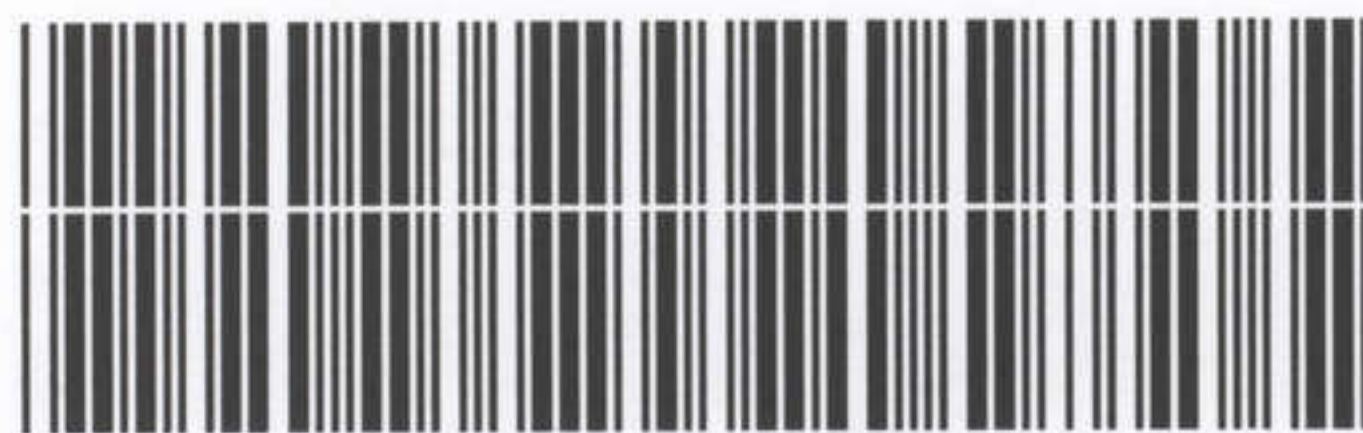


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5th April, 1973

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The Secretary
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1ST-29TH JANUARY, 1973

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 (R.M. Synnot)
 Rear Admiral
 Flag Officer Commanding

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Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET report 1/16/1 dated 30th January, 1973.

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In reply quote;- 1/16/1

HMAS BAYONET (PTF 101)
At Cairns FNQ
30th January 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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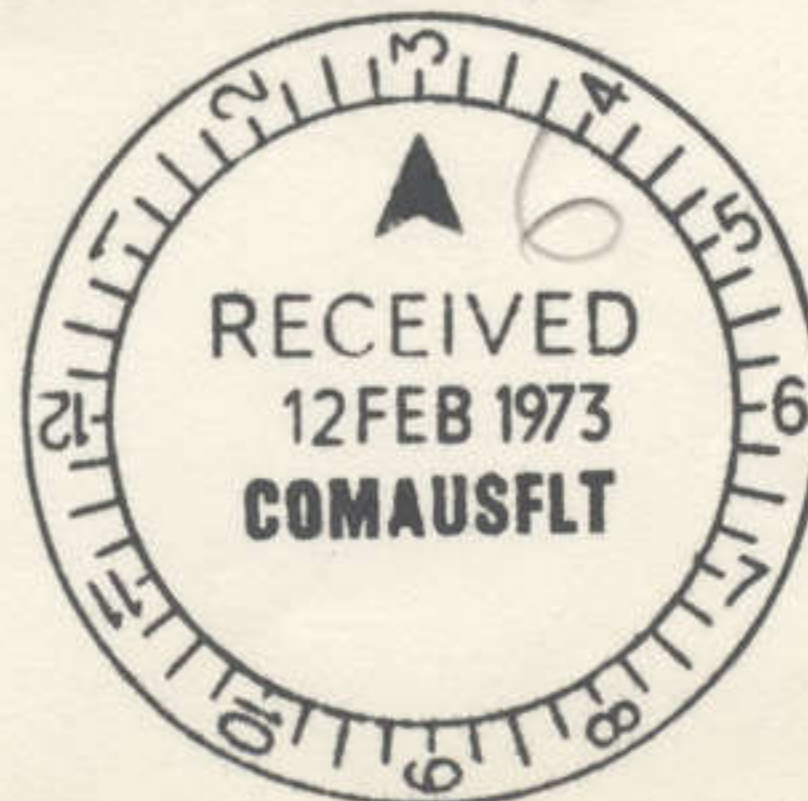
Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET for the period 1st January 73 to 29th January 73.

2. On Monday 1st January the ship was alongside in CAIRNS on standby patrol and undergoing self maintenance. The ship remained at this berth the following day and at 0900 Wednesday 3rd January sailed for a Central Area Patrol anchoring at RICHARDS ISLAND that night.

The following two nights were spent at anchor at GREAT PALM ISLAND and CID HARBOUR respectively and at 1300 Saturday 6th January the ship berthed at SOUTH MOLLE ISLAND. BAYONET sailed from SOUTH MOLLE ISLAND at 0900 the following day and at 0800 Monday 8th January berthed at Number Five Wharf TOWNSVILLE HARBOUR.

4. Fuel and water were obtained at TOWNSVILLE and at 0800 the following day the ship sailed, anchoring at FITZROY ISLAND that night. BAYONET proceeded from FITZROY ISLAND at 0730 Wednesday 10th January and at 0900 berthed at CAIRNS for a seven day self maintenance period including an I.N.O. Inspection of the 40/60 Mounting.



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5. At 0830 Tuesday 16th January BAYONET sailed in company with BARRICADE for Gun Functioning trials off CAIRNS. The trials were successful and at 1030 BAYONET reberthed at Number One Wharf to continue the self maintenance period.

6. The ship sailed for a Northern Area Patrol at 0900 Thursday 18th January and after an uneventful passage north berthed at the Caltex Wharf THURSDAY ISLAND at 1400 Sunday 21st January. Fuel, water and victuals were obtained at THURSDAY ISLAND and at 0800 Monday 22nd January BAYONET sailed to continue the patrol south.

7. The following two nights were spent at anchor at PORTLAND DAD and LIZARD ISLAND respectively and at 0800 Wednesday 24th January the ship rendezvoused with BARRICADE off LIZARD ISLAND. For the remainder of the day both ships carried out exercises in the LIZARD ISLAND area as part of BARRICADE'S work up. A 40/60 firing, TOWEX, heaving line transfers and a BOARDEX were conducted and at 1500 both ships anchored at LIZARD ISLAND for the night.

8. BAYONET sailed from LIZARD ISLAND in company with BARRICADE at 0400 Thursday 25th January and after an uneventful passage south commenced OOW Manoeuvres off CAIRNS at 1130. The manoeuvres were completed by 1230 and at 1300 both ships berthed at CAIRNS.

9. BAYONET remained alongside in CAIRNS for the next four days and during this period the Commanding Officer's handover was conducted. On the 30th January, I relinquished command of HMAS BAYONET and was relieved by LEUT GLEX K.S. TUCKEY R.A.N.

10. ENGINEERING

No major defects were experienced during January. The main engines and auxillary services gave a good performance throughout the month.

11. HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is excellent.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

M. J. Stock
(M.J. STOCK)

Lieutenant RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1973

A. Distance steamed during the month	2039.3
B. Hours underway during the month	134
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5321.5
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	79825.4
E. Fuel used for all purposes	9758 galls
F. Average distance steamed/ton fuel	49.4 miles

ANNEX 'C' - FISHERY PATROL REPORT

A. HMAS BAYONET	A. HMAS BAYONET
B. Central Patrol	B. Northern Patrol
C. 3rd Jan - 10th Jan	C. 18th Jan - 25th Jan

A. HMAS BAYONET (HMAS BARRICADE IN COMPANY)
B. Northern Patrol
C. 30th Jan - 31st Jan

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APPENDIX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

HMS BAYONET
DATE 31 JAN 73

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 3 1/2 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 79,825.4 MILES

I.C. ENGINED SHIPS
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL ENGINE
HOURS
NO. 1 2060 STBD
NO. 2 2069 PORT
NO. 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY		Operational Duties	Exercise Weapon	Training Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Reeving Cable	Paint	Programmed Maintenance	Preventive Maintenance (Locks, Belts, Pipes, etc.)	Long Leave	Defect Performance (Duration in Hours)	Acting skipper assigned	Remarks
	DAY	1												
1		✓												
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3		✓							✓					SMP
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DCNS 12/4 FOCAT has been asked to forward a copy of the navigational report (para 5).

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 30TH JANUARY
TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1973

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A.M. Synnot

(A.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

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- ✓ HMAS BAYONET report 1.16.1 of 28th February, 1973

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In reply quote:- 1/16/1

HMAS BAYONET (PTF 101)

AT MACKAY N.Q.

28th February 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES

The Senior Naval Officer
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The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

30th January 73 to 28th February 73

(all times zone kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 30th January 73 to the 28th February 73.

2. On Tuesday 30th January the ship sailed in company with, and as consort for the workup of, HMAS BARRICADE, anchoring at 2000 at LIZARD ISLAND. The workup continued the next day while making passage to the FLINDERS GROUP ISLANDS, where the ship anchored in the OWEN CHANNEL at 1900. The ship remained at anchor that night and proceeded at 0800 1st February to continue BARRICADE'S workup in the immediate vicinity of the FLINDERS GROUP ISLANDS. At 1800 that evening BAYONET berthed alongside HMAS PALUMA which was at anchor in the OWEN CHANNEL and remained alongside overnight, sailing the next morning for the completion of the workup and for passage to CAIRNS. BAYONET berthed at 1100 on Saturday 3rd February alongside BARRICADE at Number One Wharf after having fuelled at Number 10 Wharf.

3. On Monday 5th February the ship sailed again in company with BARRICADE as consort for her Operational Readiness Evaluation, returning to harbour at 1230.

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4. The next morning, Tuesday 6th February, the ship sailed for THURSDAY ISLAND and for the start of a TORRES STRAIT COAST WATCHERS visit. Having fuelled in THURSDAY ISLAND on Wednesday 7th February and remaining overnight, the ship sailed at 0800 for the first of the TORRES STRAIT ISLANDS, having embarked in THURSDAY ISLAND MR. RICHARD HENDERSON, Civilian Intelligence Officer to Naval Officer In Command, Queensland. MR HENDERSON was to stay with us for the whole tour and disembarked in PORT MORESBY. During the next four days the ship consecutively visited the following islands: BANKS, MULGRAVE, JERVIS, SAIBAI, BOIGU, TURTLEBACK, SUE, COCOANUT, YORKE, DARNLEY and MURRAY, anchoring consecutively at JERVIS, TURTLEBACK, DARNLEY and MURRAY each night. The trip without a doubt was most successful. At each island myself or one of my officers and MR. HENDERSON, met and exchanged pleasantries with the local Chairman, Coastwatchers and Schoolteacher. On Monday 12th February the ship embarked SIR WILLIAM and LADY COLLINS of COLLINS Publishing House, LONDON, who were stranded on DARNLEY ISLAND for passage to YORKE ISLAND. (BAYONET'S 110241Z FEB 73 refers). After disembarking these two charming people the ship proceeded to PORT MORESBY via BRAMBLE CAY. Full navigational and intelligence reports have been forwarded separately.

5. BAYONET arrived at the ARMY WHARF PORT MORESBY at 0800 Tuesday 13th February and berthed on HMAS LAE where BAYONET stayed for the next two days. As much recreational and shopping leave was given possible and the stay was enjoyed by all.

6. At 0900 Thursday 15th February, BAYONET slipped and proceeded to CAIRNS, arriving at 1130 Friday. After fuelling BAYONET berthed on BARRICADE at number one wharf to commence a Base Assisted Maintenance Period.

7. At 0715 Monday 19th February BAYONET sailed in company with BARRICADE to carry out Funnel Trials which conclusively proved the value of the new extended funnel. BAYONET returned to harbour at 1400 and berthed at number one wharf where she remained for the rest of the week.

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8. At 1000 on Saturday 24th February, BAYONET once again in company with BARRICADE, sailed for MACKAY at which port fuel was embarked on Sunday 25th February. The ships were then due to proceed to HIGH PEAK ISLAND to join HMAS MORESBY for survey duties, however, due to tropical cyclone "KURSTY" the ships were forced, after one abortive attempt to proceed on Monday, to remain alongside in MACKAY for the rest of the month.

9. ENGINEERING

No major defects were experienced during the month. Two minor defects to the main engines were rectified by ships staff. Generally the main engines and auxilliary services proved satisfactory during the month.

10. HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORAL

The health, conduct and moral of the ships company is good.



I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

K.S. Tuckey
(K.S. TUCKEY)

Lieutenant RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures:- Annex 'A' - Steaming figures
Annex 'B' - Ship's availability
Annex 'C' - Fishery Patrol Reports

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1973

A. Distance steamed during the month	2318.7
B. Hours underway during the month	148
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5469.5
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	82144.1
E. Fuel used for all purposes	12525 galls
F. Average distance steamed/ton fuel	49.2

ANNEX 'C' - FISHERY PATROL REPORT

A. HMAS BAYONET	A. HMAS BAYONET
B. Northern Patrol	B. Northern and Torres Strait Patrol
C. 1st Feb-3rd Feb	C. 6th Feb-16th Feb

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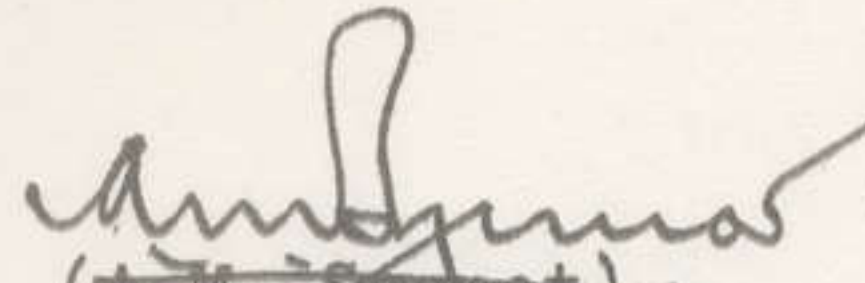
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2. With reference to paragraph 11, oil leakage from the main engine crankshaft seals is now normal for the type of thrower rings fitted. It is intended to fit modified thrower rings during the forthcoming refit period.


(R.M. Synnot)
Rear Admiral
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS BAYONET Report 1/16/1 dated 1st April, 1973

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In reply quote:- 1/16/1

HMAS BAYONET (PTF 101)

At Mackay

1st April 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM Australian Fleet

For Information

The Commander
Australian Mine Warfare and Patrol Forces

The Commander
Second Australian Patrol Boat Squadron

The Senior Naval Officer
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 1973

(all times zone kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET for the month of March, 1973.

2. At 0300 Thursday 1st March BAYONET, in company with BARRICADE, sailed from MACKAY to rendezvous with HMAS MCRESBY (A/Commander M.W. VARLEY RAN) at 0800 at ROCKY SHELF BAY, SOUTH PERCY ISLAND. Upon rendezvous both patrol boats came alongside MCRESBY and necessary personnel were briefed on survey duties. The group sailed from SOUTH PERCY ISLAND at 1100, and at 1800 that evening, commenced surveying in the SWAIN REEF AREA. At 0115 Friday 2nd March, sounding operations were completed and BAYONET, in company with MCRESBY and BARRICADE, sailed for MACKAY. BAYONET berthed at the Roylen Cruiser Wharf, MACKAY at 0800 and remained at that berth for the weekend.



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3. At 0815 Monday 5th March, BAYONET sailed, in company with MORESBY and BARRICADE, for the survey area but due to rough seas the patrol boats were forced to anchor at SOUTH PERCY ISLAND at 1300. At 0600 the following morning the ships weighed anchor and attempted to reach the survey area but returned to the anchorage as the adverse weather conditions still prevailed.

4. The ships remained at SOUTH PERCY ISLAND until Thursday 8th March and at 0630 sailed for the survey area and at 1020 commenced sounding. At 0400 Saturday 10th March, BAYONET detached from MORESBY, and in company with BARRICADE sailed for MACKAY to refuel, berthing there at 1130.

5. At 0900 Sunday 11th March, BAYONET and BARRICADE sailed from MACKAY for the survey area. A heaving line transfer with HMAS BUCCANEER (Lieutenant W. THOMPSON RAN) was carried out en route and sounding operations commenced at 1500.

6. At 1000 Monday 12th March, BAYONET carried out a personnel transfer with MORESBY, then detached for passage to HERON ISLAND, rejoining that evening and commenced sounding at 2130. At 0950 Tuesday 13th March, BAYONET detached and sailed for MACKAY and berthed at the Roylen Cruiser Wharf at 1520.

7. At 1230 Wednesday 14th March, BAYONET and BARRICADE sailed for SOUTH MOLLE ISLAND and berthed there at 1630. The ships sailed the following morning at 0930 for CAIRNS and after fuelling berthed at Number One Wharf at 0730 Friday 16th March.

8. After consultation with Base Staff in connection with a constant lubricating oil leak from both main engines, the ship's engineroom was assessed as having and being a fire hazard, and the necessary URDEF (15/73) was raised (my 182350Z MAR 73 refers).

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9. The ship remained alongside at CAIRNS until Saturday 31st March whilst action was taken to repair the defect. During this period the AN/URC 58 Transciever developed a defect and URDEF 16/73 was raised (my 300347Z MAR 73 refers),

10. On Saturday 31st March the ship proceeded to sea to carry out engine trials which proved satisfactory. On returning to harbour the repaired AN/URC 58 Transciever was reinstalled in the ship and as both URDEF'S were completed (my 311021Z MAR 73 refers), the ship sailed at 1930 for MACKAY to recommence survey duties with MORESBY.

11. ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

Engineering wise this was a bad month for BAYONET. Although the main engines ran well the constant oil leak, which had been going on for some months, became too much for safe running. Now, on completion of work on the engines, an oil leak is still apparent, but is not nearly as bad as before. A fire hazard still exists but all safeguards are being taken.

Electrically it is becoming noticeable that the ship has been a long time out of refit, as such equipments as windscreen wipers and illuminations etcetera, are constantly developing minor defects.

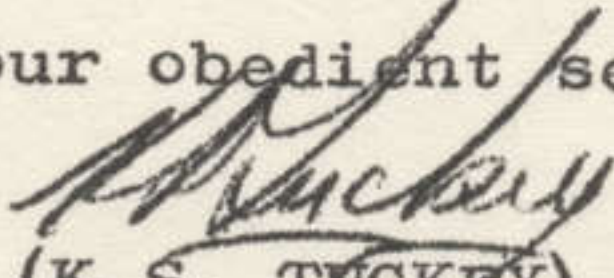
12. HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(K.S. TUCKEY)

Lieutenant RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

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ANNEX "A" TO HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

MARCH 1973

A. Distance steamed during the month	2207.5
B. Hours underway during the month	170
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5639.4
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	84351.6
E. Fuel used for all purposes	11726 galls
F. Average distance steamed/ton fuel	52.9 miles

ANNEX "C" - FISHERY PATROL REPORT

A. HMAS BAYONET
B. Surveying Duties
C. 1st March - 16th March

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The Secretary
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(A.A. Willis)
Commodore
for Flag Officer Commanding

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HMAS BAYONET (PTF 101)

At Sea

30th April 1973

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information

The Commander
AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES

The Naval Officer in Charge
QUEENSLAND

The Senior Naval Officer
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The Commander
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 1973

(all times zone kilo)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET for the month of April 1973.

2. At 1630 Sunday 1st April, BAYONET arrived in MACKAY and berthed port side to HMAS BUCCANEER. Due to a large swell within the harbour, BAYONET shifted berth that night to alongside HMAS MORESBY at the South Wharf.

3. At 1230 Tuesday 3rd April, BAYONET sailed for SOUTH PERCY ISLAND ahead of MORESBY, BUCCANEER, BARRICADE and BARBETTE. The Patrol Boats anchored that evening in the lee of SOUTH PERCY ISLAND waiting for the weather to moderate, but as it did not, the ships were forced to return to MACKAY on Thursday 5th April, BAYONET berthing alongside BARBETTE at the North Wharf at 0730 that morning.

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4. At 0800 Sunday 8th April all other patrol boats sailed for the survey grounds. However, BAYONET was unable to do so due to a failure in the auxillary machinery. (My 080002Z and 080003Z APR 73 URDEF's 17 and 18 refer).

5. At 0945 Monday 9th April, BAYONET having completed URDEF's sailed from MACKAY and proceeded to TOWNSHEND ISLAND, where one of MORESBY's DECCA camps is situated. The ship arrived at TOWNSHEND ISLAND at 1715 and victuals were taken ashore for the camp personnel. At 1800 BAYONET weighed anchor and proceeded to rendezvous with MORESBY in the survey area. After carrying out a mail transfer with MORESBY, BAYONET was again forced to proceed to PERCY ISLAND seeking shelter from the rough seas that had prevailed all day. The ship remained at SOUTH PERCY ISLAND until Wednesday 11th April and at 0845 weighed, and proceeded to MACKAY. BAYONET berthed alongside BARBETTE at the Roylen Cruises Wharf at 1300.

6. BAYONET remained in MACKAY until Monday 16th April and at 1130 proceeded to TOWNSHEND ISLAND to rendezvous with MORESBY and to relieve BARRICADE whose AN/URC 58 Transceiver became unservicable. Stores were transferred to MORESBY upon rendezvous, and on completion BAYONET anchored in the lee of the island. MORESBY sailed for Sydney that evening. At 1230 Tuesday 17th April BAYONET proceeded to BUSTARD HEAD with MR ADAM AITKEN a civilian electronics technician, on board, having embarked him from MORESBY. The ship anchored at BUSTARD HEAD at 1900 and MR AITKEN was transported in shore to the DECCA camp situated there.

7. At 1515 Wednesday 18th April, BAYONET sailed from BUSTARD HEAD for GLADSTONE. The ship arrived at the oil wharf, GLADSTONE, at 1700, disembarked MR AITKEN and proceeded to MACKAY. BAYONET berthed at the Roylen Cruises Wharf at 0700 Thursday 19th April. On completion of fuelling the ship sailed in company with BARRICADE for CAIRNS. BAYONET berthed at No 10 wharf, CAIRNS, at 0800 Friday 20th April. Upon completion of fuelling the ship returned to No 1 wharf with the aid of a tug. (See Para 12).

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8. On ANZAC DAY I was invited to attend church, and give an address at the YARRABAH ABORIGINAL MISSION which I did and enjoyed thoroughly. There are over one thousand natives at this mission and the service and parade were impressive.

9. BAYONET remained in CAIRNS until Friday 27th April on which day the ship sailed for engine trials. Embarked on these trials were members of the Cairns Harbour Board for Patrol Boat Familiarization (My 260520Z APR 73 NCTAL refers).

10. At 0900 Monday 30th April the ship sailed for a Northern Area Patrol, BAYONET's last patrol before a much needed refit, and anchored at LIZARD ISLAND at 1700 after an uneventful passage.

11. ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

The main engines since re-alignment last month are now running smoothly and all auxillary mechanical services are operating efficiently.

12. Electrically this was a bad month for BAYONET. The General Service and Auxillary Salt Water Pump motors burnt out. Both motors were repaired by contractors while the ship was in MACKAY. (MY 080002Z and 080003Z APR 73 URDEF's 17 and 18 refer). On returning to CAIRNS the main and general service battery banks were found to be flat. The cause was traced to a faulty charger which was repaired by local contractors. No URDEF was raised as the ship became operational within twenty four hours. The port engine pyropress sheared its' rubber coupling and temporary arrangements were made until a replacement was found.

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13. These were the only major defects which occurred. The many minor defects occurring were effectively handled by ship's staff. I consider both length of time out of refit and continual rough pounding seas have contributed to the cause of many of the defects.

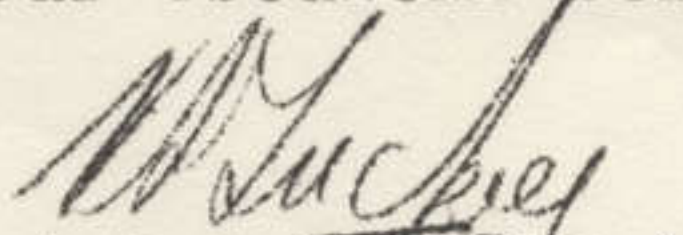
14. HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

The Health, Moral and Conduct of the ship's company has been good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(K.S. TUCKEY)
Lieutenant RAN

COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: ANNEX "A" - Distance Steamed
ANNEX "B" - Ship's Availability
ANNEX "C" - Fishery Patrol Report

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ANNEX "A" TO HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS APRIL 1973

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1785.2
B.	Hours underway during the month	110 1/2
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	5743
D.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	86436.8
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	9203 galls
F.	Average distance steamed/ton fuel	45.3 miles

ANNEX "C" - FISHERY PATROL REPORT

A. HMAS BAYONET
B. Northern Area Patrol
C. 30th April to 6th May

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HMAS BAYONET

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14th June, 1973

The Secretary
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973

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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

1st June, 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973
(All times zone Kilo)

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my Command from the 30th April, 1973 to the 31st May, 1973.

2. At the commencement of the month BAYONET, on a Northern Patrol was at anchor at Lizard Island but sailed at 0800 1st May for Portland Roads where it anchored overnight. The next day passage was made to Thursday Island and at 1600 the ship berthed on L.C.H. BALIKPAPAN at the Navy wharf where BAYONET remained overnight after having embarked fuel. Having sailed from Thursday Island at 0900 the ship came to anchor at Bird Island at 1430 Thursday 3rd May and remained overnight, sailing for the Flinders Group and anchoring in the Owen Channel at 1900. The next morning the ship sailed for Low Island and anchored there at 1700. At 0530 Sunday 6th May BAYONET weighed and proceeded to Cairns berthing at No 1 wharf at 0800.

3. On Wednesday 9th May, 1973, BAYONET proceeded to sea and carried out pre-refit trials. De-storing and de-ammunitioning was then carried out through the rest of the week.

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4. The ship entered drydock on Monday 14th May and the much needed refit commenced.

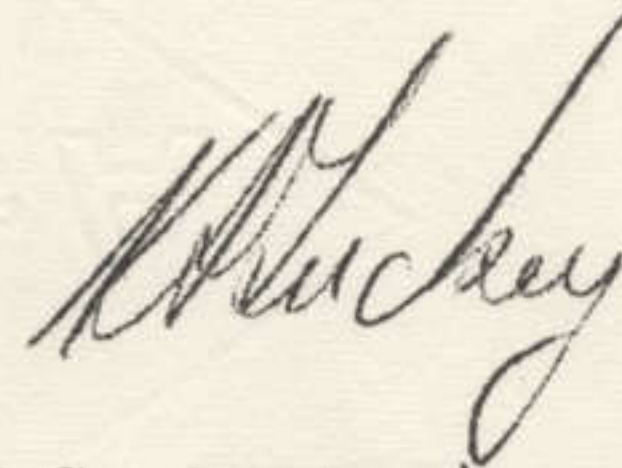
Health, Moral and Conduct

5. The health, moral and conduct of the Ship's Company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(K.S. TUCKEY)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: .A. ANNEX "A" - Distance Steamed.
B. ANNEX "B" - Ship's Availability.
C. ANNEX "C" - Fishery Patrol Report.



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ANNEX "A"

A.	Distance steamed during the month	978.8
B.	Hours underway during the month	54.0
C.	Total hours underway since Commissioning	579 7.
D.	Total distance steamed since Commissioning	87415.6
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	3279.0
F.	Average distance steamed/ton of fuel	60.3 miles

ANNEX "C"

A. HMAS BAYONET
B. Northern Area Patrol
C. 30th April to 6th May.

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Rear Admiral
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1973
(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my Command from the 31st May, to the 30th June, 1973.

2. During the whole of the month of June HMAS BAYONET remained in contractors hands undergoing refit. Undocking took place at 1945 Tuesday 12th June and the ship was moved by tug to the refitting position at No 1 wharf where she remained for the rest of the month.

3. At this stage all aspects of the refit are progressing satisfactorily.

Health, Moral and Conduct

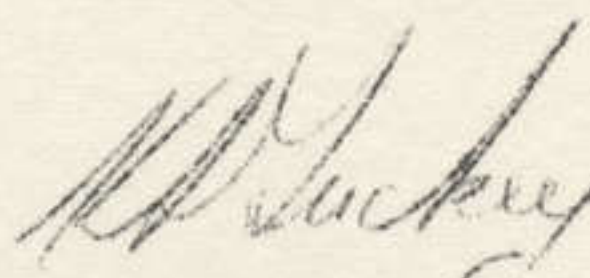
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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(K.S. TUCKEY)
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Commanding Officer

Enclosure: Annex A. Distance steamed.

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ANNEX A

DISTANCE STEAMED

A. Distance steamed during the month	NIL
B. Hours underway during the month	NIL
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5797 hrs
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	87415.6 mls
E. Fuel used for trials	80 gls
F. Average distance steamed/ton of fuel	NA

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23rd August, 1973

The Secretary
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(A.A. Willis)
Commodore
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Enclosure:

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1st August, 1973.

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1973
(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 30th June, 1973 to the 31st July, 1973.
2. At the commencement of the month of July BAYONET was in contractors hands completing refit.
3. On Tuesday 10th July the ship came into routine and at 1030 that morning the ship proceeded to sea for engine and anchor winch trials, the latter only proving successful. Overheating in the starboard engine caused the ship to return to harbour. Two days were spent in harbour trying to rectify the fault but engine trials again on the 13th, 14th and 15th of July were all unsuccessful.
4. Harbour acceptance trials for the 40/60 bofor and machine guns were carried out by R.A.N.T.A.U. personnel on Monday 15th July.

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5. On Thursday 19th July the ship again proceeded to sea for engine and gun functioning trials outside the Grafton Passage. The sea acceptance trials for all weapons was successful although the 40/60 bofor had arrived from the Ordnance Workshop, Garden Island in a deplorable condition. RANTAU trials personnel had cause to rectify many minor defects before acceptance. While at sea, eventhough the overheating problem in the starboard engine had been overcome other small defects did not allow the ship to be accepted from the contractors. On return to harbour these defects were rectified.

6. The final engine trials and sea acceptance trials were carried out through the forenoon of Friday 20th July and at 1130 the ship was formally accepted from the contractors (my 200155Z JUL 73). Throughout the whole refit it was observed that the GOSEAA overseers did a thorough and competent job. The contractors, North Queensland Engineering Agents, at all stages through the refit had constant setbacks due to the non or late arrival of the necessary stores and parts. It is considered though that the work they did on the whole was excellent.

7. On completion of fuelling, ammunitioning and storing ship, BAYONET at 1330 on Friday 20th July sailed for the Dunk Island area to commence a post refit shakedown and anchored off Dunk Island at 1800 to carry out internal drills. The ship remained at anchor until 1900 Saturday 21st at which time the ship weighed and proceeded to Cairns and berthed alongside BARBETTE at No 1 wharf at 0800 Sunday 22nd July.

8. At 0800 Monday 23rd July BAYONET in company with BARRICADE, as consort, and with the Staff Navigating Officer and Fleet Patrol Boat work up team embarked, sailed for the ship's work up. Details of all exercises carried out, both internal and external are listed in Annex C. At 1500 that day the ship came to anchor off Dunk Island to await the rejoining of BARRICADE which had been forced to return to Cairns to rectify a defect. Rendezvous was made at 1900 and the work up continued, transiting the Grafton Passage at 1000 Tuesday 24th July to carry out live firings. A number of defects including unserviceable radar, HF and UHF radios in BAYONET caused the ships to return to harbour at 1600 that day.

9. Having rectified all defects, and after carrying out a compass swing and disembarking external work up personnel, the ships again sailed for the continuation of the work up at 1600 Wednesday 25th July carrying out a blind anchorage at 2100

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that night at Low Island.

10. At 0600 the next morning the ships sailed in company, transiting the Grafton Passage where live firings were carried out against sleeve and splash targets. These firings were most successful and no communications problems with the towing aircraft were experienced.

11. At 1600 BAYONET anchored north of Fitzroy Island and brought BARRICADE alongside. At 2230 the ships crash sailed and carried out a blind entry to Cairns arriving at No 10 wharf. at 2355.

12. Friday 27th July was spent storing and carrying out routine maintenance. On Saturday 28th the ship carried out a Disaster Exercise with the Sea Cadet Unit, T.S. ENDEAVOUR, which proved to be a most successful exercise.

13. At 0500 Monday 30th July BAYONET with Bureau of Narcotics and Customs personnel embarked sailed to rendezvous with HMAS ANZAC off Cape Grafton within the three mile limit. Rendezvous was made at 0620 and after coming alongside ANZAC the embarked personnel were transferred. At 1045 BAYONET returned to Cairns to collect mail for ANZAC which was then delivered. At 1330 the ship again berthed at No 1 wharf.

14. At 0800 Tuesday 31st July BAYONET in company with BARRICADE, and with COMAUSMINPABFOR (CMDR J. StB. More RAN) and SNO CAIRNS (CMDR J.M. Yates RAN) embarked, sailed for the Operational Readiness Evaluation of BAYONET. The ships were thoroughly exercised in all aspects of Patrol Boat operations and at 1450 returned to harbour and berthed at No 1 wharf where BAYONET remained for the rest of the month.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

from 15. ? Many minor defects have occurred since the ship was accepted by contractors but all have been successfully repaired by ship's staff. As only the port main engine was replaced during refit and as the starboard engine now has done 2617 hours it is considered that the incompatibility of the engines may be a source of trouble in the future.

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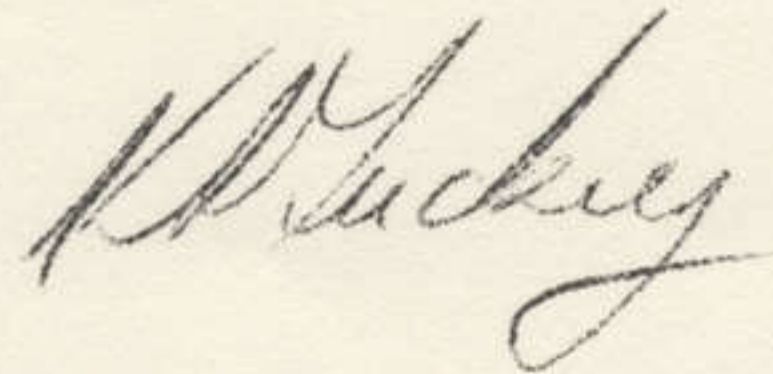
HEALTH, MORAL AND CONDUCT

16. The health, moral and conduct of the Ship's Company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(K.S. TUCKEY)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: Annex A. - Steaming Report
B. - Ship's Availability
C. - Exercise Return
D. - Officers Movements

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ANNEX A

DISTANCE STEAMED

A. Distance steamed during month	948.7
B. Hours underway during month	76.0
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5,873.0
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	88,364.3
E. Fuel used for all purposes	5,400 galls
F. Average distance steamed/ton of fuel	47.5

ANNEX C

DATE	IN COMPANY WITH BARRICADE	EXERCISE
July 16		HATS
17		Life saving equipment instruction, NBCD lectures, steering gear breakdown.
18		Proved watch & station bill, action stations, leaving ship stations.
19		Gun functioning trials, engine trials, steering gear breakdown, proved landing party, small arms and AGR instructions.
20		Engine trials, weapon drills - command and control orders.
21		Ship handling, internal drills, blind passage and anchorage.
23	Yes	OOW manoeuvres, ship handling, NBCDX, small arms firing, NEX, BOARDEX, blind pilotage.
24	Yes	NBCDX, SUFX, TOWEX, SHADEX, lookout drills, emergency party exercise, emergency communications rigged.

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25	Yes	Compass swing, TOWEX, heaving line transfers, SHADEX, blind formation anchorage, lecture to Officers from D.P.I.
26	Yes	AAFTX, SUFX, man overboard, NBCDX, blind pilotage, BOARDEX, TOWEX, OOW manoeuvres, PTFX 25, seaboard & SEAMANEX, crash sail.
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ANNEX D

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

15JUL73 P/ASLT J.T. Parsonage RAN - Joined.

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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

3rd September, 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Hydrographer RAN
SYDNEY

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1973
(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under the command of LEUT K.S. TUCKEY RAN from the 1st August, 1973 until the 11th August, 1973 and under my command from the 12th August, 1973, to the 31st August, 1973.
2. BAYONET was alongside at Cairns at the beginning of the month undergoing a post refit self maintenance period.
3. At 0800 on Monday 6th August, BAYONET proceeded in company with BARRICADE to commence Squadron Exercise 'Marlin One'. Passage was made in calm weather to Cid Harbour where the ship anchored at 2350.
4. A landing party from BAYONET was put ashore on Whitsunday Island at 0800, Tuesday 7th August for an internal security exercise. An opposing party was landed from BARRICADE to penetrate the defences established by BAYONET and to attack a simulated oil installation. The exercise continued through the night during which time one member of the opposing force managed to penetrate the defences. He was subsequently apprehended whilst attempting to make good his escape. Both landing parties were recovered during the forenoon of the 8th August and BAYONET weighed anchor at 1245. The afternoon was spent steaming in the Whitsunday area

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until 1700 when the ship secured alongside BARRICADE at South Molle Island.

5. Both ships slipped at 0330 on Thursday, 9th August and proceeded to Townsville, arriving at 1200. After fuel and stores were embarked BAYONET slipped for passage to Fitzroy Island where she anchored at 2200. After weighing anchor at 0700, 10th August, course was set to rendezvous with BARRICADE and BARBETTE off Grafton Passage.

6. The three ships proceeded in company to a firing area in approximate position $16^{\circ} 30'S$ $146^{\circ} 40'E$. A surface 40/60 firing was carried out by each ship at a splash target which was towed firstly by BARRICADE, then by BAYONET. Two premature explosions caused BAYONET's firing to be aborted. (My SIG DSU/DSA 100440Z AUG 73). The ammunition was subsequently withdrawn from service. (ACNB SIG DSA/DSC 130627Z AUG 73). On completion of the firings, all ships returned to Cairns securing at No 1 Wharf at 1600 after fuelling.

7. A self maintenance period then commenced. After a handover conducted on the 10th and 11th of August, I assumed command on the 12th August. (My 122215Z AUG 73).

8. BAYONET sailed at 0800, Friday, 17th August to carry out noise evaluation trials. These were carried out by Mr M. Powell and Mr K. Riley to assess the effectiveness of the modified funnel and sound insulation fitted during refit. There has been a considerable reduction in noise levels, particularly on the bridge and in the after mess. The trials were completed at 1400 and the ship returned to Cairns, berthing at No 1 Wharf at 1430.

9. Surveying duties in the Low Island-Oyster Reef area H 3/73, which were due to commence on Monday, 20th August were delayed owing to defects in hydrographic equipment. At 0900, Thursday, 23rd August, BAYONET sailed to carry out trials on a portable echo sounder which was fitted for the survey period. The transducer was secured to the ship with a pipe arrangement fitted amidships on the starboard side. This proved to be weak as, at a speed of 10 knots, the supporting rod broke. Further trials were thus abandoned and the time was used to exercise man-overboard routines and other internal drills. As a result of the failure of the echo sounder further survey duties for the week were cancelled and a base assisted maintenance period commenced on berthing at 1330 at No 1 Wharf.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

10. There has been one major defect during the month. On the starboard engine the lagging on the manifold, from head to blowers, was found to have deteriorated to such an extent as to

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be an immediate fire hazard. (URDEF 1/75, My DWS/DDW 240030Z AUG 73, COMAUSFLT 270427Z AUG 73, SNO CAIRNS 300120Z AUG 73). Work to rectify this defect commenced on Friday, 24th August and was continuing at the end of the month.

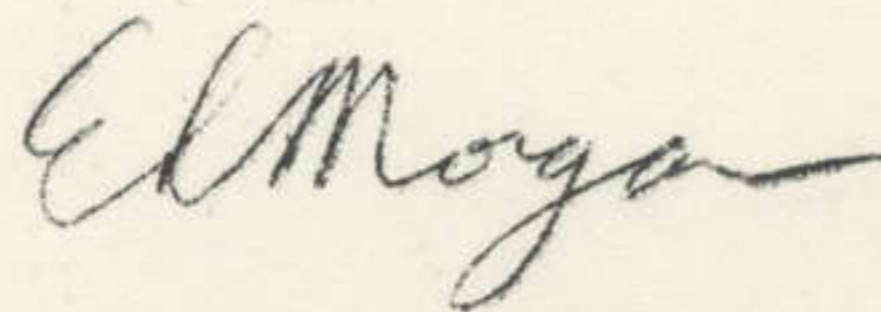
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Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(E.L. MORGAN)
Lieutenant RAN
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ANNEX A

DISTANCE STEAMED

A. Distance steamed during the month	811.6
B. Hours underway during the month	59 30/60
C. Total hours underway since commissioning	5,932 30/60
D. Total distance steamed since commissioning	89,175.9
E. Fuel used for all purposes	6,457 gals
F. Average distance steamed/ton of fuel	38.6

ANNEX C

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
August 6	Commenced Exercise 'Marlin One'.
7	Landing Party and Internal Security Exercise.
8	Anchorage - Molle Isles.
10	OOW Manoeuvres. SUTFX - 40/60, 50cal M.G. and small arms. Heaving line transfer approaches.
23	Man overboard exercises. NBCD Exercises: 1. Fire in engine room. 2. Flood in diving store.

ANNEX D

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

12AUG73	LEUT K.S. TUCKEY RAN	-	departed
	LEUT E.L. MORGAN RAN	-	joined
31AUG73	LEUT D.S. PERT RAN	-	departed
	SBLT B.W.A. REEVES RAN	-	joined

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1. Forwarded.
2. Separate action will be taken concerning the Fire Report mentioned in paragraph 3 which has now been received in Fleet Headquarters.

(A.A. Willis)
Commodore
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HMAS BAYONET
At Cairns

1st October, 1973

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1973
(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 1st September, 1973 until the 30th September, 1973.

2. At the beginning of the month BAYONET was alongside at Cairns where work continued on the relagging of the manifold of the starboard engine (URDEF 1/75). This was completed at 2200 on Wednesday, 5th September and the ship proceeded to sea for engine trials at 0805 on Thursday, 6th September.

3. At 0835 a fire broke out in the starting solenoid of the starboard engine. (My SIG RTT 060125Z SEP 73). It was extinguished at 0840 and BAYONET returned to Cairns berthing alongside HMAS AITAPE at No.1 Wharf at 0914. Base staff and Burnells' Pty Ltd, the electrical civil contractors, investigated the cause of the fire. (My SIG DWS/DDW 060135Z SEP 73, URDEF 2/75, SNO Cairns SIG DWS/DDW 060510Z SEP 73, COMAUSFLT SIG DNS/DDW 070500Z SEP 73). Forms OD101 (Fire Occurrence Report) and the civil contractor's report have been forwarded separately. The defects caused by the fire were repaired by 1730 on Wednesday, 12th September. (SNO Cairns 110530Z SEP 73).

4. After sailing from Cairns at 0759 on Thursday, 13th September, engine trials were carried out until 0911. The ship was then stopped to fit the outboard echo sounder transducer which was provided for survey duties. Although the supporting rig was

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of stronger construction than the one which was unsuccessfully tried on the 20th August (My August Report of Proceedings), it still failed at a speed of nine knots.

5. Course was set for Port Douglas after the echo sounder had been recovered, Lieutenant-Commander R.B. DOOLAN, RAN was landed by boat at 1200 and BAYONET proceeded to a series of five anchorages to calibrate the Hifix equipment. This was completed at 1520 when the ship returned to Cairns, berthing alongside HMAS ATTACK at 1735.

6. BAYONET moved to No.10 Wharf for several hours on Friday, 14th September, returning to berth alongside HMAS BARBETTE at 1132. The ship remained alongside BARBETTE until the following morning when the Hifix calibration at Port Douglas was repeated. On Sunday, 16th September calibrations were done at Green Island. BAYONET returned to Cairns at 1608 and stayed there until 0830 on Tuesday, 18th September, when she sailed in support of the Survey Motor Boat 'HERALD'. Enroute to Michaelmas Cay, where the survey was being conducted, man overboard exercises were conducted. After anchoring at 1046 a pistol shoot was conducted. BAYONET remained in the Michaelmas Cay area until Thursday when the motor boat returned to Cairns as the weather was unsuitable for survey operations. The ship berthed alongside No.1 Wharf after entering harbour in company with HMAS BARBETTE and fuelling.

7. The weekend 21st to 23rd of September was spent alongside at No.10 Wharf. BAYONET returned to No.1 Wharf on Monday, 24th September and remained there, except for an hour and a half on Friday when engine trials were carried out, until the end of the month.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

8. The relagging of the starboard engine and the repair of damage caused by the fire occupied the engineering department for most of the month. The only other defect occurred on the 15th of September when the low level sea suction became blocked. This was cleared fully the following day after the ship returned to harbour using the high level suction.

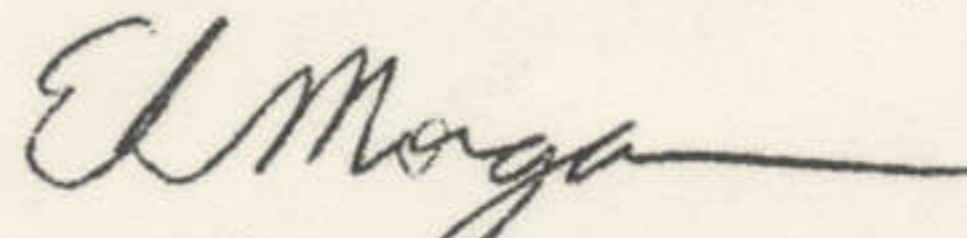
HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

9. The health, morale and conduct of the ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(E.L. MORGAN)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1 Annex A - Steaming Report
B - Ship's availability
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ANNEX A

DISTANCE STEAMED

A.	Distance steamed during the month	281.6
B.	Hours underway	26
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	5958 30/60
D.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	89,457.5
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	2060 gals
F.	Average distance steamed /ton of fuel	30.3

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
13 SEP	NBCD Exercise including fire and flood.
18 SEP	Man Overboard Exercise.
18 SEP	9 mm pistol firing.
20 SEP	Action, Emergency and leaving ship stations exercised and ship closed down to NBCD state 1 condition Z.

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(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 1st October until the 31st October, 1973.
2. BAYONET sailed from Cairns at 0900 on Monday, 1st October and set course for Thursday Island. The ship anchored in Blackwood Bay, (10° 38.6'S, 142° 38.4'E,) at 1550 on Tuesday, 2nd October, and completed the passage the following morning, berthing alongside the Naval Repair Jetty at 1030.
3. After sailing for Gove at 0858 on Thursday, 4th October, BAYONET was ordered to proceed to Piper Island (12° 15'S, 143° 12'E) at 1050 to render assistance to the fishing vessel 'ALVETA', which was aground on the southern end of the reef. (SNO CAIRNS SIG KAO 032350Z OCT 73). The ship would have reached Piper Island at 1945 but resumed patrol at 1358 when another trawler reached 'ALVETA' and confirmed that there was no longer any danger to life. BAYONET resumed passage to Gove.



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4. Sixteen knots were made good until 2220 when the starboard engine was shut down after it was noticed that the exhaust temperatures were rising. The engine was started again at 0025 when a flash occurred in the funnel. BAYONET proceeded on the port engine to Gove berthing alongside the General Cargo Wharf at 1518. The defect was found in the starboard engine 'A' bank fuel pump drive. (My SIG OWU 050520Z OCT 73, URDEF 4/75). Owing to the unavailability of the parts required, BAYONET was sailed from Gove at 0830 Sunday, 7th October. (NOCNA SIG OWU 060450Z OCT 73). The ship berthed at the Naval Repair Jetty, Thursday Island at 1150 the following day to await the arrival of HMAS BARBETTE to escort her back to Cairns. (SNO CAIRNS SIG KMG 070520Z OCT 73). BARBETTE and BAYONET proceeded to Cairns at 0800, Wednesday, 10th October where they berthed at No 1 Wharf at 1115 on Friday. Repairs were completed on Saturday, 13th October.

5. BAYONET sailed at 0920 on Monday, 15th October in company with BARBETTE. Officer of the Watch manoeuvres were conducted from 0953 until 1111 when BAYONET was detached. The ship proceeded to the Turtle Islands, from where a group of scientists from Queensland University were to have been taken to Cairns. However, it was discovered that they had been taken to Cooktown by the charter vessel 'ODYSSEY'. BAYONET returned to Cairns, berthing alongside HMAS ATTACK at 1800 on Tuesday, 16th October.

6. The ship proceeded to Cape Flattery on Monday, 22nd October. The following day was spent revictualling the three Hi-Fix camps at Three Isles, Lookout Point and Eagle Islet. Until 0500 on Sunday, 28th October, BAYONET remained in the Lizard Island area in support of the Survey Motor Boat 'HERALD'. During the week, 40/60 and machine gun firings were conducted and the landing and emergency parties were exercised. Hi-Fix master, the camp at Lookout Point was dismantled between 0600 and 0907 on Sunday, 28th October, after which BAYONET returned to Cairns, berthing alongside HMAS CURLEW (LIEUTENANT J.C. WILLIAMS RAN) at 1822. The ship remained in Cairns until the end of the month.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

7. Several defects occurred during the month. During the first few days of the Gulf Patrol the stator for the fresh water pump (My SIG OWU 020001Z OCT 73) and the deep freeze unit (My OWU 040320Z OCT 73, URDEF 3/75) became defective. The latter repair was commenced by contractor in Gove and completed after the ship's return to Cairns (My SIG DAW 190130Z OCT 73).

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8. The major defect, mentioned in paragraph four, was in the Starboard main engine 'A' bank fuel pump drive. This defect was rectified by ship's staff in Cairns and the engine is at present running satisfactorily.

9. During the period when BAYONET was operating with the detached survey team two more defects occurred. Firstly the fan for the 696 UHF transmitter needed replacement and then the fan impellor for the No 3 air conditioning unit. (My SIG 100500Z OCT 73 and SIG DDZ 271035Z OCT 73).

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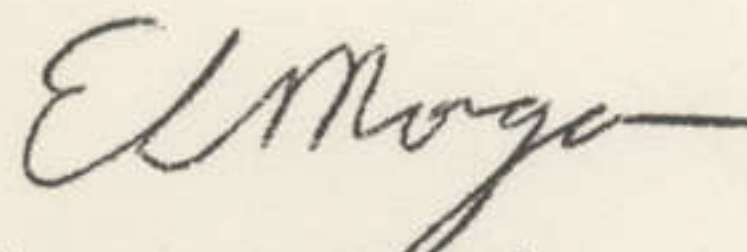
10. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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Enclosures: Annex A - Steaming Report
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ANNEX A

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during the month	2,589.0
B.	Hours underway during the month	180
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	6,138 30/60
D.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	92,046.5
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	12,322 gals
F.	Average distance steamed per ton of fuel	46.3

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

<u>Date</u>	
15 OCT	00W Manoeuvres
24 OCT	40/60 SUFX .5" Machine gun SUFX L2A1 firing
25 OCT	Seamanship Exercises - Rig for towing aft Rig for towing forward Weigh anchor by deck tackle
27 OCT	Landing Party put ashore at Lizard Island. Emergency Party exercised.

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MONTHLY RETURN OF SHIP AVAILABILITY
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ANNEX 'B' TO CANO 7/66

I.C. ENGINED SHIP
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL E
HOURS
NO 1 PORT 352.5
NO 2 STBD 2803
NO 3

HMAS... BAYONET
DATE... 01 NOV 73

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING... 4 ³/₁₂ YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING... 92046.5 MILES

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Refit Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Refit/Dock.	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGNED PERFORMANCE (DURATION IN HOURS)				REMARKS
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Exercise SNOW DANCE.

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(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 1st November until the 30th November, 1973.
2. BAYONET sailed from Cairns at 0820 on the 1st November to visit coastwatchers in Northern Queensland. (Report of Coastwatching Visits to SNO CAIRNS). After spending the night at Flinders Island the ship entered Princess Charlotte Bay and anchored off the mouth of the Kennedy River at 1028 the following day. (Hydrographic Note 02/73). Attempts to contact the coastwatcher in this area failed and the ship sailed at 0001 for Portland Roads, anchoring at 0755 on Saturday, 3rd November. (Hydrographic Note 03/73). Turtle Head Island was visited on Sunday and at 1100 on Monday, 5th November, the ship berthed at the Naval Repair Jetty, Thursday Island.
3. BAYONET sailed at 0745 the following day, returning to the Cairns area via Red Island Point, Bamaga (Hydrographic Note 04/73) and Bird Island. At 0800 on Friday, 9th November, rendezvous was made with HMAS BARRICADE off Cairns. Officer of the Watch manoeuvres and a landing party exercise were conducted for a public relations film. The ship berthed out-board of BARRICADE at No.1 wharf, Cairns, at 1135.

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4. Public Relations Officers Mr P. Green and Mr B. Custons embarked in BAYONET at 0800, Monday, 12th November when the ship sailed for Townsville. Captain K. Wolf, RAR, Captain B. Traynor, RAR and Mr S. Dawney (A.B.C. journalist) were embarked there and taken to HMAS TARAKAN, (Leut C.A. Ritchie, RAN) where they were shown the work that was being done for the Crown of Thorns Starfish Survey. The army and press personnel were landed in Townsville at 2020, Tuesday, 13th November, and BAYONET returned to Cairns, berthing alongside BARRICADE at 0800, Wednesday, 14th November.

5. Commander J.St.B. More, RAN, inspected BAYONET on Friday, 23rd November, and the ship sailed in company with BARRICADE on Monday, 26th November, to take part in "Exercise Snow Dance." The first phase of the exercise, a work-up period, was completed at 1330, Wednesday, 28th November. H.M.A. Ships BARRICADE (Leut G. Lloyd, RAN), ATTACK (Leut S.M. Burrell, RAN), BARBETTE (Leut P.H. McCloskey, RAN) BAYONET and BUCCANEER (Leut L.J. Cupitt, RAN) were involved in phase one and the exercises conducted are shown in Annex C.

6. The tactical phase of the exercise was conducted from 1800, Wednesday, 28th November until 0900, Friday, 30th November. U.S. Ships CANNON (Leut R.W. Hardy, USN), GALLUP (Leut P.H. Muldoon, USN) and ASHEVILLE (Leut C.R. Birchell, USN) joined the Australian vessels for this phase. BAYONET was included in the Blue force for the exercise (COMAUSMINPABFOR OPORDER 4/73) and was given patrol areas between Cape Tribulation and Russell Island. The principal aim of the exercise for patrol boats was to counter infiltration and during this phase BAYONET boarded four "enemy" vessels.

7. On completion of the exercise all vessels entered Cairns in formation, and after fuelling, BAYONET berthed outboard of BARRICADE and BARBETTE at 1630 on Friday, 30th November, 1973.

Engineering and Electrical

8. An unsuccessful full power trial was conducted on the 7th November. After 29 minutes at 1350 R.P.M. the port gear box differential oil pressure alarm sounded. The control oil pressure and oil temperature readings were normal and the gauge was replaced on return to Cairns. During "Exercise Snow Dance" the engines were run for a period of 55 minutes at 1350 R.P.M. and the alarm did not sound. The gauge was, however, found to be incorrectly adjusted. This has been remedied and another full power trial will be conducted at the first opportunity.

9. The 2 watt amplifier for the remoting system for the 696 transceiver was replaced during the month.

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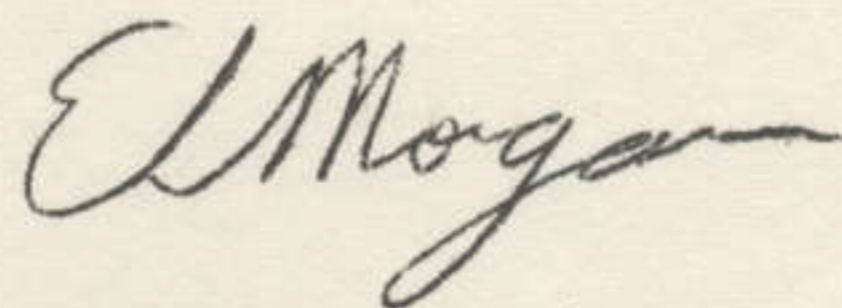
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ANNEX A

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during the month	2698.1 miles
B.	Hours underway during the month	18.3 hours
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	6321 30/60
D.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	94,744.6
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	13788 gals.
F.	Average distance steamed per ton of fuel	50.3
G.	Economical speed was exceeded for 9 hours on 13th November, 1973 to take press personnel to cover Crown of Thorns Starfish Survey. Speed used was 19 knots.	

ANNEX C

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
7 NOV	40/60 SUFX 50 cal. M.G. SUFX OOW Manoeuvres
9 NOV	Landing Party Exercise
26-28 NOV	EXERCISE SNOW DANCE PHASE 1
26 NOV	Harbour Plotting Exercise Tow aft Tow forward NBCDX Annular Shadex Night Action Stations Night Observation Device trials
27 NOV	40/60 SUFX 50 cal. M.G. SUFX OOW Manoeuvres Formation anchorage AATX OOW Manoeuvres
28 NOV	AAFV
28-30 NOV	EXERCISE SNOW DANCE PHASE II

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The Commander
SECOND AUSTRALIAN PATROL BOAT SQUADRON

HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1973
(All times KILO (-10))

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from the 1st until the 31st of December, 1973.

2. The ship sailed from Cairns at 0956, Thursday, 6th December. At 1800 a call by the Townsville Volunteer Coastguard to a vessel thought to be in distress was intercepted. (MY SIG RTT 060840Z DEC 73 to Marine Operations Canberra). At 2156 BAYONET commenced to search the area off John Brewer Reef (18°39'S 147°03'E) for the 21ft vessel OWEN. (DEFNAV CANBERRA SIG KAO 061043Z DEC 73, COMAUSFLT SIG KAO 061158Z DEC 73). After this area had been covered the search was progressed south past Lodestone and Keeper Reefs until 0915 when the ship was informed that OWEN's initial position had been 18°S 146°50'E. (NAVCOMSTA 062147Z DEC 73). While BAYONET was proceeding to an area approximately thirty miles north-east of Keepers Reef the Neptune aircraft, which had joined the search at daylight, located OWEN. She was taken in tow by a coast guard vessel and BAYONET resumed her patrol. (MY SIG KAO 062357Z DEC 73).



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3. Friday night, the 7th December, was spent alongside at South Molle Island. The ship sailed at 1000 the following day for Gladstone. At 2015 the weather had deteriorated to such an extent that it was necessary to shelter in the Percy Islands. The ship came to anchor off South Percy Island at 2053 and shifted to West Bay (Middle Percy Island) at 0923 on Sunday, 9th December. The weather appeared to be moderating on Monday and another attempt was made to continue the passage south. However, the wind strengthened again during the afternoon and another anchorage was found, in Shoalwater Bay. The passage was finally resumed at 0630 on Tuesday, 11th December and BAYONET arrived in Gladstone at 1645 that day.

4. During the passage to the Percy Islands, the watertight flap on the 12 inch x 6 inch gooseneck vent to the diving store opened and the compartment was flooded to a depth of four feet. It is believed that the force of the water hitting the flat side of the vent moved it enough to allow the swing bolts, which hold the flap shut, to fall open. There was a similar ingress of water into the Bosun's Store through the port side, 4 inch x 3 inch exhaust vent.

5. BAYONET sailed from Gladstone for Brisbane at 1100, Wednesday, 12th December and berthed at 1330 the following day, outboard of HMAS BUNA at HMAS MORETON. The ship was to have moved at 0900 on Saturday, 15th December. However, at 0915 this was postponed and BAYONET laid off at 0855, Sunday, 16th December to allow HMAS TARAKAN to berth alongside BUNA.

6. After sailing from Brisbane at 1600, Monday, 17th December, BAYONET berthed at the Harbour Board Landing, Bundaberg, at 1540 on Tuesday. The ship's departure from Bundaberg was delayed until 1700, Friday, 21st December by cyclone "Una" which crossed the coast near Ayr and continued south, passing Bundaberg on Thursday night, the 20th December.

7. BAYONET berthed alongside BARBETTE at No.1 Wharf Cairns, at 1030, Sunday 23rd December and remained there until the end of the month.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

8. Several electrical defects occurred during the month. A lot of time has been spent in keeping the window wipers operating and, at present, only one of the three is operating satisfactorily. Work is progressing during the current self maintenance period.

9. The 100 p.f. capacitor in the coarse tune circuit of the antenna coupler for the AN-URC 58 is unserviceable. (My 070720Z DEC 73). Communications cannot be established in the 2 MHZ range until a replacement is received.

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10. There has been an intermittent fault in the 975 Radar. Assistance from HMAS MORETON and from a contractor in Bundaberg has been obtained and work is continuing in Cairns.

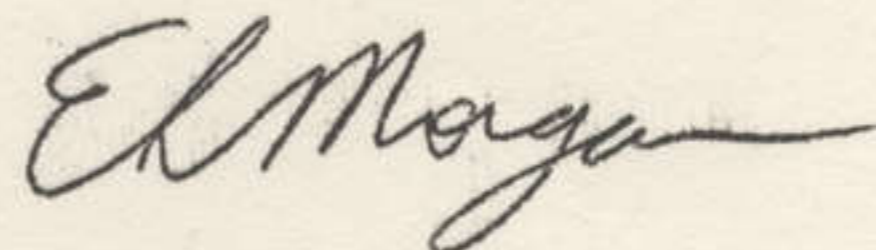
HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

11. The health and conduct of the ship's company has been good. Morale has been satisfactory. There was some minor discontent during the southern patrol, which was caused both by the delays due to the weather and as weekend leave could not be granted in Brisbane.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(E.L. MORGAN)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Enclosures: 1. Annex A - Steaming Report.
2. Annex B - Ship's Availability.
3. Annex C - Exercise Return.

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ANNEX A

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during the month	1845.2
B.	Hours underway during the month	131
C.	Total hours underway since commissioning	6452 30/60
D.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	96589.8
E.	Fuel used for all purposes	9456 gals.
F.	Average distance steamed per ton of fuel	60.3

ANNEX C

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

6 DEC 2" Rocket Flare Launcher Gear stood to.
7 DEC Flood in Diving Store and Bosun's Store.
28 DEC Fire in engine room.

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

ANNEX 'B' TITANO 7/66

HMAS... BAYONET
DATE... 31 DEC 73...

AGE SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 4 3/4 YEARS
MILES STEAMED SINCE FIRST COMMISSIONING 96589.8 MILES

I.C. ENGINE S
PROGRESSIVE TOTAL
HOURS
NO 1 Port 626.5
NO 2 STD 3086.0
NO 3

MONTH	AVAILABILITY STATE		Operational Duties	Exercises	Weapon Training	Special Tasks	Post-Retiree	Trials	Passage Time	Visit	Programmed Maintenance	Programmed Retiree/Dock	Repair	Harbour	Long Leave	DEFECTS AFFECTING SHIP'S DESIGN			REMARKS		
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