "touch and go" transfer with MORESBY at 0850 and was secured alongside her, port side to from 0940 to 1045. MORESBY's Lambda was unserviceable throughout the day, thus, at 1500, with no sign of repairs being completed, the Patrol Boats were detached to anchor. BOMBARD anchored in position 353 degrees RHE Hawk Island 0'.7 (N.E. Isles) at 1620.

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10. The ship remained in this anchorage until 1600 on Tuesday the 21st then weighed anchor and proceeded into Port Langdon to berth port side to BUCCANEER on MORESBY at 1700.

11. In company with MORESBY, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 1030 on the 22nd. At 1500 all Patrol Boats were detached whilst MORESBY carried out Lambda calibrations. On completion of independent exercises (1625), BOMBARD came to anchor in position 258 degrees RHE Dudley Island 0'.3. At 1835 the ship weighed and proceeded to join MORESBY and subsequently commence sounding at 1910.

12. All ships remained on the survey grounds until Sunday the 26th. The only break in survey routine was from 1115 to 1500 on the 24th. During this period Patrol Boats were detached to enable further Lambda calibrations. As no suitable anchorage was available, BOMBARD remained underway in the Cape Arnhem area.

13. Ships ceased sounding at 1000 on the 26th when course was set for Gove. BOMBARD berthed port side to BUCCANEER, starboard side forward on MORESBY at 1110.

14. Casting off at 0645 on 27th, BOMBARD proceeded in company with MORESBY, BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER to commence sounding at 0740.

15. At 0030 on Tuesday 28th, BOMBARD was detached from MORESBY to escort BUCCANEER to Cairns. Passage was uneventful, ships arriving off Cairns at 1200 on Thursday the 30th. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to No. 3 berth at 1240.

16. The ship remained at No. 3 berth for the rest of the month.

17. Clocks were advanced to Kilo time at 2359 on the 14th and again at 2359 on the 28th. Clocks were retarded to India Kilo time at 1000 on the 18th.

18. The Commanding Officer of BARRICADE and BOMBARD called on the Captain of HMAS YARRA at 1000 on the 14th. Calls were also made by BOMBARD on the Commanding Officers of HMAS HAWK and HMAS GULL at 1100 on the 14th and 0900 on the 16th, respectively. Again accompanied by the Commanding Officer of BUCCANEER, BOMBARD called on the Master of the RFA GOLD RANGER at 1230 on the 31st.

19. During the surveying periods, recreation for Ship's Company, on the small ship, has posed a slight problem. Competitions have been organised in Scrabble, Monopoly, Uckers and Coits, and are providing an interesting diversion of interests. A miniature "Daily Orders" Tombola has also been introduced and is well accepted.

20. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.

21. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company and Officers is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(D.B. FITZPATRICK)
LIEUTENANT, RAN,
COMMANDING OFFICER

For Information: The Commander, Mine Warfare & Patrol Boat Forces,
HMAS WATERHEN
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Annexes: A. Steaming Data for October 1969
B. Exercises and Evolutions for October 1969
C. Sport for October 1969

ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BOMBARD'S
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 65/12
DATED

STEAMING DATE - OCTOBER 1969

Distance steamed during October 1969	4,304.7 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	24,789.7 miles
Hours underway during October 1969	368 hours 40 mins.
Hours underway since commissioning	1750 hours 05 mins.

ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS BOMBARD'S
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 65/12
DATED

EXERCISES AND EVOLUTIONS - OCTOBER 1969

OOW Manoeuvres	18th October
Man overboard	22nd October
Steering Gear Breakdown	22nd October

2. Although the ship has not completed any actual exercises in Blind Pilotage, much practical experience in this field has been gained by officers of the watch during passage through the Barrier Reef.

ANNEX 'C' TO HMAS BOMBARD'S
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 65/12
DATED

SPORT FOR OCTOBER 1969

InterMess VolleyBall	8th, 10th and 14th October
InterMess Squash	9th and 13th
BOMBARD vs. GULL Volleyball	16th
" " Squash	16th

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

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 6th NOVEMBER 1969

APPEL X 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 12 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 24 789.7 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 STAD 1361
NO. 2 RAJ 1412
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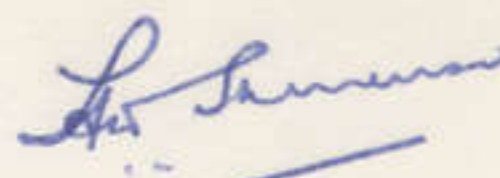
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14 JAN 1970


The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1969

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2. The Commanding Officer, HMAS BOMBARD has been instructed to make himself known to the RAN's representative when visiting a locality serviced by a naval agent.



Rear Admiral

 Enclosure: HMAS BOMBARD letter 65/13 undated (with enclosures).

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD
At Sydney

1/16/21

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

H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. BOMBARD under my command for the month of November, 1969.

2. Having escorted BUCCANEER to Cairns for repairs to her underwater fittings, BOMBARD remained alongside for the weekend of the 1st, and 2nd, then, on the 3rd commenced an eight day self maintenance period. During this period ship was shifted from No. 3 Berth to No. 2 Berth, at 1520 on the 3rd, and to starboard side aft., on MORESBY at 1035 on the 10th.

At 0830 on Tuesday the 11th, in company with MORESBY, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER, the ship cast off and proceeded for the Gulf of Carpentaria. BOMBARD's remaining Engineerroom Supply Fan Motor, burnt out at 0930. The ship carried out a Touch and Go transfer with MORESBY at 0952, to receive technical personnel and again at 1042 to pass to MORESBY, the unserviceable motor. At 1210, in the lee of Low Island, BOMBARD carried out a transfer with BUCCANEER, receiving one of her operational motors. Passage was continued while the motor was installed, technical personnel being returned to MORESBY at 1610.

4. Further passage was uneventful until 1934 on Wednesday the 12th when, on clearing Endeavour Strait, Patrol Boats were detached from MORESBY to proceed to Gove, sounding en route. At 1500 on the 13th, BOMBARD berthed port side to the Gove Wharf, BUCCANEER and BARRICADE berthing outboard.

5. All ships cast off and proceeded for Traunt Island at 1220 on Friday the 14th. BOMBARD came to anchor in position 153 degrees S.W. Point Traunt Island 0.8 miles at 1545. Weighing anchor at 1930, the ship proceeded to a rendezvous with MORESBY and on completion of a mail transfer, commenced sounding at 2030.

6. MORESBY, BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD sounded in company until 1815 on Saturday the 15th when further progress was prevented by an unserviceable Lambda station. BOMBARD berthed port side to MORESBY at 1835.

7. At 0730 on Sunday the 16th while MORESBY remained at anchor, Patrol boats cast off and proceeded to carry out sounding off Traunt Island, as directed by MORESBY. Completing at 1145, BOMBARD anchored to the East of Traunt Island, from 1200 to 1315. During this time MORESBY shifted anchorage, thus, enabling her to direct the Patrol Boats in further sounding until 1600. BOMBARD was secured port side to BARRICADE, on MORESBY, from 1610 until 1800 when all ships cast off/ weighed and proceeded to re-commence sounding in company.



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8. Ships continued without incident until 1545 on the 17th when BARRICADE BUCCANEER and BOMBARD were detached to anchor while MORESBY carried out Lambda callibrations. BOMBARD anchored in position 086 degrees Dudley Island 3.9 miles at 1800. Weighing anchor at 2300, all ships took up survey stations on MORESBY to commence sounding at 2315.
9. From 1950 to 2050 on the 18th MORESBY again stopped for Lambda callibrations. During this period BOMBARD carried out mail transfers with MORESBY, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER. All ships then continued surveying until 0645 on the 19th when, on completion of a Touch and Go, to transfer records, all Patrol Boats were detached to proceed, in company to Gove. BOMBARD berthed port side to the Gove Wharf at 0840, BUCCANEER and BARRICADE berthing outboard.
10. All ships cast off and proceeded at 0600 on Thursday the 20th, to rendezvous with MORESBY and commence sounding at 0900. Ships continued surveying until 1845 on the 21st. BOMBARD berthed port side to BUCCANEER, on MORESBY at 1900.
11. In company with MORESBY, BARRICADE, BUCCANEER, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded for the survey grounds at 0800 on Saturday the 22nd. To transfer personnel, to repair a faulty Echo Sounder, BOMBARD carried out a Touch and Go with MORESBY at 1400 and again at 1745. After an uneventful night ships ceased sounding at 0800 on the 23rd. BOMBARD berthed port side to MORESBY at 0810.
12. Before proceeding to the survey grounds, at 0800 on the 24th, BOMBARD embarked technical personnel to work on the ship's radar. These personnel were returned to MORESBY in a Touch and Go at 1930. Apart from this sounding proceeded without incident until 2005 on Tuesday the 25th, when Patrol Boats were detached from MORESBY to proceed to Sydney.
13. On detaching from MORESBY, BARRICADE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD proceeded for Thursday Island, sounding on passage. As it was inadvisable to berth at night, on arrival all ships anchored off Goods Island. BOMBARD anchored in position 252 degrees Black Rock 0.4 miles at 2330, on the 26th.
14. Weighing anchor at 0730 on the 27th BOMBARD proceeded into Thursday Island Harbour, berthing starboard side to BUCCANEER, main wharf, at 0810. At 1430, on completion of fuelling, the ship cast off and proceeded, in company with BARBETTE, BARRICADE and BUCCANEER, for Cairns.
15. Passage was uneventful, BOMBARD berthed starboard side to No. 1 Wharf at 1837 on Friday the 28th. Due to the time involved in fuelling ships remained in harbour overnight.
16. Casting off at 0600 BOMBARD proceeded in company, for Brisbane. Passage was uneventful until 2000 on the 30th when speed was reduced allowing ships to shut down one engine. BOMBARD's port engine was shut down and on attempting to re-start it some time later, it was found that an unserviceable Solenoid failed to parallel the ship's battery banks thus causing a severe drain on the port banks, rendering them unserviceable. Passage was continued on one engine.
17. During the ships several visits to Cairns, both before and during the survey, it was noted that the Naval Agent has on no occasion made himself known, met, or called on the ship. Indeed many civilians, of no connection with Navy, have been of more assistance.

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18. The "MORESBY Olympics", held on Sunday the 23rd, provided an excellent recreational day for the Patrol Boat crews. It is unfortunate that similar "days" were not held throughout the survey season as it is considered they would have been a great boost to the morale of Patrol Boat Ship's Companies.

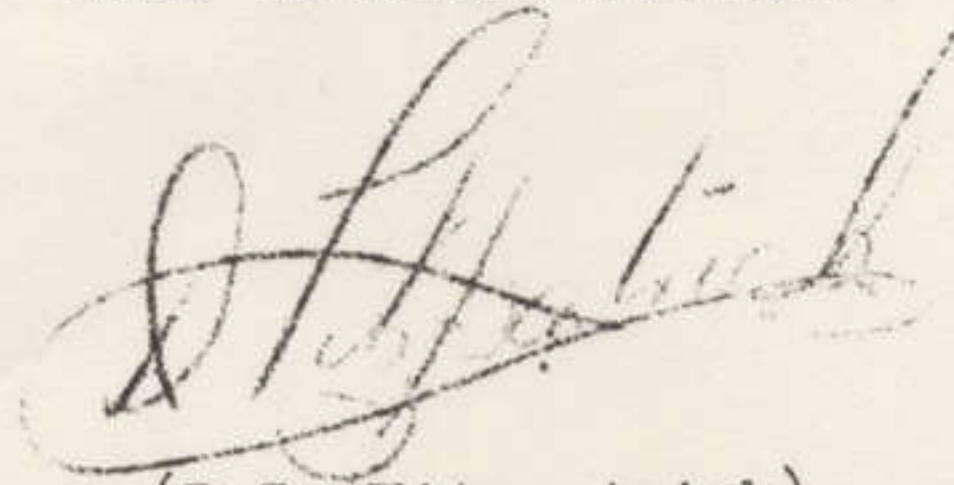
19. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.

20. The health, welfare and morale of the ship's company and officers is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(D.B. Fitzpatrick)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

Information:

Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.
Commander Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.
Naval Officer in Charge, NORTH AUSTRALIA AREA
Naval Officer in Charge, QUEENSLAND
Hydrographer R.A.N.
Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. MORESBY

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APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

Miles steamed during month	5099.5
Miles steamed since commissioning	29,889.2
Hours underway during month	338 hrs. 39 mins.
Hours underway since commissioning	2088 hrs. 44 mins.

APPENDIX 'B'

Exercises and Evolutions

Nil returns

APPENDIX 'C'

Sport

Inter mess squash	3rd and 5th
3 members of ship's company play for Patrol Boat's Vs Moresby Squash	7th
3 members ship's company represent "Navy" Vs South Cairns Cricket	10th
Vs BARRICADE Volley ball	14th
Vs BARRICADE	19th
Vs BUCCANEER	19th
Participation by Ship's Company in "Moresby Olympics"	23rd

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

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HMAS Bombard
DATE 7th DECEMBER 1969

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 13 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 29,889.2 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE'D SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1
NO. 2
NO. 3

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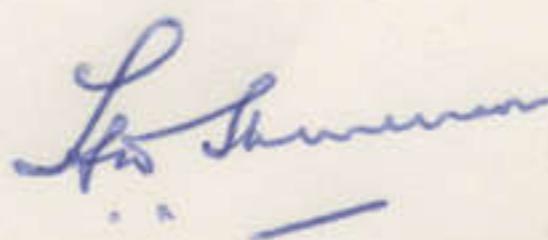
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At Sydney

13th January, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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AMENDMENT

1. It is requested that Appendix 'A' of HMAS BOMBARD's Report of Proceedings, be amended to read as follows:

APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

Distance Steamed during month	650.2 miles
Distance Steamed since commissioning	30,539.4 miles
Hours underway during month	44 hours 12 minutes
Hours underway since commissioning	2,132 hours 56 minutes

W.R. Philp ASLT.
(W.R. Philp)
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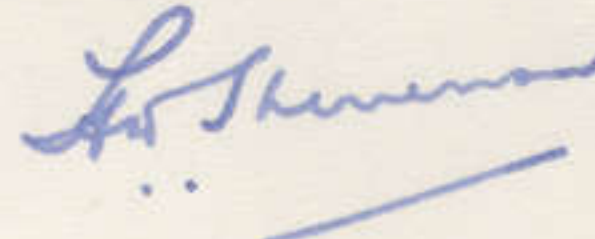
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HMAS BOMBARD
At Sydney
7th January, 1970.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1969

Sir,

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

2. In company with BARBETTE BARRICADE and BUCCANEER, the ship continued passage to Brisbane on one engine (unserviceable Battery Paralleling Solenoid). All ships arrived off HMAS MORETON at 1300, BOMBARD berthing port side to BARBETTE at 1310, on the 1st.
3. Repairs to BOMBARD were completed at 2359 on the 2nd, however, due to unfavourable weather conditions, ships remained alongside until the 4th.
4. Casting off at 0800, the ship proceeded in company with BARBETTE BARRICADE and BUCCANEER for Sydney. After an uneventful passage, BOMBARD berthed starboard side to number 12 berth at 1400 on Friday the 5th.
5. On arrival WATERHEN the ship commenced a Long Leave and Base Assisted Maintenance Period remaining alongside until the end of the month.
6. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
7. The health, welfare and morale of the Officers and Ships Company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

for *W.R. Philp. ASLT.*
(D.B. FITZPATRICK)
LIEUTENANT RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER *ROL.*

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1969.

APPENDIX "A"

Steaming Data

Distance steamed during month	650.2 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning	21,135.2 miles
Hours underway during month	44 hours 12minutes
Hours underway since commissioning	1,425.hours 37 minutes

APPENDIX "B"

Exercises and Evolutions

Nil Returns

APPENDIX "C"

Sport

Nil Returns

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Rear Admiral

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HMAS BOMBARD letter 65/1/70 of 5th February, 1970.



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HMAS BOMBARD

At Sydney

5th February, 1970.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1970

Sir,

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

2. The ship, being in a long leave and base assisted maintenance period, remained berthed at HMAS WATERHEN for the month.
3. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
4. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

D.B. FITZPATRICK

LIEUTENANT RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER



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Distance steamed during the month	Nil.
Distance steamed since commissioning	30,539.4 miles
Hours underway during the month	Nil.
Hours underway since commissioning	2,132 hours 56 min.

APPENDIX "B"Exercises and Evolutions

Nil returns.

APPENDIX "C"Sport.

Nil returns.

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1. HMAS BOMBARD letter 65/2/70 of 18th February, 1970.
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HMAS BOMBARD

At Jervis Bay

18th February, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from the 1st until the 18th of February, 1970.

2. Completing a Long Leave and Base Assisted Maintenance Period, the ship remained alongside at WATERHEN until the 15th.
3. At 0850 on Monday the 16th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, at 0900, in company with TEAL, IBIS, CURLEW, BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and ARROW for a Ceremonial Departure from Sydney. On clearing the harbour ships were detached to act in accordance with the E.A.X.P., BOMBARD proceeding in company with BUCCANEER for independent exercises. At 1030, due to a leaking oil line, BOMBARD's steering gear became defective and the ship was detached to return to harbour for repairs. On arrival WATERHEN, at 1130, the ship berthed port side to No. 10 Berth.
4. With steering gear repairs completed, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to No. 9 Buoy, for ammunitioning, at 0840 on the 17th. At 1000 ship was shifted to No. 4 Buoy where a compass swing was carried out under the direction of Lieutenant Commander Hockings RAN. BOMBARD slipped and proceeded from No. 4 Buoy at 1400. On clearing Port Jackson, the ship rendezvoused with BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and ARROW for passage to the Jervis Bay area. Due to inclement weather ships proceeded to an anchorage in Crookhaven Bight, this, however, proved unsatisfactory thus ships proceeded into Jervis Bay. BOMBARD anchored in position 134 degrees Montague Point 4 cables.

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5. BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0700. At 0715, BARRICADE joined the force and ships proceeded to carry out a formation anchorage off the Naval Colledge. BOMBARD anchored in position 347 degrees No. 2 Buoy 2 cables at 0750.
6. Lieutenant T.H. Cox (GLEK) RAN joined at 0800 on the 16th for a handover to take command.
7. At 0930 on the 17th the commanding officer, accompanied by Lieutenant Cox, called on the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.
8. The Command of HMAS BOMBARD was handed over to Lieutenant Cox at 0900 on Wednesday the 18th.
9. The state of the hull and condition of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
10. The health, welfare and morale of the officers and ships company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

D.B. FITZPATRICK

LIEUTENANT RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD,
at Sydney.

2 March, 1970.

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

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from 0900 on the 18th of February until 28th February, 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. At 0900 on Wednesday the 18th, I assumed command from Lieutenant (SLEX) D.B. Fitzpatrick. At 0905, BOMBARD weighed and proceeded in company with HMA Ships BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and BARRICADE. At 0912 BOMBARD berthed starboard side to BARRICADE at the SAR Wharf. A survival at sea lecture and helicopter winching demonstration was given to the ships company's of all ships at the SAR Wharf. BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, BARRICADE and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in accordance with the EAXP for a 40/60 surface shoot. On completion ships carried out a screening exercise. Ships proceeded to Jervis Bay on completion of the screening exercise and BOMBARD anchored at 1605 160 degrees Montagu Point 4 cables. Inter-ship general drills were carried out at anchor from 1645 until 1800. COMAUSMINPABFOR (Commander I.K. Wilson, RAN) embarked from BARBETTE at 1930. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 2030 securing port side to the SAR Wharf at 2105. COMAUSMINPABFOR disembarked at 2130.

3. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0730 on the 19th and commenced OOW manoeuvres with TEAL, IBIS, CURLEW, BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW and BARRICADE. Ships were detached at 0920 in accordance with the EAXP. BOMBARD proceeding with BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW and BARRICADE for an AA shoot which was limited to a tracking exercise for BOMBARD. Exercises as listed in Appendix B were carried out in Jervis Bay from 1400 until 1730. At 1753 BOMBARD anchored 215 degrees No. 7 Beacon 8 cables. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded in company with BUCCANEER, ARROW and BARRICADE at 1910 for a night encounter exercise in Jervis Bay. BOMBARD anchored at 0004 in position 267 degrees Governor Head 2.5 cables.

4. At 0430 on the 20th, BOMBARD, BARBETTE and BUCCANEER weighed and proceeded to Sydney exercising off Port Jackson on passage. On arrival WATERHEN the ship berthed port side to ARROW in No. 11 berth.

5. BOMBARD sailed at 0800 on the 25th February. At 0910 the ship rendezvoused with BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and ARROW, when clear of Port Jackson for passage to Jervis Bay exercising as detailed in Appendix B on passage. BOMBARD anchored in Jervis Bay at 1540 in position 302 degrees Hole in the Wall 3 cables. BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW and BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 1840. When clear of Jervis Bay, ships carried out a night encounter exercise with HMA Ships DERWENT returning to Jervis Bay on completion, anchoring at 2359 in position 285 degrees Hole in the Wall 6 cables.

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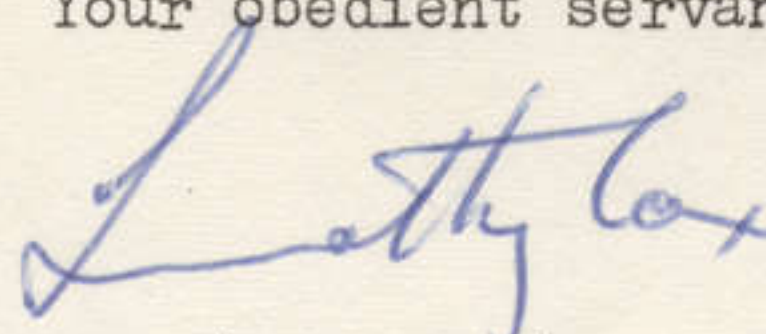
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6. General Drills were carried out at anchor in Jervis Bay during the forenoon of the 26th. At 1230 BOMBARD weighed in company and carried out exercises as detailed in Appendix B in Jervis Bay. BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW, and BOMBARD anchored in Formation at 1840, BOMBARD in position 293 Hole in the Wall 2.65 cables.
7. BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW and BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Sydney at 0500 on the 27th. After ammunitioning at Spectacle Island BOMBARD berthed WATERHEN at 1130 port side to BARBETTE in No. 11 berth.
8. The state of the hull and conditions of the machinery and electrical equipment is good.
9. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(T.H. COX)

Lieutenant, RAN
CAPTAIN

For Information:

The Commander, Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.
The Commander, First Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1970.

APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING DATA.

Distance steamed during month.	952.7 miles
Distance steamed since commissioning.	31,492.1 miles
Hours underway during month.	69hrs 42mins
Hours underway since commissioning.	2,262hrs 38mins

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APPENDIX "B"

Exercised fire (2)	17th
SUTF	18th
OOW Manoeuvres	18th
Emergency Party	18th
Point ship	18th
General Drills	18th
OOW Manoeuvres	19th
AATX	19th
Towex (3)	19th
Man Overboard	19th
Night Encounter Exercise	19th
AATX	20th
2" RFL Firing	20th
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OOW Manoeuvres	26th
Heaving line Transfers	26th
Towex	26th

APPENDIX "C"

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

HMAS BOMBARD
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APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 16 MONTHS YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 31 492.1 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 PORT 1770
NO. 2 STBD 1823
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MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGME. MAINT.	PROGME. REFIT DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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Cher G. W. [Signature]
Rear Admiral

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD
at SYDNEY.

2nd April, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding
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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1970

Sir,

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

2. On the 1st March, BOMBARD was secured portside to HMA Ship BARBETTE in No. 11 berth at Waterhen. During the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Departmental Harbour Inspection were carried out by Fleet and Waterhen Staff Officers.
3. At 0930 on the 5th, COMAUSMINPABFOR (Commander I.K. Wilson) inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions. This was followed by a harbour inspection at 1330.
4. BOMBARD, BARBETTE and BUCCANEER sailed in company at 0900 on the 9th for a sea inspection by COMAUSMINPABFOR and Officers of the Fleet Training Group. On clearing Port Jackson, ships commenced OOW Manoeuvres and carried out general exercises as detailed in Appendix B. At 1221 BARBETTE detached and returned to harbour, rejoining at 1320. BUCCANEER and BOMBARD were then ordered remain two miles clear of BARBETTE for the duration of the latter's individual inspection. At 1459 BOMBARD was ordered to take BARBETTE in tow, this exercise was completed at 1551. BOMBARD rejoined BUCCANEER at 1600 and all ships proceeded to Broken Bay. At 1742, BUCCANEER, BARBETTE and BOMBARD anchored in formation in Flint and Steel Bay in position 180 FLINT AND STEEL PT. 3.5 cables. General drills were carried out by all ships from 1930 until 2100 as detailed in Appendix 'B'.
5. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0639 on the 10th, exercising blind pilotage on the passage out of Broken Bay. At 0713 BOMBARD rendezvoused with BARBETTE and carried out independent exercises during BUCCANEER'S individual inspection. At 1010 BARBETTE and BOMBARD were joined by BUCCANEER and at 1018 COMAUSMINPABFOR embarked from HMAS BUCCANEER. BARBETTE and BUCCANEER were detached at 1020 whilst the individual inspection of BOMBARD was carried out. At 1216, having completed the inspection, BOMBARD returned to Sydney, to land an ill sailor in Nelsons Bay. At 1330 BOMBARD rendezvoused and took charge of BARBETTE and BUCCANEER in position 090 Northhead 4.5 miles and all ships then carried out leaving time transfers. At 1446 all ships proceeded to Sydney, BOMBARD berthing portside to the OFL at Waterhen at 1534.

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COMAUSMINPABFOR disembarked at 1540. The ship shifted berth at 1553 to No. 12 berth, starboard side to ARCHER.

6. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with BARBETTE, BUCCANEER and ARROW at 0900 on the 11th, when clear of Port Jackson ships carried out OOW manoeuvres on passage to Port Stephens. BOMBARD had an engine defect on the port engine at 1058, which upon investigation was found to be a loose fuel injector. This defect was made good and after a short engine trial the ship was able to proceed on both main engines at 1136. At 1540 BOMBARD anchored in Nelson's Bay at Port Stephens in position 270 Fly Point 1.2 cables.

7. At 0900 on the 12th a briefing was given to the Captains of HMA ships BARBETTE, BUCCANEER, ARROW and BOMBARD at GAN GAN Army Camp for the exercises with 1 RNSWR Commando's. At 1923 BOMBARD, BARBETTE and BUCCANEER weighed and proceeded in company at 1923 with Commandos embarked. At 2036 BOMBARD commenced disembarking the Commandos to the north of Broughton Island. All Commandos were landed by 2115 and at 2137 BOMBARD anchored in position 130 North Rock 5.4 cables.

8. At 0212, on the 13th BOMBARD commenced embarking the Commandos, and by 0233 all commandos were re-embarked. BOMBARD, BARBETTE and BUCCANEER weighed and proceeded at 0242 to Port Stephens. BOMBARD stopped in position 270 Fly Pt. 2.8 cables at 0407, and landed the Commando's in Nelson's Bay and at 0412 proceeded to Salamander Bay. The ship anchored in Salamander Bay at 0447 in position 237 Corlette Head 3.4 cables. HMAS ARCHER anchored in Salamander Bay at 1540.

9. At 1703 on the 14th BUCCANEER, ARROW and ARCHER sailed for Broughton Island. BOMBARD and BARBETTE weighed and proceeded at 2133 anchoring in Nelson's Bay at 2220 in position 270 Fly Point 2.8 cables. At 2240, due to adverse weather conditions the remainder of the exercise was cancelled, BUCCANEER, ARROW and ARCHER returned to harbour at 0045 on the 15th.

10. At 0900 on the 16th, BOMBARD, BUCCANEER, ARCHER and BARBETTE weighed and proceeded to Sydney exercising on passage as detailed in Appendix B. BOMBARD berthed starboard side to the OFL at Waterhen at 1513. The ship shifted to No. 9 berth at 1546.

11. At 0900 on the 18th BOMBARD and BARBETTE cast off and proceeded, with the Patrol Boat Coxswains Course embarked. When clear of Port Jackson the ships carried out OOW manoeuvres. At 1947 BOMBARD anchored in Broken Bay in position 030 Hungry Head 4.7 cables.

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12. BOMBARD and BARBETTE weighed and proceeded at 0900 on the 19th and carried out individual exercises. BOMBARD anchored in position 275 Box 1.2 miles at 1145. The ships weighed and proceeded to Sydney at 1252 exercising as detailed in Appendix 'B' on passage. BOMBARD was detached at 1452 and proceeded to Spectacle Island to de-ammunition. At 1555, on completion of de-ammunitioning the ship berthed port side to BARBETTE in No. 11 berth at Waterhen.

13. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cockatoo Island Dockyard at 0739 on the 23rd. The ship was shipped for an Intermediate Docking at 0814.

14. At 1408 on the 26th BOMBARD was unslipped and proceeded to Waterhen berthing portside to BARBETTE in No. 11 berth at 1433.

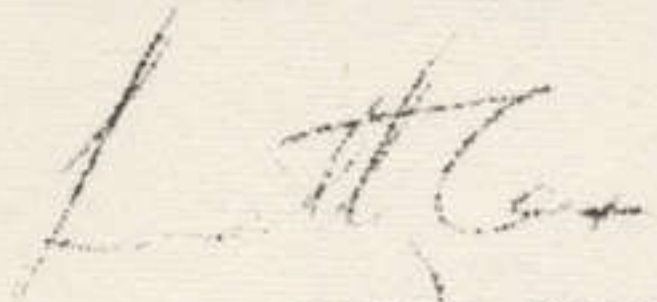
The remainder of the month was spent doing Base Assisted Maintenance alongside at Waterhen.

16. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



T.H. COX
Lieutenant, R.A.N.

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1970

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during month	672.8
Distance steamed since commissioning	32164.9
Hours underway during month	65hrs. 32 mins.
Hours underway since commissioning	2,328 hrs. 10 mins.

APPENDIX 'B'

OOW Manoeuvres	9th
Man overboard	9th
AATFX	9th
TOWEX	9th
Spread awnings	9th
Furled awnings	9th
BOARDEX	9th
General drills	9th
Blind pilotage	10th
Action Stations (3)	10th
Leaving ship stations (2)	10th
SUFEX	10th
NBCD Exercises	10th
OOW Manoeuvres	10th
TOWEX	10th
Heaving line transfers	10th
Exercised fire	10th
2" RFL Firing	10th
OOW Manoeuvres	11th
Fire Exercised	11th
OOW Manoeuvres	16th
OOW Manoeuvres	18th
Pilotage (P.B. Coxswains Course)	18th
Blind Pilotage	19th
Man overboard	19th

APPENDIX 'C'

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - JANO 7/66

(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

IC Engined Ships
Progressive Total Engine Hours
No. 1. (PRT) 1835 No. 2. (STBD) 1881
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HMAS. BOMBARD
Date. 2ND. APRIL. 1970

Age since first commissioning. 16 MONTHS
Miles steamed since first commissioning. 32 164.9

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Neil G. McDonald
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Rear Admiral

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HMAS BOMBARD letter of 2nd May, 1970.

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

2 May, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding,
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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1970

Sir,

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

2. On the 1st April, BOMBARD was secured on portside to Waterhen in No. 9 berth, carrying out Base Assisted Maintenance.
3. At 0845 on the 8th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the OFL, and at 1025 on completion of fuelling, proceeded to Spectacle Island to ammunition, returning to No. 9 berth at 1201. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to COFFS HARBOUR at 1420 on the 8th. The ship berthed portside to Coffs Harbour Wharf at 0937 on the 9th.
4. The ship was open to visitors on the 10th, and was visited by 67 people.
5. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0835, on the 11th to BALLINA. Adverse weather conditions made the Bar at Ballina extremely dangerous and the ship proceeded to Byron Bay anchoring at 1619, in position 218 Juan Julie Rocks 1.5 miles.
6. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Brisbane at 1753 on the 12th, and after an uneventful passage berthed starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 0941, on the 13th April.
7. At 1000 on the 14th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to GLADSTONE. On passage to Gladstone, the ship was diverted to Fairfax Island to render assistance to Mrs. Julie Booth, (ACNB P140119Z refers). BOMBARD stopped off Fairfax Island at 0701 on the 15th, and landed a party on the Island. A search of the island proved that it was deserted and the ship proceeded to Gladstone, bething starboard side to the Main wharf at 1151, the same day. Further inquiries revealed that Mrs. Booth had left Fairfax Island some three weeks prior to BOMBARD's arrival.
8. At 1200 on the 16th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Mackay. The ship berthed starboard side to HMA Ship BUCCANEER at 0724 on the 17th in Mackay Harbour.
9. HMA Ships BARRICADE and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0700 on the 19th April to BRISBANE. Both ships arrived at Brisbane on the 20th, BOMBARD berthing starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 1233.
10. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 1230 on the 22nd to BALLINA. After an uneventful passage, the ship berthed starboard side to the Ballina Slipway wharf at 0903 on the 23rd. The ship was open to visitors on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th and was visited by 450 members of the public. The Ship's Company attended the Dawn Service and marched through BALLINA on Anzac Day.

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11. At 1100 on the 26th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Sydney, securing alongside at Waterhen at 0945, on the 27th in No. 14 berth.
12. At 1110 on the 29th, BOMBARD and ARCHER cast off and proceeded to rendezvous with Her Majesty's Royal Yacht 'BRITANNIA' off Bradley's Head. At 1205, BRITANNIA, STUART, ARCHER and BOMBARD proceeded in company to Botany Bay, BOMBARD anchoring at 1403 in position 263 BARE IS. LT. 2.6 cables.
13. At 1536 all ships weighed and proceeded to Sydney. BOMBARD and ARCHER were detached at 1713 by BRITANNIA, BOMBARD secured to No. 9 buoy at 1723. The ship slipped and proceeded to Waterhen at 2044, securing starboard side in No. 12 berth at 2123.
14. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

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



(T.H. COK)
Lieutenant, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

Enclosures:- Appendix 'A', 'B', 'C'

For Information:- Commander, Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces.
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APPENDICES TO HMAS BOMBARD REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, APRIL 1970

APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

Distance steamed during month	2502.0
Distance steamed since commissioning	34666.9
Hours underway during month	168 Hrs. 14 mins.
Hours underway since commissioning	2,496 hrs. 24 mins.

APPENDIX 'B'

Blind Pilotage	15th
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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(TO ACCOMPANY MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS)

APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMAS BOMBARD
DATE 2ND MAY

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 17 Mon YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 2496 MILES.

I.C. ENGINE SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
NO. 1 PORT 121
NO. 2 STARBOARD 44
NO. 3

MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE		OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAMED MAINT.	PROGRAMED REFIT/DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS
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Rear Admiral

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

1 June, 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding,
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1970

Sir,

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

2. On the 1st May, BOMBARD was secured alongside Waterhen in No. 12 berth. At 1055 on the 8th, BOMBARD sailed in company with HMA Ship BARRICADE, both ships however were forced to return to Waterhen at 1245 due to extremely adverse weather conditions.
3. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0940 on the 11th, and carried out de-gaussing trials in ROSE BAY, returning to No. 12 berth at Waterhen at 1157.
4. At 0715 on the 13th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Bradley's Head Dolphins to carry out de-perming trials. The ship returned to Waterhen at 1524 on the 14th.
5. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 1050 on the 15th and carried out de-gaussing runs at the ROSE BAY range returning to Waterhen on completion, at 1228.
6. BOMBARD, in company with BAYONET, cast off and proceeded at 0904 on the 21st, with the Reserve Commanding Officers Course embarked. On clearing the heads, ships carried out Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres, and at 1050 BAYONET detached to carry out gunnery trials. On completion of the gunnery trials, BOMBARD and BAYONET returned to harbour, as adverse weather conditions precluded further beneficial manoeuvres being carried out. BOMBARD secured alongside Waterhen at 1338.
7. BOMBARD and BAYONET sailed at 0817 on the 22nd with the Reserve Officers embarked, and carried out ship handling exercises for the Course Officers in Chowder Bay. BOMBARD and BAYONET proceeded to sea at 0934 for OOW Manoeuvres and the exercises detailed in Appendix B. Both ships anchored at 1150 in Little Manly Cove, BOMBARD in position 007 Cannae Pt. 2.1 cables. BOMBARD and BAYONET, weighed, proceeded at 1333, securing alongside Waterhen at 1417.
8. The remainder of the month was spent alongside Waterhen. The Quarterly Lecture on security was given to the Ship's Company by me on the 19th.
9. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.



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I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
T.H. Cox
(T.H. COX)
Lieutenant, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1970

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA

Distance steamed during month	197.9
Distance steamed since commissioning	34864.8
Hours underway during month	15 hrs. 13 mins.
Hours underway since commissioning	2,511hrs. 27 mins.

APPENDIX 'B'

OOW Manoeuvres	21st
OOW Manoeuvres	22nd
Action Stations	"
Leaving Ship Stations	"
Heaving Line Transfer	"
Rig to Tow FWD	"
Ship Handling	"

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - JAN 7/66

(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

IO Engined Ships
 Progressive Total Engine Hours
 No. 1. 1972..... No. 2.....
 No. 3. 2045.....
 Age since first commissioning..... 18 MONTHS
 Miles steamed since first commissioning..... 24,864.8.....

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Date.....

Day	Availability State		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Heard	Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Prog. Maint.	Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	Defects Affecting Ship's Designed Performance (Duration in Hours)										Remarks
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H.M.A.S. Bombard,
at Sydney.

1 July, 1970

Flag Officer Commanding,
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Commander,
Australian Patrol Boat Squadron One).

H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD, under my command for the month of June, 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. On the 1 June, BOMBARD commenced a long leave and base assisted maintenance period which continued for the remainder of the month.
3. At 1000 on Thursday 25 June, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to OFL4 for fuelling, securing alongside at 1003. On completion of fuelling at 1040 the ship shifted berth to alongside HMAS BAYONET at HMAS WATERHEN.
4. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.



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

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(W.R. PHILP)
Sub-Lieutenant, RAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

For Commanding Officer
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H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 1970

Enclosures: Appendices A, B, C

APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

A. Distance steamed during month	0.1
B. Distance steamed since commissioning	34864.9
C. Hours underway during month	6 mins.
D. Hours underway since commissioning	2511 hrs. 33 ms.

APPENDIX 'B'

Exercises and Evolutions

Nil Returns

APPENDIX 'C'

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Nil Returns

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APPENDIX B

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

HMAS..... **BOMBARD** age since first commissioning..... **19 MONTHS** years
DATE..... **1 JUL 70** Miles steamed since first commissioning..... **34864.9** miles

No. **1** 1973
No. **2** **STAD 2046**
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Enclosure:

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H.M.A.S. Bombard,
at Sea.
1st August 1970

Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET



H.M.A.S. BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of July 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. On the 13th July BOMBARD completed the long leave and base assisted maintenance period and commenced a shakedown period with in harbour training, as detailed in Appendix B.

3. At 0800 on the 14th BOMBARD in company with HMA Ships BAYONET and BUCCANEER cast off and proceeded, BOMBARD proceeding to No 4 buoy securing there at 0824. At 0900 a compass swing was carried out under the direction of Lieutenant Commander Hockings RAN. At 1017 BOMBARD slipped and proceeded to sea. On clearing Port Jackson the ship proceeded to the Broken Bay Area, and rendezvoused with BAYONET and BUCCANEER exercising as detailed in Appendix B on passage. At 1200 the ships anchored in Flint and Steel Bay, BOMBARD 128 Juno Pt 1 mile. At 1315 BOMBARD commenced internal ship exercises at anchor as detailed in Appendix B. At 1500 BOMBARD, BAYONET and BUCCANEER carried out general drills and at 1557 weighed and proceeded in company to sea. All ships night steamed off the coast, carrying out internal independent exercises.

4. At 0639 on the 15th July BAYONET detached, BOMBARD and BUCCANEER proceeded to the Broken Bay Area and at 0915 BOMBARD was told to act independently and carry out independent exercises as detailed in Appendix B. BOMBARD rendezvoused with BUCCANEER at 1021 and carried out OOW Manouvres. At 1320 BOMBARD and BUCCANEER carried out heaving line transfers and on completion, proceeded to Broken Bay and anchored in Flint and Steel Bay, BOMBARD in position 120 Juno Point 8 cables.

5. At 0958 on the 16th July BOMBARD, BUCCANEER and BAYONET weighed and proceeded to sea, exercising as detailed in Appendix B. At 1200 all ships commenced a rapid open fire exercise with 40/60's which was followed at 1430 by an AA tracking and firing serial at a sleeve target. On completion of the firings the ships proceeded in company to Broken Bay anchoring in Flint and Steel Bay at 1730, BOMBARD in position 127 Juno Pt 9 cables.

6. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded in company with BAYONET and BUCCANEER at 0610 on the 17th July. On clearing Broken Bay, all ships proceeded to Botany Bay and at 0845 commenced a Torpedo Firing Exercise with HMA Ship PERTH. On completion of this exercise at 0925, BUCCANEER detached, BOMBARD and BAYONET proceeded in accordance with the EAXP, exercising as detailed in Appendix B.

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At 1400 BOMBARD and BAYONET carried out a 40/60 and small arms surface firing, on completion of which both ships proceeded to Broken Bay. At 1727 BUCCANEER rejoined and all ships anchored at Halletts Beach at 1803, BOMBARD in position 310 Halletts Beach 3.3 cables.

7. At 1133 on the 18th the ship shifted berth to alongside BAYONET at Halletts Beach.

8. At 0930 on the 19th I inspected Ships Company at Divisions. At 1245 BOMBARD shifted berth, anchoring in position 251 Challenger Head 6.5 cables.

9. At 0655 on the 20th BOMBARD, BUCANEER and BAYONET weighed and proceeded to Sydney, BOMBARD securing port side to the OFL at WATERHEN at 0916. On completion of fuelling the ship shifted berth to alongside at WATERHEN in No 9 berth at 1032. All ships remained in harbour during the remainder of the 20th to make good minor defects.

10. BOMBARD, BAYONET and BUCCANEER cast off and proceeded to sea at 1135, on the 21st. At 1320 all ships commenced an AA tracking and firing serial at a sleeve target, on completion of which all ships proceeded to the Jervis Bay Practice Area. At 1751 BOMBARD, BAYONET and BUCCANEER commenced a Night Encounter Exercise with PERTH and VENDETTA which was completed by 2000. At 2015 BOMBARD proceeded in company to Sydney, securing port side to BAYONET at 0105 on the 22nd at WATERHEN.

11. At 0932 on the 22nd BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with BAYONET and BUCCANEER to sea. At 1130 all ships commenced a 50 cal firing, BOMBARD was limited to tracking only, as time did not permit all ships to fire. On completion of this serial BOMBARD, BAYONET and BUCCANEER proceeded to WATERHEN, BOMBARD securing alongside the OFL at 1417 shifting berth at 1449 to alongside BAYONET in No 11 berth.

12. At 1000 on Saturday 25th July BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Gladstone. After an uneventful passage BOMBARD secured alongside Auckland Point Wharf, Gladstone at 1000 on the 27th.

13. On the completion of fuelling, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Townsville at 1400 on the 27th July. BOMBARD secured at No 5 wharf in Townsville at 1400 on the 28th, relieving BARRICADE of her fishery Patrol duties.

14. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Townsville at 0930 on the 30th July. At 1408 whilst on passage to Dunk Island BOMBARD fractured a fuel injection line to the starboard engine, (my 300445Z refers), and after minor repairs the starboard engine could once again be used, but only for manouvring. BOMBARD anchored at Dunk Island at 1757 in position 099 Mound Island 3.5 cables.

15. At 0905 on the 31st BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Cairns, arriving

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arriving there at 1500 and securing starboard side to No 1 wharf. The replacement fuel injection line arrived in Cairns late that night and would be collected early on the morning of the 1st August.

16. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

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

Timothy Cox

(T.H. COX)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

Enclosures:- Appendix 'A', 'B', 'C'

For Information:- Commander,
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Boat Forces,
Commander,
1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron.

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APPENDICES TO HMAS BOMBARD REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY 1970

APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

A. Distance Steamed during month	2301.5
B. Distance Steamed since commissioning	37166.4
C. Hours Underway during month	144 Hrs 27 Mins
D. Hours Underway since commissioning	2656 Hrs

APPENDIX 'B'

Action Stations	13th
BOARDEX	13th
Leaving Ship Stations	13th
Emergency Stations	13th
Fire Exercise	13th
D.C. Exercise	13th
Shelter Stations	13th
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Action Stations (3)	14th
BOARDEX (3)	14th
Emergency Stations (3)	14th
Leaving Ship Stations (3)	14th
Fire Exercise (3)	14th
D.C. Exercise (3)	14th
General Drills	14th
Transfer Emergency Party	14th
OOW Manoeuvres	14th
Rig Awnings	14th
Darken Ship	14th
Man Overboard Exercised	15th
Steer Gear Failure	15th
Engine Failures	15th
Fire Exercise	15th
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Shelter Stations	15th
Action Stations	15th
D.C. Exercise	15th
OOW Manoeuvres	15th
Heaving Line Transfer	15th
Emergency Stations	15th
BOARDEX	16th
OOW Manoeuvres	16th
40/60 AATX/CRF	16th
40/60 ROFX	16th

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APPENDIX 'B' continued

Torpedo Firing Exercise	17th
TOWEX	17th
Heaving Line Transfer	17th
40/60 SUTF	17th
00W Manoeuvres	17th
Small Arms Firing	17th
50 Cal Firings	17th
40/60 AATX/CRF	21st
Night Encounter Exercise	21st

APPENDIX 'C'

Sport

Nil Returns.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

HMAS **BOMBARD** Age since first commissioning **20 MONTHS** years No. 1 **PORT 2111**
 DATE **01 AUGUST 1970** Miles steamed since first commissioning **37 166.4** miles No. 2 **SIBD 2183**
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MONTHLY I.C.E. ENGINED SHIPS AVAILABILITY
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS

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HMAS BOMBARD
AT SEA
1st SEPTEMBER 1970.

Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of August 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. On Saturday 1st August at 0956, continuing with the fishery surveillance patrol, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Cairns, engine repairs having been completed (My 310600Z JUL 70 refers). After an uneventful passage BOMBARD arrived in the Flinders Island Group in Princess Charlotte Bay at 2151 and anchored in Stokes Bay at 2245 in position 272 Stanley Island 4 cables.
3. At 0807 on the 2nd August BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Cape Bedford. On passing Cape Flattery strong south easterly conditions indicated that the anchorage at Cape Bedford would be unsuitable. Consequently BOMBARD proceeded to Lizard Island anchoring at 1455 in position 000 South Bay Point 5.2 cables.
4. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded from Lizard Island at 0705 on the 3rd and after a passage through rough south easterly conditions arrived at Cairns at 1545 securing starboard side to No 2 berth.
5. BOMBARD delayed sailing from Cairns on Wednesday 5th August (My 050215Z refers) due to the current strong wind and rough sea warning in force. The local conditions had also worsened considerably since BOMBARD's arrival on the 3rd. These conditions continued to prevail until the 9th August.
6. At 0906 on Sunday 9th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded and on clearing Cairns proceeded to the Whitsunday Passage Area. At 2216, whilst on passage, BOMBARD fractured a fuel injection line to the Port Main Engine (My 100014Z refers) which limited the ship to single engine steaming. Temporary repairs were effected by the ship's staff by 2311, and both engines were once again serviceable and the ship continued on her patrol. BOMBARD anchored in Cid Harbour at 0515 on the 10th August in position 063 Ross Islet 5 cables.
7. At 0930 on the 10th BOMBARD weighed and proceeded and on clearing the Whitsunday Passage proceeded to the Percy Island Group. At 1659 BOMBARD arrived in the Percy Island Area and reversed course returning to Scawfell Island for the night. The ship anchored in Refuge Bay, Scawfell Island at 2037 in position 012 Refuge Point 4.5 cables.
8. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded from Scawfell Island at 0903 on the 11th August. After a passage through the Whitsunday Group BOMBARD anchored at South Molle Island in position 030 South Molle Wharf 2 cables. At 1559 BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to the Jetty securing port side to at 1606.
9. At 0931 on the 12th August BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, exercising as detailed in Appendix B on passage to Lindeman Island. BOMBARD anchored at Lindeman Island at 1059 in position 081 Seaforth Island 4.4 cables. As strong south easterly conditions were prevailing in the area BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 1428 securing port side to South Molle Island Jetty at 1552.

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10. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Mackay at 0942 on Thursday 13th August. After a passage into rough south easterly conditions BOMBARD arrived in Mackay at 1424 securing port side to in No 7 berth. At 1723, on completion of fuelling and repairs to the defective port engine injection line, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cid Harbour via the Whitsunday Passage. The ship anchored in Cid Harbour at 2202 in position 070 Ross Islet 5.1 cables.
11. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0359 on the 14th and on clearing Cid Harbour proceeded to Townsville. BOMBARD secured port side to No 5 berth in Townsville at 1200 on the 15th August.
12. BOMBARD carried out a period of self maintenance in Townsville from the 15th until the 18th August.
13. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Townsville at 1005 on Tuesday 18th August. On clearing Townsville Harbour the ship proceeded to Dunk Island anchoring there at 1610 in position 270 Mound Island 3.5 cables.
14. At 0901 on the 19th BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Cape Flattery continuing her fishery surveillance patrol. The ship anchored at Cape Flattery at 2200 in position 275 Cape Flattery 1.6 cables.
15. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0903 on the 20th and after an uneventful passage arrived at Princess Charlotte Bay anchoring in Stokes Bay at 1524 in position 290 Stanley Island 3 cables.
16. At 0252 on Friday the 21st BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Cairns, berthing starboard side to Cairns No 1 Wharf at 1630.
17. The ship shifted berth to port side to HMA Ship DIAMANTINA at Cairns on Saturday 22nd August at 1205.
18. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Cairns at 0900 on Sunday 23rd August and on clearing the harbour proceeded to Mourilyan. BOMBARD secured port side to Mourilyan Main Wharf at 1305 that afternoon.
19. At 0900 on Monday 24th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Mourilyan and on clearing the harbour proceeded to Townsville. The ship secured port side to No 5 berth Townsville at 1600.
20. A period of self maintenance was carried out from the 25th until the 28th of the month. The Ship's Company were inspected at Divisions on Thursday 27th and the quarterly security lecture was given.
21. At 1401 on the 28th August BOMBARD cast off and proceeded, sailing having been delayed for four hours by a galley defect (My 280211Z refers). On clearing Townsville Harbour the ship proceeded to the Keppel Islands anchoring at Great Keppel Island in position 090 L.H.E Kepple Island 6 cables. The ship shifted anchorage at 1436 and anchored at 1504 in position 270 Keppel Island 5 cables.
22. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to the Port Alma area at 0428 on Sunday 30th August. The Fitzroy River Pilot was embarked off Cardigan Point at 0605 for the passage to Rockhampton. BOMBARD arrived in Rockhampton at 0900 after a very interesting passage up the river. This passage should not be attempted without a pilot as there is no relevant chart and the leads in the river do not necessarily

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indicate the channel and the tidal information in AHP11 is no longer relevant due to a barrage in the river above Rockhampton. The ship secured starboard side to Rockhampton Wharf at 0902 and on the completion of fuelling cast off and anchored in mid stream.

23. BOMBARD was anchored in the Fitzroy River at Rockhampton on August 31st.

24. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

T.H. Cox
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(T.H. COX)

LIEUTENANT R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Steaming Data.

A. Distance steamed during month	2676.3	miles
B. Distance steamed since commissioning	39,842.7	miles
C. Hours underway during month	158 32/60	hours
	2714 32/60	hours

APPENDIX B

12th August.

Man Overboard Exercises
Action Stations
Emergency Stations
Shelter Stations

APPENDIX C

Sport.

Squash V's BAYONET and BUCCANEER	7th AUGUST
Squash Inter Mess	21st AUGUST
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APPENDIX B

MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

HMAS..... BOMBARD
DATE..... 01 SEPTEMBER 1970

Age since first commissioning..... 21 MONTHS years
Miles steamed since first commissioning..... 39,842.7 miles

MONTHLY I.C. ENGINED SHIPS AVAILABILITY
(To Accompany Progressive Total Engine Hours Report)
No. 1..... 2264
No. 2..... 2236
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of September. All times Kilo (-10).

2. At 0657 on Tuesday 1st September, BOMBARD embarked the Fitzroy River Pilot at Rockhampton for the passage down the river to Port Alma. The ship weighed and proceeded at 0728 and commenced the passage down the Fitzroy River from Rockhampton. BOMBARD berthed at Port Alma wharf at 1057 after the river passage, which was against a flooding tide which made some of the more difficult bends easier to negotiate. The pilot disembarked at 1100, and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 1202. On clearing Port Alma the ship proceeded to the Whitsunday Passage Area.
3. BOMBARD anchored in Cid Harbour at 0330 on the 2nd in position 073 Ross Islet 7.8 cables. HMA Ship ANZAC was also anchored in Cid Harbour during BOMBARD's stay at the anchorage. BOMBARD spent the day in Cid Harbour painting ship and at 1615 weighed and proceeded to South Molle Island securing port side to the jetty at 1651.
4. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from South Molle Island at 0758 on Thursday 3rd September. On clearing the Whitsunday Passage the ship proceeded to Townsville. BOMBARD arrived in Townsville at 1531 berthing port side to No. 5 berth.
5. BOMBARD sailed at 0901 on Sunday 6th September and on clearing Townsville Harbour the ship proceeded to Gladstone to rendezvous with HMA Ship BARBETTE who had a governor defect. After an uneventful passage, the ship arrived in Gladstone on Monday 7th September and berthed starboard side to Auckland Point Wharf at 0818. During the forenoon, I handed over the Fishery Patrol Duties for the Townsville Area to BARBETTE, who sailed for Townsville on completion.

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6. BOMBARD's sailing from Gladstone on the 8th was delayed due to a defect on the AN-URC 58 (my 080030Z refers), which required a new unit to be flown from Sydney to Gladstone.
7. The replacement transceiver arrived on Wednesday the 9th, and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 1054. On clearing Port Curtis the ship proceeded to Sydney.
8. During the afternoon of the 10th, the local weather conditions worsened considerably and speed had to be reduced to 10 knots. Heavy pounding was still experienced at this speed, and BOMBARD proceeded to Coffs Harbour to seek protection until the conditions had abated. BOMBARD secured starboard side to Coffs Harbour Wharf at 1616 on the 10th September. The ship cast off and anchored in the harbour at 1717. At 1832 the wind and swell appeared to have abated, consequently BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to sea. On clearing Coffs Harbour, the ship once again experienced heavy pounding, in the rough short seas. Consequently the ship proceeded to Trial Bay to shelter. BOMBARD anchored in Trial Bay at 2137. A brief power failure on the passage from Coffs Harbour to Trial Bay resulted in a gyro failure, this matter was rectified whilst at anchor over night in Trial Bay.
9. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 0644 on the 11th September, and on clearing Trial Bay proceeded to Sydney. The passage down the coast to the Port Stephens Area was extremely unpleasant, due to the heavy swell and rough seas in the area. These conditions abated south of Port Stephen's and the remainder of the passage to Sydney was in moderate conditions. BOMBARD berthed at WATERHEN at 1929 securing port side to HMA Ship ADROIT in No. 11 berth.
10. At 0937 on the 14th September, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Spectacle Island to de-ammunition, returning to Waterhen on completion, securing port side to No. 9 berth at 1045. BOMBARD then commenced a period of self maintenance.
11. The ship proceeded to the OFL at 1130 on the 18th September and defuelled returning alongside No. 11 berth at 1331.
12. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cockatoo Island at 0737 on Monday 21st September for an Intermediate Docking. The ship was slipped at 0815.
13. BOMBARD was unslipped at 0953 and returned to WATERHEN at 1015 securing portside to No. 9 berth.
14. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the OFL at Waterhen at 0808 on Tuesday 29th September. The ship cast off and proceeded at 0948, on the completion of fuelling, to Spectacle Island to ammunition. Ammunitioning was completed at 1040 and the ship proceeded to the de-gaussing Range in Rose Bay. On completion of de-gaussing runs, the ship proceeded to sea at 1130. On clearing the heads, the ship commenced engine and steering trials which were successfully completed by 1330. BOMBARD secured port side to No. 9 berth at Waterhen at 1400.

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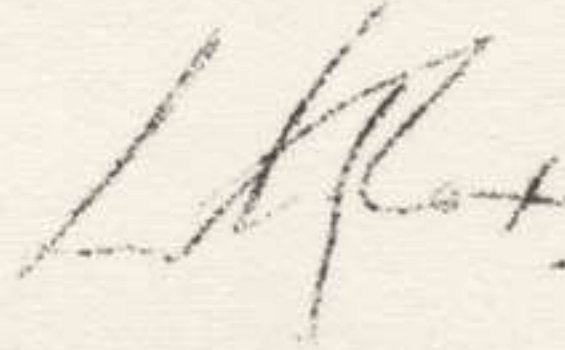
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15. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea on the 30th September. On clearing the heads the ship proceeded to the Broken Bay Area, exercising as detailed in Appendix 'B' en route, anchoring in Flint and Steel Bay at 1045 in position 035 Hungry Point 1.9 miles. Exercises at anchor were carried out and these are detailed in Appendix B. A defect in the windlass was discovered on anchoring, and after investigation by the ships staff, the windlass was found to be unserviceable and repairs would require Base assistance. At 1300 BOMBARD commenced weighing by hand, the anchor was aweigh by 1340 and the ship proceeded to sea continuing with exercises as in Appendix B. BOMBARD returned to Waterhen at 1641 for repairs to the windlass (COM-AUSMINPABFOR 300255Z refers) berthing port side to No. 9 berth.

16. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is satisfactory. The state of the hull and machinery is also satisfactory.

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



(T.H. COX)
Lieutenant, RAN
COMMANDING OFFICER

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APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING DATA

Miles steamed during the month	1699.6 miles
Miles steamed since commissioning	41542.3 miles
Hours underway during the month	103 56/60 hrs.
Hours underway since commissioning	2818 28/60 hrs.

APPENDIX 'B'

30th September

Action Stations	(2)
Shelter Stations	(2)
Emergency Stations	(2)
Leaving Ship Stations	(2)
Fire Exercises	(2)
Pumping Exercises	(2)
Rig Fx Awning	
Weighing by Deck Tackle	

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - JAN 7/66

(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

IC Engined Ships
 Progressive Total Engine Hours
 No. 2
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 Age since first commissioning... 22 MONTHS
 Miles steamed since first commissioning... 41,542.3

NAME... **BOYBAR D**
 Date... **1st OCTOBER 1976**

Day	Availability State		Operational Duties	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Zepherus Maint.	Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	Defects Affecting Ship's Designed Performance (Duration in Hours)										Remarks
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Rear Admiral

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

27 October, 1970

Flag Officer Commanding,
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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from 1st October, until 0900 27th October, 1970. All Times Kilo (-10).

2. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0804 Friday 2nd October. On clearing Port Jackson, BOMBARD proceeded to Kiama to rendezvous with HMA Ship AWARE and SAR AIR SPRITE. BOMBARD rendezvoused with AWARE at 1107 in position 057 Big Island 7 miles. Air Sprite joined at 1113. BOMBARD and Air Sprite then proceeded in company to Sydney whilst AWARE returned to Jervis Bay. At 1130, AIR SPRITE had a main engine failure which necessitated speed being reduced to 13 knots. BOMBARD and Air Sprite arrived at Sydney Heads at 1420 and after detaching Air Sprite, BOMBARD proceeded to Waterhen securing port side to No. 9 berth at 1459. The ship cast off and proceeded to Garden Island at 1530 securing portside to the north retaining wall of Captain Cook Dock at 1605.

3. BOMBARD was open for public inspection at Garden Island on 3rd and 4th October, as part of Navy Week. The ship was inspected by approximately 1850 people.

4. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Waterhen at 0806 on Tuesday 6th October, securing port side to No. 9 berth at 0825. During the remainder of the forenoon, repairs were carried out on the throttle bloc-tube controls which had been damaged during the weekend. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to sea at 1220. On clearing Port Jackson, the ship proceeded to Gladstone. After an uneventful passage, BOMBARD arrived in Gladstone at 1030 on Thursday 8th October berthing starboard side to Auckland Point Wharf.

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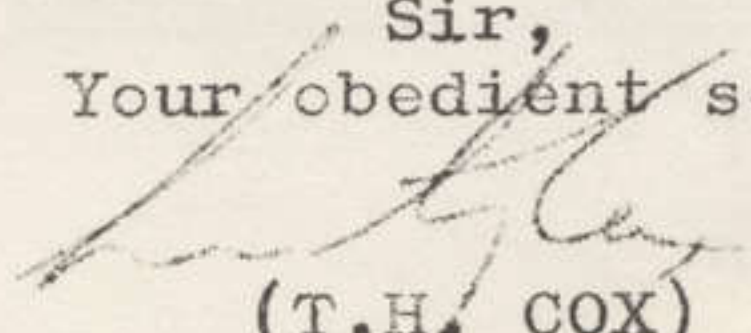
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5. On the completion of fuelling, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Gladstone at 1245 on the 8th October. On clearing Port Curtis, BOMBARD proceeded to Brisbane.
6. BOMBARD anchored in Moreton in position 019 Outer Brisbane River Pile 9 cables at 0617 on the 9th October. The ship weighed and proceeded up the Brisbane River at 0739, securing starboard side to HMAS MORETON at 0921.
7. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded from Brisbane at 1404 on Monday 12th October. The ship proceeded to sea from MORETON Bay via the North East Channel, and on clearing the Bay proceeded to Port Stephens, BOMBARD anchored in Nelson's Bay Port Stephens at 1354 on Tuesday 13th October.
8. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded at 1106 on the 14th October and on clearing Port Stephens Harbour proceeded to Broken Bay. The ship anchored in Flint and Steel Bay at 1531 that afternoon in position 120 Juno Point 1 mile.
9. At 0603 on Thursday 15th October, BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Sydney, securing port side to HMA Ship LADAVA in No. 1 berth at Waterhen.
10. A period of self maintenance was carried out from 16th until 21st October.
11. At 0900 on the 21st October, Lieutenant W.R. Overton, (GLEK) RAN and I called on you, Sir at Fleet Headquarters.
12. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the OFL at 0840 on Thursday 22nd October. The ship proceeded to sea at 1000 and on clearing Port Jackson proceeded to Jervis Bay. BOMBARD secured alongside the end of the SAR Wharf at HMAS CRESWELL at 1446. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded in company with LADAVA at 1508 and carried out a Boarding Party Exercise, both ships returning alongside on completion.
13. The Ships Company attended a lecture on survival at sea and witnessed a helicopter winching demonstration at Creswell on the 23rd October. The ship proceeded to sea in company with LADAVA at 0905. OOW manoeuvres were carried out whilst on passage to Sydney. A Surface firing was carried out at 1320, during which a defect on BOMBARD's 40/60 rendered the weapon unserviceable after firing four rounds. BOMBARD berthed at Waterhen at 1538 that afternoon.
14. Lieutenant W.R. Overton joined at 0800 on the 26th for a handover to take Command.
15. The Command of HMAS BOMBARD was handed over to Lieutenant Overton at 0900 on Tuesday 27 October.
16. The health, welfare and morale of the Ships Company is satisfactory. The state of the hull and machinery is also satisfactory.

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I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(T.H. COX)
Lieutenant, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

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HMAS BOMBARD
AT GRAFTON
1 NOVEMBER 1970

Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1970

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command from 0900 27th October, until 31st October, 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. At 0900 on Tuesday 27th, I assumed command from Lieutenant GLEX Cox T.H., at which time BOMBARD was undergoing a short self maintenance period secured portside to No 9 berth WATERHEN.

3. At 0828 on the 29th, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the OFL and at 1003, on completion of fueling, proceeded to GRAFTON.

4. At 1140 a radar defect was observed. This defect made the radar unserviceable and because of a lack of expertise onboard BOMBARD returned to Sydney (My 290040Z refers), berthing starboard side to No 12 Berth WATERHEN at 1305. Base Staff checked the equipment and after replacing a magnetron unit the equipment was serviceable. At 1416 BOMBARD again cast off and proceeded to GRAFTON. Exercises as detailed in Appendix B were carried out on passage.

5. BOMBARD embarked Mr W.J. Williams, the Clarence River pilot off YAMBA breakwater at 0740 on 30th. After an uneventful Clarence River passage BOMBARD berthed portside to Bacon Street Wharf, Grafton at 1139.

6. The Flag Officer Eastern Australia (Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb CBE DSO) was the official guest of honour for Grafton's Jacaranda Festival.

7. The crew of BOMBARD attended various official functions on the 31st culminating with the Official opening and crowning of the Festival Queen by Rear Admiral Crabb that evening.

8. BOMBARD was open to visitors on the 31st, and was visited by approximately 2,000 people.

9. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(W.R. OVERTON)
Lieutenant, R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosures:- Appendix 'A', 'B', 'C'.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Data

Miles steamed during the month	2304.3 miles
Miles steamed since commissioning	43846.6 miles
Hours underway during the month	121 2/3 hours
Hours underway since commissioning	2940 8/60 hours

APPENDIX 'B'

22nd October
Boarding Party Exercise
23rd October
ILR and Helo winching demonstration
OOW manoeuvres (2)
29th October
Action Stations
Emergency Stations
Leaving Ship Stations

APPENDIX 'C'

Sport
Nil return

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY - JANU 7/66

(To Accompany Monthly Report of Proceedings)

IC Engined Ships
 Progressive Total Engine Hours
 No.1. Port 2506 No.2. Starboard 2577
 No.3.....

HMAS... BOMBARD
 Date... 1st NOVEMBER 1970

Age since first commissioning... 23 Months
 Miles steamed since first commissioning... 43546.6

Day	Availability		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post Refit Trials	Passage time	Visit	Programmed Maint.	Programmed Refit/Docking	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	Defects Affecting Ship's Designed Performance (Duration in Hours)										Remarks
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Rear Admiral

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HMAS BOMBARD
AT TOWNSVILLE
1 DECEMBER 1970.

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Commander,
1st Australian Patrol Boat Squadron).

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1970.



Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BOMBARD under my command for the month of November. All times Kilo (-10).

2. BOMBARD was berthed portside to Lacon Street pontoon on the 1st. During the afternoon BOMBARD was open to visitors and was visited by approximately 2,500 people.
3. At 0655 on the 2nd BOMBARD cast off and proceeded securing starboardside to Grafton railway jetty at 0700. At 0900 on completion of fueling and after the Clarence River pilot Captain W.J. Williams had embarked, BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Yamba.
4. The Clarence River pilot Captain W.J. Williams disembarked off Yamba at 1233. On clearing Iluka breakwaters BOMBARD proceeded to Gladstone.
5. BOMBARD berthed starboardside to Auckland Jetty Gladstone at 0942 on the 3rd. On completion of fueling at 1055 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Townsville.
6. At 1010 on the 4th BOMBARD secured portside to HMA Ship BARBETTE at No 5 berth Townsville where a fishery surveillance handover was effected.
7. At 0858 on the 6th BOMBARD cast off and lay off whilst BARBETTE cast off and proceeded. BOMBARD reberthed portside to No 5 berth at 0908.
8. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Dunk Island at 1300 on the 6th berthing portside to Dunk Island jetty at 1832.
9. At 0600 on the 7th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cairns securing portside to HMA Ship MADANG at 1041.
10. At 0850 on the 8th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Thursday Island. BOMBARD anchored off Coquet Island at 1749 in a position 314 Coquet Island Light 2 cables. Small arms firing practice was carried out.
11. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Thursday Island at 0558 on the 9th.
12. At 0700 on the 10th BOMBARD anchored in the Thursday Island Quarantine anchorage in a position 279 Black RK 5 cables. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Thursday Island at 0828 securing portside to HMA Ship ATTACK on Government Wharf at 0900. At 1205 HMA Ship AITAPE secured to BOMBARD's starboard side.
13. During the passage to Thursday Island some difficulty with the steering system had been experienced (My 092300Z NOV 70 refers) and it was decided to remain overnight in Thursday Island whilst ships staff attempted repairs.
14. At 0800 on the 11th AITAPE cast off and proceeded. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Cairns at 0816.

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15. BOMBARD secured portside to HMA Ship SAMARAI in Cairns at 1518 on the 12th.
16. At 0855 on the 13th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Dunk Island, berthing portside to Dunk Island jetty at 1325 where upper deck maintenance was carried out.
17. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Magnetic Island at 1652 anchoring off Magnetic Island at 2153 in a position 149 Hawkings Point 10.6 cables.
18. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded into Townsville harbour at 0822 on the 14th berthing portside to No 5 berth Townsville at 0854.
19. At 0804 on the 18th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to South Molle Island. Soon after leaving Townsville a defect in the ANURC 58 was discovered. Due to the bad weather BOMBARD took shelter at anchor in Stonehaven Anchorage at 1640 in position 205 Cockatoo Pt 4.1 cables where ships staff attempted diagnosis and repair of the defective transmitter. After 90 minutes no cause could be traced. It was decided to try to rendezvous with HMA Ship ANZAC and allow their expertise time to find the defect. Knowing ANZAC was due at South Molle Island on the 19th BOMBARD thus proceeded to South Molle Island berthing portside to South Molle jetty at 1950 where I reported my intentions and defect by telephone to the Duty Fleet Staff Officer.
20. At 0805 on the 19th BOMBARD received a telephone directive from the Duty Fleet Staff Officer to join ANZAC in Brampton Island and assist in the search for a missing midshipman (Your 182240Z NOV 70 refers). BOMBARD cast off and proceeded at 0811 securing portside to ANZAC at 1024. As ANZAC had found the missing midshipman and the communications maintenance staff of ANZAC were attempting to repair the defective ANURC 58 BOMBARD cast off at 1130 and proceeded in company with ANZAC to Mackay (ANZAC 190150Z NOV 70 refers). BOMBARD secured starboardside to ANZAC at 1428. At 1750 BOMBARD cast off and lay off whilst ANZAC shifted berth. BOMBARD secured portside to ANZAC at 1803.
21. At 1040 on the 20th, having embarked a combined ANZAC and Mackay Police search party, (ANZAC 200025Z NOV 70 refers) BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Brampton Island, securing portside to Brampton Island jetty at 1210 where the search party disembarked. At 1500 the search party re-embarked and BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Mackay, securing portside to ANZAC at 1625.
22. On arrival in Mackay a new ANURC 58 which had been flown up from Sydney was fitted. (My 190630Z NOV 70 and WATERHEN 190950Z NOV 70 refer).
23. At 0948 on the 21st BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Brampton Island, berthing portside to Brampton Island jetty at 1117.
24. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Hayman Island at 0910, coming to anchor in a position 216 Hayman Island jetty 2.5 cables.
25. At 0732 on the 23rd BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to berth portside to Hayman Island jetty at 0736. The Naval Officer in Charge Queensland (Commander A. a'H. Evans) embarked at 0805 for a series of visits to coastwatching stations in the Whitsunday Islands area. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Long Island at 0818, coming to anchor off Happy Bay in a position 355 Humpy Point 4 cables. At 1718 BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to South Molle Island, berthing starboardside to South Molle Island jetty at 1804.
26. BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Dent Island at 0830 on the 24th, coming to anchor at 1138 off the North East end of Dent Island in a position 254 North Dent Rock 2.8 cables. At 1249 BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Linderman

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Island coming to anchor in a position 243 Dalwood Point 9.7 cables. After having gone ashore and examined the Linderman Island jetty and taken soundings through the channel and vicinity of the wharf it was decided to berth alongside. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded alongside at 1815 berthing portside to Linderman Island jetty at 1829.

27. Due to recurring fault in the steering box it was decided to remain at Linderman Island whilst ships staff attempted repairs. No fault could be found. Thus BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to carry out steering trials at 1045 on the 25th, reberthing portside to Linderman Island jetty at 1130. The steering having appeared to function correctly the remainder of the day was spent progressing upper deck maintenance and carrying out fire party exercises.

28. At 0901 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Brampton Island, berthing starboardside to Brampton Island jetty at 1032 where The Naval Officer in Charge Queensland disembarked having completed his tour of local coastwatching stations. At 1035 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Magnetic Island, anchoring in a position 323 Horseshoe Bay jetty 5 cables at 1906.

29. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Townsville at 0809 on the 27th, berthing portside to No 5 berth Townsville at 0859.

30. The remaining 3 days of the month were spent in self maintenance at Townsville.

31. During the period of the month BOMBARD has berthed alongside the jetties of many of the local Islands and from observations I consider that these jetties would make completely safe berths for Patrol Boats even at Low water springs tides. Not only are they completely safe but the owners and managers, without exception, welcome the presense of a Patrol Boat. Dunk Island and Linderman Island have reported minimum depth of 9ft alongside at LWS; South Molle Island and Brampton Island have a reported minimum depth of 11ft alongside at LWS and Hayman Island has a reported minimum of 12ft at LWS. From my own observations during the month the least depth BOMBARD experienced alongside was 10ft forward at Dunk Island during springs tides.

32. The health, welfare and morale of the Ship's Company is good. The appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(W.R. OVERTON)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosures:- Appendices "A" "B" "C"

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APPENDIX "A"

Steaming Data.

Miles steamed during the month	2,999.6 Miles
Miles steamed since commissioning	46,846.2 Miles
Hours underway during the month	187 ² / ₃ HOURS
Hours underway since commissioning	3,127 ⁴ / ₅ HOURS

APPENDIX "D"

8th November
Small arms Firings.
25th November
Fire Party Exercise (2).

APPENDIX "C"

Sport.

6th November
Tennis versus DUNK ISLAND - BOMBARD won 3-1.
15th November
Cricket versus Metropole Cricket Club BOMBARD lost 176-107.
29th November
Cricket versus Metropole Cricket Club BOMBARD lost 114-76.

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MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 46,846.2 MILES
 APPENDIX 'B' TO CMO 7/66
 AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 2 YEARS

I.C. ENGINES SHIPS
 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
 NO. 1 STBD ME 2756
 NO. 2 PORT ME 2685

MONTH DAY	AVAILABILITY STATE	OPERATIONAL DUTIES	EXERCISE	WEAPON TRAINING	SPECIAL TASKS	POST REFIT TRIALS	PASSAGE TIME	VISIT	PROGRAMMED MAINT	PROGRAMMED REFIT DOCKING	REPAIR	HARBOUR	LONG LEAVE	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)										REMARKS			
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22 JAN 1971

The Secretary
Department of the Navy

HMAS BOMBARD - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1970

Forwarded.

Henry A. ...
Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS BOMBARD's N/N of 1st January 1971 (3 copies)

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HMAS BOMBARD
At Sydney
1st January 1971.

Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:- Commander Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces.
Commander First Australian Patrol Force.

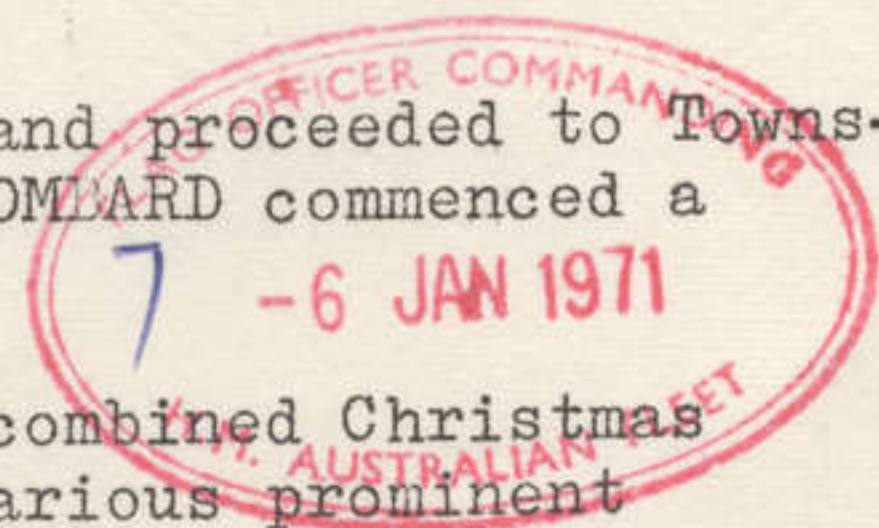
HMAS BOMBARD-REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-DECEMBER 1970.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BOMBARD, under my command, during the month of December 1970. All times Kilo (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month, BOMBARD was engaged in a self maintenance period alongside No 5 berth Townsville, this continuing until Thursday 3rd. At 0921 on that day the ship cast off and proceeded to Dunk Island, berthing portside to the Island Jetty at 1430.
3. At 0923 on the 4th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Otter Reef where a 40/60 Bofor gun functioning and Close Range Surface Shoot were successfully conducted. BOMBARD reberthed portside to Dunk Island Jetty at 1442, remaining alongside overnight.
4. After casting off at 0729 on the 5th BOMBARD proceeded to Cairns berthing portside to No1 Berth at 1204. The ship remained in Cairns until Monday 7th during which time the ship's companies of BOMBARD and HMA Ship SAMARAI combined to form rifle shooting and cricket teams to play local opponents.
5. BOMBARD cast off at 0728 on the 7th. On clearing Cairns Harbour approaches hands were called to action stations where the various drills as detailed in Appendix C were exercised. The ship came to anchor in the vicinity of Wye Reef in a position 055 Rocky Island 5.1 miles at 1839.
6. Having remained at anchor overnight BOMBARD weighed and proceeded to Portland Roads at 0601 on the 8th. The ship berthed portside to Portland Roads Wharf at 1524 and remained there overnight.
7. Passage to Portland Roads was extremely interesting as perfect weather conditions made submerged reefs easily seen at 2 miles and at slow speeds in some shallow patches the bottom was clearly visible. There was, also, an abundance of large fish, sharks and dolphins to accompany us at various stages throughout the passage.
8. At 0651 on the 9th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Wye Reef where the ship came to anchor in a position 055 Rocky Island 5.2 miles at 1600. The inner reef passage was again made in perfect conditions.
9. BOMBARD weighed and proceeded on the southerly reef passage at 0559 on the 10th. During the passage south a brief examination was made of several reefs and Islands and several likely safe anchorages were noted. The ship came to anchor in a position 216 Snapper Island Peak 3.8 cables at 1538. Recreation Parties were landed, the ship remaining at anchor overnight.
10. After weighing at 0730 on the 11th BOMBARD proceeded to Cairns berthing portside to SAMARAI at No 5 Berth at 1057.
11. BOMBARD sailed from Cairns at 0757 on Sunday 13th and proceeded to Townsville. Having berthed portside to No 5 berth at 1715 BOMBARD commenced a four day self maintenance period.
12. Being the Festive Season it was decided to hold a combined Christmas and Farewell Cocktail Party onboard on Tuesday 15th. Various prominent citizens and representatives of the other services were entertained onboard.


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13. Completing our self maintenance period on Thursday 17th BOMBARD gave final farewell to Townsville having almost finished our two month northern fishery surveillance detachment. Leaving Townsville at 0800 BOMBARD arrived at Linderman Island at 1630 berthing portside to the Island Jetty. During our two day stay at Linderman BOMBARD played the Island at "Whitsunday Rules Cricket" resulting in a win to the ship by a narrow margin. The ship's company were also given the quarterly security lecture during our stay.
14. At 1230 on Saturday 19th BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to Gladstone berthing starboard side to Auckland Point Jetty at 0754 on Sunday 20th. On completion of fuelling at 0930 BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to the vicinity of Cape Moreton Light to effect a rendezvous with HMA Ship DAYONET.
15. BOMBARD and DAYONET rendezvoused west of Cape Moreton Light at 0550 on the 21st with BOMBARD coming to anchor in a position 272 North Point 1.9 miles at that time. With both BOMBARD and DAYONET at anchor a northern fishery surveillance handover was effected. Having completed the handover BOMBARD weighed and was detached to proceed to Sydney at 0714.
16. The passage to Sydney was made in moderate but uncomfortable seas and our arrival off Sydney Heads at 0645 on the 22nd was a great relief. As the ship required a good washdown before proceeding down harbour BOMBARD anchored in a position 278 Watson's Bay Jetty 2 cables at 0701. BOMBARD weighed at 0853 and proceeded to Spectacle Island making two runs over the Patrol Boat degaussing range enroute. Berthing portside to No 6 lighter at Spectacle Island at 1000 ammunitioning commenced. The evolution was completed at 1031 when BOMBARD cast off and proceeded to WATERHEN, securing portside to HMA Ship BARBETTE some 11 minutes later.
17. The ensuing period in Sydney was spent preparing the ship to act as stand by starting boat for the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. Not being required on the 26th BOMBARD proceeded to the Oil Fuel Lighter for defuelling and commenced preparations for our forthcoming refit. The remainder of the month was spent progressing these preparations.
18. The appearance of the ship is good and the Main Engines and Auxiliaries have functioned without major defects however, there have been a number of minor defects that have required replacement items being flown from Sydney. The electrical and radio equipment have functioned without defect. Trials and preparations for refit have been carried out and all seems to be satisfactory.
19. The health and conduct of the ship's company are good and the morale is high.

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

(W.R. OVERTON)
Lieutenant R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

- Closures:-
- A. Steaming Appendix.
 - B. Monthly Return of Ship Availability.
 - C. Exercise Appendix.
 - D. Sporting Appendix.

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APPENDIX 'A'

Steaming Appendix:

A. Distance steamed during the month	2168.7 Miles.
B. Hours underway during the month	157 Hours.
C. Total distance steamed since commissioning	49,014.9 Miles.
D. Total hours underway since commissioning	3284 4/5 Hours.

APPENDIX 'B'

Attached.

APPENDIX 'C'

Exercise Appendix:

4th December

40/60 Gun Functioning
40/60 Close Range Surface Shoot

7th December

Action Stations
Fire Stations
Emergency Stations
Leaving Ship Stations
9mm Pistol Shoot

APPENDIX 'D'

Sporting Appendix:

Rifle Shooting 6th December 51 R.Q.R. d BOMBARD/SAMARAI
Cricket 6th December BOMBARD/SAMARAI d Cairns Basketball Club 120 to 98
Cricket 18th December BOMBARD d LINDERMAN Is 150 to 129

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
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 HMAS BOMBARDO DATE 3 JAN 76

PP INDEX 'B' TO CMO 7/66 MILES STEAMED SINCE COMMISSIONING 49,014.9 PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE HOURS
 AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 2 YEARS 2 MONTHS YEARS
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