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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1977

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS CAIRNS

HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1977

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with RI Appendix 29A.
2. The ship's battery problem has been the subject of separate investigation and report. Outstanding INDEFS will be hastened.
3. The Commanding Officer HMAS BAYONET's attention has been drawn to:
 - a. His frequent use of incorrect syntax;
 - b. The absence of any Fire drills in the exercise annex.

(DAVID NICHOLLS)
Captain OBE RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
Queensland.

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- 1. The presence of any files in the exercise annex.
- 2. The present use of incorrect files.

for:

2. The commanding officer HMAS BAYONET, attention has been drawn

investigation and report. Outstanding issues will be reviewed.

3. The above matters have been the subject of separate

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with the above.

HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1977

HMAS BAYONET
The commanding officer

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HMAS BAYONET
At Cairns

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1st February, 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JANUARY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of January 1977. All times throughout are KIL0 (-10).
2. Midshipman M. O'BRIEN RAN joined HMAS BAYONET on Monday 3rd whilst the ship was nearing the end of her SMP. He quickly became assimilated into the routine and when BAYONET sailed in company with HMA Ships ADVANCE, BARRICADE and BARBETTE on Wednesday 5th, he carried out his duties most satisfactorily.
3. Wednesday 5th was a Mini Squadex with the above ships and it did much to prepare BAYONET for HMAS ADVANCE ORE on Thursday 6th. Due to an unserviceable pyroprop on the starboard engine which necessitated BAYONET returning to CAIRNS at 1730 to rectify the fault the ship was unable to take part in the evening Harbour Defence Exercise but did manage to participate in a Sarex, OOW manoeuvres, Competitive drills, a SUFX and an AACRFX before despatching to CAIRNS.
4. BAYONET sailed CAIRNS at 0500 Thursday 6th to stream the splash target in firing area R792, thus commencing the ORE for HMAS ADVANCE. BAYONET during the day acted as consort to ADVANCE and completed such evolutions as OOW Manoeuvres, a SUFX, AACRFX, and a four ship entry into CAIRNS at 1630.
5. BAYONET in company with BARRICADE and ADVANCE departed CAIRNS for an A and T patrol at 1430 Friday 7th. BARRICADE detached at No 1 lead and BAYONET went to Form 1 at 5^o astern of ADVANCE for an uneventful passage to FLINDERS ISLAND. Once anchored at FLINDERS ISLAND Saturday 8th, two thirds of the Ships Company visited the

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Survey Bench mark of HMS DART 1899 and the old authentic aboriginal paintings situated in a cave on the southern slope of FLINDERS ISLAND. Both pieces of history are adequately covered in the book, Cruising the Coral Coast by Alan Lucas.

6. On Saturday, HMAS ADVANCE departed for DARWIN, but BAYONET remained and continued passage to THURSDAY ISLAND at 1200 Sunday arriving at the CALTEX Wharf at 1000 Monday 10th. On completion of fuelling, berth was shifted to MAIN Wharf where the ship remained until 1000 Tuesday 11th.

7. During the course of Wednesday 12th, the port engine room supply fan, 975 radar and Ferrograph Offshore echo sounder all became unserviceable so WEIPA was reached and the ship berthed at EVANS LANDING at 2200 that evening. BAYONET had been accompanied by squalls and deteriorating weather conditions which were associated with a monsoonal trough that was present in the Gulf at this time. Replacement items for the above mentioned equipment arrived, on Thursday 13th and was fitted and satisfactorily tested.

8. The Naval Officer Commanding QUEENSLAND CAPTAIN D. NICHOLLS OBE, RAN, embarked at 0900 Friday 14th and BAYONET departed WEIPA shortly afterwards. Poor visibility and uncomfortable weather and sea conditions prevailed outside the channel so BAYONET returned to WEIPA and anchored mid channel south of the heavy equipment Wharf to carry out engineering evaluations. Outside the channel, a steering gear breakdown steering by main engines and a small arms shoot were carried out. BAYONET berthed at EVANS LANDING at 1430 and CAPTAIN NICHOLLS disembarked. The ship left WEIPA to patrol the GULF at 1630.

9. Boarding stations were piped at 0500 on the morning of the 15th and the party boarded FENG CHONG No 11 CT5-0240 some 50 miles west of MITCHELL RIVER. No evidence of illegal fishing was obtained from that vessel. Early in the afternoon of the same day, the boarding party boarded JIUN LONG CT6-0452 and JIUN LONG CT6-0453 respectively. No Evidence of illegal fishing was obtained. Weather conditions had deteriorated further with more frequent squalls so BAYONET sought partial shelter behind BOUNTIFUL ISLANDS at 2000 that evening. Conditions were also too rough to lower the ship's boat without possible risk to human safety.

10. At 0030 on the 17th, after conducting a patrol around SOUTH WELLESLEY ISLANDS and MORNINGTON ISLAND, course was set to patrol the eastern coastline of the GULF OF CARPENTARIA. However, at 0625 when the second engine was tried for a start the No 1 bank batteries were found to be melted. Since no other suitable port for repairs except WEIPA is available in the eastern GULF, and as weather conditions were rough, course and speed of 11kts was maintained for 280 miles until eventual arrival WEIPA at 2359 Monday 17th. HMAS BARBETTE had rendezvoused with BAYONET at 1845 and was available to assist BAYONET, if required.

11. Rough sea conditions had prohibited engines room personnel from working and trying to diagnose defects during the passage to WEIPA, but good progress was made in this field during Tuesday 18th alongside. So much so, that BAYONET after successfully transferring the General Service Battery Bank over to No 1 Bank position it was possible to obtain 2 engine starts in normal operation.

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Hard work and determined persistence by the LSETC and the CERA had given BAYONET the ability to proceed, however, Ship's staff were unable to identify the actual defects effecting the batteries. BAYONET and BARBETTE departed WEIPA at 0700 Wednesday 19th.

12. Both ships had not gone far when rough weather and the fact that No 1 bank batteries were still losing charge forced BAYONET to reduce to one engine. At 1800, whilst in the shelter of ENDEAVOR STRAIT, an unsuccessful attempt to restart the other engine was made. It was at this time that it was discovered that the input shaft on the port main engine governor had seized, thus further reducing BAYONET to steady revolutions on that engine. Fortunately a following sea and very small wave motion on the east coast prevented the port engine from racing and self tripping and subsequently leaving BAYONET dead in the water. BAYONET and BARBETTE eventually made rendezvous with HMS FLINDERS at PIPER ISLANDS at 0600 on the morning of Thursday 20th.

13. With the valuable technical assistance and use of the workshops in FLINDERS, BAYONET was again ready for sea at 1300. After a successful two engine start, at 1305 BAYONET took station astern of BARBETTE for a 16kt passage to CAIRNS. During the time alongside FLINDERS, several large earths were discovered and seemingly rectified and adjustments were made to the port main engine governor.

14. On Friday 21st at 1100, BAYONET secured in position 1.3 on BARRICADE and BARBETTE berthed outboard at 1115 in position 1.5. A Nickel Cadmium Battery investigation team immediately boarded and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the current electrical problems within BAYONET. The remainder of the Ships Company commenced the first day of the Ships SMP.

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15. URDEF 15/79 on the port diesel alternator on the freshwater pump seal was raised on the 6th and completed on the 7th. URDEFS 16, 17, 18/79 on the port main engine supply fan, the 975 radar and the Ferrograph Offshore Echo Sounder respectively were raised on the 12th. All these URDEF's were completed on the 13th. URDEFS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23/79 were raised on the starboard engine starting circuit solenoids, the melted No 1 Bank Nickel Cadmium batteries, the unserviceable Junior Sailors airconditioning unit, the 975 radar motor generator and the 975 radar respectively. All these remain outstanding at the end of January. INDEF 9/79 on the windlass electric brake components remains outstanding due to non supply of parts from November 1976. INDEF 7/79 on the main switchboard gauges remains outstanding along with INDEF 24/79 on the windscreen wiper motor. INDEF 15/79 was raised on the steering ram pins during January and should be replaced during ID in March 1977.

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HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

16. The health of the Ships Company has been very good. Cholera booster injections for one third of the crew were given on Wednesday 26th. Morale and conduct for the period is considered to be satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

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(B.J. BIRD) *[Handwritten initials]*
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

- Annexes:
- A. Steaming Report
 - B. Exercises Conducted
 - C. ~~Return of Effect of Weather on
Patrol Boats and LCH Operations (Notal)~~

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Annex A to HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 1st February, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during January	2,435.5 nm
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	182,452.4 nm
C.	Hours underway during January	189 hrs
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	13,839.17 hrs

Annex B to HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 1st February, 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

SEAMANSHIP

RIGGED FOR TOW FORWARD - 19th
STREAMING SPLASH TARGET - 5th, 6th
LEAVING SHIP STATIONS - 5th, 6th, 7th
MAN OVERBOARD - 5th x 3, 6th x 4
BOARDING PARTY - 15th x 3

- 1) FONG CHANG No 11
- 2) JIUN LONG No 1
- 3) JIUN LONG No 2

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PRACTICE ANCHORAGES XO - 7th
NIGHT STEAM IN COMPANY - 7th - HMAS ADVANCE
OOW MANOEUVRES - 5th, 6th HMAS ADVANCE, BARRICADE &
BARBETTE

GUNNERY

40/60 SUFX - 5th
40/60 AACRFX - 5th, 6th
.50 CAL - 13th

ENGINEERING

STEERING GEAR BREAKDOWN - 13th
STEERING MAIN ENGINES - 13th
MARE FOAM USING LAMBORGHINI - 13th

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

~~DNO~~ A central reef patrol including assistance in a SAR mission,
+ some uncomfortable weather, SMP in Cairns + a Gulf
patrol. 26/4

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
Queensland.

Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET letter 1/16/5C dated 4 March 1977 (2 copies)

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

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HMAS BAYONET
At Weipa

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4th March, 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS CAIRNS

The Commanding Officer
HMAS BARRICADE

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FEBRUARY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of February 1977. All times throughout are KILO (-10) except where noted.
2. BAYONET sailed CAIRNS at 1000 Tuesday 1st for a southern patrol. Wind and sea conditions were favourable so Blind Pilotage practice for the third hand (Midshipman M. O'BRIEN RAN) through PALM ISLANDS area was carried out late Tuesday evening with the ship eventually anchoring near GREAT PALM ISLAND on completion.
3. The 41 foot ketch Ibis, reported overdue off TOWNSVILLE necessitated BAYONET joining other search units on Wednesday 2nd (DEFNAV CAN MARSAR 77/0154 010701 FEB 77 refers).
4. The search area had been $\frac{1}{2}$ covered by BAYONET by 1400 without trace of a missing person when it was decided to approach the site of the wrecked IBIS on ACHERON ISLAND, and discuss with the search co-ordinator a possible change of search pattern. As it turned out, the civilian diver at the scene, requested the services of personnel and ship to assist him in extracting IBIS off the rockface in order to carry out a complete underwater search of the wreck, as it was thought the missing person could be wedged between the rockface and the boat.
5. By 1437 BAYONET had secured to the wreck by means of joining all berthing lines together through the bullring. Gradual strain on the line managed to dislodge the hull of IBIS off the rockface, but was insufficient to shift the wreck until 1455 when the strain finally overcame whatever held IBIS firm and it was moved enough to enable the divers to complete their investigation. No body was found.

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After parting company with the TOWNSVILLE bound search boats at 1510, BAYONET continued her visual patrol of the NW section of the area until 1900, when it was decided not to continue due to failing light.

6. At 0400 Thursday 3rd, whilst steaming toward MACKAY, the moderate sea conditions which had prevailed since departure CAIRNS worsened and by 0900, prior to arrival MACKAY, visibility had reduced to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and a steep 3ft sea/swell existed, reducing speed made good to only 10 kts.

7. Since the Junior Sailors mess was not air conditioned and had maintained a constant temperature of 97 degrees F and thus required ventilation, BAYONET remained in MACKAY a further 24 hours whilst the adverse weather conditions prevailed.

8. At 1000 Friday 4th, BAYONET departed MACKAY, but shelter was sought behind HEXHAM ISLAND at 1700 and again behind TOWNSEND ISLAND at 0300 Saturday 5th due to the very rough sea conditions. Whilst sheltering, the Junior Sailor's mess was ventilated and a final attempt to continue passage to GLADSTONE was made at 0800. This third attempt to proceed was unsuccessful so BAYONET turned down sea at 1300 and sought relative shelter from HIGH PEAK ISLAND for 37 hours.

9. An attempt at 0800 Monday 7th to investigate the FFV wrecked on SWAINS REEF was cancelled due to lack of distilled water for the batteries as they had evaporated excessively during the rough sea conditions so course was set for MACKAY, to arrive at 1530 to replenish with distilled water and fuel.

10. Departure was at 1730 and since the conditions had not abated, shelter was sought behind BRAMPTON ISLAND and MOLLE ISLAND on Tuesday 8th. BAYONET sailed WHITSUNDAY GROUP and arrived BOWEN at 1000 Wednesday 9th.

11. The BOWEN Civic Committee entertained the Wardroom and Senior Sailors during the day which was followed by a cocktail party onboard during the evening.

12. BAYONET sailed BOWEN at 1000 Thursday 10th and had the prevailing conditions astern for the uneventful passage to CAIRNS. BAYONET berthed on BARRICADE at No 10 wharf at 0900 Friday 11th later shifting to position 1.3 at 1100 to commence a SMP.

13. During this period, an airconditioning unit from BARBETTE was removed, inserted and tested satisfactorily over the weekend of the 19th and 20th.

14. Departure CAIRNS in company with BARRICADE Monday 21st was effected at 1000 but BAYONET returned independantly to No 1 wharf at 1045 after the port generator and 975 radar tripped. After investigating and rectifying the defects in the above equipment, BAYONET departed at 1300 for an S2 and T patrol.

15. Passage north and through ENDEAVOR STRAIT was uneventful. At 1930 on the 23rd and at 0028 on the 24th, the boarding party boarded FFV HAI FAH No 7 and FFV KON LIH respectively off the eastern coastline of the Gulf. It was interesting to note that the latter vessel was apprehended by BAYONET in August 1976 as a clam vessel, but had since been modified and fitted out to carry out drift netting operations in the GULF OF CARPENTARIA.

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As no evidence of illegal fishing was evident, BAYONET continued patrol arriving at WEIPA at 1400 Thursday 24th.

16. After departure WEIPA on the 25th, passage along the DFZ South to MORNINGTON ISLAND was made. En route, five foreign drift netters with 16 miles of net streamed in a continuous North/South line were encountered, 20 miles off the coast. (HMAS BAYONET KBC 251830 Z FEB 77 refers).

17. No further sightings of FFV were made until 1940 on Sunday 27th when the boarding party boarded YU CHUN off the SIR EDWARD PELLOW GROUP. No evidence of illegal fishing was evident so BAYONET continued patrol and berthed at ALYANGULA at 1400 (-9½) Monday 28th.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

18. At the end of the month, INDEFS 7, 9, 14 and 15/79 were outstanding from previous months. These included faulty main switchboard gauges, defective electric brake, windscreen wiper motor and worn ram steering pins respectively. These INDEFS remain outstanding. INDEFS 16 to 25/79 were raised during the month and remain outstanding.

19. URDEFS 19, 20, 21, 22, 23/79 were outstanding defects from January 1977. These included, faulty starboard M/E starting circuit, No 1 bank Nicad batteries melted, loss of charge of No 3 A/C unit, 975 radar motor generator burnt out, and no crystal current in 975 radar respectively. These URDEFS with exception to the No 3 A/C unit were completed during February. URDEF 24/79 also dealing with lack of 975 radar crystal current was raised and completed in February.

HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

20. The health of the Ships Company has been satisfactory, save for six mild cases of heat rash brought about by uncomfortable living conditions due to the lack of A/C in the JS Mess.

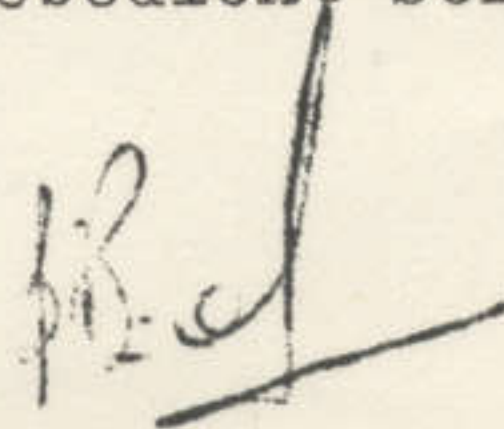
21. Morale naturally was lower than normal due to a patrol without airconditioning, but by the end of the month, it was considered to be at a satisfactory standard.

22. Conduct has been good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. BIRD)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. steaming report
B. exercises conducted

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Annex A to HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
dated 04 MAR 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during February -	3,623.4 nm
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning -	186,075.8 nm
C.	Hours underway during February -	203 hrs
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning -	14,042.17 hrs

Annex B to HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
dated 04 MAR 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

SEAMANSHIP

Leaving Ship Stations - 1st, 4th, 10th, 21st, 24th
Man Overboard - 1st x 2, 21st x 2
Boarding Party - 23rd - HAI FAH No 7
 24th - KON LIH
 27th - YU CHUN No 1
Fire Exercise - 11th to 20th inclusive 28th
Search and Rescue - 2nd Yacht IBIS (TOWNSVILLE)

AIO

Practice Anchorages - 1st (3rd Hand), 5th (Coxswain)
Blind Pilotage - 1st (3rd Hand)

GUNNERY

Small Arms Shoot - 22nd, 23rd
.50 CAL Shoot - 22nd, 23rd

ENGINEERING

Steering Gear Breakdown - 1st, 21st

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH 1977

~~DNO~~ An unfortunate month for Bayonet. A brief patrol
~~DGNOB~~ interrupted by a cyclone (para 6), return to Thursday Island
~~DCNS~~ where a battery bank explosion occurred. ID in Cairns at
the end of the month then passage to Brisbane. J. 26/5

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1977

1. The enclosures are forwarded in accordance with RI Appendix 29A.
2. The technical support facilities available at CAIRNS were commented upon in my letter B80/1/10 of 6 April 1977, and the complementing aspect will be further examined during the complement review of HMAS CAIRNS in May.

(P.H. JAMES)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
Queensland.

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Letter of HMAS BAYONET to HQ
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HMAS BAYONET - RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS - 15 APRIL 1977

HMAS BAYONET
The Commanding Officer

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Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

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HMAS BAYONET
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12th April, 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commanding Officer
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The Commanding Officer
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MARCH 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of March 1977. All times throughout are KILO (-10).
2. Departure from ALYANGULA was effected at 1600 Tuesday 1st. It was pleasing to note that BAYONET was well received by the local inhabitants at this port, which is owned by BHP, and through which considerable quantities of alumina are shipped.
3. On passage to MORNINGTON ISLAND, two TAIWANESE pair trawlers, the HUNG TUNG no's 1 and 2 were boarded some 15 miles off the coast, but no evidence of illegal fishing was obtained. Continuing passage, five more FFV's were sighted and noted, however all vessels were well clear of the DFZ.
4. The anchor was dropped late afternoon of the 2nd, and with the coming of nightfall, the ship was darkened in an attempt to covertly observe the activities of any FFV's in the area. Nothing however, was sighted, so BAYONET weighed anchor at 2200 to continue mobile patrol.
5. At 1300 on the 3rd, TAIWANESE gill netter FU-MIN was boarded and investigated, again with negative results. This was the last FFV to be sighted before BAYONET entered WEIPA at 1000 on the 4th, although identities were exchanged with HMAS ADVANCE earlier that morning. ADVANCE, one hour earlier, had apprehended a TAIWANESE gill netter which had breached the DFZ, and was left to the process of escorting her to WEIPA.

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6. During the night of the 4th, two tropical depressions developed in the Gulf (one of which was classified CYCLONE OTTO) and when BAYONET sailed WEIPA the following morning at 1000, course was set directly for THURSDAY ISLAND. Weather and sea conditions continued to deteriorate such that, towards late afternoon BAYONET was running broadside to a constant 45-50 knot wind and attendant 6-7 metre swell. At 1722 a complete power failure was suffered in the ship for seven minutes with the consequent loss of the gyro compass.

7. When power was restored, it was found that the gyro refused to settle due to the violent ship motion so magnetic course was set for THURSDAY ISLAND. Radar fixing was obtained at 2028 and was received with a welcome sense of relief. An uneventful entry was made into THURSDAY ISLAND harbour where the ship berthed at the main wharf at 2227.

8. At 1000 on the 6th the ship shifted berth to the CALTEX wharf. At 1105 HMAS ADVANCE berthed alongside, obviously having suffered similar sea and weather conditions to BAYONET. Upon arrival THURSDAY ISLAND she was one life raft down and her spare anchor had broken loose from the stowage.

9. Attempting to start starboard main engine on Monday 7th March, to move back to the main wharf, one of the cells in No 1 Battery Bank, exploded (URDEF 25/79 refers). During the course of the subsequent ship staff investigation, it was also discovered that the four main engine starting motors and one generator starting motor were earthing and therefore unserviceable. HMAS ADVANCE was alongside and it was discovered that she had suffered similar Nickel Cadmium battery problems but her equipment earthing problems were not as severe as those in BAYONET.

10. On Thursday 10th March a specialist team, led by LEUT M. SCHAEFFER RAN with spare parts was flown in by RAAF Caribou. Repair work commenced the next morning continuing through to Saturday the 12th when a successful attempt to start main engines was made at 1435. Departure from THURSDAY ISLAND was effected at 1545 and the ship proceeded for an uneventful passage to CAIRNS, berthing at 1.3 at 0017 Monday 14th March.

11. De-ammunitioning and ~~des~~ storing occurred during Monday in preparation for the forthcoming I.D. period. On Monday 21st March the ship could move from No 1 wharf to NQEA dry dock, securing within at 1020.

12. Whilst NQEA proceeded with the I.D. Work List, ships staff successfully repaired to cleaning and preparing the ships side and superstructure prior to painting in the later part of the week. BAYONET undocked at 0600 Monday 29th and could move to No 1 berth with tug DALY secured on the port quarter. Berth was shifted under own power to No 10 wharf where the task of fuelling, ammunitioning and storing ship was undertaken during the remainder of the forenoon.

13. Back alongside No 1 Wharf at 1230, the large task of cleaning up after dockyard and rectifying small, but essential engineering and electrical equipment was satisfactorily handled by ships/base staff and then by 1800 BAYONET was again fully operational. Departure from CAIRNS was effected almost immediately and course was set for BRISBANE.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

14. URDEF 21/79 on No 3 airconditioning unit remains outstanding from January 1977. URDEFS 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34/79 were raised during the month. These included No 1 bank Nicad batteries exploding, Arma Brown Gyro compass not settling, 3 M/E starting motors unserviceable, 1 diesel alternator starter motor unserviceable, AN/URC 58 transceiver, battery charger unable to control voltage No 1 bank batteries, 3 windscreen wipers unserviceable, Lombardini pump, 24V electrical system and the gyro compass repeaters respectively. By the end of the month only URDEF 26/79, the Arma Brown gyro compass and URDEF 34/79, the gyro compass repeaters were outstanding, all others being successfully completed.

15. INDEF 7/79 concerning faulty switchboard gauges remains outstanding from August 1976. INDEF 24/79 regarding a new windlass electric motor is outstanding from February 1977. All other INDEFS, namely 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 25, 26/79 were completed during ID period in dock. These included windscreen wiper motors, worn steering rampins, suspected leak in after void space, docking plugs removed and replaced, huk bolts replaced in superstructure, JS showers leaking bulkead flange, windlass mechanical brake renewed, and naval pipe mounting renewed respectively. INDEFS 18, 21, 23/79 concerning the seat covers JS Mess, guardrails and shackles and PM routines on No 1 and 2 airconditioning units were cancelled. All that remains at the end of the month is INDEF 20/79 which is concerned with the metal spraying of the deck starboard side access area.

HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT

16. The health of the Ships Company has been generally very satisfactory except for POMTP H.K STEFFEN R108915 who drafted to HMAS PENGUIN 01 APR 1977 based upon medical advice when it was considered that sailor's complaint could no longer be treated in NQ (HMAS CAIRNS NEH/NZT/MDY 310110Z MAR 77 refers).

17. Considering that an ID period in dockyard hands is demoralising, it is felt that once operational and at sea, that Ships Company morale was quickly raised to what is thought to be a reasonably good standard at present.

18. Conduct has been very good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. BIRD)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 12 APR 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during March	2,220.1 NM
B.	Total Distance steamed since commissioning	188,295.9 NM
C.	Hours underway during March	163 HRS
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	14,207.17 HRS

ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 12 APR 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

SEAMANSHIP:

Leaving Ship Stations - 1st, 12th, 29th
Man O'verboard - 1st, 29th x 2
Boarding Party - 2nd x 2, 3rd
Fire Exercise - 1st, 21st through to 29th

AIO/NAVIGATION:

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS APRIL 1977

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Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

For Information

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1977

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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
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HMS BUXTON - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1/10/72

HM VESSEL
The Naval Officer Commanding

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS CAIRNS
The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of April 1977. All times throughout are Kilo (-10) except where noted.

2. After entering Moreton Bay during the early hours of Friday 1st, BAYONET hove to near Tangalooma to carry out a short service and a scattering of the ashes of the late Lieutenant W.G.F. Carter RANVR. On completion, the ship passaged up the Brisbane River and berthed on HMAS TARAKAN at 0930. At 1130 I called upon you, Sir, in the office of COMAUSLACRON ONE.

3. By departure time Sunday 3rd, all personnel had expressed their satisfaction at the visit to Brisbane which had enabled them to visit relatives and enjoy all the added attractions of a large city. Casting off at 1300, course and speed was set for Cairns but ETA was to be delayed due to the requirement for BAYONET to investigate recent foreign fishing vessel sightings in the Curtiss Channel area. Course was altered for Mackay at 0930 Tuesday 5th to fuel and proceed.

4. Fuelling completed, departure was timed for 1700 and a 16 knot passage speed to the sighting area through a rising sea and swell eventuated. Contact was gained with the probable suspect foreign fishing vessels at 0330 on the morning of the 6th and the boarding party boarded each vessel in turn. Considering it possible that KING HAI HWA Nos. 1 and 2 were fishing and taking sedentary organisms under the Continental Shelf Act and believing that sufficient quantities were present, both vessels were apprehended and escorted to Mackay where two harbour pilots took the vessels into harbour and berthed at 0700 Thursday 7th on the container wharf.

5. By 1330, there was no further need for BAYONET to remain at Mackay, so the ship departed and made a two engine uneventful passage to Cairns.

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6. Standard Easter short leave was granted to personnel shortly after 1000 Friday 8th when BAYONET berthed on HMAS BARRICADE in position 1.3. The ship remained alongside all week and much needed maintenance and preparation for the forthcoming north west coast survey was attempted.

7. At 1600 Monday 18th, in company with HMAS BARRICADE, both ships departed Cairns for a Customs Exercise code named VIOLIN. Unfortunately for BARRICADE, she had to withdraw from the exercise on Tuesday, but BAYONET remained in contact with an RAAF Orion aircraft, the Customs' launch JABIRU and the exercise suspect vessel. By 1300, the exercise had terminated and BAYONET secured at No. 10 wharf for fuelling and then to No. 1 wharf on BARRICADE in order to rectify some outstanding defects.

8. When BAYONET cast off at 1700, it was for the north west survey role deployment after a Gulf of Carpentaria patrol and, although morale was not high, plenty of hard work and exercises left little room for pondering the position.

9. BARRICADE, which sailed some hours afterwards, overtook BAYONET in Endeavour Strait in the early hours of Thursday 21st, whilst BAYONET carried out a transfer of stores with HMAS FLINDERS. However, by 1430 both ships had rendezvoused outside Weipa for a combined entry, timed for 1500 alongside. Departure from Weipa and BARRICADE was at 0800 Friday when BAYONET headed to Alyangula for the Anzac Day weekend.

10. It was shortly after arrival at 1000 (-9½) Saturday in Alyangula that the ship's company found themselves heavily committed to sporting and social engagements, plus the Anzac Day Commemoration Service and March on the Monday. With little time for rest between functions, Alyangula personnel warmed to BAYONET and this was reciprocated to the full by the ship's company. During the period alongside, personnel participated in cricket, basketball, Australian Rules, the Dawn Service, the Commemoration Parade, golf, athletics, and a swimming carnival which was handsomely won by HMAS BAYONET. During this stay, all persons made firm, friendly relationships and it is hoped by Alyangula and BAYONET that BAYONET may be given the opportunity to defend the trophy in 1978.

11. On Monday, the Wardroom hosted a cocktail party for the Manager of GEMCO (BHP Australia Pty. Ltd.) and for the persons who assisted in the activities that made the visit of BAYONET such a memorable one.

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12. After departing at 1000 (-9½) Tuesday 26th, rough seas and a strong wind accompanied BAYONET across the Arafura Sea until 0010 (-9½) Thursday 28th, when a full power black-out was experienced in the relative shelter of Van Dieman Gulf. The anchor was dropped to await daylight before proceeding through the Vernon Island group and thence to Darwin. URDEF 35/79 on the switchboard was raised.

13. BAYONET secured at the Patrol Boat Landing, Darwin, at 0900 (-9½) that day and, with the enthusiastic, helpful base staff assisting, set to work to attempt to rectify the switchboard URDEF. Personnel were not wholly successful in their efforts but further work could not be attempted as BAYONET was required to take charge of HMA Ships ADROIT and ATTACK at 1800 (-9½) Friday and sail Darwin for Broome to avoid tropical cyclone VERNA.

Engineering and Electrical

14. During the month of April, only URDEF 35/79 on the main switchboard was raised and was outstanding on 30 April. URDEF 34/79 concerning the Arma Brown Gyro repeaters was completed early in April after being raised during the previous month.

15. INDEF 18/79 on the starboard main engine fresh water seal was raised with no outstanding INDEFs from the previous month.

Health, Morale and Conduct

16. The health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory and standard inoculations were given on the 15th.

17. Morale has been generally satisfactory throughout the month but a dip occurred for a few days after departure Cairns as the ship sailed for a 68 day deployment.

18. Conduct is considered quite satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(B.J. BIRD)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: "A" Steaming Report
"B" Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX "A" TO
HMAS BAYONET LETTER 1/16/3
OF 4 MAY 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A. Distance steamed during April	3,637.7 nm
B. Total distance steamed since commissioning	191,933.6 nm
C. Hours underway during April	248 hrs
D. Total hours underway since commissioning	14,453.17 hrs

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ANNEX "B" TO
HMAS BAYONET LETTER 1/16/3
OF 4 MAY 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

Seamanship Leaving Ship Stations - 3, 18, 20, 22, 29
April
Man overboard - 3, 20, 22 April
Boarding Party - 6th - KING HAI HWA
No. 1 and No. 2
NSIC - 29, 30 April - ADROIT and ATTACK

AIO Harbour entry/exit XO - 21 April, Weipa
Third Hand - 28 April, Darwin

Medical Casualties - 4, 20 April - in conjunction
with NBCDX

Gunnery Small Arms Shoot - 21st
40/60 - 18th
Small Arms Shoot - 21st

Engineering Steering Gear Breakdown - 3, 20, 22 April
Fire Exercise - 8 to 17 inclusive
AGR Testing - 21st 15 minutes
NBCDX - 4, 23, including fire/flood

Administration Visitors' Day - 23, 24, 25, 26 - Anzac Day
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS MAY 1977

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Attention: Deputy Chief of Naval Staff

For Information:

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

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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(P.H. JAMES)
Captain, RAN
Naval Officer Commanding
Queensland.

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Commanding Officer
HMAS BAYONET
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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The Fleet Officer Commanding

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HMAS BAYONET
at Sea

1 June 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
QUEENSLAND

For Information

The Flag Officer Commanding, HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET
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The Hydrographer, RAN
The Commander, AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL FORCES
The Commanding Officer, HMAS CAIRNS
The Commanding Officer, HMAS BARRICADE

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of May 1977. All times throughout are zone Hotel (-8) except where noted.
2. The 1st of the month saw BAYONET with HMA Ships ADROIT and ATTACK in company proceeding towards Broome to avoid Tropical Cyclone VERNA which was centred off the north west coast of Australia. The sea and weather conditions were perfect so maximum work was completed on the upper deck. During the afternoon a Security lecture and a lecture on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (AF Memorandum 35/77) were given to the ship's company.
3. Broome was entered at 1700 Sunday 1st and BAYONET berthed port side to on HMAS ADVANCE whilst ATTACK berthed on ADROIT at another section of the main wharf. A fleet departure from Broome was effected at 1300 Monday 2nd when advice was received from NOCNA to return to Darwin as cyclone VERNA was no longer considered a threat.
4. During the afternoon of Wednesday 4th, Captain T.A. Dadswell RAN and Lieutenant R. Butterworth RAN joined HMA Ships ADVANCE and BAYONET respectively by RAAF helicopter transfer to witness a three ship period of OOW manoeuvres before all ships secured at the Patrol Boat Landing at 1800 (IK). The exercises were most beneficial to personnel in BAYONET who had not participated in multi-ship operations for some months.
5. Up until 1700 (IK) Thursday 12th, when BAYONET sailed for Yampi Sound with ADROIT, the entire superstructure was prepared and repainted while major inroads were made to prepare all other surfaces for eventual re-painting.

/The engineering team

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The engineering team repaired and completed major/minor maintenance routines which would hopefully enable BAYONET to continue the survey without too many PM routines to undertake whilst on task.

6. At 0200 Saturday 14th, BAYONET secured starboard side to HMAS MORESBY, ADROIT having been detached the previous evening to escort two Vietnamese refugee vessels to Broome. BAYONET remained with MORESBY until 1600 Sunday installing and testing the replacement starboard engine supply fan. An overnight anchorage in Cascade Bay eventuated when MORESBY proceeded to establish survey camps to the north in Collier Bay at 1600.

7. With Lieutenant J. Baker (H) RAN, and associated Hi-Fix survey equipment embarked, BAYONET independently covered 240 survey miles of sounding from 0700 Monday until 1000 Thursday before proceeding to Derby for fuel and stores. Unfortunately, due to the extreme range of tide at the wharf, the ship had to anchor 4½ miles to seaward to await high water Friday 20th as a replacement circuit breaker was not due until PM Friday. The replacement breaker was eventually inserted by 1700 and departure Derby for Stokes Bay was effected soon after.

8. At 0930 Saturday 21st rendezvous was made with MORESBY, ADVANCE and ADROIT and all three PTFs remained alongside overnight. In the morning, ADROIT and BAYONET proceeded in company to survey Stokes Bay whilst MORESBY and ADVANCE detached to Sunday Strait area. It was while BAYONET and ADROIT were steaming to rejoin MORESBY during the afternoon that the decision to berth on ADVANCE in Sunday Strait was made.

9. ADVANCE was at this time anchored in approximately eight knots of current with six shackles of cable out and her windlass motor unable to take the load. With the current on the wane, ADVANCE's cable was transferred to BAYONET's anchor shackle and BAYONET weighed the anchor and stowed the six shackles of cable until the transfer alongside MORESBY could be effected.

10. From Monday 23rd, until departure of MORESBY to Darwin at 1230 Wednesday 25th, all ships remained in company carrying out soundings in Collier Bay and the coastline to the north of Yampi Sound. Speed of advance was at 16 knots and a large area was covered in the time available. ADVANCE, BAYONET and ADROIT detached to Sunday Strait area to anchor that night and preparations were made to commence survey at 0700 Thursday 26th.

11. At 2230 wind and sea conditions deteriorated sufficiently for BAYONET and ADVANCE to shift anchorage from a lee shore on Margaret Island to an anchorage in Cone Bay behind a low ridge of wind protective hills.

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An attempt at 0730 to commence surveying was aborted due to very rough seas and high wind in the survey area. Course and speed was then set for Beagle Bay to gain shelter and be close to Broome for an arrival Saturday 28th. At 0100, after 12 hours at anchor, BAYONET, in company with HMA Ships ADVANCE and ADROIT, departed the anchorage and eventually berthed Broome alongside MV LADY ANNE at 1030.

12. BAYONET remained alongside until 1700 Monday 30th as force 5-6 winds and an accompanying high sea over Broome and the West coast prevented sailing for the survey grounds any earlier. An uneventful passage to Sunday Strait ensued and surveying commenced at 0630 Tuesday 31st.

13. At 1700 that day all ships anchored in Cone Bay out of the prevailing winds that had commenced early morning and continued throughout the major part of the day for the previous three days.

Engineering and Electrical

14. During the month URDEFs 36,37, 38/79 were raised on the starboard engine room supply fan (URDEF 36 and 37/79) and KH975 radar respectively. These URDEFs have been completed. URDEF 35/79, outstanding from April was completed. INDEF 18/79 from April, regarding the leaking fresh water seal on the starboard main engine, was completed. INDEFs 21, 27, 28, 29, 30/79 were raised on broken No. 3 A/C end stud, cracked port and starboard cylinder head covers, stripped port and starboard heli-coil inserts, valve plate assembly from No. 2 A/C unit to make serviceable No. 3 A/C unit, loss of charge No. 3 A/C unit respectively. At the end of May, all INDEFs remain outstanding but most will be completed early June 1977.

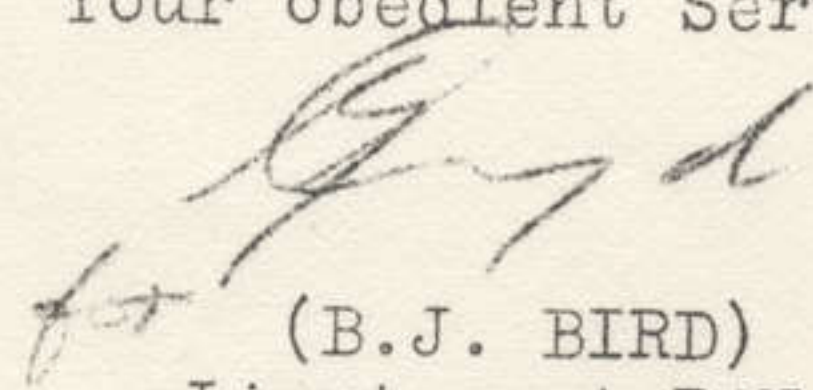
Health, Morale and Conduct

15. The health of the ship's company has been very satisfactory throughout the period. Follow up standard inoculations were given in Darwin on 6 May. Morale has been satisfactory. Conduct has been very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(B.J. BIRD)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes "A" - Steaming Report
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ANNEX "A" TO
HMAS BAYONET LETTER 1/16/1
OF 1 JUNE 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A. Distance steamed during May	3,224.3 nm
B. Total distance steamed since commissioning	192,256.0 nm
C. Hours underway during May	247.5 hours
D. Total hours underway since commissioning	14,700.67 hours

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ANNEX "B" TO
HMAS BAYONET LETTER 1/16/1
OF 1 JUNE 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

Seamanship

Leaving Ship Stations - 2nd, 21st, 27th
Man Overboard - 4th
NSIC - 2nd, 3rd, 12th, 13th, 27th, 30th
OOW Manoeuvres - 4th, 22nd
Heaving Line Transfer - 4th, 22nd
Helicopter Transfer - Personnel - 4th, 24th RAAF/RAN
Stores - 19th, 22nd, 24th
RAS Approaches - 4th, 22nd HMAS ADVANCE

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Harbour Entry/Exit XO - 4th Darwin
3rd Hand - 1st Broome
20th Derby
Anchorages XO - 20th, 26th, 27th
Berthing HMAS MORESBY XO - 4th, 21st
3rd Hand - 15th

Engineering

Steering Gear Breakdown - 4th, 21st
Fire Exercise

Gunnery

Small Arms Shoot - 18th, 20th
2" RFL - 22nd

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HMAS BAYONET-HULL DEFECTS

A. HMAS BAYONET DDW/AWR 160054Z JUN 77

B. HMAS BAYONET DDW/AWR 160056Z JUN 77

C. COMAUSFLT DAU 170453Z JUN 77

1. DURING NW AUSTRALIA SURVEY DEPLOYMENT IT WAS NECESSARY FOR HMAS ADVANCE TO SECURE ALONGSIDE EACH EVENING AS SHE HAD AN UNSERVICEABLE WINCH MOTOR AND WEIGHING HER ANCHOR COULD ONLY THEREFORE BE DONE BY DECKTACKLE

2. ON THE EVENING OF 26 MAY 77, A SUDDEN STRONG WIND AND AN ALREADY FLOWING CURRENT OF 4 KNOTS NECESSITATED SHIFTING TO A MORE SHELTERED ANCHORAGE AS BOTH VESSELS WERE DRAGGING ONTO A LEE SHORE DURING THE PROCESS OF WEIGHING, WITH ADVANCE SECURED BUT

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PREPARING TO CAST OFF, BAYONET MANOEUVERED WITH ENGINES TO STEM CURRENT/WIND AS THE STRAIN ON THE WINDLASS WAS PREVENTING THE CABLE FROM BEING HEAVED IN. THE ROLLING MOVEMENTS OF ADVANCE DURING THIS EVOLUTION INTENSIFIED SUFFICIENTLY BUT BRIEFLY ENOUGH SO THAT THE 3 LARGE SEPARATING FENDERS RODE HIGH OFF THE RUBBLING STRAKES AND ONTO THE STAUNCHIONS OF BAYONET, BENDING THEM INBOARD AND CAUSING THE DAMAGE. THE RUBBLING STRAKE OF ADVANCE SIMULTANEOUSLY ROLLED ONTO THE BULWARK OF BAYONET BENDING THAT INBOARD

3. THE DAMAGE IS SUPERFICIAL AND BASICALLY COSMETIC AND DOES NOT AFFECT THE OPERATIONS OF BAYONET. WORK IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY BY SHIP/BASE STAFF TO RECTIFY THE DEFECTS

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE 1977

- ~~DNO~~ Finish of survey ops with Moresby & return to Cairns
- ~~DGNOP~~ via Thursday Island. Para 3 mentions a 16 knot
- ~~DCMS~~ Recurrent encountered during survey ops. p. 28/7
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE 1977

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(P.H. JAMES)
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Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET
At Cairns

29th June, 1977

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The Commanding Officer
HMAS BARRICADE

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 01 JUNE - 28 JUNE 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 01 JUNE to 28 JUNE 1977. All times throughout are Hotel (-8) except where noted.
2. On the 1st of the month, BAYONET in company with ADVANCE and ADROIT were continuing the SUNDAY STRAIT survey whilst MORESBY worked in COLLIER BAY area. At 1700, all ships berthed on MORESBY for replenishment and refuelling. Departure from MORESBY was at 0800 Thursday 2nd and the survey progressed until p.m. Saturday 4th when R/V was again made. During this programmed 24 hour period alongside all ships participated in a beach banyan and sports day.
3. From 0700 Monday 6th until 1400 Wednesday 8th, the survey of SUNDAY STRAIT progressed and was eventually completed by the PTF's. A well documented characteristic of this area is the continual interaction of large volumes of water passing through the SOUND which can make navigation hazardous at the best of times. It was during a routine line of soundings that BAYONET experienced a 16 knot current which prevented forward movement until greater engine revolutions could be applied to obtain headway.
4. After the return of all HI-FIX and survey equipment to MORESBY and on completion of fuelling, BAYONET in company with ADVANCE and ADROIT were despatched at 1830 from the survey task for DARWIN. The passage was uneventful, but the JOSEPH BONAPARTE GULF lived up to its reputation and all ships buffeted a 2-3m sea/swe

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and force 5-6 head wind which made conditions onboard uncomfortable. BAYONET berthed STOKESHILL Wharf DARWIN at 0830 (-9½) Friday 10th.

5. On Sunday, the world renowned DARWIN BEER CAN REGATTA attracted thousands of spectators which included BAYONET Ships Company who witnessed for the first time, this unique and spectacular happening. Monday 13th, saw BAYONET making final preparations and cleaning up for a departure time of 1800 (-9½).

6. BAYONET proceeded from DARWIN for CAIRNS at 1800 (-9½) and by midnight on the Monday night the first influences from the SE wind and accompanying sea state were being experienced. The passage eastwards to THURSDAY ISLAND across the ARAFURA SEA and the GULF of CARPENTARIA was uneventful but little sleep or food could be obtained by personnel due to the uncomfortable sea and weather conditions encountered. BAYONET secured port side to the THURSDAY ISLAND CALTEX Wharf at 0800 (-10) Wednesday 16th finally departing for CAIRNS at 1200 (-10) after fuelling.

7. At 0800 (-10) Saturday 18th, the ship secured at No 1 Wharf CAIRNS and thus marked the completion of a 60 day deployment of BAYONET from CAIRNS.

8. On Monday 20th, BAYONET commenced a much needed AMP after successfully maintaining a high prolonged degree of operability in areas where little or no PTF assistance was available. It was necessary to secure tug DALY alongside Tuesday 21st and cold move to NQEA F.O. Wharf on ASSAIL to rectify some INDEFs which required dockyard/contractor assistance.

9. On Monday 27th, LIEUTENANT B.J. WILSON RAN arrived in CAIRNS and the process of handing over HMAS BAYONET ensued.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

10. During June, URDEF 39, 40, 41, 42/79 on the starboard aft liferaft, the broken 40/60 elevating arm, the unserviceable 40/60 junction unit and the unserviceable starboard forward liferaft respectively were raised. These URDEFs were outstanding on the 28th June.

11. URDEF 38/79 which concerned the 975 radar defect was rectified early June having been outstanding from May.

12. INDEF 28/79 concerning the starboard/Port M/E heli-coil inserts remains outstanding from MAY but should be completed before BAYONET sails for the next programmed patrol. INDEF 29/79 from MAY, on the valve plate assembly to No 3 A/C unit was rectified during JUNE.

13. INDEF 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 40/79 were raised on 2 in number windscreen wipers, requirement for a replacement 200lb anchor, 40/60 series inspection, bulwark and guardrails port side, protective coating for deck access passageways, galley deck, galley deckhead, water leak in armoury compartment, and the cable locker discharge valve pump assembly respectively. It is considered that all INDEFs will be completed by the first week in JULY.

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HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE


14. Follow up routine injections for the ships company were given on Wednesday 4th. The health of all onboard has been very satisfactory for the period.

15. Conduct has been satisfactory and morale has remained at a pleasing and very satisfactory level during the month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. BIRD)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

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HMAS BAYONET
At Cairns

1/16/6

1st July, 1977

The Naval Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 29 JUNE 1977 TO 30 JUNE 1977

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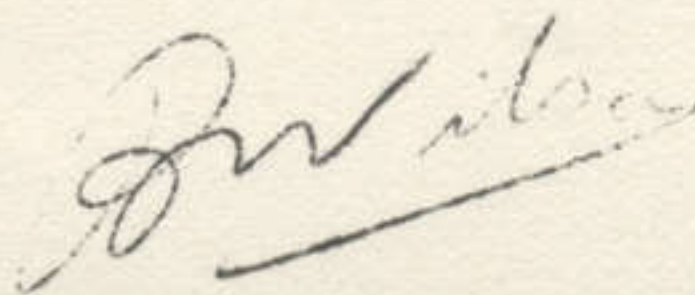
1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BAYONET under my command from Wednesday, 29th June, 1977 to Thursday, 30th June, 1977.

2. I assumed command of HMAS BAYONET on Wednesday, 29th June, 1977, while the ship was at the fitting out wharf in Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period. The ship remained in the AMP for the remainder of the month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEX: A. Steaming Report

B. Exercises Conducted

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 29th June, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during June	2,285.7 nm
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	194,541.7 nm
C.	Hours underway during June	184 hrs
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	14,884.0 hrs

ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
Dated 29th June, 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

SEAMANSHIP:

Leaving Ship Stations - 3rd, 10th, 13th, 16th

Man Overboard - 4th x 8 - Watchkeepers and Engineers

NSIC - 1st, 8th, 9th

COW MANOEUVRES - 8th

Helo Transfer Stores - 4th, 7th

GUNNERY:

Small Arms Shoot - 5th All weapons by Ships' Company

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY 1977

~~DNO~~ Extended Ampin Cairns due to defects in starboard main engine cylinder liners. J. 17/8

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1977

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BAYONET under my command for the month of July, 1977. All times are KILO (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month BAYONET was undergoing an AMP at the fitting out wharf Cairns.
3. The ship carried out a cold move to No 1 wharf Cairns at 0900, Friday 8th July, 1977.
4. Due to a defect in the starboard main engine cylinder liners (URDEF 46/79), BAYONET stayed in the AMP for the remainder of the month; cold moving back to the fitting out wharf at 0800 Friday 15th July, 1977.
5. As a result of the extended period alongside significant progress has been made in ship preservation and upper deck maintenance.
6. The ships company were given a security lecture by me on Thursday 28th July, 1977.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

7. During July, 1977, URDEFS 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48/79 on the 40/60 gyro gunsight, starboard main engine cylinder head, life-rafts, starboard main engine cylinder liners, port main engine blower and the AN URC 88 Aerial coupler control unit were raised.

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8. URDEFS 43, 46/79 have been rectified and all outstanding URDEFS are progressing steadily.
9. URDEFS 39, 40, 41, 42/79 which were outstanding from June, 1977 have been rectified.
10. INDEFS 41, 42/79 were raised on PVC covers and vent flap during July, 1977.
11. INDEFS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 40/79 which were outstanding from June, 1977, have been rectified.
12. INDEFS 20, 28/79, deck area around the boat davit and the port and starboard main engine heli-coils which have been outstanding since March, 1977, and May, 1977, respectively have been rectified. It is considered that all INDEFS will be completed by mid August, 1977,

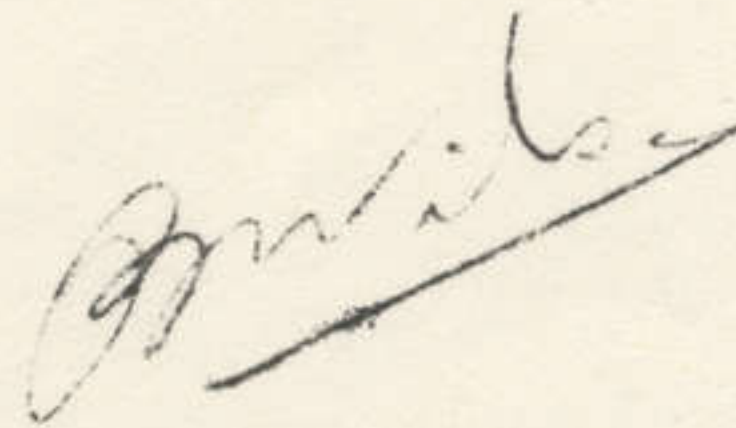
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13. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ships company continues to be good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

- ANNEX: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BAYONET
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
Dated 1st August, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during July	NIL
Total distance steamed since commissioning	194,541.7 NM
Hours underway during July	NIL
Total hours underway since commissioning	14,384 HRS

ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
Dated 1st August, 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

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Daily fire exercise.	
Fire fighting/normal air exercises.	4 hrs

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Lectures and films.	2 hrs
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 1977

DNO AMP, exercises off Cairns, + northern Reef + Gulf patrol.

DGNOP One FFV apprehended which was subsequently released on technical grounds. § 28/9

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CNFS 8/10

DGLOG-N 10/10

CNM 12/10

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship BAYONET under my command for the month of August, 1977. All times are Kilo (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month BAYONET was undergoing an AMP at the fitting out wharf Cairns.
3. BAYONET proceeded to sea at 1215 Saturday 6th August 1977, to carry out sea trials on the starboard main engine and the newly fitted Decca RM 916A radar. The ship returned to harbour at 1430 and berthed outboard of HMAS BARBETTE at No 1 wharf Cairns.
4. In company with HMAS BARBETTE and HMAS ASSAIL, BAYONET proceeded to sea at 0815 Monday 8th August, 1977, to conduct ASSAIL's ORE in accordance with COMAUSMINPABFOR OPORD 5/77. At 1815 Monday 8th August 1977, on completion of the exercise BAYONET berthed outboard of HMAS BARBETTE at No 1 Wharf Cairns.
5. At 1200 on Tuesday 9th August 1977, BAYONET cast off and proceeded to conduct a compass swing in Trinity Inlet. An unacceptable gyro error prevented this and the ship berthed at the fitting out wharf Cairns at 1215 and remained there until Monday 15th August, 1977.
6. Bayonet sailed from Cairns at 1040 Monday 15th August, 1977

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in company with HMAS BARBETTE and conducted a NAVCOMEX 207 while leaving harbour. On clearing the leads a TOWEX was conducted, this lasted from 1120 to 1220.

7. A 40/60 and .5 CAL AACRF was conducted at 1330 Monday 15th August 1977, using 2" rocket flares at the target. This was followed by a 40/60 and .5 CAL SUTF and a small arms firing. All firings were completed by 1415.

8. OOW Manoeuvres and station keeping were carried out between 1430 and 1515 on Monday 15th August 1977, while heading north to gain the lee of Low Island. At 1515 a BOARDX was carried out with BAYONET boarding BARBETTE. On completion of the BOARDX, at 1600, BARBETTE departed to continue patrolling. BAYONET remained in the area of Low Island to conduct leaving ship stations, man overboard exercises and OOW ship handling practice.

9. BAYONET left the vicinity of Low Island at 1715 Monday 15th August, 1977, to carry on in accordance with the Fleet Programme.

10. An unexpected R/V with HMAS BARBETTE occurred at 0445 Tuesday 16th August, 1977, and I was informed that due to an engine defect BARBETTE had suggested to HMAS CAIRNS that CPOCD KERSHLER, from CDT 1, be transferred to BAYONET to conduct an underwater demolition survey at Portland Roads.

11. BAYONET anchored in Stokes Bay in the Flinders Group at 0645 Tuesday 16th August, 1977, and at 0730 CPOCD KERSHLER was transferred to BAYONET.

12. At 0001 Wednesday 17th August, 1977, BAYONET weighed and proceeded to Portland Roads, anchoring at 0920 Wednesday 17th August, 1977.

13. While the demolition survey was being conducted I took the opportunity to visit Mr Ross Pope, the Coastwatcher at Portland Roads.

14. The ship weighed at 0600 Thursday 18th August, 1977 and continued to patrol Area Alpha.

15. BAYONET anchored in Blackwood Bay at 1530 Thursday 18th August, 1977, and remained in this anchorage until 0730 Friday 19th August, 1977, when the ship weighed and proceeded to Thursday Island, berthing at the Caltex Wharf at 1000 Friday 19th August, 1977.

16. On completion of fuelling the ship shifted berth to the Main Wharf and secured alongside at 1210 Friday 19th August, 1977.

17. At 1000 Saturday 20th August, 1977 BAYONET sailed for the Gulf of Carpentaria. During the night of 20/21st August, 1977, the positions of numerous contacts were plotted for further investigation during daylight hours.

18. Between 0830 and 1530 on Sunday 21st August, 1977, six pairs of Taiwanese trawlers were identified and six vessels were

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boarded to check for breaches of the Continental Shelf Act (HMAS BAYONET KBG 210732 Z AUG 77 refers).

19. The ship anchored off Thud Point at 1700 Sunday 21st August, 1977, and maintained a radar watch on foreign fishing vessels 30 miles north and south of this position throughout the night. Numerous contacts were seen to be closing the coast and remaining just over twelve miles from the nearest point of land.
20. At 0700 Monday 22nd of August, 1977, the ship weighed and proceeded to intercept the closest of these vessels which were then 15 miles away.
21. The boarding party was placed on board the Taiwanese vessel MON HO No 31 at 0830 Monday 22nd of August, 1977, and a quantity of Bailer Shell meat was found (HMAS BAYONET KBG 220030Z AUG 77)refers).
22. The MON HO No 32 was boarded at 1045 Monday 22nd August, 1977, but no evidence of a breach of the Continental Shelf Act was found.
23. The MON HO No 31 was officially apprehended and escorted to Weipa at 1450 Monday 22nd August, 1977, (HMAS CAIRNS KBG 220323Z AUG 77 and HMAS BAYONET KBG 220520Z AUG 77 refer). Both vessels anchored south of the Weipa channel entrance beacons at 1830 Monday 22nd August, 1977.
24. Both vessels weighed at 0820 Tuesday 23rd August, 1977, and proceeded into Weipa. The MON HO No 31 anchored in the emergency anchorage at 0940 and BAYONET, after escorting the apprehended vessel to its anchorage, secured alongside Evans Landing at 1000.
25. I transferred custody of the MON HO No 31 to a Department of Primary Industries Office at 1030 Tuesday 23rd August, 1977.
26. At 0945 Wednesday 24th August, 1977, BAYONET cast off and proceeded to sea with the Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS embarked.
27. Between 1300 and 1730 on Wednesday 24th August, 1977, BAYONET identified six pairs of trawlers and boarded seven vessels (HMAS BAYONET KBG 240902Z AUG 77 refers).
28. BAYONET anchored off Thud Point at 1930 Wednesday 24th August, 1977, and maintained a radar watch of the foreign fishing vessels in the area throughout the night.
29. The ship weighed at 0615 Thursday 25th August, 1977, and before returning to Weipa to disembark the Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS identified three Taiwanese fishing vessels (HMAS BAYONET KBG 240532Z AUG 77 refers).
30. BAYONET berthed at Evans Landing at 1200 Thursday 25th August, 1977, to disembark CMDR KEAY then proceeded to sea to continue patrolling the Gulf of Carpentaria.

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31. On passage to the south of the Gulf four pairs of Taiwanese trawlers were identified (HMAS BAYONET KBG 252305Z AUG 77 refers).

32. Because of the rough weather being experienced BAYONET sought the lee of Rocky Island and anchored at 1245 Friday 26th August, 1977.

33. At 0900 Saturday 27th August, 1977, BAYONET weighed and proceeded to the vicinity of Weipa to patrol this area, but because of URDEF 52/79 I decided to anchor in Albatross Bay upon arrival in the Weipa area, this the ship did at 0900 Sunday 28th August, 1977, and enabled much needed ship husbandry to be carried out.

34. The ship weighed at 0815 Monday 29th August, 1977, and proceeded into Weipa, berthing at Evans Landing at 1000.

35. BAYONET cast off from Evans Landing at 1650 Tuesday 30th August, 1977, and secured to the Heavy Equipment Wharf at 1700 Tuesday 30th August, 1977.

36. Due to an injury sustained playing football in Weipa, I handed over command of HMAS BAYONET to LEUT B. BIRD at 0830 Wednesday 31st August, 1977.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

37. During August, 1977 URDEFS 49, 50, 51, 52/79 on the gyro compass, 634 transceiver, deck winch and port main engine governors were raised. URDEFS 46, 47, 48, 49, 52/79 were rectified during August 1977.

38. URDEF 50/79 is still outstanding due to unavailability of a replacement through stores. URDEF 51/79 will be completed alongside in Cairns during the SMP 7 - 15th September, 1977.

39. INDEFS 43, 44/79 were raised on the port and starboard bloctube controls and aft flat. Base staff are investigating availability of bloctube spares and temporary repairs to the aft flat were carried out and will be completed during Intermediate Docking in February, 1978.

40. INDEFS 28, 31, 37, 39, 41, 42/79 have been rectified.

HEALTH, WELFARE, CONDUCT AND MORALE

41. The health, welfare and conduct of the ships company continue to be good, however, morale suffered upon hearing the news that the MON HO No 31 had been released.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEX A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A TO HMAS BAYONET
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DATED 1st September, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during August	2571.9 NM
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	197,113.6 NM
C.	Hours underway during August	177.5 HRS
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	15,061.5 HRS

ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DATED 1st September, 1977

EXERCISES CONDUCTED

SEAMANSHIP:

OOW Manoeuvres/ST. Keeping - 2 hours
TOWEX - 1
Point Ship - 1
Man Overboard/OOW Ship Handling - 2 hours
MAJOR NBCDEX - 2 hours
Leaving Ship Stations - 1

GUNNERY:

AACRFX (SLEEVE) - 2 hours
SUFEX - 1 hour
AACRFX (2" rocket flare) - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Small arms shoot - 1 hour
BOARDEX - 2 hours

COMMS:

NAVCOMEX 207 - 3 hours

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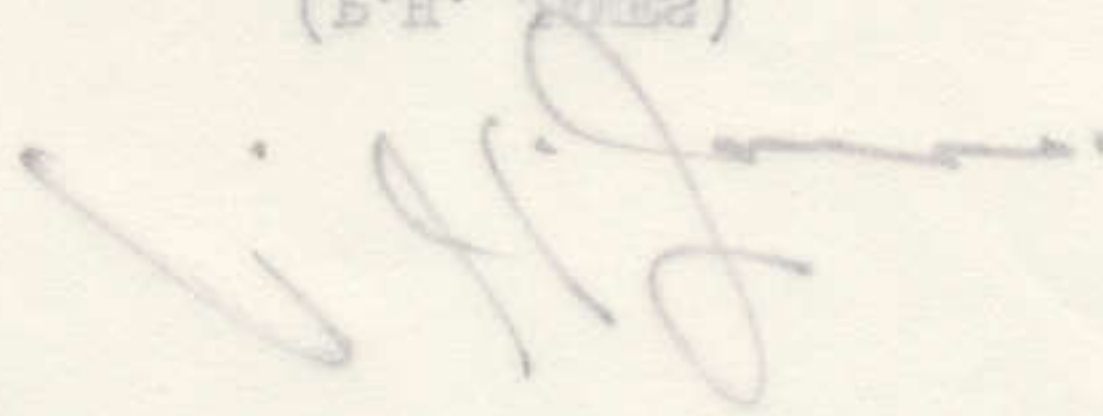
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 31ST AUGUST 1977 - 19TH
SEPTEMBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from 31 AUG 1977, until 19 SEP 1977. All times are Kilo (-10).
2. At 0830 Wednesday 31st, I assumed command of HMAS BAYONET from LEUT B.J. WILSON RAN who had sustained a football injury and was now posted HMAS CAIRNS medical to date Wednesday 31st. Departure from WEIPA was effected shortly afterwards at 0900 and BAYONET continued the fishery patrol from WEIPA northwards to THURSDAY ISLAND.
3. Until 0900 Friday 2nd September, when BAYONET berthed at THURSDAY ISLAND only two Taiwanese pair trawlers were sighted and boarded. This occurred at 1600 Wednesday 31st August some 34 miles off the coast and 75 miles north of WEIPA. Both vessels were proceeding to the south of the GULF OF CARPENTARIA and had empty freezers having just arrived in the Gulf from TAIWAN.
4. At 1000 Saturday 3rd, BAYONET departed TI for a patrol of the inner Barrier Reef prior to arrival CAIRNS on Wednesday 7th. However, due to a defect on No 1 airconditioning unit, the ship returned to CAIRNS berthing at 1600 Sunday 4th. A SMP ensued from Monday 5th until Thursday 15th which included the Annual Inspection of BAYONET (13th - 15th) and HMAS BARRICADE and BARBETTE (13th - 16th). Divisions, which were inspected by CMDR M.J.S KEAY RAN (Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS) were held during the forenoon of Thursday 15th and at 1600. BAYONET departed CAIRNS for TURTLE BAY to represent the RAN at the official opening of the

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Australian Institute of Marine Science complex. (Hereafter called AIMS).

5. BAYONET arrived at the newly constructed AIMS wharf situated on the SW side of C. Ferguson at 0830 Friday 16th. Mr J. Fletcher the operations officer of AIMS met BAYONET on arrival and made the necessary arrangements to collect and transport the ships company to the building where the opening ceremony was being held. Luncheon was provided on completion.

6. During the afternoon I received onboard the Minister of State for Science, Senator, The Hon. J.J. WEBSTER and Mrs WEBSTER, Sir Henry BASTEN, the first Chairman of AIMS, the Chairman of the Council of AIMS Dr J.A. ALLEN the Vice Chancellor of JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY Dr K.J.C. BACK, AIMS Director Dr M. GILMARTIN and a number of senior AIMS personnel and their wives.

7. BAYONET departed TURTLE BAY at 0500 Saturday 17th for CAIRNS after what was considered to be a very successful PR exercise for the RAN, as a whole. BAYONET secured alongside HMAS BARBETTE at 1600 and completed the remainder of her SMP.

8. At 0800 Monday 19th I handed over Command of HMAS BAYONET to Lieutenant D.N. COLLYER RAN and returned to my duties as BOO of HMAS CAIRNS.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

9. Will be covered in detail by the ROP submitted at the end of the month.

HEALTH, WELFARE, CONDUCT AND MORALE

10. The health, welfare and conduct of the ships company continues to be very good. Morale is very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant



(B.J. BIRD)
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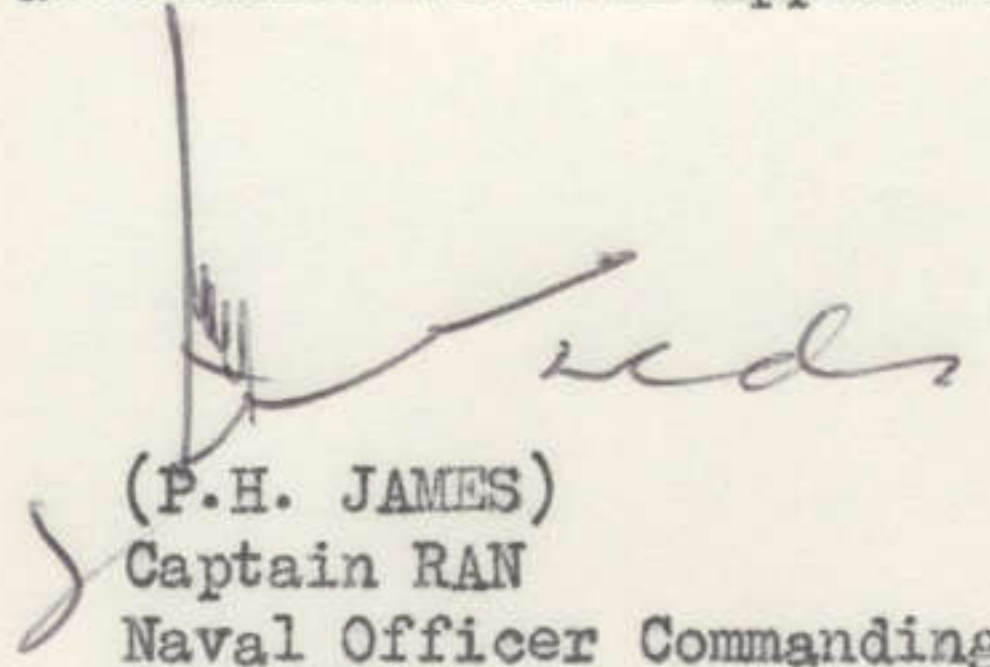
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At Cairns

10th October, 1977

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

19TH SEPTEMBER TO 1ST OCTOBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command, from the 19th September to the 1st October 1977. All times zone KILO (-10).
2. On the 19th September I assumed temporary command of HMAS BAYONET, at Cairns, due to the continuing unfitness for sea of Lieutenant B.J. WILSON RAN. The ship remained in Cairns carrying out a self maintenance period until the 20th of September.
3. At 1000 on the 20th September HMAS BAYONET shifted berth to number ten wharf on HMAS FLINDERS, fuelled, carried out minor mechanical repairs and then, at 1400, proceeded to sea to carry out a southern patrol.
4. The ship anchored at Dunk Island from 1930 on the 20th to 0600 on the 21st September then proceeded towards the Great Barrier Reef. Dense cloud cover, strong winds and large seas, however, prevented safe reef navigation and the ship sheltered at Stanchaven anchorage from 2230 ~~from 2230~~ on the 21st to 1230 on the 22nd and at Molle Island from 1540 on the 22nd to 0900 on the 23rd of September.
5. HMAS BAYONET berthed at number eight Roylen Cruise Wharf Mackay at 1400 on the 23rd and departed at 0600 on the 25th September. On departing Mackay the ship proceeded toward Swains Reef to investigate a possible foreign fishing vessel sighting. Weather conditions, however, proved unsuitable for reef navigation and the ship anchored of Middle Perey Island from 1130 on the 25th to 0730 on the 26th September. The ship proceeded toward Swains Reef, once again was

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unable to enter the reef due to weather and headed south to Curtis Channel area to check for Taiwanese pair trawlers. No trawlers were sighted and the ship anchored off Wapparaburra Island. from 1630 on the 26th to 0830 on the 27th of September. On departing the ship carried out another search for pair trawlers then headed into the inner edge of Swains Reef. No contacts were located. The ship anchored at Bell Cay from 1600 on the 27th to 0015 on the 28th of September then proceeded to Mackay and berthed on number eight Roylen Cruise Wharf at 0800.

6. At 1400 on the 29th of September HMAS BAYONET sailed from Mackay after being delayed while a replacement for a defective port engine filter was flown from Cairns. The ship investigated several contacts within reef waters on the 30th of September, but all were found to be Australian fishermen. The night of the 30th of September was spent in the Family Island Group and the ship berthed in Mourilyan Harbour at 0900 on the 1st of October.

7. At 1200 on the 1st of October I handed over command of HMAS BAYONET to Lieutenant B.J. WILSON RAN.

8. ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

During September, 1977 URDEF 50/79, 634 transceiver which was outstanding from August was rectified and URDEF 51/79, which has been temporarily repaired until a replacement which is available from stores. URDEFS 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58/79 on the No 1 air conditioning unit, an-urc 58, echo sounder, auxilliary general service pump and glacier filter were raised and rectified.

INDEFS 38, 43/79, No 2 air conditioning unit and bloctube controls are still outstanding due to delays with spares. INDEFS 45, 47/79 armoury and aft mess dodger will be rectified SMP period 10 - 17th October 1977.

9. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company has been very good throughout the period.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

for
(D.N. COLLYER)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
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ANNEX A TO HMAS BAYONET
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
DATED 10th October, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during September	1923.6 NM
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	199,037.2 NM
C.	Hours underway during September	146.1 HRS
D.	Total hours underway since commissioning	15,207.5 HRS

ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
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EXERCISES

Leaving Ship Stations	1
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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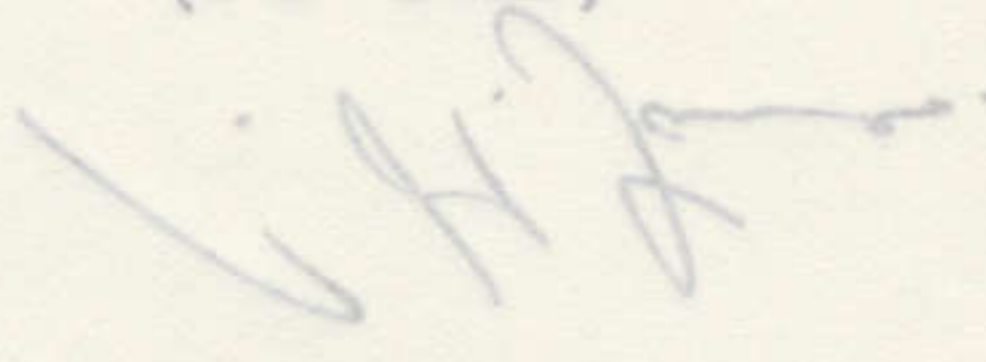
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1977

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of October, 1977. All times are KILO (-10).
2. I assumed command of HMAS BAYONET on Saturday, 1st October 1977, while the ship was in Mourilyan to participate in the annual colour day of the Innisfail Volunteer Coast Guard Flotilla.
3. BAYONET was open for visitors on Sunday 2nd October, 1977. Seven hundred people took the opportunity to inspect the ship.
4. The ship sailed from Mourilyan at 1000 on Monday 3rd October 1977, and proceeded through Geranium Passage to the outer reef but because of the rough weather being experienced BAYONET entered the reef through Palm Passage and anchored at Great Palm Island at 1915.

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5. At 0800 on Tuesday 4th October 1977, BAYONET weighed and proceeded to sea, but experienced a minor engine defect and anchored again at 0815. This minor engine problem was rectified and the ship weighed at 1130 and proceeded south to continue patrolling and anchored at Stonehaven Anchorage at 2120.

6. BAYONET weighed at 0600 on Wednesday 5th October, 1977, and patrolled through the reef all day anchoring in Molle Channel at 1600.

7. The ship sailed from this area at 2300 on Wednesday 5th October, 1977, to investigate the sighting of a possible FFV (MAROPS CANBERRA KBG 050300Z OCT 77 PASEP HMAS CAIRNS KBG 050930Z OCT 77 refers). No FFV was seen and BAYONET anchored near Double Care Island at 0900 Thursday 6th October 1977, to prepare the ship for the visit to Bowen.

8. At 0600 on Friday 7th October, 1977, the ship weighed and proceeded to Bowen, rendezvousing with HMAS WEWAK at 0700. Both ships secured alongside No1 wharf Bowen at 0900.

9. I attended a Civic Reception at the Bowen Council Chambers at 1600 Friday 7th October, 1977. The Officers and senior sailors of BAYONET and WEWAK hosted a Cocktail Party aboard WEWAK Friday evening for the committee and official guests of the Bowen 'Gem of the Coral Coast' Festival.

10. The Ship's Company partook in the festivities on Saturday 8th October 1977, commencing with a march through the streets of Bowen as part of the festival procession.

11. At 1000 Sunday 8th October, 1977, BAYONET cast off and proceeded to Cairns, berthing at No10 wharf Cairns at 1000 Monday 10th October, 1977.

12. On completion of fuelling at 1345 BAYONET moved to No1 wharf berthing outboard of HMAS BUCCANEER at 1426 after supplying the subject matter for an Australian Information Service film crew.

13. BAYONET remained alongside in a SMP until 1015 Saturday 15th October, 1977, when the ship cast off and anchored in Cairns harbour to start the annual Cairns to Green Island Yacht race. The ship berthed outboard of HMAS BUCCANEER AT 1125.

14. BAYONET sailed for an area A and B patrol at 1745 Monday 17th October, 1977, and proceeded north patrolling both the inner and outer reef.

15. The ship anchored in the Flinders Group at 1400 Tuesday 18th October, 1977, weighed at 0800 the following morning and proceeded to Cairns.

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16. At 1000 Thursday 20th October 1977, BAYONET berthed outboard of HMAS FLINDERS at No10 wharf Cairns remaining there to fuel until 1140 when the ship cast off and proceeded to sea to continue patrolling and participate in exercise Southern Cross Two.

17. BAYONET rendezvoused with HMAS BUCCANEER at 0600 Friday 21st October, 1977, to effect the final preparations for our role in the exercise. Throughout the day BAYONET conducted numerous simulated FPB missile and gunnery attacks.

18. The patrol boat phase of the exercise was completed at 1350 Friday 21st October, 1977, at which time BAYONET proceeded to Cairns.

19. At 1900 Friday 21st October, 1977, BAYONET entered the reef via Flora Passage and proceeded to Palm Passage to lend assistance to HMAS BUCCANEER (HMAS CAIRNS KKA/KKE 210800Z OCT 77 refers).

20. BAYONET rendezvoused with BUCCANEER at 0150 Saturday 22nd October, 1977, and escorted BUCCANEER to Cairns, berthing outboard of HMAS FLINDERS at No 10 Wharf at 1300.

21. At 0730 Monday 24th October, 1977, BAYONET cast off and proceeded to sea.

22. The ship entered Townsville harbour and berthed at No 4 wharf at 0900 Tuesday 25th October, 1977, and remained alongside until 1200 Wednesday 26th October, 1977, when the ship sailed to continue patrolling.

23. BAYONET remained in the area between Cairns and Townsville until 0900 Friday 28th October, 1977, when the ship berthed at No 10 wharf Cairns.

24. The ship shifted berth at 0940 Friday 28th October, 1977, and secured to No1 wharf at 1000 remaining there for the remainder of the month.

15. Engineering and Electrical:

Urdef 51/79, winch has been temporarily repaired and final repairs will be completed as parts become available. Indef 38/79, No 2 Air Conditioning unit will be completed this SMP period together with Indef 49/79 No 3 Air Conditioning Unit. Indef 48/79. 40/60 gun cover was temporarily repaired until a new gun cover can be supplied from stores.

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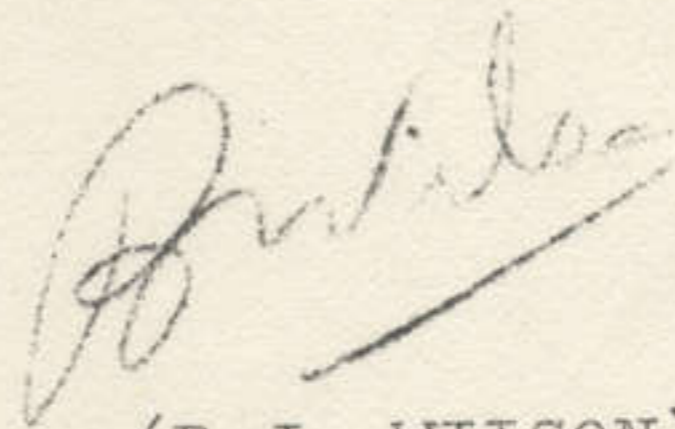
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26. Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale.

The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are good.

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



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming report.
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ANNEX A TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
dated

STEAMING REPORT

A.	Distance steamed during October	2086.9
B.	Total distance steamed since commissioning	201,124.1
C.	Hours under way during October	161.5
D.	Hours underway since commissioning	15369.0

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ANNEX B TO HMAS BAYONET
Report of Proceedings
dated

EXERCISES

Shiphandling/NBCD

Man overboard exercises	2
Steering gear breakdown	2
Fire Exercise/NBCDEX	1
OOW shiphandling	1 Hour
OOW Manoeuvres	1 Hour

Gunnery

Simulated FPB Missile EX	1 Hour
Simulated FPB SUFX	1 Hour
SUTX	1
.50 Cal Firing	1

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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns
1st December 1977

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of November, 1977. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the beginning of the month BAYONET was undergoing a SMP at Cairns and remained alongside until Monday, 7th November, 1977, when the ship sailed for the north of Swains Reef to investigate a FFV sighting (HMAS CAIRNS. KLG/KBG 070030Z NOV 77 refers).

3. BAYONET arrived in the reef area at 0900 Tuesday 8th November, 1977, and departed the reef area at 0845 Wednesday 9th November, 1977. (HMAS BAYONET KBG/KLG 090800Z Nov 77 refers).

4. At 1330 Wednesday 9th November, 1977, BAYONET berthed at No 8 Raylen Wharf MacKay, fuelled, and departed for Cairns at 1500.

5. The ship arrived in Cairns at 1500 Thursday 10th November 1977, and berthed on PNGDS LAE at No 10 wharf. On completion of fuelling at 1600 BAYONET shifted to No 1 wharf berthing outboard of HMAS BARRICADE.

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6. BAYONET departed Cairns at 0800 Tuesday 15th November 1977, for a patrol of areas S2 and T.
7. BAYONET rendezvoused with HMAS FLINDERS at 0730 Wednesday 16th November, 1977, to conduct a mail and stores transfer before continuing to the Gulf of Carpentaria.
8. On Thursday 17th November, 1977, BAYONET arrived in the Gulf of Carpentaria and at 0330 shut down the engines and drifted in the vicinity of numerous FFV's, plotting their positions.
9. BAYONET boarded two FFV's (HMAS BAYONET KBG 162350Z Nov 77 refers) between 0730 and 0900 Thursday 17th November, 1977, when the ship was dispatched to Thursday Island (HMAS CAIRNS KAO/KIB 162255Z NOV 77 refers).
10. At 1400 Thursday 17th November, 1977, BAYONET berthed at the Caltex wharf Thursday Island, remaining alongside until 1745 when the ship departed to continue patrolling the Gulf.
11. The ship entered Weipa harbour on Friday 18th November, 1977, securing alongside Evans Landing at 0900. BAYONET remained overnight and departed at 0900 the following morning, however due to URDEF 61/79 the ship returned to Evans Landing and berthed outboard of HMAS ARDENT at 0940.
12. BAYONET remained in Weipa until 1130 Monday 21st November, 1977, when the ship departed to continue patrolling.
13. A .50 CAL and a small arms firing were conducted at 1600 Monday 21st November, 1977.
14. Two FFV's were boarded between 1715 and 1815 Monday 21st November, 1977 (HMAS BAYONET KBG 210930Z NOV 77 refers).
15. BAYONET berthed at the Caltex Wharf, Thursday Island at 1300 Tuesday 22nd November, 1977, shifting to the main wharf at 1600 on completion of fuelling.
16. The ship departed Thursday Island at 0900 Wednesday 23rd November, 1977, and proceeded to Cairns, berthing at No 1) wharf at 0900 Friday 25th November, 1977. On completion of fuelling at 1045 BAYONET shifted to No 1 wharf berthing outboard of HMAS BARBETTE.
17. BAYONET remained alongside at Cairns for the remainder of the month conducting a SMP.
18. URDEF 51/79, winch was completed on the 10th November 1977.
19. URDEFs 59,60,61,62/79 Port main engine exhaust temperatures, Stbd main engine Fuel feed pump, Port main engine thermostat and Port main engine governor were raised and rectified.

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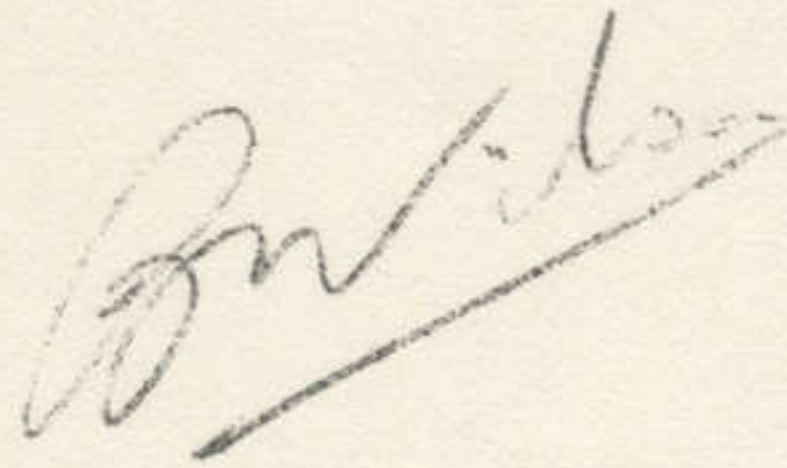
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20. Indefs 38, 43, 50/79, No2 Air Conditioning unit, Port and Stbd Blectibes and Boat davit are still outstanding and will be completed when stores become available.

21. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company continues to be good.

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



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant, RAN
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ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report.
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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/60 dated
1st December, 1977

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Distance steamed during November	2,580.4
2.	Total Distance steamed since commissioning	203,704.5
3.	Hours underway during November	215.75
4.	Hours underway since commissioning	15,584.75

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
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EXERCISES

Shiphandling

Manoverboard/OOW Shiphandling	2 Hours
Blind Pilotage	1 Hour

Gunnery

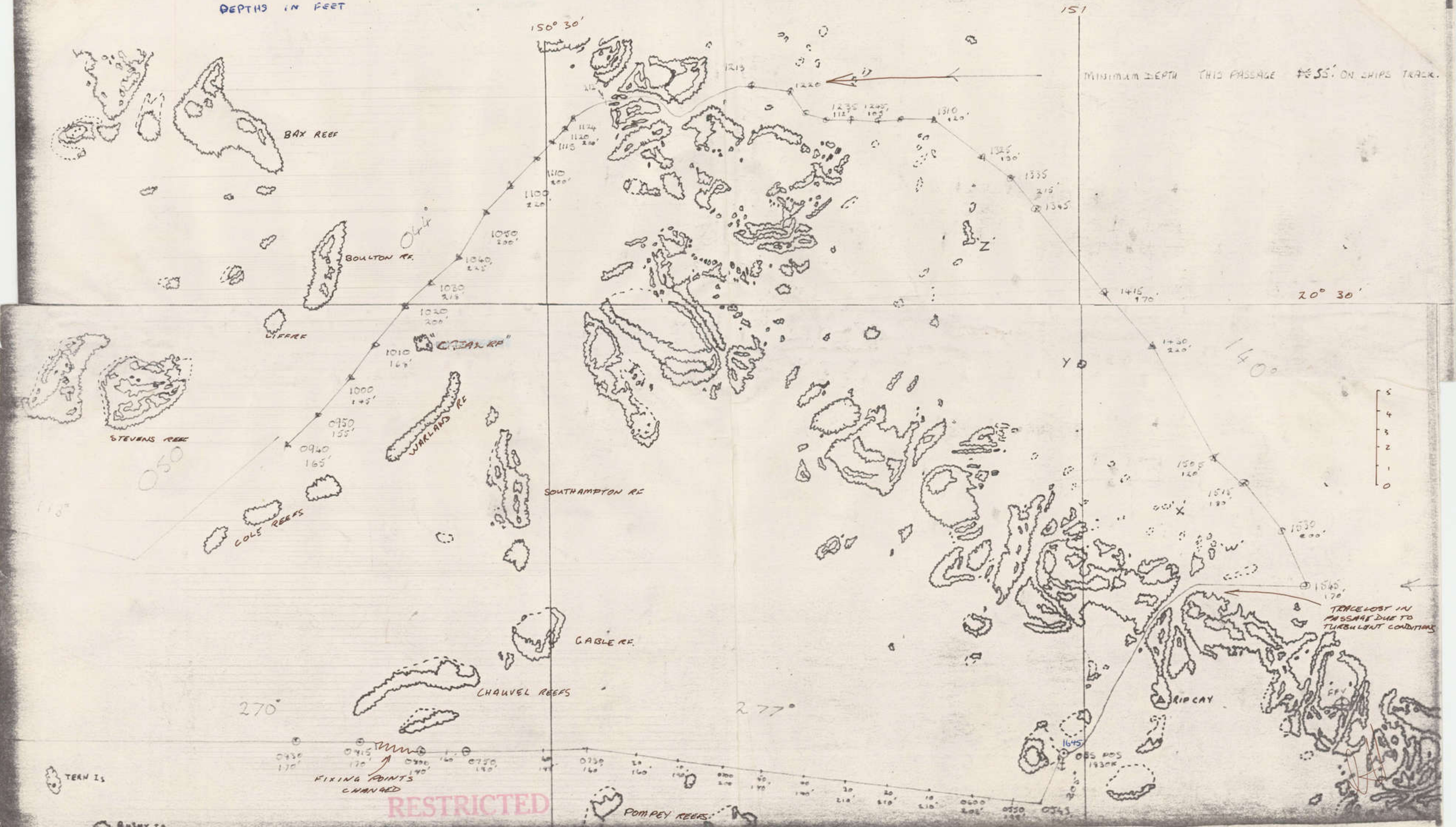
.50 Cal AAFX	1
.50 Cal SUFX	1
Automatic Rifle Firing	All hands participating
RFL Firing	2
Night Boarding Exercise	1

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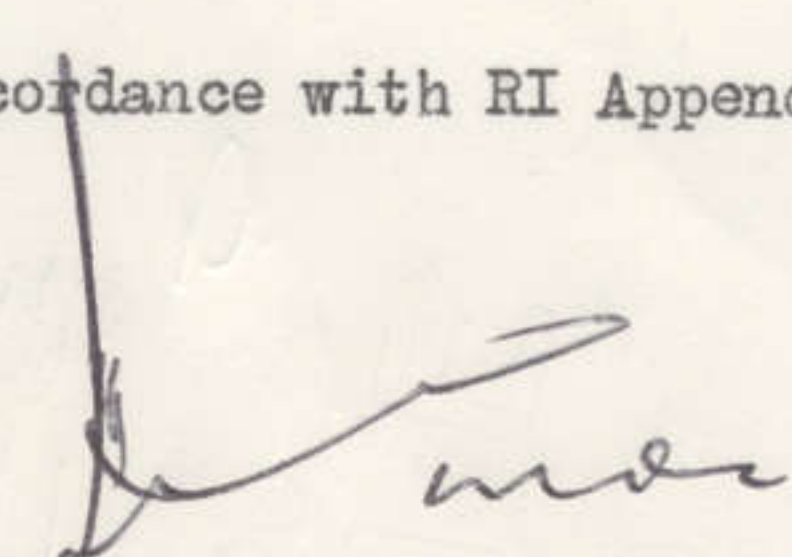
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HMAS BAYONET
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1977

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the month of December, 1977. All times are KILO (-10).

2. BAYONET sailed from Cairns at 1300 Thursday 1st December 1977, for a patrol of areas A and T; but due to URDEF 63/79 returned to Cairns the same day, berthing at No 10 wharf at 1630.

3. The ship remained in Cairns until 2200 Friday 2nd December, 1977, when the repairs which had been effected were trialed. The trials were unsuccessful and BAYONET returned to Cairns at 2330 berthing at No 10 wharf.

4. BAYONET remained in Cairns for the remainder of the month shifting to No 1 wharf at 1500 Monday 5th December, 1977.

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5. The unusual step was taken on Thursday 8th December, 1977, of dispatching the boarding party by air to Cooktown and embarking in the customs launch. JABIRU to apprehend a FFV which had been sighted in the reef north of Lizard Island. (HMAS CAIRNS KBG 082325Z DEC 77 and HMAS CAIRNS KBG 090425Z DEC 77 refer). The boarding party returned to Cairns AM Saturday 10th December, 1977.

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6. Urdef 63/79 Starboard Main Engine Exhaust Temperature was raised and is still outstanding.

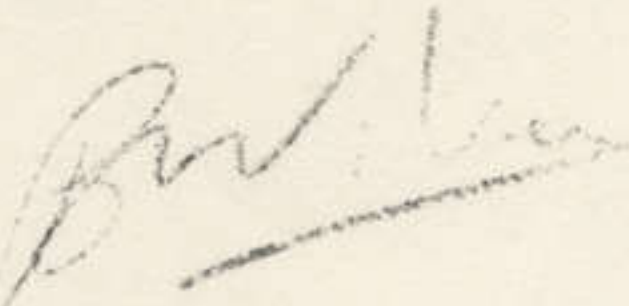
7. Indefs 54,55/79 AN-URC 58 and starboard Tachometer system were raised and are still outstanding.

HEALTH, WELFARE, CONDUCT AND MORALE

The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the Ships Company continue to be good.

I have the honour to be
Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(B.J. WILSON)
Lieutenant, RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
 B. Exercises.

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/60 dated
3rd January, 1978

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during December	73.1
Total distance steamed since commissioning	203,777.6
Hours underway during December	5
Hours underway since commissioning	15,589.75

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
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EXERCISES

Gunnery

Boarding Party Detached

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