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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31st March, 1970.

N.O.I.C., QUEENSLAND.

2. On completion of the New Year holiday period on 5th January I joined HMAS MORETON and the full week until 12th January was engaged in receiving handover from my predecessor, Commander I.W. Broben, RAN. I assumed the duties of Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland; Captain, HMAS MORETON and Naval Control of Shipping Officer on that day and Commander Broben proceeded to his new posting in Sydney. During the period of the handover I paid official calls on the Premier of Queensland, The Honourable J. Bjelke-Petersen, M.L.A. and the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman Clem Jones.

3. On 14th January the Vietnamese Deputy Armed Forces Attache, Lieutenant Colonel Nguyen Van Le, paid a call. Lieutenant Colonel Le evinced a great deal of interest in the Command. During his visit he was taken on an inspection of HMAS ADROIT and TV GAYUNDAH on completion of which he was entertained to drinks in the Wardroom, HMAS MORETON. He appeared to be a jovial personality with a reasonable command of English.

4. I paid my official call on the Air Officer Commanding, Amberley, Air Commodore D.W. Kingwell, DSO on 20th January and was treated to a tour of the station followed by lunch. I had the interesting experience of a short flight in the F111 Simulator, a well planned and well housed facility. The morale of the F111 crews at Amberley appeared to be at a high level in spite of the difficulties being experienced by the project.

5. During the month of January I attended various social functions, two of particular note being a Reception arranged by the Council of Combined Commonwealth Societies for the Australian High Commission to the United Kingdom, His Excellency The Honourable Sir Alexander Downer, KBE and the Lord Mayor's Annual Naturalisation Ceremony at which over 300 people of 30 separate nationalities were naturalised. It was quite a moving ceremony.

6. As a member of the State Royal Visit Directorate I attended my first meeting on 30th January. The involvement with this directorate increased steadily during the quarter and, along with membership of the Aquatic Welcome Committee and the State Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Organising Committee, they constituted quite a heavy demand on my time involving on two occasions absences from Brisbane for periods of three days each on business purely associated with the work of the committees.

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7. February proved to be a heavy month for engagements commencing with my official call on the Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG on 3rd February during which my wife and myself were entertained to luncheon. This was followed two days later by my call on the General Officer Commanding, Major General F.G. Hassett, CBE, DSO, MVO. Air Commodore Kingwell repaid his call during the forenoon of 12th February during which time he was taken to sea in HMAS ADROIT.

8. Two other personages of note visited the Command during February. The Commander, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral L.D. Empson, CB, who was passing through Brisbane en route to New Zealand, spent the evening of 16th in the city; during the forenoon the following day he and his party were taken on a short tour of the city prior to their departure. The Indonesian Naval Attache, Colonel Sahono Soebroto paid a call on 20th February. The main purpose of his visit to Brisbane was to make a personal check on the facilities that could be provided for his Navy's training vessel R.I. DEWARUTJI which is planned to visit Queensland waters during this coming May.

9. March continued the pace of February, a fairly heavy round of engagements in the Brisbane area being relieved somewhat by a familiarisation tour of Queensland ports I undertook during the period 16-19 inclusive. During the tour I visited Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and Rockhampton, a journey that brought home to me the vastness of the Queensland Command.

10. The most notable of the functions attended during March were the presentation to T.S. MAGNUS of the Navy League Annual Efficiency Shield for 1969/70 by the Minister of State for the Navy, the Honourable D.J. Killen, M.P. and attendance at a reception held by the Consul for Greece, Mr. A. Freeleagus on the occasion of the Greek National Day.

11. I have been surprised at the heavy demand made on the NOIC Queensland in both the official and the social sense. During the quarter invitations were received for forty-five separate functions of a social and representative nature and membership of the Royal Tour Committee, Bi-Centenary Committee and Missions to Seamen have contributed to a full calendar.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

12. Particulars of visiting warships is shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT.

13. The New Farm Depot continues to show improvement in appearance and internal cleanliness following the virtual completion of the hardwood deck covering on the upper deck.

14. The addition to complement of two labourers and a regular flow of RANER sailors posted for 13 days A.C.T. has assisted greatly in the maintenance of the Depot, the two Workboats and HMAS ADROIT. The Workboats in particular, now, are in better condition, despite their age, than for some years.

15. The new wharf extension of 100 feet between the upstream end of the main wharf and the upstream dolphins has been completed. The Customs Department have constructed a further enclosed space of approx. 1300 sq.ft. on the upper deck adjacent to the existing accommodation, to provide a locker and changing area for the Prevention and Detection personnel who now number one hundred and fifty.

16. The morale of the ship's company remains high although there still appears to be some dissatisfaction over the inadequacy of Living Out Allowance to meet the cost of outside accommodation and victualling for unmarried sailors, no living in facilities being available. This has been the subject of other correspondence.

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17. Services of the Naval Dockyard Police besides their routine tasks of security, firefighting equipment maintenance, etc. were called upon to deal with 21 absentees/deserters who surrendered or were apprehended within the Command during the quarter. A Sergeant and a Constable from the Investigation Branch, N.D.P., Sydney carried out an enquiry in HMAS MORETON during the period 22nd February to 26th February involving personnel who formerly served in HMAS WATERHEN. At the request of the Investigation Branch, N.D.P., Sydney the HMAS MORETON Sergeant and one Constable on 26th March carried out an interview with and reported on an ex-RAN civilian resident in the Brisbane area.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

18. The Sickbay functioned efficiently during the period and the health of the ship's company remains very good.

HMAS ADROIT.

19. The ship has performed satisfactorily throughout the quarter. All defects occurring during the quarter have been made good by ship's staff and local outside contractors.with the exception of the 40/60 Bofors for which assistance was sought from HMAS WATERHEN. Full power trials were satisfactorily carried out on 12th February. The ship is in good condition.

The ship was employed on fortnightly week-end training cruises by the R.A.N.R. during February and March and the programme for the ship during the quarter is shown at Annex B. During their January camp approx. 150 Australian Sea Cadets were taken on half day cruises in the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay Areas.

NAVAL RESERVES.

20. RANR Training resumed after the Christmas recess on 27th January. Attendance has been maintained at a high level; the average nightly attendance being 38 officers and 128 sailors of a total complement (to 31st March) of 58 officers and 202 sailors. TV GAYUNDAH has been undergoing refit and conversion during the quarter and is expected to be ready to resume week-end training cruises approx. mid-May.

A.S.C.C.

21. There are now 8 Sea Cadet Units in Queensland. They are T.S. PALUMA - Stafford, Brisbane; T.S. GAYUNDAH - HMAS MORETON; T.S. TYALGUM - Southport; T.S. MAGNUS - Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane; T.S. BUNDABERG - Bundaberg; T.S. PIONEER - Mackay; T.S. CORAL SEA - Townsville and T.S. ENDEAVOUR - Cairns. Average numbers borne and entries to the R.A.N. or R.A.N.R. for the quarter are as follows:

		R.A.N.	R.A.N.R.
PALUMA	112	2	
GAYUNDAH	142	2	
TYALGUM	40		
MAGNUS	122	1	4
BUNDABERG	52		
PIONEER	41	1	
CORAL SEA	45	3	
ENDEAVOUR	41	1	

The present Senior Officer, Sea Cadet Lieutenant Commander F.T.G. Dixon who relieved Lieutenant Commander L.D.M. Roberts, MBE, VRD, RANR (Rtd) was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List.

The implementation of the Divisional Officers' system for the delegation of responsibility for Training, Administration and Supply is now well under way and has considerably eased the load previously carried by the Senior Officer.

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In conjunction with combined A.C.T. periods of T.S. GAYUNDAH, BUNDABERG and TYALGUM and the A.C.T. period of T.S. PALUMA, a combined muster was held in HMAS MORETON in January. This brought together for the first time representatives of all Units in Queensland. During this period trophies were competed for on a truly Unit basis, and the results were most satisfactory. This muster also allowed units to see the manner in which representatives of other units conducted themselves, allowed for an inter-change of ideas and contributed to an esprit-de-corps not previously evident. It is the intention to continue such musters.

During T.S. PALUMA's A.C.T. four selected Army Cadets joined for the period. Their assimilation was accomplished with little pain and results have indicated that the aims of letting the Army "see how the other fellow lives" were achieved. Reports on the conduct, bearing and interest of the Army Cadets indicate that considerable value accrued to those taking part.

T.S. MAGNUS was awarded the Navy League Annual Efficiency Shield for 1969-70. As previously reported the Shield was presented by the Minister of State for the Navy, the Honourable D.J. Killen, M.P. T.S. MAGNUS is the only Unit in Australia to win this Shield for the second time. It is the fourth time in 10 years that a Queensland Unit has been awarded this honour.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE, EDWARD STREET.

22. Civil Staff.

Two positions in the approved establishment are vacant at present. These are Public Service Act Position No. 30, Clerical Assistant Grade 2 - Recruiting Office Townsville and Naval Defence Act Position No. 16, Technical Assistant Grade I - HMAS MORETON. These positions are expected to be filled during the next quarter.

Two Cadets were appointed to the Department during the quarter and are at present located at the University of Queensland (Naval Architecture) and the Queensland Institute of Technology (Mechanical Engineering): There are now four civilians studying in Queensland under Departmental Cadetships.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE.

23. Following an increase in Complement by 1 Radio Communications Operator, the Main Signal Office has functioned efficiently. Signal Traffic handled is shown at Annex C.

One ANURC 58 RF 301 Transceiver has been sited in the Naval Staff Office. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in maintaining this set in a satisfactory operating condition. AWA Technicians have been required on three occasions to make good defects. In addition the set was returned to Leichhardt Radio Repair Centre for repair. All defects were associated with the crystal system and subsidiary components.

SOCIAL WELFARE WORK.

24. During the quarter 38 new cases arose requiring the services of the Naval Social Worker, Brisbane and a further 100 cases were carried over. As a direct result of the upsurge in the workload associated with these cases (e.g. previous quarter 22 new and 84 carried) and following a visit by a representative of Organisation and Methods Section an additional Social Worker, part time, was employed. Miss G. Gehrmann was appointed Social Worker on 18th February on a basis of 24 hours per week. Miss Gehrmann's appointment has eased the workload situation but provision of an adequate office and interview room is a problem and rectification of this is in hand using local resources.

INTELLIGENCE.

25. On 8th January, 1970 all Charge Publications were mustered on the occasion of the supersession of the Captain. Three separate sets, namely, HMAS ADROIT, HMAS MORETON (Reserves) and NOIC Queensland were mustered and subsequently found to be in accordance with the records held by Distributing Authority, Melbourne.

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Great difficulty is being experienced in this Command to make available officers for mustering purposes now that each loose page publication is to be page mustered by the officers concerned.

Arrangements have been made for inward and outward bags of safe hand mail to and from Navy Office, Canberra for the Minister of State for the Navy to be handled by the Department of External Affairs. This has proved satisfactory and expeditious. A total of 52 bags were received from various Authorities for the Command and H.M.A. Ships operating in Queensland waters.

In order to deliver crypto material due in force on 1st March, the Civil Intelligence Officer proceeded to Thursday Island in late February and personally handed the documents to HMAS PALUMA. While there opportunity was taken to give instruction to the Sub Collector of Customs on his Reporting Officer's duties, muster his Charge Publications and generally answer queries. All nineReporting Officers in Queensland were subsequently visited, the visits proving to be of mutual benefit.

The two main intelligence duties, namely, reporting of Sino-Soviet Shipping and the interview of Masters were carried out satisfactorily during the quarter. In common with other Ports, a larger number of Sino-Soviet Merchant Shipping visit this Command. A total of twelve such ships visited Brisbane and Gladstone during the period involving twenty-two separate PIC Reports. Four of these ships necessitated comprehensive reports with photographs and documents attached.

Several ships were boarded purely for Intelligence purposes and of these three necessitated lengthy reports.

Several Press Releases were originated during the quarter and liaison with all Press media adequately maintained.

All items of interest in respect of the Royal Escort have been collated and forwarded to the A.B.C. Co-ordinator who is responsible for the provision of background material to A.B.C. and Commercial T.V. and Radio Commentators on the occasion of the arrival of the Royal Yacht and Royal Escort in Brisbane on 12th April.

Initial planning was commenced to arrange and publicise Band performances by the East Australia Area Combined Band, supplemented by the Brisbane Division RANR Band who will be undergoing an A.C.T. in HMAS MORETON, for the period 15th to 19th April, inclusive. This will be after their Royal Tour commitments in Brisbane.

RECRUITING.

26. The Recruiting Staff Officer, A/LCDR SDSUW B.P. Sanders has been posted to be relieved by LCDR MLIT G.M. Young on 6th April, 1970.

During the quarter the following figures were registered: (figures in brackets relate to same period last year)

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	406 (425)	116 (117)	29 (40)
W.R.A.N.S.	351 (444)	73 (81)	22 (10)
Junior Recruit	248 (220)	135 (74)	50 (40)
N.A.A.	204 (428)	55 (112)	20 (20)

Other entries during the quarter were:

5 Senior Cadets, 6 Junior Cadets to R.A.N.C.

5 S.L. Midshipmen to HMAS CERBERUS

1 Instructor Officer to HMAS CERBERUS

7 Medical Undergraduates and 3 Dental Undergraduates completed their University training and entered the R.A.N. during January and 4 Medical Undergraduates commenced Naval Undergraduate Scholarship training.

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The Townsville office transferred from the Customs House to the Combined Recruiting Centre in Sturt Street in December 1969 and is operating satisfactorily. Interviews for the selection of a Clerical Assistant to the R.A.N. Recruiting Petty Officer were held in Townsville on Wednesday 4th February.

P lanning has commenced for the 1970 caravan tours of Queensland, one in May/June for North Western Queensland and September/October in South Western Queensland.

FUELING and OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS.

27.(a) Brisbane.

An issue of 213.65 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMNZS TARANAKI on 9th February.

Annual stocktaking of F.F.O. stocks was carried out on 2nd February showing a total nett surplus of 8.84 tons. Paint peeling from No. 1 Tank (which was painted 18 months ago) has been the subject of correspondence with Department of Works on 10th March regarding a claim of unsatisfactory workmanship. No reply to this correspondence has yet been received.

(b) Cairns.

An issue of 164.02 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMNZS TARANAKI on 13th February.

Annual stocktaking of F.F.O. stocks and Technical Officer's Inspection was carried out at Cairns from 3rd to 4th March 1970, showing a total nett surplus of 4.16 tons. Stocks of F.F.O. were found to be reasonably close to those recorded in the Installation Register and the Plants and associated equipment were found to be in a satisfactory state of repair.

Re-roofing of Tanks 3 and 4 is underway with No. 5 being completed. Anticipated completion date of the project is 29th May, 1970.

Rehabilitation of No. 2 Tank is being progressed, the new steel floor has been fitted and tested satisfactorily. Re-roofing of this tank has been programmed for 1970/71.

Re-location of the 12" dia. F.F.O. line and 2 No. 8" dia. dieso lines from Kenny Street to No. 10 Wharf has been completed except for the No. 2 Tank's 8" dia. pipeline which is blanked off at the wharf approach. (There is still approx. 400 lin.ft. of line to be laid.)

(c) Thursday Island.

Rehabilitation has been completed. The installation has been leased to Caltex Oil Co. and is operational for issue of automotive diesel distillate through a 4" dia. pipeline located on Town Jetty.

OVERSEEING.

28. The number of visits of inspection has been maintained in connection with the fabrication of stores, repairs to small craft, motor vehicles and port equipment.

REFIT AND DOCKING.

29.(a) T.V. 282 (GAYUNDAH).

Slipping and annual refit has been completed. The vessel being slipped on 3rd February for the fitting of echo sounder transducer and painting of hull.

The conversion of the vessel has been delayed due to an electricians' strike in the port. The anticipated completion date is now 24th April, 1970.

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(b) Boom Net Punt.

Annual slipping and refit has been completed, the punt being unslipped on 27th February, 1970.

(c) HMAS ADROIT and Small Craft.

Minor repairs only were carried out to HMAS ADROIT, the two Workboats, the whalers and dinghys during the quarter.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

30. 40/60 Bofors and Loading Teacher.

Equipment will be electrically connected on receipt of 415V/220V D.C. conversion unit, due early April 1970.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(A.a'H.' EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

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VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

The following ships visited Ports in Queensland during the quarter:

Ship	Port	Arrive	Departure
MADANG	Thursday Island	9.1.70	12.1.70
LAE	Cairns	16.1.70	17.1.70
MADANG	Thursday Island	17.1.70	20.1.70
LAE	Bowen	18.1.70	18.1.70
LAE	Bowen	19.1.70	20.1.70
ADVANCE	Gladstone	22.1.70	23.1.70
MWL 256	Gladstone	22.1.70	23.1.70
LAE	Brisbane	23.1.70	25.1.70
LADAVA	Cairns	25.1.70	28.1.70
ADVANCE	Cairns	26.1.70	
MWL	Cairns	27.1.70	28.1.70
ADVANCE	Thursday Island	29.1.70	30.1.70
ATTACK	Karumba	4.2.70	6.2.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	7.2.70	9.2.70
ATTACK	Thursday Island	9.2.70	13.2.70
TARANAKI	Brisbane	9.2.70	11.2.70
ORPHEUS	Cairns	13.2.70	18.2.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	21.2.70	23.2.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	27.2.70	6.3.70
ASSAIL	Karumba	5.3.70	7.3.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	6.3.70	10.3.70
MORESBY	Cairns	6.3.70	10.3.70
BARRICADE	Cooktown	7.3.70	7.3.70
KIMBLA	Townsville	9.3.70	11.3.70
MELBOURNE	Brisbane Fly Past, Mail, Papers	10.3.70	10.3.70
ASSAIL	Weipa	11.3.70	13.3.70
MELBOURNE	Mackay - Mail, Newspapers	11.3.70	11.3.70
BARRICADE	Townsville - Slip	13.3.70	21.3.70
HOBART	Mooloolah Harbour (Disembark passengers)	17.3.70	17.3.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	17.3.70	19.3.70
BARRICADE	Gladstone	23.3.70	25.3.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	24.3.70	
BARRICADE	Townsville	30.3.70	

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PROGRAMME H.M.A.S. ADROIT SEA TRAINING FIRST QUARTER 1970

February	7 - 8	Working Party (S.M.P. 6-12 February 1970)
"	13 - 15	At Sea
"	28 - 1 March	Working Party
March	7 - 8	At Sea
"	14 - 15	Working Party (BAMP 16-23 March 1970)
"	26 - 30	At Sea (Easter)
April	4 - 5	Working Party
"	10 - 12	At Sea (Royal Visit)
"	18 - 19	Working Party
"	20 - 27	Self Maintenance Period
May	2 - 3	Working Party
"	10 - 22	Annual Continuous Training

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Classification	Number In	Number Out	
JANUARY			
Unclassified	434	178	
Restricted	131	26	
Confidential	29	6	
Secret	12	2	
Total	606	212	818
FEBRUARY			
Unclassified	428	213	
Restricted	158	35	
Confidential	33	6	
Secret	18	1	
Total	637	255	892
MARCH			
Unclassified	448	168	
Restricted	158	27	
Confidential	37	7	
Secret	17	3	
Total	660	205	865
QUARTERLY TOTAL	1903	672	2575

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The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
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The Secretary,
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Sir,

1. I have the honour to Report the Proceedings of the Queensland Command for the period ending 30th June, 1970.

NOIC QUEENSLAND.

2. The first day of the quarter found the Naval Officer-in-Charge accompanying the State Royal Tour Directorate on a final tour of the Royal Visit Itinerary checking that all programmes and arrangements were understood and ready to be implemented by the Local Tour Committees.

3. Membership of the Royal Tour Directorate had become almost a full time job for me from about the middle of March and the tempo increased, as would be expected, as the tour drew closer and after many weeks of organising the actual day of arrival of Her Majesty could have been anti-climatic. It proved not to be so.

4. H.M.Y. BRITANNIA's passage up the Brisbane River on the 12th April was one of the most impressive spectacles I have ever witnessed. The weather, the boating people and the other citizens of the City combined to give the Sovereign a spectacular and heart stirring welcome and the berthing and subsequent ceremonies proceeded as planned. To my own heartfelt relief the Royal Brow fitted the BRITANNIA perfectly, unlike the previous occasion the ship visited Brisbane.

5. The ensuing twelve days proved to be one of the most hectic in my life both from an organisational and social point of view. On the evening of the 12th April my wife and I attended three separate functions organised for the Officers and the Ship's Company of the Royal Yacht and this was to prove good training for the following day.

6. During the forenoon of the 30th April my wife and I were privileged to attend the Reception given by Her Majesty to the members of the State Royal Tour Directorate. This was followed by attendance at a Garden Party at Government House in the afternoon. In the evening we were honoured to dine with Her Majesty, H.R.H. Duke of Edinburough and H.R.H. The Princess Anne at Government House as the guests of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, KCVO. It was a memorable occasion and a story one can keep for ones grandchildren! The Dinner Party was followed by a Royal Command Performance of an Australian Play at the S.G.I.O. Theatre, Brisbane.

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7. The pace slackened somewhat the following day but I was astonished late in the afternoon to receive a summons to report onboard the Royal Yacht for a short audience with Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburough during which they graciously presented me with mementoes of their visit. In the evening my wife and I were included in the Official Party of the Citizens' Welcome Display.

8. On the 15th April I departed Brisbane for Mackay to oversee the arrangements for the Royal Party's re-embarkation in BRITANNIA after a tour of Western Queensland. The weather at the time of embarkation on the evening of 16th was frightful with squalls and heavy rain from the south east. BRITANNIA was unable to work boats so HMAS STUART entered Mackay and transported the Royal Party to Scawfell Island for their three day rest period.

9. The remainder of the tour to Townsville, Green Island, Cooktown and Cairns was relatively uneventful notwithstanding busy for the members of the State Directorate. Uneventful perhaps except for myself at the Official State Farewell to Her Majesty at Cairns Airport in the forenoon of 24th April. I was a member of the Official Party and was to make a timed ceremonial arrival. An oversight in ordering by the Department of Supply and the non arrival of a black limousine caused the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland to be transported to the airport in a Black and White taxi of remarkable decrepitude. Fortunately a D of S car arrived at the same time as myself and I was able to hijack it from two very bewildered P.M.G. officials virtually at the point of a sword! I made the timed arrival with seconds to spare in a carriage befitting the occasion cool and collected: the taxi, for all its delapidated state, had been air conditioned!

10. One pleasing feature of the Royal Tour from a Naval point of view was the conduct of the Naval berthing party which accompanied the BRITANNIA brows to Townsville and Cairns. The party, as elswhere reported, consisted of both PNF and Reserve Sailors. They also carried out the duties of ceremonial sentry and security and their appearance, behaviour and conduct drew much favourable comment.

11. I returned to Brisbane on 24th April in time to meet a most gruelling timetable the following day, Anzac Day. It began with a 0430 attendance at the Dawn Service and did not close until midnight with the visit to the last of many reunions to which I had been invited.

12. RFA STROMNESS, Commodore J. Dines, CBE, RD arrived in Brisbane during the forenoon of Anzac Day on a visit in connection with the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Celebrations. The ship proved to be a most welcome guest and entered most heartily into local celebrations. The Officers proved to be a most personable group and made quite an impact on the hearts and minds of the Brisbane citizens, with particular emphasis on their hearts. My wife and I were heavily involved in the social programme arranged for the ship. This was not to let up on her departure on the 3rd May as she was replaced in the port by the COMMANDANTE JOAO BELO, Commander L.A.G. Cardosa, MVO. If STROMNESS' achievement in capturing the hearts of Brisbane can be described as remarkable, JOAO BELO by comparison was devastating!

13. Fortunately I was somewhat spared the heavy social duties connected with JOAO BELO's visit as I accompanied the Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Committee to Round Hill Head on the 4th May to assist the Local Committee to finalise plans for the celebrations planned for Round Hill Head on the 24th May. My involvement with this Committee had become almost as heavy as that of the Royal Tour Directorate and made increasing heavy demands on my time and will continue to do so until the final event in the Queensland Bi-Centenary Calendar i.e. Possession Island on the 22nd August next.

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14. On the 14th May Rear Admiral Welch, USN, Commander of Operation Deep Freeze arrived in Brisbane as Guest of the Commonwealth for the Coral Sea Celebrations. The organisation for the Queensland observances was in the hands of the Australian American Association and an impressive round of ceremonies had been arranged. The day commenced with a motorcade, preceded by the Northern Command Band, through the streets of lunchtime Brisbane and culminated in a lavish Ball at Lennons Hotel. Admiral Welch departed Brisbane the next day a weary man I think.

15. It is my opinion that the Coral Sea Anniversary is overdone particularly as it follows Anzac Day by less than three weeks. The American Consul in Brisbane is of the same opinion but it would appear that whilst the Australian American Association remains active in this city no reduction in scale is likely.

16. On the 21st May I proceeded to Miriamvale/Round Hill Head Area to assist the Local Committee in the final preparations of the ceremonies at Round Hill Head on Saturday 24th May. The Local Committee consisted in its entirity of local councillors and graziers who, although undoubtedly effective in the raising of cattle, proved somewhat quixotic in their approach to the organising of an event likely to involve 5,000 souls, some of them being of high station.

17. The Committee as a whole suffered from typical agricultural conservatism and individually clung tenaciously to their own view of how best to organise the event. Some of the ideas put forward can best be described as quaint and it was an interesting exercise in diplomacy for those members of the State Committee directly involved in shaping the programme without, in fact, appearing to be doing so.

18. The R.A.N's. contribution included the presence of Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC as one of the Guest Speakers, HMAS QUEENBOROUGH fired a 21 gun salute and a whaler, provided by a Brisbane Sea Cadet Unit, to transport Lieutenant Cook to his inevitable landing. In the event the day can be fairly said to have been a success, but one I will not for a long time forget: returning to Miriamvale on completion of the ceremonies I engaged in a meeting with two kangaroos; a combination of fright, avoiding action and the very poor road caused the Department of Supply vehicle I was driving to take an excursion towards Miriamvale on its roof! As I was wearing safety harness I was fortunately not injured but I regret to report the vehicle was very badly damaged.

19. The remainder of the quarter was somewhat less demanding of my time. The only representational duty of note undertaken by me in June was attendance at a Reception at Government House held on the evening of the 13th in honour of Her Majesty The Queen's official birthday.

20. On the 19th June I commenced the very pleasant duty of inspecting Sea Cadet Units throughout Queensland starting with the Brisbane and Gold Coast Units. The following week-end I inspected T.S. BUNDABERG in Bundaberg and T.S. PIONEER in Mackay. A high standard exists in the Queensland Units and I am surprised at the continued enthusiasm of both the boys and their Instructors in the face of the dire shortage that exists in the fundamental tool of their activities i.e. boats. This is the subject of other correspondence, my letter B18-13-10 of 20th July refers.

21. During the quarter over 70 invitations were received to attend functions of a social or representational nature. Of these some 35 were accepted. As many of the invitations required the presence of my wife, I have been confronted with a very heavy financial commitment in respect of baby sitting fees which may unfortunately if it continues at the present high rate force me to restrict my activities in the future. This matter was the subject of my letter B75-6-12 of 9th June, 1970.

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VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

22. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT

23. During the early part of this quarter considerable effort and planning was directed towards the Royal Tour. All necessary equipment to be used in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns was brought up to the standard required and HMAS ADROIT and the two Workboats were prepared for Escort and Guard Boat duties on the 12th April for the Aquatic Welcome.

24. The small craft and all equipment performed satisfactorily throughout the Tour.

25. Six P.N.F. sailors were included with ten R.A.N.R. sailors to act as berthing party during the visit of the Royal Yacht to Townsville and Cairns and to handle and position the brows and catamarans which were railed from Brisbane to the Northern ports.

26. The installation of Pilot phones to provide Radio Communication from a Base Station situated in MORETON to HMAS ADROIT, T.V. GAYUNDAH and the two Workboats was completed during the quarter. All units have performed satisfactorily.

27. During the quarter the Department of Works installed the wire security guards over the windows of the R.A.N.R. classrooms adjoining the railway siding in Gray Street.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

28. The Sickbay functioned efficiently during the period and the health of the Ship's Company remains very good.

HMAS ADROIT

29. Schedule of training cruises undertaken by the R.A.N.R. during the quarter is appended at Annex B.

During the week-end training cruise on 10th-12th April the ship took part in the Aquatic Welcome on the occasion of the arrival of the Royal Yacht on Sunday 12th. Apart from a breakdown during RANR A.C.T. during May, machinery and weapons have performed satisfactorily during the quarter and the changeover of P.N.F. maintenance staff due to postings has been completed.

30. The quarterly short and full power trials were deferred until after the docking which was completed on 29th June but will be carried out during first period at sea in July.

R.A.N.R. DIVISION

30. The attendance figures at Home Training Drills and the fulfillment of Annual Continuous Training Commitments have been maintained at a high standard. The complement at 30th June totalled 58 officers and 190 sailors.

During the Royal Visit, 12th to 15th April, a total of 54 Reserve sailors were employed on Guard Boat, Wharf and Ceremonial Sentry duties in Brisbane while a further ten were joined with six P.N.F. sailors to carry out berthing party and wharf sentry requirements in Townsville and Cairns.

Week-end training cruises have been carried out in HMAS ADROIT and T.V. GAYUNDAH completed refit and became available for training cruises on 11th June.

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31. Average numbers borne and entries to the RAN or RANR for the quarter were as follows:

		R.A.N.	R.A.N.R.
PALUMA	120		
GAYUNDAH	137	1	
TYALGUM	42	1	
MAGNUS	133		2
BUNDABERG	47	1	
PIONEER	46		
CORAL SEA	45	1	
ENDEAVOUR	51		

My annual inspection of Sea Cadet Units was carried out commencing 26th June. The standard of Units is high and the award of trophys will require considerable thought. Planning for a combined A.C.T. of Units T.S. PIONEER, CORAL SEA with ENDEAVOUR as host Unit is proceeding apace. The venue, Cooktown, is most appropriate; as a Captain Cook Bi-Centenary Year project it has much merit. Approval has been requested for T.S. PALUMA to carry out A.C.T. in Dalby, 50 miles west north west of Toowoomba. This training will be supported by Rotary, the Shire Council, local school Army and Air Force Cadets, Sea Rangers and the local population. It has every indication of being quite an unusual but highly successful A.C.T. period. This training is also a Bi-Centenary year project.

With the introduction of the new Stores Accounting System for ASCC POSV G. Cunnington visited the Units in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Bundaberg during the period 7th-20th June, 1970 and lectured the respective officers on the Naval and Victualling Stores system. The visits were well received and indications are that they will prove most worthwhile.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE

32. Civil Staff

One position in the civil complement is vacant, viz. that of Technical Assistant Grade 1 - Position No. ND - at HMAS MORETON. Naval Board approval has been given for the transfer of a Mr. K.W. Muncaster from Sydney to Brisbane and the Area Secretary, Garden Island has been asked for a release date.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

33. The Main Signal Office continues to function efficiently. Signal traffic handled is shown at Annex C. ANURC 58 RF 301 continues to give some trouble. The set was returned to Sydney for repair in early May, the problem being a lack of transmitter and receiver power in the 4 mhz range. Since its return the services of the LEM(C) have been required for replacement of power amplifiers.

An opportunity for testing the set with ADROIT proceeding outside Moreton Bay produced excellent results with a range on voice in excess of 45 miles. Contact was held for the duration of the exercise. Continuous contact has not previously been achieved in this area. It is fervently hoped that the teething troubles are over.

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SOCIAL WELFARE WORK

34. During the quarter 44 new cases arose requiring the services of the Naval Social Worker, Brisbane and a further 129 cases were carried over or re-opened. This shows an increase of 37 cases for this quarter as compared with the last quarter. A total of 10½ working days was spent on extensive country visits.

The staff of the Social Work Section now includes 1 Senior Social Worker full-time and 1 part-time Social Worker, working approximately 3½ days per week. Because of the rapid increase in work load since Miss G. Gehrmann's employment as part-time Social Worker, it will be necessary to make an application for her employment on a full-time basis.

Of the new referrals, 17 came from ships requesting investigations into home situations. A minority of these required short-term social work contact; a majority proved to contain personality, marital or family problems which required extensive and intensive Social Work contact, and in most cases it was not necessary to bring the sailor home.

The greatest number of referrals came from family members and/or sailors themselves who requested help with personality, marital or family problems. It has been the Senior Social Worker's impression over 2½ years of practice as Naval Social Worker in Brisbane that personal and relationship problems are most prominent, and that in fact very little help is required with practical assistance such as finance, accommodation, etc. This appears to be reflected in the kind of referrals whether they be from ships, other agencies, families or the member himself. It is suggested that this reflects a growing perceptiveness in the community of personal/familial malfunctioning and knowledge of the appropriateness of utilizing such personnel as psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, etc.

Some clerical assistance is badly required by the present Social Workers. There are no local resources available to call on for this type of work except general typing. Social Workers at present must cover most of the clerical work, such as routine work on files, themselves, adding greatly to the workload.

The Senior Social Worker attended a Weekend Workshop on Group Work techniques conducted by the University of Queensland in May, 1970. There appears to be scope for Group Work within the Navy setting, for instance with a number of depressed wives reacting to separation from their husbands. These possibilities are now being explored. While providing help and relief to the families, the Social Worker's time and energy is less taxed than in individual therapy. Obviously this could prove most economical for all those concerned.

A Queensland Naval Wives and Mothers Association was established in Brisbane in May 1970, and with the help of the Naval Memorial Club is now well on the way to becoming a purposeful organisation. Four successful social functions have been held at the Club with attendance between 40 and 50 members. One of their main aims is to welcome Naval Wives to Queensland and to help them become settled in this State especially while their husbands are serving at sea. It is hoped also that liaison between the Association and the Naval Social Workers will become a firm establishment on a mutually helping basis.

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INTELLIGENCE

35. In order that the Reserve N.C.S. Study Group might carry out individual exercises on training nights, additional charge publications have been demanded and received from the Distributing Authority. The additional 33 charge publications has increased the responsibilities of the Custodian and the time to be taken by mustering officers, but the overall benefits to the Group is considered worthwhile.

A total of 47 bags of safe hand mail was handled during the period. A considerable amount of mail was received for eventual delivery to HMAS ONSLOW on her arrival in Brisbane.

The various Intelligence duties were carried out satisfactorily during the quarter. The volume of particular Shipping was less than the previous quarter.

Proposals have been prepared for a tour of all Coastwatching Stations accessible by sea, from Cape York to Brisbane by Patrol Boat as convenient. The first part of the tour is scheduled for early August to visit Stations from Percy Island to Hayman Island.

Representations were made to the Army Signal Centre in Brisbane to improve the quality of inward traffic being relayed to this Command. As a result there has been a vast improvement and the number of garbled messages now received is at a minimum.

Eleven releases were made by the P.R.O. during the quarter and personal contact maintained with all media. The Royal Visit was satisfactory but the Royal Escort (HMAS STUART) received very little publicity despite stremuous efforts.

The visit of the East Australian Area Combined Band proved of good publicity value during the Royal Visit and their subsequent performances in Brisbane and at Southport. The latter performance was outstanding. Colour photographs were taken of members of the Band with models and Koalas at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary. These proved successful and were distributed by the R.A.N. Band at Expo 70.

Following upon an approach by Channel 9 for sailors to take part in a local show called "Play your Hunch", arrangements were made for three sailors from MORETON to face a Studio Panel. The actual rates of the sailors were Leading Seaman, Leading SBA and ME(D); but, for the occasion, all three were dressed in similar uniforms but without badges. The panel had to determine by individual questioning which sailor was in fact the Leading Seaman. The result proved of excellent publicity and recruiting value. In answering the many questions, all sailors gave, in effect, a resume of their Naval Service, the Ships in which they served and the interesting places visited. Incidently, the Panel failed to establish the identity of the Leading Seaman!

RECRUITING

36. The Recruiting Staff Officer, A/LCDR SDSUW B.P. Sanders was relieved by LCDR MLIT G.M. Young on the 6th April, 1970. Chief Airman Air Handler T. Henry, who was posted MORETON TEMDU until his Work Study Course commences in September, has been a welcome addition to the Recruiting Staff.

During the quarter the following figures were registered: (figures in brackets relate to the same period last year)

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	237 (308)	112 (94)	70 (39)
W.R.A.N.S.	282 (210)	50 (50)	22 (15)
Junior Recruit	172 (163)	88 (65)	54 (28)
N.A.A.	128 (221)	50 (79)	Nil -

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Other entries during the quarter were:

3 SL Midshipmen to HMAS CERBERUS while 2 Instructor Officers will join HMAS CERBERUS in early July, and 22 NAA's will join HMAS NIRIMBA also in July.

In an effort to accelerate the refurbishing of material for mounting static displays throughout the State, CAAH Henry visited HMAS CERBERUS, HMAS ALBATROSS, HMAS NIRIMBA, Fleet Headquarters and the Naval Display Centre to discuss ways and means by which the Recruiting Staff could best present the training establishments to potential recruits. The visits were highly successful and photographs, models and other items will be made available.

Careers nights have been attended at Casino and Ipswich while school lectures have been delivered in Brisbane, Nambour and Maroochydore. The Recruiting Staff mounted a static display in Monto during the Monto Dairy Festival - this was particularly successful and compared more than favourably with the Army Display held at the same time. Also the Naval Display Team put on an excellent display at the Southport Sundale Shopping Centre and one of the Mobile Units toured Central Queensland. It is too early to obtain significant recruiting returns from their visits.

The Recruiting Staff Officer visited the Townsville Office which has settled into its new premises and the Navy Careers Officer and his clerical assistant are operating extremely well. He is well thought of in the district and there is an air of happy co-operation in the basically RAAF Recruiting Centre. While there, Honorary Recruiting Secretaries and Secondary School Principals in Townsville, Ayr, Ingham and Charters Towers were visited.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

37.(a) Brisbane

An issue of 174.79 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS STUART on 14th April.

Fuelling of HMY BRITANNIA was carried out on 14th April on behalf of B.P. (Aust). F.F.O. issued amounted to 248.38 tons.

Department of Works carried out tests on the paint peeling on No. 1 Tank; their report will be furnished early July.

Plant and equipment is generally in good order and condition. Minor repairs only were carried out.

(b) Cairns

Issues of F.F.O. were made to HMAS YARRA, KIMBLA and DUCHESS totalling 599.05 tons.

Re-roofing of Tanks 4 and 5 is completed. No. 3 is in the final stages of completion. All tanks were emptied and cleaned during the project.

Department of Works carried out a survey of the fire fighting facilities at the O.F.I.; a report on their recommendations will be rendered.

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(c) Thursday Island

Issues of Dieso to HMA Ships, ex Caltex stocks, totalled 51,583 gallons.

Two samples of Dieso were obtained during the fuelling of HMAS PALUMA on 23.5.70, one of which was forwarded to Garden Island for test and report.

OVERSEEING AND INSPECTIONS

38. Inspections of Contractors for manufacture and repair of Naval Equipment have been maintained. A main generator armature from HMAS OXLEY has been investigated at a local Contractor's Workshop by representatives from Navy Office and GOSIEAA. Manufacture by English Electric (Rocklea) of a 240 H.P. electric motor is nearing completion.

REFIT AND DOCKING

39.(a) HMAS ADROIT

HMAS ADROIT completed an Intermediate Slipping at Peters Slip Pty. Ltd. on 29th June. The ship is scheduled for Annual Refit in Sydney commencing 4th September.

(b) T.V. GAYUNDAH

Conversion of the ship has been completed with the R.A.N.R. having carried out a satisfactory training exercise in Moreton Bay over the week-end 13th-15th June, 1970.

(c) Small Craft

Minor repairs only were carried out to the Workboats and Pulling Boats during the quarter.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT

40. 40/60 Bofors and Loading Teacher

Electrical connection of the equipment has been held up due to the supply of an under rated conversion unit. A suitable 3.5 K.W. Rectifier, in lieu, is under consideration.

R & M - NEW WORKS.

41. 50% of the programmed requisitions for 1970/71 Repairs and Maintenance have already been issued. On present indications the proposal for a new berthing dolphin at New Farm will not be included in the 70/71 Works Programme, this being due to negotiations with interested property owners being incomplete. In relation to New Works, only the Bulk Requisitions for Minor New Works and Furniture have been issued. From details of the Repairs and Maintenance and New Works Programme, it appears certain that "Maloneys" residence should be available for use as married quarters towards the end of this financial year.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, QUEENSLAND

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The following ships visited Queensland Ports during the quarter:

BARRICADE	Cairns	5.4.70-5.4.70
BARRICADE	Thursday Island	7.4.70-8.4.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	7.4.70-7.4.70
VENDETTA	Maloolah Harbour	10.4.70-10.4.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	12.4.70-16.4.70
BRITANNIA STUART	Brisbane	12.4.70-15.4.70
BOMBARD	Brisbane	13.4.70-14.4.70
BOMBARD	Gladstone	15.4.70-16.4.70
BUCCANEER	Gladstone	15.4.70-15.4.70
BRITANNIA STUART	Mackay	16.4.70-16.4.70
BUCCANEER	Mackay	16.4.70-16.4.70
BOMBARD	Mackay	17.4.70-19.4.70
YARRA	Cairns	17.4.70-19.4.70
BARRICADE	Mackay	17.4.70-19.4.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	17.4.70-20.4.70
BUCCANEER	Townsville	20.4.70-20.4.70
BRITANNIA STUART	Townsville	20.4.70-20.4.70
BARRICADE	Brisbane	20.4.70-20.4.70
BOMBARD	Brisbane	20.4.70-22.4.70
BRITANNIA STUART	Cooktown	21.4.70-21.4.70
BUCCANEER	Cooktown	21.4.70-22.4.70
BUCCANEER	Cairns	22.4.70-24.4.70
BRITANNIA STUART	Cairns	23.4.70-24.4.70
BUCCANEER	Townsville	24.4.70-27.4.70
RFA STROMNESS	Brisbane	25.4.70-3.5.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	27.4.70-27.4.70
BUCCANEER	Gladstone	2.5.70-3.5.70
TEAL IBIS	Brisbane	2.5.70-2.5.70
Portugese Frigate COMMANDANTE JOAO BELO	Brisbane	3.5.70-8.5.70
BLAKE	Townsville	3.5.70-3.5.70
CURLEW	Mackay	3.5.70-3.5.70
CURLEW	Cairns	4.5.70-5.5.70
PALUMA	Cairns	4.5.70-11.5.70

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PARRAMATTA HMS EURYALUS WHITBY PLYMOUTH	Brisbane	4.5.70-4.5.70
TEAL IBIS	Cairns	5.5.70-7.5.70
BUCCANEER	Townsville	6.5.70-13.5.70
LAE	Mackay	7.5.70-8.5.70
CURLEW	Thursday Island	7.5.70-7.5.70
RFA OLMEDA	Cairns	9.5.70-9.5.70
KIMBLA	Cairns	9.5.70-11.5.70
VAMPIRE	Mackay	9.5.70-11.5.70
DEWARUTJI	Brisbane	10.5.70-13.5.70
ASSAIL	Karumba	10.5.70-12.5.70
ADROIT	Mackay	11.5.70-12.5.70
ADROIT	Townsville	13.5.70-14.5.70
STUART	Townsville	13.5.70-13.5.70
BUCCANEER	Mackay	14.5.70-14.5.70
ASSAIL	Cairns	15.5.70-17.5.70
ADROIT	Cairns	15.5.70-17.5.70
ADROIT	Townsville	17.5.70-18.5.70
BUCCANEER	Mackay	18.5.70-18.5.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	18.5.70-18.5.70
DEWARUTJI	Townsville	18.5.70-21.5.70
BUCCANEER	Cairns	19.5.70-20.5.70
ASSAIL	Brisbane	20.5.70-21.5.70
ADROIT	Gladstone	20.5.70-30.5.70
BUCCANEER	Townsville	20.5.70-5.6.70
QUEENBOROUGH	Gladstone	22.5.70-26.5.70
PALUMA	Thursday Island	22.5.70-25.5.70
ATTACK	Mornington Island	26.5.70-27.5.70
WHITBY	Thursday Island	26.5.70-27.5.70
ATTACK	Karumba	28.5.70-30.5.70
ATTACK	Weipa	1.6.70-2.6.70
BARRICADE	Gladstone	3.6.70-3.6.70
DUCHESS	Cairns	4.6.70-5.6.70
PALUMA	Cairns	4.6.70-5.6.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	4.6.70-9.6.70
BUCCANEER	Gladstone	6.6.70-6.6.70
BARRICADE	Cooktown	12.6.70-12.6.70
LADAVA	Cairns	16.6.70-17.6.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	19.6.70-23.6.70

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LADAVA	Brisbane	21.6.70-24.6.70
ADVANCE	Karumba	24.6.70-26.6.70
REGINA MARIS	Brisbane	25.6.70-30.6.70
ONSLOW	Brisbane	30.6.70-2.7.70
BARRICADE	Cairns	26.6.70-29.6.70

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PROGRAMME H.M.A.S. ADROIT AND T.V. GAYUNDAH SEA TRAINING

SECOND QUARTER 1970

April	4 - 5	Working Party
"	10 - 12	At Sea (Royal Visit)
"	18 - 19	Working Party
"	20 - 27	Self Maintenance Period
May	1 - 4	GAYUNDAH at Sea
"	9	Working Party both Ships
"	10 - 22	A.C.T. ADROIT
"	16	Working Party GAYUNDAH
"	23	Working Party both Ships
"	29 - 31	At Sea GAYUNDAH
June	12 - 15	At Sea GAYUNDAH
"	20	Working Party both Ships
"	27	Working Party both Ships

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Classification	Number In	Number Out	
APRIL			
Unclassified	732	327	
Restricted	300	37	
Confidential	17	12	
Secret	1	-	
	1050	376	1426
MAY			
Unclassified	608	250	
Restricted	298	31	
Confidential	23	7	
Secret	3	-	
	932	288	1120
JUNE			
Unclassified	512	204	
Restricted	169	20	
Confidential	17	4	
Secret	2	-	
	700	228	928
QUARTERLY TOTAL	2682	892	3474

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B. The report will be given again to Baord Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
Navy Office,
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600

Sir,

I have the honour to Report the Proceedings of the Queensland Command for the period ending 30th September, 1970:

NOIC QUEENSLAND.

2. On the first day of the quarter in company with the Captain of HMAS ONSLOW, Lieutenant Commander C.A.B. Nixon-Eckersall, RN I was entertained to luncheon by the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, KCVO. The Governor usually accepts calls from visiting ships to coincide with luncheon and is always a most charming host.

3. The following evening the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Victor Smith, KBE, CB, DSC arrived in Brisbane in order to join HMAS ONSLOW the following day to take passage to Sydney. Vice Admiral Smith embarked an hour later than expected due to the late arrival of the Pilot engaged for the passage down the Brisbane River. HMAS ONSLOW sailed finally at 1030 from HMAS MORETON.

4. On the 3rd July in company with the Base Operations Officer, Lieutenant Commander W.W. O'Loughlin, RANEM I flew to Cairns to continue our inspection of Sea Cadet Units. That evening I was entertained to a Buffet Supper by the Naval Sub Section and the local R.S.L. and after supper was requested to deliver an informal presentation on the R.A.N. today. On completion I was subjected to a very searching questioning which demonstrated a lively interest in the affairs of the Navy and a concern for what was termed a "relative" lack of activity on the Queensland Coast. No doubt subsequent events have served to dampen this concern.

5. The Cairns Sea Cadet Unit, T.S. ENDEAVOUR has shown a marked improvement in the past year proving to be an enthusiastic and well led Unit. Subsequently I awarded the Naval Officer-in-Charge Shield for the most improved Unit to T.S. ENDEAVOUR. On the morning of Sunday 5th I flew to Townsville where I remained until late afternoon inspecting T.S. CORAL SEA. This Unit is one of the better housed Units in Queensland occupying a good site in a pleasant and well lit building. It is commanded by an enthusiastic if occasionally eccentric Commanding Officer.

6. The visit to Cairns and Townsville completed my inspections of Sea Cadets for the year and as previously reported the Units maintained an astonishingly high level of application and efficiency in the face of many difficulties.

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7. In company with two other members of the State Bi-Centenary Committee I proceeded to Thursday Island on the 13th July for discussions with the Local Committee concerning the Possession Island Ceremonies scheduled for the 22nd August. My main function was to study the plans for the pontoon to be constructed at the Island to allow the landing to take place without fear of dunking any very important persons. This entailed several uncomfortable journeys between Thursday Island and Possession Island in a high powered Torres Pearling Co. Pty. Ltd. speedboat coxed by a sublimely reckless Islander: the combination of an upwind SOA in excess of 30 knots and a prevailing south east trade of equal velocity ensured I suffered pains in the lower lumbar region and mild orchitis for some days after! Fortunately the Company paid greater regard to construction projects than it did to its seamanship and their plans for the pontoon appeared to be faultless.

8. The Local Citizens Committee had drawn up a grandiose scheme for a mardi gras type festival to entertain the 80 Official Guests expected to attend. In view of the personalities involved and the apparent lack of organising ability it was necessary to proffer a great deal of guidance and to carry out a fair amount of behind the scenes organising; a task almost as difficult as that provided by the Committee's southern cousins at Round Hill Head. However after two days of relatively delicate bargaining the programme appeared to have taken on a satisfactory form and I returned to Brisbane on the 15th July.

9. On the 21st July I attended the Opening of the Naval Photographic Exhibition. The Exhibition was mounted in the Display Auditorium of David Jones Fortitude Valley Store. Mrs. D.J. Killen, wife of the Minister graciously consented to perform the Opening Ceremony. The Exhibition generated a great deal of interest and favourable comment.

10. From the Photographic Exhibition I proceeded to Parliament House where, in company with the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, and the Air Officer Commanding, Southern Queensland, I attended upon the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir Alan Mansfield during the Official Opening of Parliament. It was a brief but impressive ceremony and it was followed by a Garden Party hosted by the members of the Queensland Legislature.

11. The following day the Governor, at my invitation, embarked in HMAS ADROIT for a short "shop window" cruise to Moreton Bay including luncheon. The programme for the day was fully reported in my letter B5-5-4 of 24th September, 1970. The Governor was most appreciative of the invitation and appeared to thoroughly enjoy the experience.

12. On the 23rd July Lieutenant Colonel Yves Leroy, the French Military, Naval and Air Attache paid a call and together we visited Evans Deakin Ltd. Shipbuilding Yard at Kangaroo Point. Lieutenant Colonel Leroy expressed an interest in Evans Deakin as a possible repair facility for French warships if they ever required it. Being an airman he was a little out of his depth.

13. On the 27th and 28th July I joined the Minister, the Chief of Naval Staff and the Secretary, Department of the Navy on a visit to Townsville and Cairns to view the facilities that would be available in both cities should a Patrol Boat Base be established in North Queensland. The consensus of opinion appeared to favour Cairns which, of course, has subsequently proved to be the choice.

14. I spent the first week of August attending a Short Industrial Mobilisation Course conducted at the R.A.A.F. Base, Amberley. This was a most interesting experience. The Course, numbering 38, represented a broad band of Commonwealth, State and Commercial interests and it was stimulating to listen to another point of view. On a less official note it was extremely interesting, and the consensus edifying, to watch the reaction of the civilian members of the

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Course to the magnificent Officers Mess that has recently been completed at Amberley. With the exception of one gentleman all agreed that it projected the proper officer "image" and that the expense was justified: the dissenter, not surprisingly, was representing the Treasury and I suspect he had an unhappy week.

15. I proceeded on seven days leave on the 12th August and I found this a welcome break after what had been a hectic seven months. I proceeded directly from leave to Thursday Island to oversee the final arrangements for the Possession Island Ceremony. To my consternation I discovered that the pontoon was far from completed and in the face of the dilatory attitude of the locals charged with its construction unlikely to be so in the time remaining. I drove many a nail in the next two days.

16. The weather on the day of the ceremony i.e. 22nd August, was almost perfect and the Official Guests headed by the Administrator of Queensland, Mr. Justice Hanger and including the Hon. Alan Hulme, Postmaster General and Mr. J. Bjelke-Petersen, Premier of Queensland embarked in HMAS ANZAC to fulfil the programme and the day proceeded without incident or delay.

17. It would be fair to say that the Ceremony could not have taken place without the presence of the ANZAC. The ship's arrangements for the ceremonial involved (17 and 21 Gun Salutes and Firing Party) and for the entertainment of guests during the nearly four hours they spent on board were magnificent and reflected great credit on the R.A.N.

18. I returned to Brisbane on the 24th August somewhat relieved that my responsibilities to the Bi-Centenary Committee had finally been discharged as they had made a very heavy demand on time on my part.

19. The remainder of the month was relatively quiet with attendances at various functions being the major task. The most remarkable of these was a Civic Reception in honour of the Lord Mayor of London, Lieutenant Colonel Sir Ian Bowater, DSO, TD, D.Sc. and the Hon. Lady Bowater.

20. The Flag Officer Commanding, East Australian Area, Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC carried out his Bienniel Inspection of the Queensland Command on Friday 4th September. He was accompanied by the Deputy Chief Staff Officer (Administration), Commander I.W. Broben, RAN, the previous NOIC Queensland. This was considered by all at HMAS MORETON to be mildly dirty play! The Admiral appeared to be reasonably pleased with what he saw.

21. On the 7th September at the invitation of the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, Major General A.L. MacDonald, CB, OBE, I joined with him and the Secretary, Department of Defence, Sir Arthur Tange to luncheon. The following Wednesday I accompanied the Secretary to Cairns where he inspected the proposed Patrol Boat Base site and facilities. He departed Cairns for Mourilyan at 1000 on the 10th September embarked in HMAS BARBETTE and from all accounts he apparently enjoyed the passage.

22. HMAS SYDNEY, Captain B.S. Murray, RAN was due to visit the port 17-21 September. Unfortunately due to unexpected congestion on the wharves the visit had to be cancelled. The circumstances surrounding this unhappy incident are more fully reported in ships visits.

23. No unusual or remarkable events took place during the remainder of the quarter other than the usual heavy social and representational round. 75 invitations were received during the period and notwithstanding my recurring absences from Brisbane about three quarters of them were accepted.

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VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

24. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT.

25. Much of the effort during the quarter was directed towards achieving a high standard for the inspection by the Flag Officer Commanding, East Australian Area which was carried out on 4th September.

26. The entire Ship's Company of MORETON can view the end result with considerable pride, following a most satisfying 'well done' message from FOCEA.

27. Small craft and all equipment performed satisfactorily throughout the period.

28. Towards the end of the quarter a start was made on the new security fence between the Depot and the adjoining property known as Maloneys House. New stainless steel wash hand basins and urinal were installed in the Chiefs and Petty Officers' heads.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

29. The Sickbay functioned efficiently during the period and the health of the Ship's Company remains very good.

HMAS ADROIT.

30. Schedule of training cruises carried out by RANR during the quarter is appended at Annex B.

31. The ship sailed for Sydney for Main Refit on 4th September with a composite c crew of 5 PNF sailors and 13 RANR sailors.

32. On the return of the RANR sailors to Brisbane on 6th September the PNF component remained to carry out pre-refit programme and subsequently to act as duty shipkeepers throughout the refit period. This has imposed a greatly increased load on the reduced PNF complement in MORETON.

R.A.N.R. DIVISION.

33. The attendance figures at Home Training Drills and fulfillment of A.C.T. requirements have been maintained at a high standard.

34. The complement at 30th September totalled 60 Officers and 192 sailors.

A.S.C.C.

35. Average numbers borne and entries to the R.A.N. or R.A.N.R. for the quarter are as follows:

		R.A.N.	R.A.N.R.
GAYUNDAH	125	1	-
PALUMA	115	2	-
TYALGUM	39	6	-
MAGNUS	131	-	-

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		R.A.N.	R.A.N.R.
BUNDABERG	50	1	-
PIONEER	43	-	-
CORAL SEA	48	1	-
ENDEAVOUR	54	1	-

36. As a result of my inspection of ASCC Units, T.S. PALUMA was adjudged the most efficient unit in Queensland, T.S. PIONEER the most efficient country unit and T.S. ENDEAVOUR the unit showing the most improvement and enthusiasm. The Units hold the Sea Cadet Colour, the A.M.P. Shield and NOIC Queensland Shield respectively for the ensuing 12 months. Presentation of the awards if practicable will be made at the Annual Sea Cadet Ceremonial Parade on Sunday 10th October, 1970.

37. Captain B.L. Cleary, RAN, Director of Naval Reserves and Naval Dockyard Police, carried out his inspection of T.S. PALUMA on 7th August, 1970.

38. The Combined A.C.T. of T.S. PIONEER, T.S. CORAL SEA and T.S. ENDEAVOUR with the latter acting as host unit was carried out at Cooktown to the satisfaction of all concerned despite terrible weather at the outset which demolished sleeping tents, galley shelters and all such canvas gear necessitating the spread of Sea Cadets to surrounding makeshift quarters including the disused Railway Station. This failed to daunt Officers, Instructors or Cadets and very nearly the complete programme as planned was carried out. A letter of praise was received from the Officer in Charge of the Cooktown Police District commending the behaviour and public spirited attitude of all concerned. It is considered a very worthy Captain Cook Bi-Centenary effort.

39. Planning for the A.C.T. of T.S. PALUMA at Dalby in December is well advanced.

40. With the promulgation of regulations for the formation of Sea Cadet Units new requests have been received and are being processed as directed by DRNP.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE.

Civil Staff.

41. One civil position is vacant at the moment, viz. Position No. 26, Clerical Assistant Grade 3, assistant to the Area Psychologist. It is anticipated that procedural requirements for selection/promotion of an applicant will be finalised by the end of October 1970.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE.

42. The Main Signal Office is operating satisfactorily after a slight hiatus during an inspection by the Staff Communication Officer to FOCEA. Criticism was directed and rightly so, at the keeping of General Message logs and the absence of up to date Communication Orders.

43. Communication equipment at Staff Office is behaving in a satisfactory manner.

44. Signal traffic handled is shown at Annex C.

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SOCIAL WELFARE WORK.

45. During this quarter, the average monthly welfare caseload has been 50 cases with a total of 38 new cases, showing a decrease of 6 new cases in the workload as compared to the last quarter. Home visits outside the greater Brisbane area amounted to 3½ working days out of a total of 67 days, slightly less than normal. Increasing referrals over the last two weeks of September indicate an increase in the present average caseload.

46. A caseload of 45 and above indicates the need for a second full-time social worker. The present situation is one of less than desirable efficiency and effectiveness and an application to request that the part-time social worker's position be changed to full-time, will be submitted shortly.

47. On 28th July, 1970, the Senior Social Worker attended a symposium entitled "Youth and Drug Abuse" conducted by the Queensland Health Education Council. This symposium was considered most helpful in providing a perspective of the "hard" drug problem as a relatively minor one in Queensland. On the other hand, abuse of barbiturates and APCs was considered serious especially amongst housewives. Facilities to deal satisfactorily with drug addiction were considered inadequate at present in Queensland. Drug abuse within Naval families, affecting the sailor directly or indirectly, has been one of the problems the Naval Social Workers encountered in their work. On the Queensland scene, besides the occasional "hard" drug addiction in Naval family members, there appears to be a tendency by Naval wives to rely excessively on barbiturates and APCs especially during the sailor's extended absences.

48. On 14th September, 1970, a final year Social Work student joined the Naval Social Work Section by arrangement between the Department of Navy and the University of Queensland. He is to carry out three months full-time practical work as part of his course requirements and under the supervision of the Senior Social Worker. There are many benefits apparent in this type of arrangement, including the availability of current knowledge and research, and publicity for recruitment purposes. Contact with the University is maintained fairly closely. The scheme has been working successfully over the past two years.

49. Problems have arisen with the housekeeper scheme in Queensland. Requests for this service are increasing but resources are extremely inadequate. Consultations with Social Workers from other agencies indicate a similar trend and a need for development in this area on a community level. As the effectiveness of home help becomes apparent to the community, more demand arises. In this aspect the Navy and its members are not isolated from the general community. Because of this the Senior Naval Social Worker in Brisbane will need to be closely involved in developments towards this service in Queensland and within the Navy.

RECRUITING.

50. During the quarter, the following figures were registered: (figures in brackets relate to the same period last year)

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	274 (214)	108 (93)	28 (32-
WRANS	327 (278)	55 (65)	21 (16)
Junior Recruits	293 (193)	142 (76)	41 (39)
NAA	189 (243)	118 (134)	22 (16)

Other entries during the quarter were two Instructor Officers and one WRANS Officer.

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51. Figures for NAA follow the same trend as in the RAAF and Army and while there is a general improvement in enquiries and applications in the other three categories the continuing high standards necessary before final selection preclude a large number of would-be successful applicants.

52. Advance planning for the just completed tour by the Naval Display Team was carried out and school talks and careers nights were conducted in the Brisbane Metropolitan Area, on the Darling Downs and in Gladstone by the Brisbane based staff. The Careers Officer Townsville continues to give sterling service and combined tours with the other two services have been carried out to all major areas in the North coincident with the regional agricultural shows.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS.

53. (a) Brisbane

Issues of F.F.O. made to HMAS ANZAC and QUEENBOROUGH totalled 287.32 tons.

Annual Stocktaking of F.F.O. stocks was carried out on 22nd September, 1970 with a total nett surplus of 1.09 tons.

A leak from the main pipeline occurred in Cartwright Street, Windsor on the 9th July, 1970. Department of Works repaired the leak at a cost of $900. There was no appreciable loss of stock.

Department of Works forwarded their report on the paint failure of No. 1 Tank, stating the peeling of paint was due to the formation of salts between coats, and $5,000 is required to clean off and repaint the defective areas.

(b) Cairns

Issues of F.F.O. made to HMAS ANZAC, DIAMANTINA, YARRA and VENDETTA totalled 1876.72 tons. An issue of 2,000.12 tons was made to Caltex Oil (Australia) Pty. Ltd. on a borrow/loan arrangement.

Annual stocktaking of F.F.O. stocks was carried out on 29th September, 1970 with a total nett deficiency of 20.68 tons. (This high deficiency was due to pumping/cleaning of tanks during re-roofing projecct which has now been completed.)

"CALTEX PORT KEMBLA" Tanker arrived at Cairns p.m. 30th September to discharge approximately 4121 tons of F.F.O. to the installation. This quantity includes the 2000.12 tons that Caltex borrowed on 31st July, 1970, discharging was not completed until 1st October, 1970.

No. 2 Dieso Tank - re-roofing of this tank is to commence early October. With completion date late November. No. 2 Tank 8" pipeline is still to be completed. Department of Works report on the completion of this project is still awaited.

(c) Thursday Island

Issues of dieso to H.M.A. Ships, ex Caltex Oil stocks, totalled 12,537 gallons.

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OVERSEEING AND INSPECTIONS.

54. The inspection at Contractors for manufacture and repair of Naval equipment has been maintained.

Repairs to HMAS LAE at Walkers Ltd. has been completed.

Repairs to HMAS OXLEY's main generator armature is in progress, together with De-Gausing Lighter main switchboard, fuse panels and switch/boards.

REFIT AND DOCKING.

55.(a) HMAS ADROIT.

HMAS ADROIT is undergoing a Main Refit in Sydney, the terminal date of which is 6th November, 1970.

(b) AWB.431 and AWB.432.

Carried out intermediate slippings during the period.

(c) T.V. GAYUNDAH.

Minor repairs only were carried out during the quarter.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

56.(a) 40/60 Bofors and Loading Teacher.

This equipment has been electrically connected and is operating.

(b) Communication Training Centre.

Transmitters AT20 and 618 have been returned to Garden Island for survey. Transmitters AN/URT 23V and AN/URT 24 have been demanded in lieu of the returned items.

NEW WORK - REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES.

57. In August a slight re-arrangement was made to the Repairs & Maintenance Programme by the deletion of a minor item to provide additional funds for dredging at the New Farm Naval Wharf. Requisitions for all items as covered in the current programme have now been issued.

58. Progress on the New Works Programme has not been as rapid. However no cause for concern is seen as yet as it is the practice of the Department of Works to request issue of requisitions at a time to suit their overall construction programme. The estimation of cost of one of two aligned items at the New Farm Naval Depot; viz. renovation of rear and front sections of "Maloney's" residence is currently under review by the Department of Works, but it is considered that no variation to the approved Minor New Works Programme will be warranted.

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INTELLIGENCE.

59. Charge Publications.

An investigation was made into the apparent loss of four pages from a charge publication in August 1970. No real conclusion as to the cause of the loss could be established despite an intensive investigation.

Substitute pages have been made available from DA(M) and more stringent measures will be adopted in future to ensure that this security breach does not occur again.

60. Safe Hand Mail.

The volume of Safe Hand Mail was maintained during the period. 33 bags were received from authorities and nine of the 17 outward bags were despatched to H.M.A. Ships visiting ports in Queensland.

61. Coastwatching.

A proposed coastwatching tour in HMAS BOMBARD in August had to be cancelled at the last minute due to inclement weather. It is hoped that this particular tour may be undertaken late in November subject to the availability of a patrol boat. The dates selected are the most suitable to this Command for the absence of the officer concerned.

62. Public Relations.

The R.A.N. Photographic Display was arranged by Kodak in conjunction with the P.R.O. at the David Jones Auditorium for the period 20th to 25th July, inclusive. It was officially opened by Mrs. D.J. Killen who proved to be an excellent speaker and a worthy substitute for the Minister. Subsequently, arrangements were made for the display to be held in Townsville and Ipswich. At all locations the display was well received and good publicity obtained.

63. Prior to Navy Week in Queensland a considerable publicity effort was made to ensure that all media throughout the State were made aware of Navy Week in general and local events in particular. With excellent co-operation from HMAS BRISBANE 35 "home town" photographs were prepared and distributed to local suburban and country newspapers. Preliminary press releases on Navy Week up to 30th September totalled 16. Each press release is mailed to an average of 20 press media.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(A.H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

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VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

The following ships visited Queensland Ports during the quarter:

ADVANCE	Thursday Island	2.7.70-3.7.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	3.7.70-7.7.70
ANZAC	Mackay	4.7.70-6.7.70
BARRICADE	Townsville	8.7.70-10.7.70
MELBOURNE	Thursday Island (helo flypast Land Libertymen)	9.7.70-9.7.70
MELBOURNE	Cairns (helo transfer Customs, Libertymen, Mail, Papers)	10.7.70-10.7.70
STALWART) DERWENT) SUPPLY)	Cairns (Customs, papers, Libertymen)	11.7.70-11.7.70
BARRICADE	Mourilyan	11.7.70-13.7.70
ANZAC	Cairns	11.7.70-13.7.70
MELBOURNE	Brisbane Pile Light (Land Libertymen, pick up Customs, mail, papers, stores)	12.7.70-12.7.70
TEAL	Townsville - Fuel, quarantine, Customs	12.7.70-13.7.70
STALWART	Brisbane (Customs, Libertymen)	13.7.70-13.7.70
BARRICADE	Mackay	15.7.70-16.7.70
ANZAC	Townsville	18.7.70-20.7.70
ATTACK	Karumba	20.7.70-22.7.70
BARRICADE	Bowen	22.7.70-23.7.70
CURLEW/IBIS	Cairns	22.7.70-22.7.70
IBIS/CURLEW	Townsville	23.7.70-23.7.70
ATTACK	Weipa	23.7.70-25.7.70
ANZAC	Brisbane	23.7.70-28.7.70 (m)
BARRICADE	Townsville	24.7.70-29.7.70
BOMBARD	Gladstone	27.7.70-27.7.70
BOMBARD	Townsville	28.7.70-30.7.70
BARRICADE	Gladstone	30.7.70-30.7.70
BUCCANEER) BAYONET)	Gladstone	2.8.70-2.8.70

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LAE	Cairns	2.8.70-3.8.70
BOMBARD	Cairns	3.8.70-3.8.70
BUCCANEER) BAYONET)	Cairns	4.8.70-9.8.70
LAE	Maryborough	6.8.70-
BOMBARD	Mackay	13.8.70-13.8.70
BOMBARD	Townsville	14.8.70-18.8.70
TARANAKI	Townsville	17.8.70-19.8.70
ANZAC	Cairns	20.8.70-20.8.70
DIAMANTINA	Cairns	22.8.70-24.8.70
BOMBARD	Cairns	21.8.70-23.8.70
ANZAC	Thursday Island (Possession Is.)	22.8.70-24.8.70
BOMBARD	Mourilyan	23.8.70-24.8.70
BOMBARD	Townsville	24.8.70-28.8.70
QUEENBOROUGH	Brisbane	28.8.70-1.9.70 (m)
BOMBARD	Rockhampton	30.8.70-1.9.70
BOMBARD	Townsville	3.9.70-6.9.70
BARBETTE	Gladstone	5.9.70-7.9.70
ADROIT	Sydney	6.9.70-
ANZAC	Cairns	7.9.70-9.9.70
BOMBARD	Gladstone	7.9.70-9.9.70
BARBETTE	Townsville	8.9.70-8.9.70
BARBETTE	Mourilyan	8.9.70-8.9.70
BARBETTE	Cairns	9.9.70-10.9.70
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	14.9.70-14.9.70
PERTH	Mooloolah Harbour (Disembark Officer)	15.9.70-15.9.70
SYDNEY	Brisbane Pile Light (Disembark Apprentice Libertymen)	17.9.70-17.9.70
BARBETTE	Cairns	18.9.70-22.9.70
LAE	Cairns	21.9.70-21.9.70
VENDETTA	Brisbane (Pile Light suspect appendicitus)	22.9.70-22.9.70

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YARRA VENDETTA	Cairns	24.9.70-24.9.70
BARBETTE	Cairns	24.9.70-25.9.70
BARBETTE	Townsville	25.9.70-27.9.70
BARBETTE	Mackay	28.9.70-29.9.70
USS MAHAN	Brisbane	30.9.70-3.10.70

HMAS SYDNEY was schedule to visit Brisbane from 17th to 23rd September. Due to an unexpected influx of shipping from the south which had been delayed due to weather and a walk off by waterside workers at the crucial moment the embarassing situation arose where no berth was available despite the best efforts of all concerned. Regretfully the visit was cancelled. The matter of berthing of H.M.A. Ships at commercial wharves is being pursued with the Wharf Owners Association and a sympathetic hearing is guaranteed. Results will be reported in due course.

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PROGRAMME H.M.A.S. ADROIT AND T.V. GAYUNDAH SEA TRAINING

THIRD QUARTER 1970

July	3 - 5	At sea ADROIT
"	11	Working Party both Ships
"	17 - 19	At sea both Ships
"	22	At sea ADROIT - Cruise with Governor as Guest
"	25	Working Party
"	31	
	to	
August	2	At sea both Ships
"	8	Working Party both Ships
"	15	Working Party both Ships
"	21 - 23	At Sea ADROIT
"	29	Working Party both Ships
Sept	5	Working Party GAYUNDAH
"	5	ADROIT to Sydney for Refit
"	12	Working Party GAYUNDAH
"	18 - 20	At sea GAYUNDAH
"	26	Working Party GAYUNDAH

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Number of signals sent and received for July, August, September, 1970

Classification	Out	In
Unclassified	662	1767
Restricted	109	757
Confidential	20	81
Secret	-	20
Totals	791	2625

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy,
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Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31st December, 1970.

NOIC QUEENSLAND

2. The quarter began with Navy Week, a misnomer inasmuch as Naval associated events stretched over the period 3rd October to 11th October inclusive; it proved to be the most gruelling nine days this year for the Naval Officer-in-Charge. In all, I attended twenty-three separate functions and drank more "reunion" beer and ate more curled up canapes than I or my stomach care to remember.

3. HMAS BRISBANE (Captain J.D. Stevens, R.A.N.) visited the port between 8th and 12th October and wholeheartedly provided assistance for school talks and the social round. Rear Admiral B.J. Castles was the official guest for Navy Week and he and Mrs. Castles were present for the last three days of events during which time they attended the Maritime Ball, the major social occasion of the week, racing at Eagle Farm, a Navy League dinner and the Sea Cadet Corps combined parade. The latter was unfortunately marred by heavy rain and was forced indoors thus preventing the corps from displaying itself to its best advantage. However, their enthusiasm, as always, remained at a high level.

4. I consider Navy Week in Queensland to have been a success and two innovations for 1970 are worthy of mention. The first was the fashion parade of WRANS uniforms, past and present, plus walking out clothes modelled by four WRANS under the direction of the Myer Emporium's Brisbane fashion co-ordinator. The displays were held at a large suburban shopping centre and the young women, although understandably nervous at first, conducted themselves with commendable poise. They drew much favourable comment and were a credit to the WRANS and the RAN. The appearance of one in a World War II khaki uniform of midi proportions caused something of a sensation in a mini oriented town: it put the WRANS way ahead in the 1970 fashion stakes but I am pleased to report that the midi does not yet enjoy general acceptance in Brisbane.

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5. The second innovation was the sponsoring by the RAN of a Small Craft Safety Competition. Two awards, one for the best safety equipped boat, and the other for the radio operator who most consistently observed correct radio procedure as adjudged by officers of the Department of Harbours and Marine and the Postmaster-General's Department respectively, were presented. They consisted of engraved brass plaques mounted on polished wood. Great interest was generated among the Brisbane boating fraternity by the awards, and they received an extra fillip by being presented to the winners by Rear Admiral Castles at the Maritime Ball. They provided good Public Relations for the relatively meagre outlay of twenty-four dollars, and I consider that it would be worthwhile for the RAN to sponsor such awards in other capital cities. A leaflet advertising the awards, and a facsimile of an award are forwarded at Enclosures 1 and 2.

6. By contrast most of the remainder of the month of October was thankfully run at a slower pace than Navy Week, and settled down to the normal representational demands made on Naval Officers-in-Charge. I visited Navy Office on 21st October prior to proceeding to Sydney for the 1970 Naval Symposium. This proved to be a valuable day as personal contact helps to clarify points of view and I consider that it would be worthwhile for NOIC's to visit Canberra once every six months.

7. The symposium I found most interesting, both for the formal presentations and for the opportunity to mix with the mainstream; one can become quite out of touch when serving in the "provinces".

8. On 12th November HMAS SYDNEY (Captain B.S. Murray RAN) entered the port carrying the bulk of Eighth Battalion, RAR. At the invitation of the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command (Major General A.L. McDonald, C.B., O.B.E.) I attended at the official dais to witness the march past of the troops. They received a warm welcome. Afterwards the official party was entertained to refreshments in the city mayoral chambers.

9. The following week I accepted an invitation to join the official party at the Barrier Reef Festival an annual event staged by the resort islands in the Whitsunday Passage area. The festival is a major event in the Queensland calendar and the official party consisted of some seventy people! HMAS ANZAC (Commander G.J.M. Clark) attended as guest ship but her visit was marred by the tragic loss by drowning of Officer Cadet Wong during the ship's visit to Brampton Island. Due to this unhappy circumstance ANZAC withdrew from any further part in the celebrations.

10. On 23rd November I embarked in HMAS BOMBARD (Lieutenant W.R. Overton, RAN) to carry out visits to coastwatchers in the Whitsunday area. The weather was appalling with an unseasonal south-easterly blowing at a steady force 6 accompanied by heavy rain and seas. In the ensuing three days I was made only too aware of how uncomfortable a Patrol Boat can be in those conditions.

11. All the coastwatchers visited welcomed the contact and expressed a desire for more frequent visits by the RAN. The most interesting gentlemen visited were the coastwatchers on Dent Island, a Mr. K.R. Lees, the head keeper of the Dent Island Lighthouse, and a Mr. W.W. Wallace, a curio store proprietor situated at the north-east tip of the island.

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12. The boat landing at the lighthouse consisted of a steeply sloped and narrow shingle hard cut into the rocks at the base of the cliffs on which the light is situated. A heavy surge was running up the cleft and the landing from BOMBARD's boat was exciting to say the least. In the event I received a thorough drenching but was welcomed warmly by the Lees to an elegant morning tea which I consumed in an ever widening puddle I caused to be formed on Mrs. Lees' pristine parlor floor. She appeared unmoved by the desecration as apparently most of their few visitors arrive in a similarly sodden state.

13. Mr. Wallace is an American citizen who has settled in somewhat atavistic circumstances with his wife, aged father and six peacocks on a small bay. He trades marine artefacts with passing tourist craft and appears to make quite a good living from it. He is also an amateur marine biologist of some standing and he corresponds regularly with marine institutes around the world. He is something of an authority on the growth of corals, an arcane disciple for one who bears all the appearance of having stepped from the pages of Somerset Maugham!

14. I was most impressed with the bearing and conduct of the BOMBARD's Ship's Company. They were most personable young men and created a very happy image for the RAN wherever they visited and it was with some reluctance I disembarked from her after three and one half very enjoyable days at sea.

15. In company with the Officer-in-Charge designate of the Cairns Patrol Boat Maintenance Facility, Lieutenant H.P. Shaw, M.B.E., R.A.N.E.M. and Lieutenant B.G. Haron, R.A.N. the Supply Officer, HMAS WATERHEN, I visited Cairns for three days on 8th December to inspect the progress of the work at the Grafton Street store, the housing and other works associated with the base. Although much obviously remained to be done I left feeling quite optimistic that the facility will be ready in most respects for the arrival of the first two patrol boats on 29th January next.

16. With regards to the Facility it is my feeling that the townspeople generally welcome its placement in Cairns and there is no doubt the municipal authorities are only too well aware of the benefits that will accrue to their city from it. I am confident a happy relationship will obtain between the R.A.N. and the city.

17. The following week the annual Christmas madness of reciprocating festive cheer began. The fixture of receptions reached almost absurd proportions particularly in view of the fact that the same hundred or so luminaries appeared to attend each function. For the duration I became a tactical teetotaller and consumed vast quantities of ginger ale! The canapes were as forbidding as those of Navy Week.

18. It was some relief then when Christmas finally arrived and I proceeded on seven days Leave on 28th December to consider what has been a busy but nonetheless enjoyable and diverting year as Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

19. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

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HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT

20. The provision of the ERA and 3 watchkeepers to man HMAS ADROIT during refit period at Cockatoo Dock from 4th September until 28th November depleted the Depot workforce considerably. However, the Depot and attached craft were maintained at a high standard and all boats, machinery and equipment performed satisfactorily throughout the period.

21. The Depot was opened for Public Inspection during RANR Training period on Tuesday 13th October for Navy Week.

22. The security fence between the Depot and Maloney's property was completed during the quarter. A major repair to the downstream end of the wharf which had been attacked by white ants was completed; replacement of several bearers and some decking being necessary. Work to replace several suspect fender piles has not yet been put in hand.

23. Work was commenced on the internal painting of all spaces but has been suspended following a reduction in funds available.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

24. The Sickbay functioned efficiently during the period and the health of the Ship's Company remains very good.

HMAS ADROIT

25. During most of the quarter the ship was refitting at Cockatoo Island returning on 28th November. The hull and superstructure, at Admiral's Inspection standard on entering dock, returned the worse for wear and action to remedy this will be taken on completion of Christmas Leave period.

26. Apart from some electrical items a most satisfactory refit was given the ship.

RANR DIVISION

27. Attendance figures at Home Training Drills have remained good and A.C.T. requirements have been met by a good proportion of the officers and sailors.

28. The Division secured for Christmas recess on Tuesday 8th December 1970 and will resume on Tuesday 26th January, 1971.

29. The complement at 31st December 1970 totalled 60 Officers and 184 sailors.

A.S.C.C.

30. TS PALUMA carried out A.C.T. in Dalby as part of the Captain Cook Bi-centenary Celebrations. From the outset the camp was plagued by bad weather, pouring rain caused local flooding and added to the general inconvenience of sloshing around trying to carry out parts of the programme. The presence of the Minister for the Navy was a highlight of the camp. The Minister was reviewing officer for a march past which took place despite the conditions.

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31. All concerned were placed on standby to assist in rescue work under the control of civil authorities when the Condamine River flooded and local flooding was experienced in the town; however the need for their services did not arise.

32. Telephone communication with the Commanding Officer TS PALUMA was maintained and this was a great comfort particularly when parents, worried by the weather reports, began clamoring for news.

33. Sea Rangers of the Dalby Group, augmented by some Sea Rangers from Brisbane, were able to assist greatly in the running of the Camp by manning the offices and assisting with other domestic duties. Four Army Cadets from Dalby were included in the Camp. A report from the Commanding Officer has not yet been received but undoubtedly will contain much interesting reading.

34. TS MAGNUS carried out A.C.T. in the Headquarters Building at the Church of England Grammar School. On the day of my visit it was raining heavily and continued to do so for the greater part of the Camp. Living conditions, apart from the slushy ground, were reasonable but there is no doubt in my mind that because of the weather this would be the most difficult camp the Commanding Officer and his staff have experienced. No amount of enthusiasm could possibly cope with controlling cadets under the conditions experienced, and this may well confirm the feeling that the facilities at HMAS MORETON should be used on future occasions.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE

CIVIL STAFF

35. Two civil positions are vacant at the moment. One - position No.26 - Clerical Assistant Grade 3, Naval Recruiting Office, has been vacant since 30th September, 1970. Due to Public Service promotion procedures, involving interstate appeals, selection of an officer to fill this vacancy has not yet been finalised.

36. The other position - No.31 - Stenographer Grade 1, has been physically vacant since 9th December, 1970 and a provisional promotee has been selected.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

37. With the exception of the Telex tape perforator equipment, the M.S.O. is operating in a satisfactory manner. The matter of repair to the faulty equipment is being taken up with the Communications Centre, Sydney.

38. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

RECRUITTING

39. During the quarter the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to the same period last year).

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	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	274 (286)	78 (67)	31 (19)
WRANS	249 (240)	54 (47)	15 (9)
Junior Recruit	255 (247)	95 (89)	31 (16)
N.A.A.	131 (149)	28 (21)	-

40. It is interesting to note the total figures for 1970 and compare them with those for 1969. There is a definite improvement overall; this indicates the results of better advertising, broader recruiting tours and the efforts of the Recruiting staff in careers lectures, school talks and more displays in city and country areas. Navy Week 1970 with its numerous activities and excellent Press and T.V. coverage contributed greatly to the Navy's image and increased the number of enquiries and applications.

Total Figures for 1970 (Those for 1969 in brackets)

* Asterisk indicates Townsville figures.

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	1003 + 198* (1062 + 171*)	335 + 69* (312 + 59*)	136 x 22* (108 + 22*)
WRANS	1016 + 193* (987 + 185*)	184 + 48* (203 + 40*)	61 + 14* (44 + 6*)
Junior Recruits	805 + 164* (637 + 156*)	349 + 90* (236 + 68*)	145 + 31* (96 + 27*)
N.A.A.'s	558 + 104* (897 + 144*)	208 + 43* (285 + 61*)	34 + 8 (26 + 10*)
S.L. Mids	141	54	3
R.A.N.C. Senior	78	78	-
Junior	140	140	-
Direct Entry Officer	36	36	-

41. The Careers Officer, Townsville, continues to prove the value of maintaining an office in the North and his presence in this area benefits the Navy generally.

42. The quarter opened with Navy Week 1970 and the Recruiting Staff were responsible for a display at Westfield Indooroopilly, a fashion parade at Myer Chermside and publicity from a large intake of Junior Recruits.

43. School talks and careers evenings were held at numerous secondary schools in the Brisbane area, Toowoomba, Redland Bay, Pine River, Redcliffe and Caboolture.

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44. Displays were mounted at the Canberra Hotel, Brisbane, Redlands Expo '70, Eight Mile Plains Fair, Myer Chermside, while a display modular unit, recently acquired, is now in Toowoomba and will be used in the major towns of the Darling Downs for the next two months. A Kodak Carousel 35 mm automatic slide projector has been made available for use by Recruiting Staff Officer and this synchronised with the tape recorder which has been ordered will provide much more comprehensive and mobile display material suitable for placing in stores, shop windows and for use at schools, careers nights and combined recruiting displays.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

45. (a) Brisbane

Issues of Furnace Fuel Oil made to HMAS BRISBANE and ANZAC totalled 424.69 tons.

Repainting of affected areas of paint on No. 1 Tank and pipelines has been allowed for in the 1971/72 Repairs and Maintenance Proposals at an estimated cost of $5,000.00.

HMAS SYDNEY fuelled from commercial stocks.-

(B.P. Aust) at B.H.P. Wharf on 12th November, the amount received was 1532.58 tons.

(b) Cairns

No issues of Furnace Fuel Oil were made from this Installation during the quarter.

No.3 Tank was replenished on 1st October 1970 with 4158.40 Tons of F.F.O. by Caltex Tanker PORT KEMBLA - this quantity included the 2,000.12 tons loaned to Caltex during July, 1970.

No.2 Dieso Tank - Re-roofing of this tank has been completed and internal cleaning/preservation treatment is to be commenced early January, 1971.

No.2 Tank 8" Dia. Pipeline - Cost advice received from Department of Works for the extension of the 8" pipeline to a fuelling point (approx. 450 ft) and reinstallation of the smaller centrifugal pump is $29,000.00. Works Department were requested that this amount be reviewed as this figure appeared high for the amount of work involved. In this regard Department of Works will submit a detailed breakdown of the work required. Until this project is completed, replenishment of this tank is not practicable.

(c) Thursday Island

Issues of Dieso to H.M.A. Ships, ex Caltex Oil stocks, totalled 20,014 gallons.

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OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION

46. The inspection at Contractors for general repairs and overhaul of Naval Stores and Machinery spares, etc. has been maintained.

HMAS SAMARAI's engine, gearbox and generator change has been completed by North Queensland Engineers and Agents Pty. Ltd. Cairns.

HMAS OXLEY's main generator armature repair has been completed by Electrical Engineers.

REFIT AND DOCKING

47. (a) HMAS ADROIT completed a Biennial Refit at Cockatoo Dockyard arriving back at MORETON on 28th November, 1970.

(b) TV GAYUNDAH commenced annual Refit and Survey in accordance with ANO 399/65 on 16th November, 1970.

(c) AWB 431 and 432 - Minor repairs only were carried out.

NEW WORKS - REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES

48. All renovation/repair work (both New Works and Repairs and Maintenance) on the recently acquired residence adjacent to HMAS MORETON at the corner of Gray and Welsby Streets has been suspended temporarily until completion of a more detailed survey of future administrative accommodation requirements for this Command.

49. It is anticipated that internal painting of HMAS MORETON, viz., classrooms, offices, etc. will not commence until May/June 1971.

50. The Department of Works has advised the preliminary dredging of the New Farm Naval Wharf is scheduled to commence early in January 1971.

51. Alterations to the Explosive Storage at HMAS MORETON have been commenced.

INTELLIGENCE

52. Safe Hand Mail

49 bags were received from Authorities and 10 bags were despatched, six of which were to H.M.A. Ships visiting ports in Queensland.

53. Coastwatching

Two separate Coastwatching Tours were undertaken in this Command. The first by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland in HMAS BOMBARD, who made calls on nine Barrier Reef Island Coastwatchers. The second was undertaken by Mr. R.S. Henderson who called on 110 Coastwatchers from Caloundra to Daintree River. He was accompanied by CPO J. Mayne, RANR on the outward journey to Cairns and by WTR M. O'Rourke RANR to Brisbane on the return journey.

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INTELLIGENCE (CONT'D)

54. Publicity

14 Press Releases were originated during the quarter and an adequate liaison with all Press media was maintained.

SOCIAL WELFARE WORK

55. Several developments occurred in the Social Work Section during this quarter. The second part-time Social Work position was converted into a full-time permanent position. Caseloads have been at an average of 47 cases during this period, a consistent and full workload for the two social workers, so the above move was most welcome. New cases have also been fairly steady at 11 cases per month. A steady amount of work for both social workers has highlighted the cramped office space situation.

56. During the first week of October both social workers attended the Naval Social Workers' Conference in Canberra. Three days were spent in discussions and lectures with various Naval Authorities and Consultants. An interesting and memorable talk was given by the Sailstruc 70 Committee and the Naval Consultant Psychiatrist in Melbourne, Dr. Reynolds. Discussions centred around the Social Worker's Role within the Navy system and its administration, problems and questions about Free Discharge applications and Housing. The RAN Family Services Scheme was discussed at some length with Commander Whitten and this proved to be most informative and helpful. Inconsistencies and confusions were worked through, and this has enabled the Naval Social Workers in this Command to use and apply the service more appropriately and consequently more sailors families have been able to benefit from the scheme. The problem of finding suitable home help remains, but has been partly overcome by advertising and approaching private employment agencies. As this service becomes more known and applied, all ranks appear to benefit rather than just a few.

The benefit of Naval Social Workers Conferences cannot be stressed too highly. They enable knowledge to be shared for research and problem-solving purposes, such as housing problems, problems of isolated Naval Wives, etc., not to mention the fostering of mutual understanding between the functions and goals of the Navy and those of the Social Workers dealing with the Naval personnel.

57. Several ships visited the Brisbane area during this quarter, and both Social Workers enjoyed HMAS BRISBANE's and HMAS SYDNEY's hospitality and readiness to discuss welfare matters. The Social Workers were more able to appreciate the day-to-day living of sailors, important when Social Workers act, as in most cases, as a link between the sailor in the Navy and his wife or parents in the community. The exchange of ideas with divisional Officers allowed to clarify certain aspects of Social Work that may have been misunderstood before, and gave the Social Workers a better idea of the Officers' feelings on various aspects of welfare. It is hoped that similar visits can be made in future and that ships will be encouraged to take this step as part of the Naval Social Workers functions under ANO 278/70.

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58. A final year Social Work Student, Mr. David Hamilton, commenced his final practical placement with this Office under the supervision of the Senior Social Worker on 14th September. Part of his work included a Housing Survey on the existing Naval accommodation in Brisbane. Some preliminary findings have been collated so far, but a final report is not expected to be available until the end of the next quarter. A preliminary report is being forwarded.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(A. a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.,
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE,
QUEENSLAND

Annexes:

A. Particulars of Visiting Warships.

B. Signal traffic handled.

Enclosures:

1. Leaflet advertising Small Craft Safety Competition.
2. Photograph of Award.

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ANNEX A to NOIC Queensland letter B1-16-14 of 20th January, 1971

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

The following ships visited Queensland Ports during the quarter 1st October, 1970 to 31st December, 1970:

QUEENBOROUGH	Townsville	3.10.70-5.10.70	
BARBETTE	Townsville	4.10.70-8.10.70	
BARBETTE	Cairns	8.10.70-12.10.70	
BOMBARD	Gladstone	8.10.70-8.10.70	
BRISBANE	Brisbane	8.10.70-12.10.70	(c)
BOMBARD	Brisbane	9.10.70-12.10.70	(m)
PALUMA	Cairns	9.10.70-12.10.70	
ASSAIL	Gladstone	12.10.70-13.10.70	
ASSAIL	Cairns	15.10.70-17.10.70	
BARBETTE	Bowen	15.10.70-19.10.70	
ASSAIL	Thursday Island	18.10.70-19.10.70	
BARBETTE	Townsville	19.10.70-24.10.70	
PALUMA	Thursday Island	23.10.70-26.10.70	
BARBETTE	Cairns	24.10.70-25.10.70	
BARBETTE	Cairns	29.10.70-29.10.70	
BARBETTE	Mackay	30.10.70-30.10.70	
BARBETTE	Port Alma	1.11.70-1.11.70	
BARBETTE	Townsville	2.11.70-	
BOMBARD	Gladstone	3.11.70-3.11.70	
MADANG	Thursday Island	3.11.70-5.11.70	
AITAPE	Thursday Island	3.11.70-4.11.70	
BOMBARD	Townsville	4.11.70-6.11.70	
ATTACK	Burketown	4.11.70-5.11.70	
LADAVA	Gladstone	5.11.70-5.11.70	
PALUMA	Thursday Island	6.11.70-9.11.70	
BAYONET	Thursday Island	6.11.70-6.11.70	

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BUCCANEER	Thursday Island	6.11.70-6.11.70	
BARBETTE	Gladstone	7.11.70-7.11.70	
BOMBARD	Cairns	7.11.70-8.11.70	
MADANG	Cairns	7.11.70-8.11.70	
BAYONET BUCCANEER	Townsville	8.11.70-9.11.70	
ATTACK	Weipa	8.11.70-8.11.70	
ATTACK	Thursday Island	9.11.70-12.11.70	
AITAPE	Thursday Island	9.11.70-11.11.70	
LADAVA	Cairns	9.11.70-10.11.70	
SAMARAI	Cairns	11.11.70-18.12.70	
MADANG	Brisbane	12.11.70-14.11.70	(m)
BOMBARD	Cairns	12.11.70-13.11.70	
SYDNEY	Brisbane	12.11.70-16.11.70	(c)
BOMBARD	Townsville	14.11.70-18.11.70	
U.S.S. SHANGRI-LA	Brisbane (over night Parking - fuel only)	16.11.70-17.11.70	
ANZAC	Mackay	19.11.70-	
U.S.S. AMERICA	Brisbane Passenger Assistance	20.11.70-20.11.70	
BOMBARD	Mackay	19.11.70-21.11.70	
BOMBARD	Coastwatchers Whitsunday Island Area	23.11.70-26.11.70	
PALUMA	Thursday Island	21.11.70-26.11.70	
ANZAC	Brisbane	26.11.70-30.11.70	(m)
BOMBARD	Townsville	27.11.70-3.12.70	
BOMBARD	Cairns	5.12.70-7.12.70	
PALUMA	Thursday Island	9.12.70-12.12.70	
ADVANCE	Thursday Island	9.12.70-11.12.70	
BOMBARD	Cairns	11.12.70-13.12.70	
ADVANCE	Karumba	12.12.70-13.12.70	
BOMBARD	Townsville	13.12.70-17.12.70	
PALUMA	Cairns	16.12.70-19.1.71	
BOMBARD	Gladstone	20.12.70-20.12.70	
BAYONET	Gladstone	22.12.70-22.12.70	
BAYONET	Cairns	24.12.70-	
OTAGO	Townsville	27.12.70-27.12.70	

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D'ye Hear There!



Small Craft Safety Competition

Two Safety Awards will be presented this year to celebrate Navy Week

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★ **ONE SAFETY AWARD WILL BE FOR THE RADIO OPERATOR WHO CONSISTENTLY OBSERVES CORRECT RADIO PROCEDURE.**

★ **THE OTHER AWARD WILL BE FOR THE BEST SAFETY EQUIPPED CRAFT.**

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Judging will be carried out by the P.M.G. Radio Branch and Harbours and Marine Boating Patrol in conjunction with Scott Barrett of 4KQ (Six Nine O).

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AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE MARITIME BALL, CLOUDLAND, on FRIDAY, 9th OCTOBER, 1970

The Navy Week Committee will make available double tickets to the Ball and a silver mounted engraved plaque to the two winners.

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ALL BOAT OWNERS ELIGIBLE —

NO ENTRY FORMS REQUIRED

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NAVY WEEK SAFETY AWARD

"MARINE RADIO OPERATOR"

AWARDED TO

CRAWFORD PATTISON

M.V. VICKY

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~~4NM~~ Ref para 4 & Work has been stopped on conversion of the Old house to a MQ flats as NOIC Qld has now borrowed that the land to build a new office for NOIC & his staff to replace the old Naval Staff Offices in Edward St. This proposal is being dealt with as other matters para 4 & 5.

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The Secretary
Department of the Navy
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Dear Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31 March, 1971.

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2. I returned from one week of leave on 4 January with a further seven days to be taken beginning the following week. The taking of leave in the past year has been difficult to arrange owing to the heavy representational demands on my person and unfortunately it has been done on a rather piece meal basis. It is hoped that I may be able to arrange a more orderly leave taking in the current year.

3. I attended the 1971 T.A.S. Conference at HMAS WATSON on 7/8th January and found it a most interesting two days. Although I did not add much to the proceedings it was a valuable refresher for one who had not been actively engaged in T.A.S. for some three and a half years.

4. The remainder of the month was very quiet, as is to be expected at this time of the year, and the highlight of it was the activation of the Patrol Board Facility at Cairns. I proceeded to Cairns on 26 January and although the Grafton Street Facility was not completed, it was satisfying to see the old building undergoing what can only be described as a transformation. The Officer-in-Charge, Lieutenant H.P. Shaw, M.B.E., R.A.N.E.M., and his small company were in good spirits notwithstanding the difficulties of working in a building virtually under construction. The sailors to a man were well satisfied with their posting.

5. The Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral D.C. WELLS, C.B.E., accompanied by Commander B.G. HILL M.B.E., R.A.N., arrived in Cairns the following day on his way to Port Moresby. He inspected the facility and all its associated support including one of the likely contractors and a representative selection of the houses that have been purchased as Married Quarters; he seemed quite pleased with what he saw. He departed the following morning.

6. The first two patrol boats, HMAS BARBETTE (Lieutenant Commander M.H. ASTON RANEM, COMAUSPABRON ONE) and HMAS BAYONET (Lieutenant Commander B.J. ORR RAN) arrived at Cairns at 0900 the next day, 29 January, and they were given a rousing welcome from a fairly large crowd of well wishers on the wharf. As I have reported on previous occasions Cairns has reacted enthusiastically to the establishment of the facility in the city and the welcome reflected this enthusiasm. I overheard one craggy individual of indeterminate age remark to another of similar mien "This is a great day for Cairns".

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7. The Minister for the Navy, the Honourable D.J. KILLEN, M.P., arrived in Cairns during the afternoon and was also apparently well pleased with his inspection. In the evening the officers of the First Patrol Boat Squadron held an official cocktail party for some seventy guests and it proved to be a successful function.

8. I returned to Brisbane the following morning in order to attend Australia Day functions on 1 February satisfied that the P.B.F. Cairns was well on the way to being firmly established but conscious of the fact that many small details remained to be resolved, particularly with regard to the housing. The ensuing two months have proven this to be the case.

9. The "wettest" wet season in fifteen years, according to the locals, washed out the Australia Day celebrations, a not very propitious beginning to what proved to be a strangely quiet month. Overlapping visits by two U.S.N. Submarines, the U.S.S. RONQUIL (Commander J.H. STONE, U.S.N.), the U.S.S. BLACKFIN (Commander L.S. MASTERSON, U.S.N.) and F.N.S. COMMANDANTE RIVIERE (Capitaine de Fregate C.F. SOULET) injected some interest into the first thirteen days. The ships companies enjoyed their visits notwithstanding the weather and, whilst being indisposed for some five days of it, the attendant social programme I found gruelling.

10. On 1 March I attended a wreath laying ceremony organised by the HMAS PERTH Survivors Association. It was a very simple but moving affair, well attended by relatives of many who lost their lives during the action and subsequent imprisonment: one old couple of some ninety summers had travelled over two hundred miles to attend, as they do every year.

11. On the 3 March I flew to Rockhampton to inspect the site and meet the principals involved in the setting up of the projected Sea Cadet Unit in that city. I was entertained to a reception in the R.S.L. Club Rooms that evening, a somewhat liquid affair frequently punctuated by speeches of welcome; all told thirteen were delivered! There was no doubt as to the warm regard in which the RAN is held and if determination and enthusiasm are any assets the Sea Cadets will enjoy success in Rockhampton.

12. The following forenoon, feeling somewhat stricken, I inspected the site for the unit building, a good one, hard by the Fitzroy River near the centre of the city; met the Chairman and Secretary of the Harbour Board to discuss lease arrangements for the property and also spoke with Lieutenant Colonel J.H. TAYLOR R.A.R., the O.C. of the local R.A.R. Base Depot. He has offered interim accommodation in an Army storehouse and magazine and armoury facilities.

13. I flew to Townsville during late afternoon and was met by Mr John Dore of Mornington Island Fisheries Pty Ltd who had kindly organised space for me in a company charter aircraft engaged to inspect their facilities at Karumba and Denham Island. The aircraft, a twin engined Cessna, departed early the next morning and the flight to Karumba took just under three hours. Heavy rain had fallen in the previous seventy-two hours along the length of the route and Normanton and Karumba were isolated by floodwater stretching, it seemed, for literally hundreds of miles.

14. At Karumba I interviewed two gentlemen who had indicated a willingness to serve as coastwatchers. They both move extensively in the area and will be valuable additions to the organisation. I was also given the opportunity to inspect the prawn processing plant owned by the Craig Mostyn company. This is an impressive operation but the high wages paid cannot be full consolation for

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the isolation and boredom, although the night life must at times by lively - of the twenty-three girls employed in the plant as skinners thirteen were reputed to be enceinte!

15. After the short stop at Karumba we flew on to Denham Island where Mornington Island Fisheries Pty Ltd maintains its processing plant, an operation on a much smaller scale than Karumba but apparently none the less profitable. During the visit I inspected the M.V. BOOYA, a quaint vessel some seventy years of age. She is of iron hulled construction and is rigged as a three masted sailing vessel, although it is understood the sails are only used in certain conditions of weather to steady the vessel. She is fitted out as a bulk liquid carrier with a total capacity of 35,000 gallons and she is currently employed servicing the prawners in the Gulf. It is considered that she might be of use to the RAN as a source of fuel for patrol boats and this matter has been more fully pursued in my letter B98-1-2 of 6 April, 1971.

16. The return to Townsville necessitated a refuelling stop at Normanton and, in total, consumed some four hours or more of rather cramped flying. It had been a long but interesting day.

17. I flew to Mackay the following morning 6 March, to attend the official opening of the extensions to T.S. PIONEER performed by Dr. R. PATTERSON, M.H.R. I inspected the cadets and was included in the programme as one of the speakers. The Captain, HMAS BARRICADE, Lieutenant AFS. WYATT, also attended with the bulk of his ship's company. Unfortunately heavy rain squalls somewhat marred the ceremonies but did not dampen the enthusiasm of the organisers. The unit is now housed in what I consider is probably the best building in the Queensland ASCC and it is a tribute to the energy of the supporters of the unit, the Navy League, the Naval Association and friends, who raised $13,000 in just over eighteen months to provide the extension.

18. I intended to proceed to Brampton Island the following day to take photographs of the island per ACNB's restricted message 240517Z of February. However the weather precluded any attempt that day and in the event I took passage to Brampton in HMAS BARRICADE the following morning. The conditions were extremely rough and it was a relief to arrive at Brampton Island and shelter. The assistant manager of the island accompanied me on the task of photographing the track and beach at which OCDT WOONG FOONG LEONG died. This entailed a wearying six mile trek in intermittent showers. On completion of the job I flew back to Mackay in the island light aircraft piloted by an ex POME who blithely confessed to being somewhat out of practice! The subsequent five landings in rapid succession at Mackay attested to his honesty. I returned to Brisbane the following day.

19. During the next four days it became apparent that all was not well with the housing in Cairns, particularly with regard to drainage. It seemed that morale was suffering so I flew to Cairns on 10 March to carry out an on the spot inspection. Problems did exist and they have been fully reported in other correspondence but essentially they grow directly from the speed at which the facility was established and they should not recur.

20. The remainder of the month was taken up with the usual round of functions, the most notable being guest speaker at the Western Districts R.S.L. Conference banquet in Toowoomba on 20 March and attending in an official capacity the presenting of colours and standards to numbers 6 and 23 Squadrons by His Excellency The Governor of Queensland at RAAF Amberley on 28 March.

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21. The quarter went out as it had come in, with heavy rain. As a matter of interest, but no great moment, 53.72 inches of rain fell in my back garden during the three months under report.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

22. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON NEW FARM DEPOT

23. The Depot and attached craft continue to be maintained at a high standard and boats, machinery and equipment have performed satisfactorily.

24. The 240V/110V converter has been refitted with resultant improvement in noise level and vibration effects through the building.

25. The usual PNF assistance was rendered to the ASCC during their A.C.T. within the Depot, but urgent consideration should be given to installation of troughs for washing up of mess traps and eating utensils and provision made for laundry facilities. Although submitted as a Works item this was deferred. I consider that the resultant low standard of hygiene poses a health hazard. All cadets were given the opportunity to spend a half day aboard HMAS ADROIT in the Moreton Bay area.

26. The internal painting in the Depot has not yet been recommenced.

27. The dredging of the main wharf to a depth of 28' has been completed. The downstream boat pound has been re-dredged to 10' and a new boat pound has been dredged at the upstream end behind the wharf to a depth of 10'.

28. Three faulty fender piles have been replaced.

29. The alterations to the roof of the ammunition shed on the wharf have been carried out.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

30. The health of the Ship's Company remains very good. The sick bay functioned smoothly and efficiently.

HMAS ADROIT

31. The ship is presently at a high state of maintenance and efficiency following her return from refit in December.

32. Fortnightly RANR training cruises have been carried out since resumption of training in January.

RANR DIVISION

33. Training was resumed on 26th January, 1971.

34. Attendance at Home Drills and applications to carry out A.C.T. have been satisfactory. The complement at 31st March totalled 60 officers and 192 sailors.

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35. There is little of note to report for the quarter. The Units in general are operating in a satisfactory manner, and, although perturbed about their future under amalgamation, are everlastingly hopeful that on reaching the magic state a better and swifter flow of assistance and boats will be achieved. There is considerable doubt in my own mind that this will be so, and every opportunity is being taken to make Units aware of the general financial and manning situation in the RAN without unduly dampening their enthusiasm or the enthusiasm and hard work of the associated welfare and fund raising Committees.

36. A survey of T/S MAGNUS Whaler Registered No.144 recently completed, has shown that this craft has reached the end of its life unless a considerable sum of money is approved for repairs.

37. Advice has also been received that T/S PIONEER's Whaler, currently held at HMAS NIRIMBA for rebuilding as opportunity arises, is unlikely to be completed in the foreseeable future. These specific instances in addition to the rapidly deteriorating condition of the 14' dinghies on issue to Units further highlights the necessity for action in the provision of boats for the ASCC.

38. T/S PIONEER (Mackay) performed the official opening of extensions to their Headquarters on 3 March. The extension practically double the floor space alleviating crowding and considerable preliminary effort in clearing the area of boats prior to commencement of training. In addition the provision of a larger Galley and of showers and toilets has produced a first class area for A.C.T. Much praise was directed by Federal and Local Members and dignitaries to the fund raising committee; it was stated that repayment of the debt would be accomplished before the end of this year.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE
CIVIL STAFF

39. Position No. 26 : Clerical Assistant Gr. 3, Psychology Section remains vacant. The selected promotee who has been confirmed in the position has signified her intention to be married early May 1971 and living out of Brisbane thereafter. Action has been taken to re-advertise the position.

40. Public Service Board limits on recruitment and overtime have had negligible effect on the operation of this Branch.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

41. The matter of the Telex tape perforator equipment has been resolved but operation is not 100% satisfactory. Efforts are being made to achieve this. Murmurs have been received from the Communications Officer, Northern Command Headquarters, of the amount of traffic required to be passed by Army on Telex to this office. No official protest has been received to date, but it is understood to be imminent.

42. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

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RECRUITING

43. During the quarter, the following figures were registered. (Figures in brackets relate to the same period last year).

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	338 (406)	153 (116)	63 (29)
Wrans	280 (350)	71 (73)	33 (22)
Junior Recruit	281 (238)	145 (135)	46 (50)
N.A.A.	218 (204)	61 (55)	20 (20)

In addition to the above, the following were entered during this quarter:-

Entered - 8 RANC (J)
8 RANC (S)
5 SL Midshipman
3 Medical Undergraduates
3 Dental Undergraduates
1 Instructor Officer

44. The Recruiting Staff underwent two changes - Petty Officer Writer Baird in the Brisbane Office was replaced by Chief Airman Vinson, and POCOX Smith was relieved in Townsville by Petty Officer Writer Okley. Both replacements have settled down well and maintain the high standard required of recruiting staff members.

45. The most pleasing aspect this quarter has been the large increase in General Service Recruit entry. It is double the numbers for the period in 31st March 1970. In fact there has been a general improvement allround in all figures. This could be the result of the difficulty of placing school leavers and the general economic situation in Queensland, but it is felt that perhaps it is the result of better publicity and maximum effort by the Recruiting Staff.

46. A photographic display is still touring the Darling Downs. A Phillips Tape Recorder has finally arrived and this synchronised with the Kodak Carousel Projector will enable this office to mount much better displays in Brisbane and nearby cities. Arrangements have been made for the first major display at the Booval Shopping Centre early in May.

47. School talks continue in the metropolitan area and the response from Principals and Students has been excellent. A visit was made to the Spastic Welfare Centre, New Farm, from which valuable publicity was derived.

NEW WORKS, ETC.

48. Restoration work on the proposed married quarter at Gray and Welsby Streets, New Farm, has been postponed, pending a decision on the future use of the allotment occupied by this asset. Expenditure totalling $5,800.00 had been authorised on this job prior to cessation of work, but actual expenditure is understood to be minimal.

49. All programmed Repairs and Maintenance requisitions have been issued with the exception of one item (repairs to sisalation, first floor, New Farm) which it was found necessary to defer until 1971/72 in order to reallocate available funds.

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50. Apart from authorisation for the river front portion of the residence referred to in paragraph 48 all New Works requisitions have been issued.

51. Indications are that expenditure on items will have to be limited to existing authorisations. It cannot be anticipated that authorisations (approved expenditure) can be increased on applications to the allocation amount.

COASTWATCHING

52. Continuing arrangements are being made for small seaward Coastwatching tours to be undertaken by patrol boats based at Cairns with Staff Officers from this Command embarked. The Staff Officers concerned have indicated that great mutual benefit is being derived from these visits.

53. As a result of these recent tours an up-to-date list of Coastwatchers has now been published which will be further amended as additional tours are completed and an adequate tour of Torres Strait Islands made. At the present time there are 145 Coastwatchers appointed in Queensland.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

54. The various Intelligence duties were carried out satisfactorily during the quarter and the volume of particular shipping involving visits has been maintained.

55. The typiste attached to the Intelligence Section resigned late in the quarter and a relief was obtained through the Public Service Inspector on the last day of the quarter without a handover. As a result difficulty is, and will be experienced, in keeping up to date the various duties undertaken by this Section. The typiste, in effect, has a secretarial function and she is one of the assistants to the Officer-in-Charge, but despite several verbal agreements in the past neither the typiste position nor that of the Assistant (Clerical Assistant Grade III) to the Intelligence Officer has ever been reclassified. Had the typiste's position been reclassified higher than "base grade" it would have been possible to have selected a relief and to have arranged a suitable handover.

56. A Naval Reserve Officer trained in N.C.S. duties carried out a period of A.C.T. in the Intelligence Section during the quarter. This proved to be of mutual advantage particularly in bringing up to date the outstanding requirement to visit, amend and muster charge books held by Masters of merchant ships in Queensland.

PUBLICITY

57. An adequate liaison with all press media has been maintained during the quarter and a special effort was made in respect of the inauguration of the patrol boat facility at Cairns in late January. The resultant publicity warranted the distance involved and also had value in the P.R.O. personally meeting the press media in Cairns. As opportunity offers attempts will be made similarly to meet press media in other outports in Queensland.

SAFE HAND MAIL

58. A considerable increase has occurred in the receipt and despatch of safe hand bags during the quarter. A total of 41 bags were received and 47 were

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despatched. The main reason for the additional handling is the new requirement that wherever possible safe hand mail be sent on direct flights, and accordingly bags for Darwin and Port Moresby are being consigned to Brisbane for onward despatch. This not only causes an additional work load, but will increase significantly the cost for despatch of safe hand mail in this Command.

59. The PB Facility at Cairns is now capable of consigning safe hand mail.

SOCIAL WELFARE WORK

60. During this quarter the average monthly welfare caseload has been 52 cases, an increase of 5 cases compared to the previous 3 months. The workload in February, 1971 has been particularly heavy with 59 cases, in addition to the loss of the second social worker, Miss Gehrmann, half-way through the month. Miss Gehrmann has now joined the Department of Army, as Social Worker, location Singapore. A new Social Worker, Miss Elizabeth Nutt, was not able to fill the position until 17th March, 1971. The resulting backlog of cases has still not been completely cleared.

61. The Queensland Naval Mothers and Wives Association have been relatively inactive over the Christmas period and this quarter. At a final meeting on 10th March, 1971, it was decided to formally dissolve the Club on grounds of lack of support. Wives and Mothers seemed to be in conflict over the club's purpose, each following their own interests. However friendships seemed to have been formed between members of the club, thus some benefit was gained. It would appear that there is scope, nevertheless, for future associations to develop possibly on a less formal basis and perhaps incorporating Wives and Mothers separately.

62. Family Services Scheme Return is shown at Annex C.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

63.(a) Brisbane.
No issues of F.F.O. were made from this Installation during the quarter.

64.(b) Cairns.
No issues of F.F.O. were made from this Installation during the quarter. No.2 Dieso Tank 8" pipeline - Dept. of Works submitted a readvised cost advice of $22,500 to extend the 8" pipeline to one fuelling and one replenishment point on No.10 Wharf, together with a line sketch. These have been forwarded to Navy Office for approval. Internal cleaning/preservation treatment of No.2 Tank is completed.

65.(c) Thursday Island.
Issues of Dieso to H.M.A.S. Ships ex Caltex Oil stocks, totalled 16,000 gallons.

OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION

66. The inspection at Contractors for general repairs and overhaul of naval stores and machinery spares, etc. has been maintained. Construction of two 50 ft. Harbour Tugs has commenced at Perrin Engineering Co. Hemmant, Qld. Delivery of one Toyota Utility and one Holden Station Sedan has been effected to P.B.F. Cairns.

REFIT, DOCKINGS AND REPAIRS

67. (a) Minor repairs only were carried out on H.M.A.S. ADROIT and Work Boats AWB431 and 432;

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(b) T.V. GAYUNDAH completed annual refit and slipping at Peters Slip Pty Ltd Brisbane;

(c) 40 ft. Pontoon Fenders Nos. 1 and 2 - Annual refit and slipping were completed;

(d) H.M.A.S. BAYONET docked at Cairns on 7th February, 1971 for emergency repairs to Echo Sounder TRANSDUCER;

(e) Urgent repairs were put in hand to U.S.S. BLACKFIN and U.S.S. RONQUIL with period contractor A.U.S.N. Pty Ltd during the ships' visit.

P.B.F. CAIRNS

68. A copy of P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings for the quarter is forwarded at Annex D. The attention of the Officer-in-Charge has been directed to the correct format to be used in accordance with JSP (A5)102 and a copy of this Command's Report of Proceedings has been forwarded for his guidance.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

Annexes:
A. Ship Visits to Queensland Ports.
B. Signals sent and received for Jan., Feb., March 1971.
C. Family Services Scheme.
D. Patrol Boat Facility Cairns Report of Proceedings.

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BAYONET	Thursday Island	31.12.70- 3. 1.71
BAYONET	Mackay	11. 1.71-12.1.71
LAE	Thursday Island	15. 1.71-18. 1.71
ASSAIL		19. 1.71-20.1.71
LAE		23. 1.71-24.1.71
BARBETTE	Gladstone	27. 1.71-27. 1.71
BAYONET		
BARBETTE	Cairns	29. 1.71- 2. 2.71
BAYONET		29. 1.71-15. 2.71
U.S.S. RONQUIL	Brisbane	2. 2.71- 7. 2.71
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	6. 2.71- 7. 2.71
U.S.S. BLACKFIN	Brisbane	6. 2.71-13. 2.71
F.N.S. COMMANDANT		
RIVIERA	Brisbane	10. 2.71-12. 2.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	10. 2.71-10. 2.71
		12. 2.71-15. 2.71
BARRICADE	Brisbane	14. 2.71-17. 2.71
ARCHER	Brisbane	17. 2.71-18. 2.71
BARRICADE	Gladstone	18. 2.71-18. 2.71
BAYONET	Thursday Island	19. 2.71-26. 2.71
BARRICADE	Cairns	20. 2.71-26. 2.71
BAYONET	Cairns	22. 2.71-25. 2.71
ADVANCE	Karumba	25. 2.71-25. 2.71
BAYONET	Townsville	28. 2.71-28. 2.71
	Cairns	1. 3.71- 8.3.71
BARRICADE	Gladstone	4. 3.71- 4.3.71
	Mackay	6. 3.71- 9.3.71
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	10. 2.71-10.2.71
BARRICADE	Townsville	10. 2.71-10.2.71

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BARRICADE	Cairns	12. 3.71-26. 3.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	13. 3.71-26. 3.71
BAYONET	Cairns	17. 3.71-26. 3.71
HAWK	Cairns	25. 3.71-25. 3.71
GULL		
SNIPE		
PALUMA	Thursday Island	25. 3.71-29. 3.71
BARBETTE	Townsville	27. 3.71-29. 3.71
BAYONET		
BARRICADE		
ATTACK	Kerumba	30. 3.71- 1. 4.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	30. 3.71- 6. 4.71
BAYONET		
BARRICADE		

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SIGNALS SENT AND RECEIVED FOR JAN FEB MAR 1971

	RECEIVED	SENT
UNCLASSIFIED	2127	784
RESTRICTED	544	98
CONFIDENTIAL	98	31
SECRET	16	1
TOTAL	2797	914

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Annex C

FAMILY SERVICES SCHEME

SOCIAL WORKERS' QUARTERLY REPORT

OFFICE ..... BRISBANE ..... PERIOD ..... JAN - MAR 1971 .....

F.S.S. PAID TO		PROBLEMS		HOUSEKEEPER		DURATION IN DAYS					
Officers	0	ILLNESS OF		HOURLY		1		15			
Other Ranks	4	Self		DAILY	2	2		16			
WRANS	0	Wife		RESIDENT	2	3		17			
TOTAL	4	Child		OBTAINED BY		4		18			
MEMBER SERVING	4	Parent				5	1	19			
		Other				6		20			
AT HOME	0	NOT ILLNESS		Housekeeper Service		7	1	21			
AWAY				N.S.W.	1	8		22			
SEA	4			Family Relative	1	9		23			
SHORE	0					10		24			
				Other	2	11		25			
						12		26			
				Other Source		13		27			
						14		28	1		
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ANNEX D

Patrol Boat Facility,
CAIRNS.

31st March, 1971.

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Naval Officer-in-Charge,
QUEENSLAND.

Commanding Officer,
HMAS WATERHEN.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1971

Sir,

Forwarded is the report of proceedings in respect of the Patrol Boat Facility, Cairns, for the quarter 1 January - 31 March, 1971.

I actually took up my appointment as Officer-in-Charge, Patrol Boat Facility on the 14th December, 1970 to familiarise myself with the local area and meet representatives of the various public bodies.

On the 6th January, 1971 you (Cdr. Kelly RAN) first visited the Facility and left Cairns on the 8th January having visited all aspects of Cairns connected with the Patrol Boat Facility.

The fifteen sailors comprising the Facility complement arrived in Cairns on 7th January, 1971 and were accommodated in the International Hotel. Work commenced on husbandry of the Facility building, clearing grass from the surrounds, cleaning and securing windows and removing all unwanted material left by the Army on relinquishing the building.

Stores - Both Naval and Machinery spares stores have been assisting during the quarter. Many items are still outstanding, but these will be hastened as they come to light. Embarrassment existed for some time in the issue of stores, since the racking and shelving for the Naval Stores area did not arrive until 22nd February, and stores could not be broken out from their packing cases until this time.

Communication - The "open" Telex machine was installed on the 11th January. Until this time (from the 14th December) communication to any establishment or office was by telephone so it is obvious that the telephone accounts for the first quarter will be excessive. The Telex room is manned 24 hours a day, each sailor of the facility keeps a duty and is basically trained to use the machine.

Married Quarters - The first twelve houses were accepted by the Officer-in-Charge on behalf of Department of Interior and were occupied by personnel, the last house being occupied on the 1st March, 1971. Wooden furniture arrived from Brisbane, some minor items are still outstanding as is all the tubular items e.g. bathrooms and kitchen stools. All mess traps were readily available. Some distress and inconvenience was felt by some of the families due to lack of screens and fans and flooded areas of lawns and fronts

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when the heavy rains were on. These were subjects of separate signals and reports, which are receiving attention.

Offices - Power was supplied to the offices and building on the 1st February and for the workshop on 10th March. Air-conditioning of the offices was completed on 19th February, 1971.

Official opening of the Base - HMAS Barbette and HMAS Bayonet arrived on 29th January to form the Cairns based Patrol Boats and HMAS Barricade arrived on the 20th February, 1971.

An official cocktail party was held on board BARBETTE and BAYONET. The Minister for the Navy, Mr. Killen and dignitaries from the Council, Harbour Board, Churches, Clubs and Associations attended.

Patrol Boat maintenance - BAYONET was docked on the 8th February and undocked on the 10th February for replacing of a defective transducer on the Echo Sounder. Several small jobs have been carried out by the local shipyard due to lack of facilities (gas for oxy welding), set,power and material for the lathe) but this type of work will be carried out by Base staff as soon as material and facilities are available. Air-conditioning and refrigeration defects have been made-good by local contractors.

Sports - A visit, with a cricket match was arranged with the Army Tropical Trials Unit at Innisfail on Saturday 6th February, and on the arrival of BARRICADE Lt. Wyatt was nominated Squadron Sports-Officer. Rugby matches have been played and teams for indoor sports such as darts, badminton and squash are being formed.

Invitations have been received from Bowling Clubs and Football Clubs for sailors to become members and partake of club facilities.

Divisions - A combined Divisions of Patrol Boats and Facility personnel was held in the Facility building on Sunday 14th March, 1971. The Cairns Municipal Band supplied music for Hymns and marching and Lt. Col. R. Sharpe, Officer Commanding 51st R.Q.R. C.M.F. took the salute. Local dignitaries and the public were invited to attend.

Visits during the quarter.

27th Jan. - 28th Jan.	Rear Admiral D.C. Wells C.B.E.	RAN
27th Jan. - 30th Jan.	Cdr. B.G. Hill O.B.E.	RAN
	Cdr. A. Evans	RAN
29th Jan. - 30th Jan.	Mr. Killen Minister for the Navy	
16th Feb. - 19th Feb.	Lt. Cdr. P. Watson	RAN
3rd March - 5th March	Capt. P. Daish RAN Mr. J. Lamb (Cockatoo Dock Manager).	

DEPT. OF THE NAVY
- 5 APR 1971
BRISBANE

I have the honour
to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

(LEUT. H.P. SHAW RAN)
OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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NOIC QUEENSLAND - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
30 JUNE 1971

By DNI

Reference: Paragraph 48 Security

1. It is understood the supply of "C" class security containers from the manufacturer to COMWORKS has now started. Re paragraph 50 Safe Hand Mail.

2. The arrangement whereby the Petty Officer borne for Recruiting at Townsville undertakens the duties as required by ABR 337 Article 0716 is quite satisfactory provided it is first ascertained the P.O will be in Townsville to undertake the task. DNI has raised this matter as a separate minute.

DNI

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The Secretary
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Navy Office
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Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 30th June, 1971.

N.O.I.C. QUEENSLAND

2. HMAS STALWART (Captain N.A. Boase, R.A.N.) was visiting the port the day the quarter opened and Captain Boase, Mrs Evans and myself were entertained to luncheon by the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, KCVO on completion of Captain Boase's official call. His Excellency has made it almost a habit to entertain the captains of visiting R.A.N. ships and he displays a definite pro-navy bent, even though he is Honorary Air Commodore of the local Citizen Air Force Squadrons.

3. After the Easter Weekend I proceeded to Mackay to join HMAS BARBETTE (Lieutenant Commander M.H. Aston, RAN) intending to carry out coastwatching visits from the Percy Islands south to Gladstone. However the weather at Mackay was unpropitious and deteriorated further during the ensuing three days. During several attempts to make ground to the south it became apparent that landings would be at best hazardous, consequently the visits were cancelled and HMAS BARBETTE secured alongside Brampton Island jetty on the afternoon of the 16th April.

4. I flew ashore very early next morning and was met by the Mayor of Mackay, Alderman A.B. Abbott who had earlier invited me to address the Annual Conference of the North Queensland R.S.L. district branches. The Conference was held at Carmila, a hamlet some 70 miles south of Mackay, and an interesting, if somewhat hair-raising drive, ensued, the conference being timed to commence at 0900. I was warmly welcomed by the delegates and enjoyed an interesting forenoon. At luncheon I received an urgent telephone message requesting that I return to Mackay in order to join the official party at the opening of the Mackay Tourist Festival. Pressed by Alderman Abbott I acceded and another hair-raising drive in the reverse direction took place, this time by courtesy of the local M.L.A. We arrived just in time to take places on the dais for the opening speeches and the inevitable pageant. This was followed by the judging of an art and photographic exhibition and a "Grand Cabaret". I retired at a late hour, a little puzzled at by what agency I found myself regularly in such situations in Queensland.

5. The remainder of the month was less strenuous, the events of most note being the attendance at R.A.A.F. Amberley for the Air Force's Golden

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Jubilee Open Day at which I must admit I enjoyed a most spectacular and superbly-timed display; A United Services Club dinner in honour of the Governor-General, Sir Paul Hasluck, GCMG, GCVO, K.St.J., and the presentation of the Queen's Colour by the Governor-General to the 9th Battalion, R.A.R., at Enoggera Barracks.

6. On the 1st May I continued the annual Sea Cadet Inspections by inspecting T.S. PIONEER at Mackay, which, as previously reported, is one of the better housed units in Queensland. The administrative load associated with the Sea Cadet Corps has steadily increased over the past eighteen months to a point where it has become a major element of the responsibilities of my office. I consider that this load will increase even more when the shift to the Naval Reserve Cadet status is completed. The problems associated with administering and maintaining uniform standards within a group of nine units with a further eight applications pending spread over 1100 miles and supported by such diverse individuals as a nun, a bakehouse proprietor and a carpenter will be formidable; such folk are inclined to harbour quaint views on normal service proprieties.

7. After two weeks leave I resumed my duties by consuming raw fish and Acquavit with the Honorary Norwegian Consul in honour of Norwegian Constitution Day. The consular group in Brisbane is both numerous and ardent and one risks a variety of culinary assaults by accepting invitations to their various celebrations. However, they are never without interest: the memory of joining in a spirited rendition of "La Marseillaise" in close company with a rotund mediterranean consul with a predilection for garlic will, for a long time, linger!

8. On the evening of the 19th May I addressed the Ipswich branch of Rotary. The subject was the Navy and its development handled in the broadest of terms, however it seemed to generate surprising interest, so much so that several more invitations have been received to repeat it, one from as far afield as Townsville. I consider these requests to be a demonstration of the intense interest in Naval matters that exists in Queensland.

9. On the 24th May I visited Walkers Limited, Maryborough, and inspected the progress being made on the construction of the first L.C.H. of the eight being built to Army contract. I was surprised at the heavy construction of the vessel and expressed doubts that the propulsive power provided would drive the craft at the designed speed; I was assured that it would, but nevertheless still harbour doubts upon it.

10. The remainder of the month was seen out with a lecture to the Navy League of Queensland on the Fleet Air Arm, and attendance at the official opening of the annual conference of the Queensland Naval Association at which I was invited to deliver a short address. These affairs were punctuated by the usual social round.

11. Sea Cadet inspections continued in June with a busy weekend embracing the 4th to the 7th, during which time I visited T.S. PALUMA at Stafford; T.S. MAGNUS at the Church of England Grammar School, Brisbane; T.S. GAYUNDAH at HMAS MORETON and T.S. TYALGUM at Southport: during this period the average daily intake of lamingtons rocketed! T.S. TYALGUM showed the greatest progress from the previous year and in particular their boatwork was noteworthy.

12. The following week was relatively quiet and on the 14th June I joined HMAS ALBATROSS for two weeks refresher flying with VC.851 (Lieutenant Commander H.C.D. Findlay, RAN). I was particularly struck by the professionalism of the young men flying our aircraft these days and I thoroughly enjoyed the ten days

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I spent with the squadron which was both instructional and refreshing. However there was one sad note: I discovered I am at least two inches broader than I used to be.

12. I returned to Brisbane on the 26th June and nothing of note occured during the remainder of the month - this may be explained by the fact that after eighteen months in the job I have at last grown used to the unpredictable routine of a Naval Officer-in-Charge.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

13. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON NEW FARM DEPOT.

14. The depot and attached craft continue to be maintained at a high standard. The following work by civil contractors has either been completed or is in progress:

(a) Internal painting of building;

(b) Laying of tiles in specified areas;

(c) A.W.B.s431 and 432 were slipped. The resultant survey recommended that A.W.B.432 be used only for harbour work excluding training duties whilst the use of A.W.B.431, due to its hull condition, should be stopped.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL.

15. The health of the Ship's Company remains very good. The Sick Bay functioned smoothly and efficiently.

HMAS ADROIT.

16. HMAS ADROIT has operated satisfactorily during the quarter, only minor troubles being experienced.

HMAS GAYUNDAH.

17. Some progress has been made preserving the decks and hull of the ship. This however, is a slow process and work is possible only when R.A.N.R. sailors carry out their A.C.T. in HMAS MORETON.

RANR DIVISION.

18. The recent economy measures have restricted the intake of RANR recruits by limiting the numbers to the level ruled on 29th March, 1971. These now stand at 59 Officers and 186 Sailors.

19. Divisional attendance has remained at a satisfactory level, and over 90% of RANR personnel completed their Annual Continuous Training during the 1970-1971 financial year. However, restrictions on interstate travel necessitated a large percentage of postings to HMAS MORETON during the quarter. Although Sailors can be gainfully occupied when carrying out A.C.T. in HMAS MORETON, training facilities are limited.

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A.S.C.C.

20. Sea Cadet Units in Queensland continue to operate satisfactorily within the limit of their capabilities. One big failing is the inability of a number of Commanding Officers to cope with correspondence. At present the amount of correspondence involved for individual units is not great, but hastening action taken by Senior Officers and this office boosts the quantity received by units. This does not necessarily produce the desired result.

21. It is not known if additional correspondence, returns, etc. will be generated as a result of amalgamation, but if this does occur the present problem will be compounded.

22. My annual inspection of Sea Cadet Units is almost completed, T.S. CORAL SEA and T.S. BUNDABERG being outstanding, but inspection is scheduled for 10th and 17th of July respectively.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF

23. Position No.26 : Clerical Assistant Gr.3, Psychology Section, which has been vacant since October, 1970 is to be filled on 15th July, 1971.

24. Action is in hand to reclassify the position of the Officer-in-Charge, Central Registry, Naval Staff Office, initiation of such procedure at this point being at the instigation of the Public Service Inspector, Brisbane.

WORKS

25. Expenditure under local delegation during 1970/71 in the fields of Minor New Works, Repair and Maintenance and Furniture and Fittings was an estimated $200.00 below an overall allocation of $9,280.00.

26. Bulk requisitions for 1971/72 against which work under local delegation is authorised were received from Navy Office prior to 30th June, 1971.

27. No major requisitions have yet been issued for 1971/72.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

28. The main signal office equipment is now operating in a satisfactory manner.

29. As a result of a protest received from the Communications Officer, Northern Command, representations have been made under cover of my letter QNI.21/6 of 5 May, 1971, advising of the necessity to resolve a most unsatisfactory situation and proposing a remedy. A Message Delivery Service instituted by Army which could only be described as lamentable initially, is now achieving limited success.

30. Following a visit from a representative of D. of C. firm proposals to produce a satisfactory system, particularly bearing in mind the imminent acquisition of the first LCH, have been forwarded. My letter QNI.21/6 of 6 July refers.

31. Signal Traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

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RECRUITING

32. During the quarter, the following figures were registered. (Figures in brackets relate to the same period last year).

	Enquiry	Application	Entry
General Service	207 (220)	101 (112)	60 (70)
Wrans	287 (282)	55 (50)	5 (22)
Junior Recruits	180 (173)	85 (88)	51 (54)
N.A.A.	156 (128)	38 (50)	- -

In addition to the above, the following were entered during the quarter:-

Entered - 2 SLAC
1 Inst. Officer
3 Re-entries
1 Wran Reserve

Figures generally are down this quarter. However, Queensland is still providing over one quarter of the General Service intake and there has only been one WRANS intake for the quarter.

33. A successful display was set up at the Booval Shopping Centre in May and a Careers Night was held at Ipswich Grammar School.

34. School talks continue in the metropolitan area and a weekend visit to schools and community clubs in the Cooroy, Noosa Heads area proved to be immense value. The Mobile Naval Display Caravan has been touring South West and South East Queensland and the number of applications received as a result has been most gratifying.

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

Statistical Information

A.

	Miscellaneous	New Cases	Re-opened	Carried	Total
April	0	10	3	33	46
May	4	12	2	40	58
June	2	9	8	36	55
Total for Quarter	6	31	13	109	159

Referrals of New and Re-opened Cases were as follows:

B.

	April	May	June	Total
Fleet	3	7	3	13
Other shore establishments	4	2	5	11
HMAS MORETON, Ships Company	2	1	0	3
Recruiting	3	0	0	3
Relatives or Sailor	7	7	9	23
Community Agency	0	1	0	1

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C.

Action Taken	April	May	June	Total
Office Interviews	11	15	17	43
Home Visits	34	46	44	124
Country Visits	2	4	6	12
Welfare Reports	4	6	6	16

STAFF

35. Mrs Higgins, Senior Social Worker, proceeded on four weeks leave during April 1971. Miss Nutt who was recently appointed as second Social Worker carried on in her absence but a backload of cases was unavoidable. There was some understandable anxiety expressed by ships for the length of time involved in investigations and reports.

36. As can be seen from the total figures of cases (a), the workload has been at maximum capacity for both Social Workers, highlighting the need for a full-time secretary. For various reasons the typing pool was reduced to one typist over much of the last quarter holding up work further.

RE-ENTRY APPLICATIONS

37. A total of three families were referred to the Social Workers in connection with applications for re-entry into the Navy. Two out of three of the men were recommended and finally approved.

38. This service is felt particularly valuable by the Social Workers as it could prevent future problems in the Navy. Social Work contact at the recruiting level helps prepare the family for service life and at the same time can evaluate the family's capacity to adjust to service conditions.

39. During the last quarter, the Social Workers dealt with a significant number of problems associated with re-entries who had joined one or more years ago. None of the families concerned had had contact with the Social Worker before re-entry. One of these eight re-entries is at present under consideration for a discharge. Six have involved several applications for compassionate leave, special postings, free discharges etc. Seven of the eight cases had applied to re-enter from Brisbane.

HMAS TORRENS AND QUEENBOROUGH FAMILY DAY

40. On 3rd June, 1971, the Social Workers very much appreciated the opportunity to join HMAS TORRENS and QUEENBOROUGH Family Day. A tour of the ship, a diving display, and discussions with Divisional Officers were most enlightening. The families seemed thrilled and excited to get to know and understand a little more of Navy life. We are looking forward to more such opportunities in Brisbane.

SOCIAL WORKERS' ACCOMMODATION

41. More satisfactory accommodation was provided for the Naval Social Workers during the quarter. Previously they were accommodated in seven foot partitioned surroundings. This was unsatisfactory professionally because of the complete lack of auditory and visual privacy for interviewing necessary to preserve the client's privacy and right for confidentiality. The present office is both pleasant and private although the generally cramped conditions in the building still make interviewing in the available space somewhat uncomfortable for both client and Social Worker.

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CHILD MINDING PROJECT

42. A project is underway to attempt to establish a Child-Minding Service for Naval Families. A preliminary letter and questionnaire have been sent to approximately 150 Naval Wives living in the Brisbane area. The response so far has been extremely enthusiastic and many suggestions have arrived. Several wives have favoured this Scheme for the opportunity to meet with other Naval wives. It seems interest in a Naval Wives group still remains.

43. At this stage the centre is envisaged as being administered by the wives on a roster basis one day per week. The Queensland Naval Club has offered suitable accommodation and it is hoped that the equipment needed may be obtained through other Naval sources.

NEWSLETTER

44. In conjunction with the Child Minding Project, a number of wives have offered to form a Newsletter Committee to publish and distribute a regular newsletter of interest to Naval wives in Queensland. It is hoped that this will stimulate communication amongst Naval families and offer some support in coping with service conditions. This could be especially valuable in Queensland where families tend to live in relative isolation from the Navy.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

45. (a) BRISBANE

Issues of Furnace Fuel Oil made to HMAS QUEENBOROUGH. TORRENS and DUCHESS totalled 390.61 tons.

(b) CAIRNS

An issue of 98.73 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS STUART on 14th May. Department of Works target date for calling tenders for the extension of the 8" Dieso Pipeline to No.10 Wharf is August, 1971.

(c) THURSDAY ISLAND

Issues of Dieso to HMAS Ships ex Caltex Oil Stocks totalled 18,000 gallons.

OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION

46. The inspection at Contractors for general repairs and overhaul of Naval Stores and Machinery spares etc. has been maintained. Manufacture of a Refrigerated Van for R.E.V.Y. has been completed and despatched. Main switchboard for De Gaussing Lighter repaired and returned to M.S.O. Sydney.

REFIT, DOCKINGS AND REPAIRS

47. (a) Minor repairs only were carried out on HMAS ADROIT and T.V. GAYUNDAH.

(b) H.W.B.431 and 432 were slipped and surveyed.

(c) HMAS BARBETTE completed intermediate docking and HMAS BAYONET commenced Refit at Cairns.

(d) Survey of 4 NO. Wooden Catamaran Fenders 20' x 3' x 2' carried out. Copies of survey reports and quotations for cost to manufacture similar fenders in Brisbane forwarded to Navy Office.

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SECURITY

48. At the end of the quarter the long outstanding order for six in number Class "B" containers was received from the Department of Works. This has overcome the problem of secure stowage for officers at Staff Office and at MORETON. Upon receipt of a number of new Class "C" containers acceptable stowage for the lower classified material will be available. However, there is no firm date of delivery available from the Department of Works as it is understood the prototype has only recently been approved.

SAFE HAND MAIL

49. The increase in the receipt and despatch of safe hand mail continued during the quarter. A total of 64 bags were received and 44 despatched. The reason for the increase continues to be the requirement now to despatch safe hand bags on a direct route.

50. All charge documents for H.M.A.S. BAYONET were held by the C.B. Officer whilst BAYONET was undergoing refit at Cairns. This was caused by the then lack of secure stowage at the Patrol Boat Facility, Cairns, which has now been overcome by the acquisition of suitable containers. In view of the requirements for despatching safe hand mail by the direct route an Officer from H.M.A.S. BAYONET escorted the material, observing that there is no direct flight from Cairns to Brisbane. However, the material was returned without escort by arranging that the bags were personally placed on board the aircraft at the Brisbane airport; that the Petty Officer borne for Recruiting in Townsville checked the bags were not disembarked at the Townsville airport stopover and that the bags were personally collected and escorted from the Cairns airport.

PATROL BOAT FACILITY - CAIRNS.

51. A copy of the P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings for the quarter is forwarded at Annex D.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

Annexes: A. Ship Visits to Queensland Ports.
B. Signals sent and received for April, May and June, 1971.
C. Family Services Scheme.
D. Patrol Boat Facility Cairns Report of Proceedings.

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STALWART	BRISBANE	1. 4.71 - 5. 4.71
ATTACK	THURSDAY ISLAND	3. 4.71 - 5. 4.71
MADANG	BRISBANE	6. 4.71 - 8. 4.71
BARRICADE	GLADSTONE	8. 4.71 -13. 4.71
BARBETTE	BOWEN	8. 4.71 -13. 4.71
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	8. 4.71 -11. 4.71
MADANG	MACKAY	9. 4.71 -10. 4.71
MADANG	CAIRNS	11. 4.71 -13. 4.71
BARBETTE	MACKAY	13. 4.71 -14. 4.71
PALUMA	CAIRNS	14. 4.71 -20. 4.71
BARRICADE	BOWEN	15. 4.71 -15. 4.71
BARBETTE	MACKAY	17. 4.71 -19. 4.71
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	20. 4.71 -21. 4.71
BAYONET	TOWNSVILLE	21. 4.71 -27. 4.71
BARBETTE	MACKAY	23. 4.71 -27. 4.71
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	23. 4.71 -26. 4.71
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	28. 4.71 - 1. 5.71
BAYONET	MACKAY	30. 4.71 - 3. 5.71
BAYONET	MACKAY	4. 5.71 - 5. 5.71
ADROIT	MACKAY	4. 5.71 - 5. 5.71
U.S.S. O'BRIEN	BRISBANE	5. 5.71 - 9. 5.71
BAYONET	TOWNSVILLE	6. 5.71 - 7. 5.71
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	6. 5.71 -10. 5.71
ADROIT	BOWEN	7. 5.71 - 8. 5.71
BAYONET	CAIRNS	7. 5.71 -
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	8. 5.71 - 9. 5.71
ADVANCE	KARUMBA	10. 5.71 -12. 5.71
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	11. 5.71 -11. 5.71
U.S.S. CAIMAN		12. 5.71 -18. 5.71
ADROIT	BUNDABERG	12. 5.71 -13. 5.71
ADVANCE	WEIPA	14. 5.71 -15. 5.71
ADROIT	BRISBANE	14. 5.71
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	15. 5.71 -15. 5.71
U.S.S. HANSON	BRISBANE (embarkation of Observers)	15. 5.71 -15. 5.71
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	20. 5.71-22.5.71
BARRICADE	TOWNSVILLE	21. 5.71 -21. 5.71
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	23. 5.71 -31. 5.71

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PALUMA	CAIRNS	26. 5.71 -28. 5.71
TORRENS/QUEENBOROUGH	BRISBANE	31. 5.71 - 3. 6.71
ARCHER	GLADSTONE	1. 6.71 - 1. 6.71
ATTACK	THURSDAY ISLAND	1. 6.71 - 2. 6.71
ASSAIL	KARUMBA	1. 6.71 - 3. 6.71
HAWK/CURLEW/SNIPE	CAIRNS	1. 6.71 - 4. 6.71
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	2. 6.71 - 3. 6.71
SYDNEY	TOWNSVILLE	2. 6.71 - 2. 6.71
ATTACK	CAIRNS	3. 6.71 - 5. 6.71
BARBETTE	MACKAY	4. 6.71 - 4. 6.71
ARCHER	MACKAY	4. 6.71 - 4. 6.71
ASSAIL	WEIPA	4. 6.71 - 5. 6.71
ARCHER	MACKAY	6. 6.71 - 8. 6.71
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	6. 8.71 - 9. 6.71
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	7. 6.71 -20. 6.71
ARCHER	GLADSTONE	8. 6.71 - 8. 6.71
ATTACK	BRISBANE	8. 6.71 -11. 6.71
ARCHER	BRISBANE	9. 6.71 -10. 6.71
BARBETTE	THURSDAY ISLAND	12. 6.71 -13. 6.71
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	16. 6.71 -21. 6.71
DUCHESS	BRISBANE	21. 6.71 -23. 6.71
BARBETTE	MACKAY	22. 6.71 -29. 6.71
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	25. 6.71 -28. 6.71
U.S.S. EVERSOLE	BRISBANE	25. 6.71 -30. 6.71
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	30. 6.71 - 6. 7.71
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	30. 6.71 -

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SIGNAL TRAFFIC FOR QUARTER ENDING 30 JUNE 71

IN TRAFFIC

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	total
1962	493	90	17	2562

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R.A.N. Patrol Boat Facil.
16 Grafton Street,
CAIRNS.

1st July, 1971.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
QUEENSLAND.

For information: Commanding Officer
HMAS WATERHEN.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the R.A.N. Patrol Boat Facility, Cairns for the quarter ending 30th June, 1971.

2. Commander J.M. Kelly, D.S.C., R.A.N. visited Cairns on the 2nd April for discussions with the Patrol Boat Commanding Officers and departed on 5th April.

3. On 12th April Lt. Cdr. SDSU C.W. Sawyer R.A.N. and Mr. W.Shorthill from your staff visited the Patrol Boat Facility to check the Married Quarters Inventories and to iron out and advise on Contract and Purchasing procedures.

4. On 12th April I attended a Commemoration service for the "Rats of Tobruk" at the Cairns Cenotaph and layed a wreath on behalf of the Royal Australian Navy.

5. On Anzac Day 25th April 1971 I represented the R.A.N. at a Combined Services Requiem Mass at St Monica's Cathedral and followed then by laying a wreath at the Cenotaph. At the Dawn Services some PBF sailors attended the Edgehill cemetery and the remainder attended the Cenotaph.
I led a contingent of personnel from the PBF and HMAS BARRICADE which formed a unit in the Anzac Parade. Glowing comments were made by members of the Cairns Community as to the turn out and bearing of the RAN contingent.

6. On the 3rd May, the Project Officer Mr. J. Knowles and the three assistant Overseers from GOSI staff arrived to prepare for the forthcoming refit of HMAS BAYONET. Because the Facility was to play a large role in the demanding receipt and issue of "in aid" stores for the refit a small portion of the Squadron Office was made available to Mr. Knowles.

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7. Major M.C. Harrington USMC from the Defence Attache Office American Embassy, Canberra visited Cairns from the 12th to 15th May and met the Management of North Queensland Enginee and Agents and the Cairns Dry Dock and Engineering Co. Ltd.

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8. You Sir, together with LCDR W. O'Loughlin RAN.EM. arrived in Cairns on 21st May, to carry out the Annual Inspection of T.S. Endeavour Sea Cadets on the 22nd May and departed on the 23rd May.

9. From the 7th to 12th June an Exhibition of Photographs of life in the RAN was held. In preparing for the display it was obvious that there was really no suitable hall or area available. The local departmental stores although keen to help did not have the space to allocate, however, the Cairns Regional Electricity Board made their showroom available and the Base Shipwright constructed a trestle framework on which the photographs were secured. Quite a number of the local population and schoolchildren passed through. On Tuesday afternoon the 8th June, the Mayor of Cairns, Aldermann D.P. DeJarlais accompanied by W.Trundle esq. the Town Clerk, M. Sargent esq. the Secretary of the Harbour Board and Mr. Dowsett Manager of C.R.E.B. paid an official visit to the exhibition. The venue and space did not lend itself to an official opening ceremony.

10. Lt. Cdr. GLSU P. Watson RAN and Lt. SDSU A.N. Smith RAN visited the PBF and Patrol Boats from 15th June to 18th June, to carry out routine inspection of accounts, lecture on the new Travel Warrant and Medical documentation procedure and solve accounting difficulties.

During the quarter the Patrol Boat Facility has progressed in great strides but there are still a number of things to be completed.

11. Visits of Warships to Cairns.

Particulars of visiting warships are shown on Annexe A.

12. Patrol Boat Facility.

All machinery in the workshop is now fully operational.

Items have been unpacked and are now stowed in their various positions on the shelving and racking.

The thermal fire alarm unit is fully installed and operates through the control panel but it is not yet connected to the Civil Fire Brigade.

The Burglar Alarm system is completed to the operating panel but not connected to the PMG circuit to the OIC residence and the Police Station.

13. Medical and Dental.

The health of the ship's company remains very good.

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Finalisation of the appointment of a Medical Practitioner to act as the Naval Doctor is awaited.

14. Communication

The Telex room is still not completed, however, the Secure room of the "covered telex" is installed and the combination door to the Telex room is hung. The combination locks are still required to be fitted, the filters, wiring and lighting require completion in the Secure room.

15. Burning of classified waste is still a problem and the supply and fitting of the incinerator is eagerly awaited.

16. Signals despatched during the quarter 875.
Signals received during the quarter 289.

17. Safe Hand Mail

A total of 14 bags were received and 7 were despatched during the quarter.

18. Refit Docking and Repairs

HMAS Bayonet commenced the main refit on the 17th May and is scheduled to complete by 30th July. Some trepidation was felt in the early stages as some "in aid" items for the refit had not arrived in Cairns, however, when the items began to arrive the refit progressed satisfactorily. Concern was felt that BAYONET would not undock on time as the plate for the stern stiffening had not arrived, but these fears were allayed when the material arrived in Cairns and the refit programme was able to be maintained.

19. From these first months of operation of the Base it has been found that the time for items despatched by road from Sydney to Cairns is grossly underestimated and that at least one week must be added to the ETA of items arriving from the South.

20. HMAS Barbette was docked on the 11th May for intermediate slipping planned maintenance items to be carried out and undocked on the 15th May.

21. Minor repairs such as fractured stanchions, gas leaks on domestic refrigerators and air conditioning units and regular checks on engine injectors have been satisfactorily carried out by the local contractors.

22. Married Quarters

The 17 new houses which were being built for the married personnel have been completed. The first one was

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occupied on the 14th April and the last on the 25th June. The full outfit of furniture for these houses has not yet been received but enough items were available to enable the occupants to move in.

23. Of the original twelve houses, fly screens have now been fitted to four and the fitting of screens to the remainder is progressing. No fans have been fitted as yet. All venetian blinds are fitted.

24. In the seventeen new houses, due to different builder's plans some houses have fans and no screens, others have no fans but screens and one house has neither. A request has been made to bring all houses up to standard.

25. All new houses require top soil to bring the front and back lawns up to a reasonable standard and all require fencing. This is the subject of seperate correspondence.

26. All new houses have been measured for venetian blinds and are now awaiting supply.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(LEUT H.P. SHAW MBE RAN)
OFFICER IN CHARGE

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ANNEXE A PBF CAIRNS

14 MAY - HMAS STUART arrived.
17 MAY - HMAS STUART departed.
1JUNE - HMAS HAWK CURLEW AND SNIPE arrived.
4JUNE - HMAS HAWK CURLEW AND SNIPE departed.
3JUNE - HMAS ATTACK arrived.
5JUNE - HMAS ATTACK departed.

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Edward Street
BRISBANE. Q. 4000.

25 OCT 1971

The Secretary
Department of the Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 30 September, 1971.

NOIC QUEENSLAND

2. The quarter opened very quietly with very little activity other than one or two social engagements of a lower order punctuated by the celebration of American Independance Day at a function hosted by the American Consul. In the best egalitarian traditions of the Great Republic the usual consular gastronomic exotica were abandoned for the more bland and homely offerings of hot dogs and 'burgers. Sadly there was no cherry pie but this surprising oversight in ethos was over-compensated for by a healthy helping of stifling yankee hyperbole in the speeches.

3. On 9th July in company with the Sea Cadet Liaison Officer, Lieutenant Commander W.W. O'Loughlin, I flew to Townsville to continue Sea Cadet annual inspections. I inspected T.S. PIONEER during the forenoon of the following day and found the unit to be much as it had been the previous year, an average unit, well supported locally, but somewhat lacking in drive. I was entertained to some pleasant sailing during the afternoon and to a barbecue arranged by the Navy League and unit officers during the evening. The next day, Sunday, I returned to Brisbane.

4. The USS TURNER JOY had entered the port during my absence and on Monday 12 I exchanged calls with the Commanding Officer, Commander R. Jones, U.S.N.

5. Bastille Day was celebrated with gallic passion on 14 July and, although there were no frogs legs in evidence, the cuisine was a considerable improvement on the previously reported function. July proved to be a busy month for the consular world in Brisbane; in quick succession I attended two more soirees hosted by the Japanese and Indonesian representatives introducing plenipotentiaries from Canberra. A solid offering of tempura and nasi goreng was encountered and by months end I was qualifying to rival the Galloping Gourmet; galloping, but for reasons differing from those that gave the well known TV Chef his soubriquet!

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6. On 16 July I proceeded to Bundaberg to conduct the last Sea Cadet inspection for 1971 and, hopefully, the last for T.S. BUNDABERG in its present unsatisfactory unit accommodation. The boys were well turned out and braved light rain during the inspection of the parade. The unit is led by a remarkably energetic commanding officer, S.C. Lieutenant B. Boneham, who, as well as possessing tremendous drive, is also endowed of a great talent for persuasion. Largely through his efforts a new unit building is being constructed on Harbour Board Land at the Port of Bundaberg and I have no hesitation in forecasting that T.S. BUNDABERG will soon aspire to be the premier Queensland unit once they settle into their new surrounds.

7. On 27 July in company with the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command and the Air Officer Commanding, Amberley I attended upon His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, KCVO, during the official opening of the Queensland Parliament. This is a simple but nonetheless quite impressive ceremony and, mercifully, the Governor keeps his speech from the chair to a comfortable length. The ceremony was followed by a garden party.

8. On 5 August accompanied by my wife I proceeded to Maryborough to attend the launching of the first LCH, HMAS BALIKPAPAN, at Walkers Limited shipyard. The ship was launched at 2200 by Mrs Peacock, the wife of the Minister for the Army. The launching was uneventful and I was surprised by the apparent bulk of the vessel once afloat, even allowing for the fact she was riding light. At the reception following, the Minister proposed the toast to the ship and I replied on her behalf. I felt somewhat buried beneath the scarlet presence of two Generals, assorted Brigadiers and a congeries of Colonels and some of the humour, intended to be taken lightly at the Navy's expense, was as subtle as a passing tank tread. Notwithstanding, the evening was quite pleasant.

9. I returned to Brisbane the following day and attended the opening function of the Royal Brisbane Exhibition week, a reception hosted by the Royal Agricultural Society. The Exhibition was officially opened the following Wednesday, 11 August, by the Governor General, Sir Paul Hasluck, P.G., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., My wife and I were included in the official party of some one hundred persons. The event was lent a somewhat Gilbertian air as the organisers had contrived to seat the official party with their backs to the mounted police, guard etc; His Excellency progressed back and forth through the group on his several inspections with the consequence that the officialdom rotated like beacons. At the luncheon following I volunteered my services to the Exhibition Secretary as an adviser for 1972.

10. The following week, on 19 August, FOCEA, Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC, carried out his bi-annual walk around. He seemed satisfied with the state of HMAS MORETON although he expressed concern at the allowances paid to single sailors posted to the establishment. This matter is the subject of a letter in the process of compilation. Admiral Crabb proceeded to Cairns on the completion of his day at MORETON.

11. The remainder of the month was almost totally devoid of any non-routine activity of any note.

12. On the 7 September I departed Brisbane on a protracted journey visiting the Naval Agents and Reporting Officers in Maryborough, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns and Weipa. During the visits I mustered the agents books, refreshed the use of their reporting code, and, in the case of Weipa, made enquiries regarding the appointment of coastwatchers.

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13. Weipa, now the largest port in Queensland on a tonnage basis, is an interesting example of company autocracy. It seems that the terms of COMALCO's lease allows the company the rights of veto over any activity within the area, a situation that many of the state and federal representatives find oppressive. It was even suggested to me that visits by Patrol Boats be reduced as they were somewhat inconvenient. This proposition promoted a sharp rejoinder and I left the town a somewhat radicalised light blue conservative.

14. I found eight days of constant travel coupled with tight schedules extremely tiring and by the time I returned to Brisbane I had resolved, that, for the purposes of periodical visits to Naval Agents, coastwatchers, etc. I would do better to cut the state in half centred on Rockhampton and deal with the two halves at a more leisurely pace. This would allow more time to meet and get to know the local civic authorities, a function I consider an important tributary reason for NOIC's journeying in the state.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

15. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT

16. The depot and attached craft continue to be maintained at a high standard and machinery and equipment have performed satisfactorily. Internal painting of the establishment has continued throughout the quarter.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

17. The health of the Ship's Company remains very good. The Sick Bay functioned smoothly and efficiently.

HMAS ADROIT

18. The ship has operated satisfactorily, only minor troubles being experienced. The routine 40/60 series inspection of the gun was successfully carried out during the week commencing 13th September.

T.V. GAYUNDAH

With the assistance of RANR sailors, maintenance of GAYUNDAH was carried out. However, owing to the age of the vessel and the hands available to work on board very little progress can be made.

A.S.C.C.

20. Inspection of Sea Cadet Units for the current year was completed on 16th July, 1971. T.S. TYALGUM achieved a first time triumph for Queensland by being adjudged the most efficient unit in the State and logically the most efficient country unit, thus becoming the holder of the Sea Cadet Colour and the A.M.P. Shield. In addition this unit is in the running for selection as the most efficient unit in Australia and the award of the Navy League Trophy. T.S. BUNDABERG was awarded the N.O.I.C. Shield for the unit showing the greatest progress and initiative. To reach this state from being a unit which three years previously was being considered for withdrawal of recognition due to lack of numbers and all this means represents a remarkable turn-about. Continuation of such progress must make the unit difficult to beat next year.

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21. Transfer of the Colour and presentation of awards is being planned to take place during Navy Week. Participation of units in Navy Week activities is not up to last year's standard, but participants will no doubt acquit themselves well.

22. P.O.S.V. Chapman recently completed a tour of duty visiting all units to advise and assist on stores matters. Such assistance under the EDP system is essential from time to time and is greatly appreciated by the Units. In general there are few complaints regarding supply of stores and clothing, those worthy of comment having been acted on separately. Proposals to reduce the delay in supply of made to measure clothing have been forwarded in my letter B67-1-5 of 16 September, 1971.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF

23. One position - that of Officer-in-Charge, Central Registry, is vacant at the present time. Preparation of documentation justifying the reclassification of this position is now complete and filling of the vacancy is expected soon.

24. Civil positions at HMAS TARANGAU - 3 in number - have now been established in a separate branch of the Department, designated "HMAS TARANGAU". Administrative control of personnel of that new branch is still exercised from this office.

WORKS

25. Expenditure to date, under local delegation in the categories of Minor New Work, Minor Repairs and Maintenance and Furniture and Fittings is approximately 40%, 43% and 33% respectively of the allocation for 1971/72. A temporary ceiling has been placed on the Furniture and Fittings category by the Treasury. This figure of $1500.00 has already been attained and at present no further expenditure of this type can be entertained.

26. Requisitions for ten out of the eleven items in the current Repairs and Maintenance Programme have been issued to date. It is not intended to pursue this item - Repairs and painting, official residence, 196 Lutwyche Road, Windsor - at this stage. No Minor New Work requisitions have been issued to date - these will be obtained on request by Comworks.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

27. The message delivery service operated by the Army has settled down to reasonable efficiency though still far from the standards desired if prompt action normally expected of establishments is to be achieved. The sooner action can be taken to divorce this station from the existing system by an upgrading to a tributary station the better will NOIC Queensland be able to provide a much more prompt and efficient signal service.

28. Equipment within the MSO is operating satisfactorily. Minor service problems arise and are dealt with as far as practicable with help from visiting ships.

29. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

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RECRUITING

30. During the quarter, the following figures were registered. (Figures in brackets relate to the same period last year).

	ENQUIRY	APPLICATION	ENTRY
General Service	220 (274)	56 (108)	25 (28)
WRANS	291 (327)	60 (55)	20 (22)
Junior Recruits	187 (293)	45 (142)	42 (41)
N.A.A.	185 (189)	102 (118)	11 (22)

RANC SENIOR ENTRY & SCHOLARSHIP 1972

Applications forwarded by Navy Office as suitable for processing - 16 Senior 6 Scholarship

No. on final list - 4 Senior 2 Scholarship

RANC JUNIOR ENTRY

Applications forwarded by Navy Office as suitable for processing - 20

No. on final list - 10

In addition to the above the following were entered during the quarter.

Entered	5 Midshipmen Supplementary List (2 SLAC) (1 SLSU) (2 SEA)

31. Despite numerous school visits throughout Queensland, displays and careers nights (more than at any other time for a large number of years), applications are well down on last year's figures. This is particularly noticeable in General Service and Junior Recruits. General Service applications throughout Australia have been well down but it is fortunate that the quality of applicant is higher and so figures entered are not far short of last year's quarter total.

32. It is felt that the Junior Recruit Scheme has been badly mauled because of the "Leeuwin incident" and sufficient applicants are not forthcoming. Nevertheless the intake figure was maintained without sacrificing standards.

33. I am pleased to report that the Recruiting Staff both in Brisbane and North Queensland have been working at full pressure to alleviate the shortage of applications and as stated above greater areas have been covered than in the past, to bring the Navy and its career opportunities before the public.

34. The approval of a minibus for Display/Lecture tours will make this office self-sufficient and greatly facilitate the ability to go out to the public and reap the benefit of constant exposure.

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FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

35. (a) BRISBANE
One issue of 120 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS ANZAC. The annual stocktake and inspection was carried out on 6th July, 1971 with an overall net deficiency of 1.52 tons. Plant and equipment are generally in good order and condition.

(b) CAIRNS
Issues of F.F.O. made to H.M.A. and U.S. ships totalled 1,514 tons. An issue of 1299-70 tons was also made to Caltex Oil (Aust.) on the borrow/loan basis. The installation was replenished ex "Caltex Port Kembla" on 17th August, 1971, with a cargo intake of 4983-40 tons. (Included in cargo was the amount borrowed by Caltex). The annual stocktake and inspection was carried out on 16th August, 1971 with an overall net deficiency of 2.44 tons. Plant and equipment are generally in good order and condition. Department of Works have been requested to submit a completion date for the extension of the Dieso pipeline to No.10 Wharf, in this regard a Works requisition for $17,000 has been issued.

(c) THURSDAY ISLAND
Issues of Dieso to HMAS Ships ex Caltex fuel stocks totalled 15,118 gallons.

REFIT, DOCKINGS AND REPAIRS

36. (a) HMAS ADROIT completed an intermediate slipping at Peters Slip on 16th July.

(b) HMAS BAYONET completed refit and HMAS BARRICADE completed an intermediate docking at Cairns.

(c) To T.V. GAYUNDAH, AWB431 and AWB432 minor repairs only were carried out.

OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION

37. The inspection at Contractors for general repairs and overhaul of Naval stores and machinery spares etc. has been maintained. Harbour Tugs 50 ft. (2-No.) at Slipway Engineering are under construction. Manufacture of Chain Cable and associated equipment by Falkiner Chains Pty Ltd for the survey vessel under construction at Williamstown Dockyard is progressing.

R.A.N.R.

38. At the 30th September, 1971, the unit strength was 58 Officers and 176 sailors. During the period 16 members carried out A.C.T.

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P.F.B. CAIRNS

39. A copy of the P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings for the quarter is shown at Annex C.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

Annexes: A. Visits of Warships to the Command.
B. Signal Traffic for Quarter ending 30 September, 1971.
C. P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings.

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U.S.S. ROARK	TOWNSVILLE	3. 7.1971 - 6. 7.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	BRISBANE	5. 7.1971 - 6. 7.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	CAIRNS	7. 7.1971 -13. 7.1971
U.S.S. HENDERSON	CAIRNS	9. 7.1971 -12. 7.1971
U.S.S. TURNER JOY	BRISBANE	10. 7.1971 -15. 7.1971
HMAS ADVANCE	THURSDAY ISLAND	12. 7.1971 -13. 7.1971
HMAS ANZAC/VENDETTA	CAIRNS	13. 7.1971 -13. 7.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	MACKAY	15. 7.1971 -16. 7.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	MACKAY	16. 7.1971 -18. 7.1971
U.S.S. GUDGEON	BRISBANE	17. 7.1971 -22. 7.1971
HMAS ADVANCE	THURSDAY ISLAND	17. 7.1971 -18. 7.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	CAIRNS	19. 7.1971 -26. 7.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	CAIRNS	19. 7.1971 -27. 7.1971
HMAS ANZAC	CAIRNS	22. 7.1971 -26. 7.1971
HMAS VENDETTA	CAIRNS	22. 7.1971 -26. 7.1971
U.S.S. COCHRANE	TOWNSVILLE	28. 7.1971 -29. 7.1971
HMAS AITAPE	CAIRNS	27. 7.1971 -28. 7.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	GLADSTONE	29. 7.1971 -29. 7.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	THURSDAY ISLAND	31. 7.1971 - 1. 8.1971
HMAS AITAPE	BRISBANE	31. 7.1971 - 1. 8.1971
ASSAIL	WEIPA	2. 8.1971 - 3. 8.1971
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	3. 8.1971 - 3. 8.1971
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	4. 8.1971 -30. 8.1971
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	3. 8.1971 -16. 8.1971
HMAS ARCHER	BUNDABERG	3. 8.1971 - 3. 8.1971
U.S.S. SAILFISH	BRISBANE	5. 8.1971 -12. 8.1971
HMAS ARCHER	TOWNSVILLE	5. 8.1971 - 6. 8.1971
HMAS BAYONET	CAIRNS	2. 8.1971 - 6. 8.1971
HMAS ASSAIL	THURSDAY ISLAND	8. 8.1971 - 9. 8.1971
HMAS ARCHER	MACKAY	8. 8.1971 - 8. 8.1971
HMAS ANZAC	BRISBANE	8. 8.1971 -11. 8.1971
ARCHER	BRISBANE	10. 8.1971 -11. 8.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	MACKAY	18. 8.1971 -18. 8.1971
BAYONET	THURSDAY ISLAND	20. 8.1971 -23. 8.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	CAIRNS	19. 8.1971 -20. 8.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	CAIRNS	21. 8.1971 - 2. 9.1971
HMAS PALUMA	MACKAY	24. 8.1971 -26. 8.1971
HMAS BAYONET	CAIRNS	26. 8.1971 - 2. 9.1971
HMAS PALUMA	CAIRNS	1. 9.1971 - 3. 9.1971

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HMAS BARBETTE	THURSDAY ISLAND	3. 9.1971 - 3. 9.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	BRISBANE	3. 9.1971 - 7. 9.1971
HMAS BAYONET	CAIRNS	4. 9.1971 - 6. 9.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	THURSDAY ISLAND	5. 9.1971 - 5. 9.1971
HMAS PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	7. 9.1971 - 8. 9.1971
HMAS BAYONET	TOWNSVILLE	8. 9.1971 - 9. 9.1971
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(HMAS BUCCANEER (HMAS BOMBARD	GLADSTONE	10. 9.1971 -10. 9.1971
HMAS BAYONET	CAIRNS	10. 9.1971 -28. 9.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	MACKAY	10. 9.1971 -10. 9.1971
HMAS BARBETTE	CAIRNS	10. 9.1971 -28. 9.1971
HMAS BUCCANEER	CAIRNS	11. 9.1971 -14. 9.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	CAIRNS	14. 9.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	CAIRNS	12. 9.1971 -28. 9.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	CAIRNS	15. 9.1971 -16. 9.1971
HMAS BUCCANEER	THURSDAY ISLAND	15. 9.1971 -15. 9.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	TOWNSVILLE	17. 9.1971 -19. 9.1971
HMAS SWAN	TOWNSVILLE	19. 9.1971 -19. 9.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	CAIRNS	20. 9.1971 -25. 9.1971
U.S.S. EDSON	CAIRNS	26. 9.1971 -28. 9.1971
U.S.S. O'CALLAGHAN	MACKAY	27. 9.1971 -29. 9.1971
HMAS BOMBARD	GLADSTONE	28. 9.1971 -28. 9.1971
U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS	TOWNSVILLE	27. 9.1971 -29. 9.1971
U.S.S. EDSON	BRISBANE	30. 9.1971 - 5.10.1971
U.S.S. LANG	BRISBANE	30. 9.1971 - 5.10.1971
HMAS PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	30. 9.1971 - 3.10.1971
HMAS BARRICADE	BUNDABERG	30. 9.1971 - 6.10.1971
HMAS BAYONET	GLADSTONE	30. 9.1971 - 6.10.1971

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SIGNAL TRAFFIC FOR QUARTER ENDING 30 SEP 71

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U/C	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
1939	735	166	25	2858

OUT

U/C	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
677	124	31	-	832

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RAN Patrol Boat Facility,
16 Grafton St.
CAIRNS.

1st October, 1971.

Naval Officer in Charge,
QUEENSLAND.

For Information: The Commanding Officer,
HMAS WATERHEN.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the RAN Patrol Boat Facility Cairns for the quarter ending 30th September, 1971.

2. On the 5th July, 1971, H. Sforcina Esq., the Deputy Director of Works, Canberra, arrived in Cairns to see the progress of the Patrol Boat Facility and Married Quarters since he was in the original committee that planned the project.

3. Dr. M. Mackay the Minister for the Navy accompanied by Mrs. Mackay and the Minister's Private Secretary P. Crake Esq. arrived on the afternoon of the 7th July, having travelled from Dunk Island in HMAS BARBETTE (LCDR M.H. ASTON RAN) Dr. Mackay inspected the Patrol Boat Facility and held a Press Conference. In the evening I held an informal cocktail party at my residence to enable the Minister and Mrs. Mackay to meet the Cairns Dignitaries and the Officers and their wives from the Patrol Boat Squadron. The next morning the Minister, his wife and Secretary together with Mr. Fsorcina were taken on a tour of the married quarters and the party departed from Cairns for Port Moresby at 1020K.

4. Commander Richardson RAN (Staff of Inspector of Naval Ordinance) arrived in Cairns on 20th July and departed on the 22nd July. He inspected all ordnance of the Patrol Boats and visited the magazine area at Queerah. Commander Richardson made an official report of his visit.

5. On the 22nd July HMAS Vendetta (Commander M.W. Hudson RAN)and HMAS Anzac (Commander I.A. Gallaway RAN) arrived for a few days visit departing on Monday the 26th July. An official cocktail party was held onboard the two ships on the evening of Thursday the 22nd July, and 120 of Cairns more prominent personalities attended.

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6. Captain T. Fisher RAN and R. Arrowsmith Esq., (DFM CANBERRA) were joined by F. MAURER and C. MAY (Design Engineers for ZF Gear boxes) on 27th July to carry out gearbox trials coincidental with refit completion trials of HMAS BAYONET. These gentlemen departed on 30th July.

7. From 2nd August to 7th August, LCDR P.C. Watson, RAN and LEUT D. TARRANT RAN were in Cairns to carry out Admirals Departmental Inspections of the Patrol Boats and spent two days at the Patrol Boat Facility advising and ironing out Supply and Secretariat problems.

8. Departmental inspections of the Patrol Boats were carried out between the 4th and 7th August by LCDR J. MARKHAM RAN (Engineering) LCDR L. BRIEN RAN (Gunnery and Education) and LEUT M. HALLIM RAN (Electrical). During this period these officers also visited the Patrol Boat Facility and advised on problems pertaining to their departments.

9. On 19th August, the Flag Officer Commanding the East Australian Area, Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb CBE DSC RAN arrived in Cairns at 2015K for an informal visit. On Friday 20th August Rear Admiral Crabb visited the Patrol Boat Facility and spoke to every member of the complement. He visited North Queensland Engineering and Agents and met the Managing Director D. Fry Esq. and made a short tour of the Dry Dock area. He also paid official calls on the Mayor of Cairns (Alderman D.T. De Jarlais) and the Chairman of the Cairns Harbour Board, (Councillor M. Borzi). After lunch on board HMAS BARBETTE with the officers of the Patrol Boat Squadron Rear Admiral Crabb visited the Married Quarters at Purbeck Estate and had afternoon tea with the wives at the home of Mrs. C. Shakeshaft (wife of ABQMG D. Shakeshaft). This gave the wives an opportunity of putting some of their problems to the Admiral personally.

After tea a visit was made to the magazine area at Queerah and on the return trip the Admiral visited the home of Mrs. L. Maddox wife of LEMP P. Maddox.

Rear Admiral Crabb then joined HMAS Barbette for a survey trip of the Barrier Reef and returned late Saturday evening. He departed Cairns at 1340K on Sunday 22 August.

10. Rear Admiral B.J. Castles CBE RAN the Third Naval Number arrived in the evening of 2nd September and departed early afternoon of 3rd September. In his short visit Rear Admiral Castles visited the Patrol Boat Facility, called on the Mayor of Cairns and the Secretary of the Cairns Harbour Board (M. Sargaent Esq.) visited the QEA and Dry Dock area and met the Managing Director (D. Fry Esq.) He was also able to tour the married quarter area.

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11. LCDR K. DOOLAN and CPO POWELL arrived in Cairns on Sunday 12th September and departed at 1330 on Monday 13th September. During the forenoon on Monday LCDR DOOLAN and CPO POWELL lectured the Cairns Naval Personnel on the new pay structure.

12. On 14th September you Sir arrived in Cairns and met LCDR B. Hooker, Officer in Charge of Sea Cadets and 15th September left for Weipa early morning and returned late evening. On Thursday 16th September you departed at 1335. After having visited the Patrol Boat Facility and called on the Deputy Mayor of Cairns (Alderman B. Cockran).

13. The Commonwealth Auditors Mr. M.J.Nargar and Mr. T.J. Johnston arrived on Friday 17th September and departed Friday 24th September. In the time they checked all concepts of the Facility and also visited the Batrol Boats.

14. CDR J. Kelly DSC RAN and LCDR Brien RAN arrived on Sunday 19th September to carry out Harbour and Sea inspections of the Patrol Boats. LCDR Brien departed on Wednesday 22 September and CDR Kelly departed on Thursday 23 September.

15. The First Inaugural Naval Ball was held on Friday 24th September at the Cairns Golf Club and from comments heard afterwards it would appear that it was a function that had not been equalled for some time past in Cairns.

16. During the quarter the Facility has settled down to run smoothly such items as inventories being well progressed, keyboards and security being finalised, books and documentation being progressed although not completely finalised.

17. Visits of Warships

Particulars of visiting warships are shown in Annexe A.

18. Patrol Boat Facility

Good progress is still being made on documentation for defects, intermediate dockings and refits. Inventories for stores are also progressing well. Safe containers and filing cabinets are all secured to floors and walls, and locks and combinations set. A considerable amount of work within the capabilities of the facility passes through the workshop.

A weak link has shown itself in the electrical complement. It is felt that a sailor of radar/communications category is required. If possible the answer would be the replacement of the EMP allowed by an LEMC/WR. A visit by the staff SAP from Waterhen to carry out battery charger modification and the fitting of the new type windscreen wipers to BARBETTE proved invaluable as he was also able to check on the electrical facility and planned

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maintenance of the Patrol Boats and give substantial advice. A quarterly visit by the SAP of Waterhen could be of great assistance. This proposal together with the amendment to complement is the subject of a separate report by the Electrical Officer on the staff of COMAUSMINPABFOR.

19. Medical and Dental

The health of the ships' company remains good. Finalisation of a Medical Practitioner to act as Naval Doctor is still awaited.

20. Communications

The covered Telex system is now completed and the MSO is operating on Data. Confidential books have been received and security of the MSO in accordance with Regulations is in operation.

21. Security

The Inside Alarm has still to be connected to the Officer-in-Charge's residence with a changeover switch to the Police Station. Since the Facility has been operating a duty sailor has been retained overnight and it is felt this is a very satisfactory arrangement. A submission has been made to your office for onward transmission and approval that the duty sailor be retained and a modified intruder alarm and communicative organisation augmented.

The incinerator for burning classified waste has been installed during the quarter.

397 Signals dispatched during the quarter.
1169 Signals received during the quarter.

22. Safe Hand Mail

A total of 10 bags were received and 11 were despatched during the quarter.

23. Refit Docking and Repairs

HMAS Bayonet completed her main refit, with sea acceptance trials carried out on Wednesday 28th July, 1971. It was readily agreed by all concerned that the refit had been quite successful with good liaison and co-operation by and with all personnel both Service and civilian making this possible.

HMAS Barricade was given an Emergency Docking from 8th July to 9th July to make good a split in the hull adjacent to Port "P" bracket. HMAS Barricade was again docked from 16th to 23rd August for routine maintenance of underwater fittings and painting.

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Satisfactory work is still being carried out by local contractors on running defects with air conditioning refrigerators radar etc. As mentioned previously the provision of a radar category sailor would reduce the use of the local contractor to some extent by having this knowledge available which at the moment is non existent in the complement.

24. Married Quarters

Flyscreens have now been fitted on the first twelve houses that were occupied by Naval Personnel. The fans requested in these houses are being fitted commencing next Monday 4 October and should be completed in five weeks. The original request for these items was made from this office on the 8th February, 1971.

Flyscreens and fans to bring the next 17 houses up to Scale and Standards were originally requested in my letter 22.3.1 of 20 May71 and amplified in my letter of 2 August and information as to progress requested in my signal 010522Z SEP. To date no advice is forthcoming. Occupants of these houses are now asking when fans and screens are to be fitted and it is foreseen that with the higher temperatures and humidity advancing very quickly distress will be felt and morale will be affected.

A decision is still awaited as to the action to be taken with the effluent drainage of the Purbeck Estate houses. The position will become critical with the increased bathing, showering and laundry activities in the hotter weather.

Top soil is still required to assist beautification of the lawns.

Occupants have also asked questions regarding the fixing of fences to the various Naval houses. This will be given deep investigation as adjacent houses are involved and also the various types of my fencing in the neighbourhood. It can be seen that this problem will not be an easy one to solve. Investigations are proceeding.

25. Sport

Volleyball is still a very active sport in the Facility and a GolfClinic has been instituted at the Cairns Golf Club to encourage personnel to play golf. Special lessons are given on Sunday evenings for Naval Personnel only. The Patrol Boat Facility has a dart team which plays in the local competition.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H.P. Shaw.

(LEUT H.P. SHAW MBE RAN)
OFFICER IN CHARGE

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ANNEXE A PBF CAIRNS

9 July	USS Henderson arrived
12 July	USS Henderson departed
13 July	HMAS Vendetta and HMAS Anzac arrived 0800K Fuelled. Departed 1600K
22 July	HMAS VENDETTA and HMAS ANZAC ARRIVED
26 July	HMAS Vendetta and HMAS Anzac departed
27 July	HMAS Aitape arrived
28 July	HMAS Aitape departed
1 September	HMAS Paluma arrived
3 September	HMAS Paluma departed
26 September	USS Edson arrived
28 September	USS Edson departed

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HMAS NOIC QLD Report of Proceedings QE 31.12.71.

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~~D of O~~ 9/2 Para 12 of Annex C does not gel with BARBETTE Rep in which it was stated that the film team went to sea.

for DCNS ERG 10/2

~~Annex C does not mention the visit by SAPs Barbette which has a bearing on passage in the VIP area.~~

1NM RP 14/2

Annex D is very interesting. 9/2

2NM 15/2

3NM 21/2

4NM Para 21 of Annex PBG. Can someone do something? Action is being taken on other papers. RP. 14/2

SECRETARY 22/2

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DPR 25/2/72

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NOTES:

A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.

B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

C. Circulation lists numbers 2 and 3 are referred to Directors and Heads of Branches.

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The Secretary
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Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31st December, 1971.

NOIC QUEENSLAND

2. Unlike the previous quarter the period under report opened with gusto: Navy Week in Queensland commenced on the second day with a Ball held by the local Naval Association Branch in Ipswich. It was a masked affair and judging from the late evening condition of some of those attending such decoration might be construed either that the enforced incognition was planned as a subtle pourboire from the organisers or, alternatively, as a case of them not wishing to recognise the enemy that they otherwise knew too well!

3. Navy Week is the Naval Officer-in-Charge's biggest hurdle of the year and, despite efforts to reduce the programme, all interested parties vigorously resisted any proposed diminution in the number of events. The official guest was Rear Admiral H.D. Stevenson C.B.E. who was accompanied by Mrs Stevenson. They remained in Brisbane for the period 7th - 9th October.

4. Some disappointment attended us when HMAS OTWAY (LCDR T.A. Roche, R.A.N.), visiting the port for Navy Week, was ordered to sail on the 3rd October to search for the missing ketch "One and All". Notwithstanding, it was a successful week. The highlight was a Fashion Parade and Variety Show staged in the upper level of HMAS MORETON in aid of the "Save the Children Fund". Two shows were programmed: one mid-morning for ladies exclusively and an evening black tie affair with dinner.

5. Alltold, just under 800 people attended and a little short of $1,000.00 was raised for the named charity. The shows were organised by a small Naval Wives Committee with my wife presiding and they achieved a remarkable result, particularly as the decision to proceed was made only some six weeks prior to opening curtain. My telephone bill for local calls grew to Sun King proportions.

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6. The fashion and entertainments were managed by the Billie North Modelling Agency and School of Deportment. Altogether 26 young women, three male models, one male entertainer (of vaguely indeterminate gender) and one gorilla constituted the cast. Only the mildest of pursuasion was required for them to volunteer their services and it is worth noting that they accumulated something in excess of 1,000 hours rehearsal on weekends alone - a pleasing commentary on a profession that is frequently derided.

7. They were a diverting group, particularly the entertainer, a somewhat epicene young man who favoured habiliments of peacock brilliance and Beau Brummel eccentricity, with a particular predilection for broad belts clinched by enormous ferrous buckles; it seems that as an assertion of his manhood he required to effect a daily change of portcullis for his navel! He fascinated the sailors.

8. Mention must also be made of the wholehearted co-operation and interest of the ships company who worked long hours providing staging, cat walks, decorations and simple muscle. The daily crises were met with good humour even though the Executive Officer was remarked as carrying a distinct cast of pallor on opening night, and all hands were rewarded with a prime entertainment which was richly received by the audience. The show was a first class public relations exercise but idle speculation as to what might be in 1972 is liable to mask the 1st Lieutenant's face, "like stout Cortez'", with wild surmise!

9. HMAS BRISBANE (Captain R.G. Loosli, R.A.N.) broke her passage south from her Vietnam deployment for a two day visit commencing on the 11th October. Mercifully the ship chose not to entertain officially so my rehabilitation in the wake of Navy Week proceeded unhindered.

10. The remainder of October passed in general routine representation but three visits, one to Maryborough on the 20th October, one to Longreach on the 26th and the third to Toowoomba on the 28th are worth dilation.

11. The visit to Maryborough was undertaken to view the progress in the building of the lead L.C.H., A.V. BALIKPAPAN. She was in a state of near completion and presented as quite a handsome vessel. The R.A.N. personnel posted to Maryborough were extremely busy and warm comment was passed upon their ability and demeanour by both their civil and Army associates. Everybody concerned with the craft were eager to get her to sea but some doubt still existed as to her final finish - when I saw her she sported a khaki hull and grey superstructure.

12. Longreach was visited through the courtesy of the Queensland Regional Director of D.C.A. His department operates four Merlin Aircraft for air field surveys, aids testing etc. and he has invited me to avail myself of a seat whenever the aircraft's programmes are convenient. This of course represents a considerable saving in costs and allows of visits to centres which would not normally be entertained. On the day I spent two hours in the town and called on the Mayor and the local Shire President.

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13. My visits about Queensland are never without humour. It is my custom to wear uniform on most occasions where appropriate - a Safari Jacket and Long Trousers stirs the imagination in the provinces. On this particular morning I was awaiting the Mayoral limousine opposite a hotel of some decrepitude which, despite the rural recession, drought and the relatively early hour, 0930, was filled with characters in a reasonably advanced state of exhileration. Considerable loud comment eluding to galahs etc. emanated from the Bar and finally one of the school, dressed in standard western garb of blue singlet, shorts with button-starved fly and boots without socks negotiated a serpentine course across the street, halted and with some difficulty requested that I settle an argument: "Me and me mates can't make up our minds if you are the Virgin ..... Mary or Mr ..... Clean". Before leaving the city I stood a round of drinks and was invited to join the local Swy Club on my next visit. Apparently this is a rare privilege and can be considered some sort of accolade.

14. The visit to Toowoomba was to fulfil a long standing invitation to deliver a lecture to the United Services Institute. I was warmly welcomed to the Downs Club and was astonished to find over dinner that it boasts one of the foremost cellars in the country. I returned to Brisbane the same evening.

15. November was a fairly busy month for entertaining in Brisbane and both my wife and I were kept closely occupied most evenings. A break from the metropolitan round occurred for me when I received an invitation to the Barrier Reef Festival as Guest of Honour. The invitation was extended as it was considered by the Festival Committee to be most appropriate in view of the fact that a Queensland based Patrol Boat, HMAS BARBETTE (LCDR Aston, R.A.N.) was, for the first time, attending in an official capacity.

16. The coastal Queenslanders have come to regard the Cairns Squadron as their own and the invitation extended to me was motivated out of feelings of admiration for the squadron and the work it does. As it was convenient to combine coastwatching visits in the area with festival duties I proceeded to Mackay on the 15th November and embarked on what proved to be one of the most exhausting weeks in my experience. The BARBETTE was closely associated with the programme and notwithstanding difficult weather the ship acquitted herself with commendable efficiency and cheerfulness.

17. A large official party had gathered for the festival, major luminiaries being the State Minister for Tourism, the Honourable J. Herbert M.L.A. and the local State Member, the Honourable R.E. Camm M.L.A., Minister for Mines and Main Roads. Senator I. Wood, who resides in Mackay, joined the party on occasions throughout the Festival.

18. My duties ranged across the spectrum of opening the closing speeches, reading the lesson at the Blessing of the Fleet conducted by the Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, The Right Reverend John Lewis, to crowning a remarkably pulchritudinous CORAL QUEEN. The latter ceremony was viewed by my wife via television and no number of diversions on my part regarding the Swy School in Longreach have proved to be of any avail.

19. I returned to Brisbane on 22nd November and embarked on a strict regimen of a daily 0600 swim in an attempt to gain the level of physical fitness that seems to be required for the comfortable conduct of the varied duties of this posting.

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20. The U.S.S. TOMBIGBEE (LEUT A.E. Ellis, U.S.N.) entered the port on the 26th November and berthed alongside the Naval Wharf at New Farm. The TOMBIGBEE, an A.O.G. of 4,500 Tons Full Load displacement, appeared to be quite an exacting command for a Lieutenant. The ships company were entertained by various organisations but in common with most U.S.N. Ships which visit Brisbane, officers and men seemed to prefer to be left to their own devices after the official amenities have been observed.

21. The opening day of December saw the first of the daily Christmas receptions which occur during this month, right up until Christmas Eve. As I remarked last year this entertainment round verges on the absurd but there seems to be no alternative to participating lest one gives offence.

22. This heavy social demand was further augmented by the arrival in the port of F.N.S. LA BAYONNAISE (LEUT M.J. Ribaud). The French Consul, Mr I. Palmer, who views his responsibilities seriously, had organised a very full round of entertainment amongst the French speaking residents of Brisbane. LA BAYONNAISE held a cocktail party on her first evening in port and shattered all guests by serving warm beer. However, they somewhat recouped their image later by disbursing generous quantities of frigid Môêt champagne.

23. Fortunately the Naval Symposium conducted on the 13th and 14th December at HMAS PENGUIN afforded me a legitimate break and I capitalised further by proceeding direct to Maryborough from Sydney to observe AV BALIKPAPAN undergoing trials. I remained in the area until the 17th December and was quite impressed with the craft, although there are obviously many changes required to her before the ship becomes acceptable to the R.A.N. I am also having second thoughts about the Complement.

24. The remnants of the month after the Christmas break were quiet and the year closed with the reflection that 1971 had proven to be no less diverting than its predecessor.

(A.a H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

ANNEXES: A. Visits of Warships to the Command.
B. Signal Traffic for Quarter ending 31 December, 1971.
C. P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings.
D. Social Workers' Report.

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ANNEX A to Noic Q'ld's letter B1-16-14 of 2.2.1971.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND.

BARBETTE	Mackay	1.10.71 - 6.10.71
OTWAY	Brisbane	1.10.71 - 3.10.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	8.10.71 - 18.10.71
BAYONET	Cairns	8.10.71 - 13.10.71
BARRICADE	Cairns	8.10.71 - 22.10.71
PALUMA	Cairns	10.10.71 - 18.10.71
BRISBANE	Brisbane	11.10.71 - 13.10.71
~~BARBETTE~~		
BAYONET	Bowen	15.10.71 - 18.10.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	16.10.71 - 18.10.71
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	20.10.71 - 21.10.71
BAYONET	Cairns	21.10.71 - 24.10.71
BARBETTE	Karumba	23.10.71 - 24.10.71
BARRICADE	Cairns	25.10.71 - 26.10.71
BAYONET	Thursday Island	25.10.71 - 26.10.71
BARBETTE	Weipa	25.10.71 - 26.10.71
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	26.10.71 - 26.10.71
BARRICADE	Cooktown	27.10.71 - 27.10.71
BARBETTE	Cairns	28.10.71
PALUMA	Thursday Island	29.10.71 - 1.11.71
BARRICADE	Thursday Island	31.10.71 - 3.11.71
BARRICADE	Cairns	5.11.71 - 8.11.71
BAYONET	Thursday Island	7.11.71 - 7.11.71
ADVANCE	Weipa	8.11.71 - 9.11.71
BAYONET	Thursday Island	9.11.71 - 10.11.71
BARRICADE	Cairns	10.11.71 - 10.11.71
ATTACK	Gladstone	11.11.71 - 11.11.71
ADVANCE	Cairns	11.11.71 - 13.11.71
BAYONET	Cairns	12.11.71 - 22.11.71
BARRICADE	Townsville	12.11.71 - 14.11.71
ATTACK	Cairns	13.11.71 - 16.11.71

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BARRICADE	Cairns	16.11.71 - 23.11.71
ADVANCE	Brisbane	16.11.71 - 18.11.71
ATTACK	Thursday Island	17.11.71 - 17.11.71
BAYONET	Brisbane	25.11.71 - 29.11.71
U.S.S. TOMBIGBEE	Brisbane	26.11.71 - 1.12.71
BUCCANEER	Thursday Island	27.11.71 - 27.11.71
BUCCANEER	Cairns	28.11.71 - 29.11.71
BUCCANEER	Gladstone	30.11.71 - 30.11.71
BAYONET	Brisbane	30.11.71
BUCCANEER	Brisbane	1.12.71 - 2.12.71
F.N.S. LA BAYONNAISE	Brisbane	6.12.71 - 9.12.71
BARBETTE	Thursday Island	10.12.71 - 12.12.71
BAYONET	Townsville	17.12.71 - 18.12.71

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IN TRAFFIC

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
1904	553	98	24	2579

OUT TRAFFIC

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
607	118	40	-	765

GRAND TOTAL

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
2511	671	138	24	3344

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RAN Patrol Boat Facility,
16 Grafton Street,
CAIRNS.

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1st January, 1972.

Naval Officer in Charge,
QUEENSLAND.

For Information: The Commanding Officer
HMAS WATERHEN.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the RAN Patrol Boat Facility Cairns for the quarter ending 31 December, 1971.

2. Navy Week was held from the 4th to 10th October, 1971 and as a prelude the R.S.L. Annual Reunion Dinner was held on Friday 1 October, 1971. I represented the Royal Australian Navy, and at a Navy Week Commemoration Church Service held by the Port Naval Chaplain at St. Margaret's Church West Cairns I read the lesson. On Wednesday 6 October I gave a short talk on the History of the Royal Australian Navy to the students of St. Augustine's College, Cairns.

3. LCDR P. Watson, RAN and LEUT. A. Smith, RAN, Supply Officers from HMAS Waterhen visited the Patrol Boat Facility from 12 October to 14 October for their periodical check of books and documents and to sort out any problems that may have arisen since their last visit. These officers carried out on annual departmental inspection of HMAS Paluma (LCDR I. Pullar, RAN) before departing on Friday 15 October, 1971/

4. I carried out the annual inspections of the Engineering and NBCD Organisation of HMAS Paluma on Wednesday 13 October, 1971.

5. Captain Osborne the Royal Australian Navy Hydrographer arrived on Wednesday 13 October 1971 together with LCDR Renfrey RAN the WEESO on Comausflt. Staff. Both of these officers had an informal walk around the Patrol Boat Facility, and after LCDR Fresney had carried out a departmental inspection and Captain Osborne the annual inspection of HMAS Paluma they departed Cairns on Friday 15 October 1971.

6. LCDR K. Doolan and CPO Powell arrived on Thursday 14 October 1971 and departed on Friday 15 October 1971. The object of their visit was to lecture the Ship's Company of HMAS Paluma on the new sailor structure, The ship was surveying when the team were last in Cairns to lecture the Patrol Boats.

7. On Tuesday 2 November 1971 LCDR J. McIntyre RAN from your staff arrived to familiarise himself with the RAN services and installation in Cairns. He departed on Thursday 4 November, 1971.

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8. LEUT. B. Haron, RAN Deputy Supply Officer on the Staff of Comausflt. was in Cairns from Thursday 11 November 1971 until Sunday 14 November, 1971. He discussed problems of the Patrol Boat Facility and visited the Patrol Boats. LEUT. Haron was one of the original team of Officers who planned the Cairns Patrol Boat Facility.

9. On Sunday 14 November, 1971 R.W. Traves-Taylor Esq. Dept. of Works Staff Clerk from your office in Brisbane arrived to get a first hand appraisal of the problems pertaining to the Married Quarters in respect of flood drainage, fencing, top soil, and effluent drainage. They departed on Thursday 18 November, 1971.

10. E. Looker Esq. from the Internal Audit Branch, Eastern Section visited the Patrol Boat Facility and Patrol Boats from Saturday 27 November 1971 until Friday 3 December, 1971. He inspected the relevant books and documents a sociated with the Facility.

11. The first Christmas Party for the children of the Patrol Boat Facility and Boats personnel was held at the Facility building on Saturday afternoon the 4 December, 1971. 16 Children from the ORANA School for Sub-normal children were invited to join the festivities. It was generally agreed that the party was a great success.

12. On Sunday 5 December, 1971 a Public Relations Film team arrived from Canberra to make a documentary of the Patrol Boats at work and the activities of the Facility. However, due to the operational requirement of HMAS Barbette the filming was cancelled and the team departed Cairns on Sunday 12 December, 1971.

13. VISIT OF WARSHIPS

Particulars of visiting warships are shown in the Annexes.

14. PATROL BOAT FACILITY

A steady flow of work within the limitations of the Facility still passes through the workshop. Minor mechanical and electrical defects have been made good by the Base staff during the quarter. Radar defects still entail seeking the assistance of the local contractor but it is hoped that this assistance will decrease when the complement is amended to include a radar trained sailor and the inclusion of an SAP. The amendment to the complement has been the subject of separate correspondence.

15. Requests by the Patrol Boats to PBF for supply of replaced parts when they are at Weipa, Thursday Island, Mackay and Townsville are taken as a challenge to see just how fast they can be supplied.

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This has also taken the interest of the local airlines who co-operate to the fullest with priority to achieve a fast delivery.

16. MEDICAL AND DENTAL

The health of the ships company remains good. The use of the local Medical and Dental practitioners has produced a very good liaison between them and the Naval personnel.

17. COMMUNICATIONS

The MSO is running quite satisfactory. After hours requirement of the LTO for classified traffic is satisfactory being overcome by the duty sailor phoning the CERA who goes to the LTO's residence and informs him that he is required at the Facility. Both the CERA and LTO use their own motor vehicles and these sailors are claiming mileage reimbursement for use of their vehicles after hours. This system is considered to be the most expeditious and economical against other proposals as to how this obstacle should be overcome.

18. SECURITY

The intruder alarm system is still to be completed to the OIC's house and Police Station. However, the duty sailor organisation is running quite satisfactory.

554 Signals dispatched during Quarter.

1277 Signals received during Quarter.

19. SAFE HAND MAIL

A Total of 17 bags were received and 4 were despatched during the quarter.

20. REFITS, DOCKING AND REPAIRS

Two major breakdowns involving the base staff were experienced during the quarter.

HMAS Barricade returned to Cairns on the 11 October 1971 with A8 piston seized and broken on thePort Engine. Immediate appraisal of the situation showed that to make good the defect the engine had to be removed from the ship, the sump dropped for cleaning out of broken debris, refitting of defective items and final replacement of engines. The co-operation and keeness of NQEA the base and ships staff, enabled a successful engine trial to be carried out on the 19 October, 1971.

Results such as this and the recent satisfactory refit of HMAS Bayonet were only achieved so long as industrial disputes (such as are experienced in the Southern dockyards) do not extend to Cairns. It is felt that this will inevitably happen but is hoped that it will not occur for many years.

The second major defect which was successfully overcome was

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making good the loss of oil pressure on the Port Engine of HMAS Bayonet. When entering Brisbane on the 30 November the pressure failed on the Port Rngine. The CERA was dispatched from Cairns to join Bayonet inBrisbane and returned to Cairns with the ship on the 4 December 1971. The defect was caused by rag having gained access to the crank case by some method not ascertained and

(a) blocked the suction to the oil pump

(b) becamse enmeshed with the pump gear drive wheels where it became pulp and choked the lub. oil strainers,and became distributed in the oil in the crank case.

By cleaning of strainers and attaching hose to the priming pump and using it as a vacuum cleaner the foreign matter was eventually cleared from the engine and trials were carried out on the 9 November.

An intermediate docking of HMAS Barbette was carried out between 23-30 November, 1971 and an emergency docking carried out in the same vessel between 17-21 December, 1971 to examine bottom plating and to repaint the underwater area.

21. MARRIED QUARTERS

Fly screens and fans are still awaited to bring the last 17 houses to Scales and Standards. No information is yet to hand as to when these items are to be completed. My original request was made by letter 22.3.1 dated 2 August, 1971 and although requests for information have been made by signals 010522Z September and 202235Z December, 1971 it is frustrating not to be able to give the occupants any answer to their repeated requests.

34 armchairs are still awaited to finalise the furniture requirements. Despite correspondence, information supplied and requests made the final outcome of this issue appears to be stalemate.

No action has yet taken place to alleviate the flooding which will occur in the next wet season and which was the subject ofyour letter 22.1.5 dated 18 March 71. My letter 22.3.1 of 5 Aug 71 requesting action was written and my letter 22.3.1 of 26 August 71 enumerating priorities requested by Department of Works was forwarded.

The effluent drainage problem was still persists with no action taken to date. The original complaint of the problem was made in August and although signals passed and estimates were made no positive move was made. It appears now that with the visit of Mr. Traves-Taylor and Mr. McClure (paragraph 9) a totally new concept of attack has been directed with new correspondence and more estimates required. It is a personal opinion that the revised idea of modified trenching will not be the answer and plastic drain hoses from washing machines will not be accepted if people build in adjacent blocks.

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Also during their visit to Cairns the two gentlemen made an appraisal of the fencing and top soil requirements. They assured me that action would be taken by their respective offices but to date no correspondence has been received dealing with these subjects.

22. SPORTS

Volley Ball is still the most popular sport among the sailors although two cricket matches have been played

(a) PBF against Barricade
(b) PBF against a local team

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(LEUT H.P. SHAW MBE RAN)
OFFICER IN CHARGE

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ANNEXE A - PATROL BOAT FACILITY CAIRNS

10 October	HMAS PALUMA arrived
14 October	HMAS PALUMA departed
11 November	HMAS ADVANCE arrived
13 November	HMAS ADVANCE departed
13 November	HMAS ATTACK arrived
16 November	HMAS ATTACK departed
28 November	HMAS BUCCANEER arrived
29 November	HMAS BUCCANEER departed
16 December	HMAS PALUMA arrived for Leave SMP. Departs approx 1 February, 1972.

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ANNEX D to NOIC Q'ld's letter B1-16-14 of 2.2.72.

QUARTERLY REPORT

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

Period: October, November, December, 1971

1. Workload: A total of 148 cases were handled over this quarter as compared to 166 cases during the last quarter. In this respect work had eased a little, and the Social Workers were able to devote more time in working with the setting up of a Naval Wives Club and its various functions. In addition, during this 3 months period 11 working days were spent on country visits, the destination being an average of 80 miles from Brisbane.

2. Referrals: A total of 37 new or reopened cases had been referred to the Social Work Section. Of these 5 were self-referred by the sailor, 13 were referred by a relative, 7 were referred from the fleet, 5 from other Naval establishments, 2 from agencies in the community, and 5 from other Naval Social Workers in other Naval Establishments. In summary, the highest proportion of first Social Work contacts were made by a relative of a sailor, then by ships in the fleet and an equal proportion of first contacts were made by the sailor himself, other shore establishments, and other Naval Social Workers. Very few referrals came from agencies inthe community. At first glance, this indicates a good awareness on the part of sailor's families of their entitlements for help because of the sailors service in the Navy. The Social Workers have noticed through their contacts that families were more positively inclined towards the Navy for their interest shown in helping them. This also seems to be reinforced by publicity over the Kerr Committee's interest in improving service conditions.

3. Staff: In November 1971, Miss Nutt, Social Worker Gr. 1 applied for a transfer as Naval Social Worker to the Sydney area. This transfer is expected to be effective from the end of February 1972. Mrs. Hunt, Principal Social Worker arrived in Brisbane on 20th to participate in interviews of applicants for the replacement of Miss Nutt. 8 applicants were interviewed but only 2 considered suitable. It is hoped that arrangement to employ a new Social Worker will be finalized in late January 1972.

4. In September, 1971 a final year Social Work Student started her final placement of practical work in this section and remained until 17th December, 1971. Another Student is not expected until March 1972.

5. Naval Wive's Group

The first meeting of this Group was conducted on 22nd October, 1971.

6. Group Consistency

2 Naval Social Workers
6 Naval Wives

Approximately 12 pre-school children looked after by a baby sitter in a separate room.

7. All Naval Wives except one were in their early twenties, one being about 40 years old, and who had previously been an active member of the now redundant Naval Wives and Mothers Group.

8. All wives had pre-school children. All felt that Naval Wives had particular stresses to deal with and they could benefit by supporting each other. They felt civilian families could not understand difficulties involved in service conditions.

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9. Actionleading up to Group Meeting:

From their practice, Naval Social Workers became aware of patterns of stresses on Naval Families especially those suffering separation from husbands. One group particularly vulnerable seemed to be the young wife (usually in her twenties) with pre-school or primary school children. On top of adjusting personally to the separation from their husbands, these young wives were also expected to assume both the role of father and mother to the children, eg. disciplinarian as well as loving parent, in addition to keeping house, looking after the finances, and being wholly responsible for the children. It is therefore not unusual to find that wives experience personal anxiety, depression, and behaviour problems with their children, and can end up hating their children, their husband and the Navy.

10. To alleviate some of these stresses, the Naval Social Workers discussed the possibility of Child Minding Facilities with Naval Wives they met. Out of this arose the need for some group action by the wives. Letters were sent to approximately 30 wives in Brisbane and a meeting suggested to discuss the possibility of a child care centre or any other ideas to help Naval Wives cope with young children. The meeting was held on 22nd October, 1971 and 6 wives attended - a promising group for the Brisbane area.

11. Location of Meeting

Naval Memorial Club in the city of Brisbane, centrally located in the city.

12. Group Structure

The group was kept as informal as possible. Everyone sat around a table and the numbers in the group allowed maximum interaction. The Naval Social Workers maintained a leading role and focussed the discussion.

13. Sandwiches and Coffee were served half-way through. The meeting lasted 2 hours, each wife paid 30 cents for the baby- sitter and rooms.

14. Attitudes expressed in the group

Surprisingly very little hostility and negative attitudes were expressed about the Navy. Rather the feeling was: "How can we best cope with the stresses imposed by Naval Service?" Several woman expressed the need for independence and demonstrated verbally eg. learning to fix fuses, play football with their sons, mow lawns etc. Three of these women were thus able to neutralize the feelings of hopelessness and inadequacy of the other more dependent wives. Everyone, especially the more dependent ones were encouraged to talk about their difficulties within a sympathetic group setting. Everyone began to realize that their anxieties were not unusual ones and they became more relaxed. At the end of the meeting all the wives were feeling pretty good about themselves.

15. There seemed to be quite a feeling of "cohesion" arising out of being Naval Wives with children and needing relief from this, which they freely acknowledged. They suggested ideas which could further help the group:

1/ A christmas party for children at HMAS MORETON.

2/ The availability of a "Maintenance Man" eg. someone from the Navy theycould call on in an emergency to fix a leaking tap, get rid of a snake in the backyard etc.

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3/ Inclusion of Naval Wives in Navy Week, for instance by receiving invitations to attend a function.

16. Because of their isolated position in the community, all the wives wished to be identified more with the Navy. This they felt would enhance their status in the community and would overcome their present feelings that "the Navy does not care about the family".

17. The group acknowledged that it should be an "open" group with members of necessity leaving after short intervals and new members being re-absorbed all the time.

18. The group decided that a Child Minding Centre at this stage was not feasible, but that alternatively the members arrange themselves into a "pool" of baby sitters, eg. babysitting for eachother instead of payments. Wives seemed to agree that they did not often come to the city but rather enjoyed going out from home, leaving children behind.

19. 2 couples actively arranged baby-sitting amongst each other. This seemed to be a constructive immediate action arising out of the group, and could serve as an incentive for further action.

20. One topic of uncertainty which was constructively discussed was the matter of Re-Entry and Discharge. 3 of the wives had experienced their husband's re-entry into the Navy after a trial period in a civilian job. One of the women's husbands was to be discharged after Christmas. The other 2 were still grappling with their first spell of Naval life.

21. The more experienced wives were able to explain to the group that if husbands had difficulties in adjusting to civilian life, they could resume their former ranks if they re-entered within one year. The fact that some husbands could find it difficult to adjust was freely expressed. The inexperienced members seemed to attain some insight into what lay ahead and also some appreciation of the fact that even a discharge would not automatically solve their difficulties. The others seemed to gain some confidence and reassurance by swapping ideas about their husband's re-entry.

22. Finally, the group decided that it wished to meet again to discuss how the baby sitter pool was working out, to provide a chance for ventilating their difficulties, and to work on constructive ideas to help Naval Wives. Another meeting was arranged in a month's time.

23. Meetings: Two more meetings were held on 19 November and 3rd December. The meetings could be summarized as having:

1/ Therapeutic values for the wives;

2/ Public Relations for the Navy;

3/ Providing direct services for members such as the baby-sitting pool. NOIC Qld. attended the meeting on 3 December to meet the wives and discuss any of their needs. This culminated in :

a/ the wives, being able to participate with their children in christmas parties at HMAS MORETON;

b/ a couple of sailors being available for general maintenance work on homes where the sailor was absent on duty,

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c/ and an awareness that housing standards for the Navy in Brisbane (Housing Commission Homes) were below normal especially in relation to those inhabited by Civilian people. The group decided to try and raise their housing standards within reasonable limits.

Another meeting is planned for the 27th January, 1972.

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FAMILY SERVICES SCHEME

SOCIAL WORKERS' QUARTERLY REPORT

OFFICE ..Brisbane..... PERIOD Oct., Nov, Dec 1971..

F.S.S. PAID TO		PROBLEMS		HOUSEKEEPER		DURATION IN DAYS					
Officers	1	ILLNESS OF		HOURLY		1		15			
Other Ranks		Self		DAILY	✓	2		16			
WRANS		Wife	✓	RESIDENT		3		17			
TOTAL	1	Child		OBTAINED BY		4		18			
MEMBER SERVING	✓	Parent				5		19			
		Other				6		20			
AT HOME		NOT ILLNESS		Housekeeper Service		7		21	✓		
AWAY	✓			N.S.W.	✓	8		22			
SEA	✓			Family Relative		9		23			
SHORE				Other		10		24			
						11		25			
				Other Source		12		26			
						13		27			
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Additional Remarks

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~~3NM~~ 31/5

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SECRETARY 6/6

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NOTES: A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.

B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

C. Circulation lists numbers 2 and 3 are referred to Directors and Heads of Branches.

D. If any matter requires comprehensive treatment on reference to another Branch a new file should be raised, a suitable note being made above.

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20 APR 1972

The Secretary
Department of the Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31 March, 1972.

NOIC QUEENSLAND

2. As in previous years January in Brisbane proved to be a quiet month for representational and social duties. This was a welcome relief following the phrenetic activities of the previous quarter.

3. On the 4th January I attended the funeral of Captain E.P. Thomas, OBE, R.N., the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane through the years 1942-1948. Notwithstanding his fearsome reputation as a traditionalist and disciplinarian Captain Thomas obviously generated a deal of affection; over one hundred ex naval-men and women, including four past NOIC's, attended the obsequies, which had been privately arranged.

4. The only out-of-routine events occurring through the remainder of the month were guest speaking appearances at the Lions Clubs of Maryborough and Ipswich.

5. February was also very much of a routine month but on the 7th I proceeded to JTC Camungra and delivered a lecture to an officers' qualifying course on the role of the Navy. After the lecture I was entertained to luncheon following a guided tour of the facilities. This was the first time I had visited Canungra, which is, I admit, an outrageous confession for an aviation specialist to make!

6. During the forenoon of the 15th February I attended the launching of Small Harbour Tug 503 at Perrins Engineering slip, Bulimba. This long awaited event proceeded reasonably smoothly with assists to the launching cradle by nudges from the jib of a mobile crane. Without being uncharitable it would be fair comment that the launching procedure reflected the dilatory attitude of the builder during the months of 503's construction and my opinion is that Perrins Engineering is an unsuitable company for the construction of Naval craft.

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7. On 17th March I was invited to inspect the Japanese fisheries research and training vessel UMITAKA MARU. The captain personally conducted me and the ship, due to be replaced next year, proved to be most interesting. It is a pity that this country does not possess such a vessel.

8. During the evening I attended a reception in honour of His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Khmer Republic, Mr Valentin Nay. The Honorary Consul to that country in Brisbane is a Mr Raymond Podesta, a Maltese gentleman, a relationship which epitomises the intricacies of the Queensland diplomatic corps. To further complicate the issue discourse was conducted mainly in French!

9. The capacity to gesticulate expressively should be marked as a pre-requisite ability for NOIC's Queensland. The following evening I accepted an invitation to a cocktail party aboard the UMITAKA MARU where conversation was conducted mainly with hisses, bows and bland smiles. Notwithstanding, it proved to be an intelligible evening, particularly so, as the saki dispenser was heavy handed!

10. The Consul for the Khmer Republic was having a busy week at this time and the following Thursday, the 24th, I attended another reception at his residence, this time in honour of Major General Pok Sam Am the Director-General of Training of the National Armed Forces of the Republic. Accompanying him were approximately a dozen officers undergoing training at Canungra. In impeccable French they informed me that they preferred the generic "Cambodians" - my confusion was by now complete.

11. On 28th February my wife and I attended the first of a series of functions surrounding the retirement and farewell of the State Governor, His Excellency, The Hon. Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, KCVO and the welcome and investiture of his successor His Excellency, Air Marshall Sir Colin Hannah, KBE, CB.

12. Sir Alan and Lady Mansfield were held in high esteem by Queenslanders and a string of functions headed by a State Cabinet Dinner consumed a large percentage of the Evans' evenings over the next ten days. The culminating event was the official farewell to the Vice Regal couple at Eagle Farm airport on 10th March.

13. Interposed in all these activities were the visit of the USS McKEAN, and several speaking appearances, the most notable being that of the 48th Annual Banquet of the R.S.L. in honour of the State President, Mr A.C. Cameron.

14. During the period 13-16th March I visited Cairns, Townsville and Hay Point: the first to discuss works and housing problems with the OIC PBF LCDR G. Burrell, whom I had not previously met; the second to discuss with an ex naval observer and colleague Mr B. Brennan his possible acceptance of the command of T.S. CORAL SEA, some personality difficulties having arisen in the unit; and the third, to collect information concerning the facilities at Hay Point and to investigate the likelihood of appointing a coastwatcher.

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15. On 21st March my wife and I joined the official party at the ceremonial arrival of Sir Colin and Lady Hannah. Directly following the arrival the swearing in of Sir Colin as State Governor was held in the Legislative Chambers. During this function I attended upon Sir Colin in company with General Officer Commanding, Northern Command and Air Officer Commanding, Amberley. The swearing in was followed by tea.

16. The following day the State Government held an official Garden Party, the first in a series of functions welcoming the new governor, a series that was the mirror image of the farewells of his predecessor; it culminated at the State Cabinet dinner of welcome.

17. On 29th March I paid my official call on the new governor during which he denied being already heartily sick of my face!

18. The next day I signed, in company with the principals of Perrin Engineering the papers marking the official handover of the Small Harbour Tug 503, a much delayed event. The PNG crew headed by Sub Lieutenant Molean were present and attracted very good television coverage.

19. The quarter which had started quietly but whose activities had grown to almost frantic proportions on occasions went out quietly with Good Friday, a welcome rest day.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

20. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT

21. From 1st to 21st January inclusive, 279 members of the A.S.C.C. comprising personnel from T.S. GAYUNDAH, TYALGUM, PALUMA and ROCKHAMPTON, carried out their A.C.T. in the establishment. The organisation was most satisfactory although electrical defects in ADROIT prevented the ship assisting in the training.

22. The depot and attached craft are well maintained although the extensively wet summer has not assisted.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

23. The health of the Ship's Company remains very good. The Sick Bay functioned smoothly and efficiently.

HMAS ADROIT

24. Although ADROIT has, in the main, been prone to minor electrical defects, these have proved difficult to analyse and caused the ship to be non-operational for quite considerable periods.

25. ADROIT, Commanded by LCDR G. BOYD, RANR, was sailed on 28 February, to take part in exercise PLANTA MANUA. Although ADROIT suffered considerable misfortune, it was possible for the ship to participate in the exercise.

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26. Returning from the exercise and calling at Gladstone, ADROIT developed further defects and the RANR crew, having completed their A.C.T. were obliged to leave the ship and return to their hometowns.

27. Under the Command of my Executive Officer and with a skeleton crew from HMAS MORETON, ADROIT sailed Gladstone and returned to the Naval Depot on 28th March.

T.S. GAYUNDAH

28. Following refit, GAYUNDAH completed annual slipping on 18th January. Maintenance of this old ship has been difficult owing to the very wet weather experienced during the quarter.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF

29. Two civil positions currently are vacant. To date this has had no great detrimental effect on the work output of the Branch and has not necessitated any additional expenditure by way of overtime.

30. The staff ceiling imposed by Navy Office for this Branch and which will be reviewed at the end of June, 1972 has the effect of a temporary reduction in the civil complement, results of which are as above.

WORKS

31. All approved New Works and repairs and Maintenance items for the current financial year have had their respective authorisations (requisitions) issued. In addition, supplementary items to the value of $11,300 have also been approved and authorised by Navy Office for the current Works Programmes.

32. Official residences in the Cairns area are to be inspected by a member of Director of Naval Works staff shortly. Outstanding requirements for these dwellings remain as - site improvement, stormwater drainage, and fencing.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

33. The message delivery service operated by the Army continues to function as efficiently as can reasonably be expected. However, the frustrating delays in message handling inherent in this system continue to occur.

34. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

RECRUITING

35. The Recruiting Staff Officer's report is attached as Annex C.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

36. (a) Brisbane (Windsor) O.F.I.

One issue of 414.46 Tons of F.F.O. was made to USS McKEAN. HMAS ANZAC fuelled from commercial stocks (Ampol issued 243.10 Tons) as no fuelling berth available at Newstead Wharf. ComWorks completed new fences in Rosemount Terrace and Newmarket Road.

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(b) Cairns O.F.I.

No issues of F.F.O. were made from this Installation during the quarter.
No.2 Dieso Tank was replenished ex Tankship "William G. Walkley" on 10.3.72. Quantity of Dieso received938269 gallons. Since replenishment issues of Dieso to H.M.A. Ships totalled 8,354 gallons.

(c) Thursday Island O.F.I.

Issues of Dieso to H.M.A. Ships ex Caltex fuel stocks totalled 17200 gallons.

REFIT, DOCKINGS & REPAIRS

37. (a) T.V. GAYUNDAH completed an Annual Slipping.

(b) HMAS ADROIT carried out an emergency docking at Cairns for repairs to propeller (two 5 bladed propellers fitted).

(c) HMAS SAMARAI commenced refit at Cairns.

(d) HMAS BARRICADE completed Intermediate Docking at Cairns.

(e) A.W.B.432 slipped for periodical slipping.

OVERSEEING AND INSPECTION

38. The inspection at Contractors for general repairs and overhaul of Naval stores and machinery spares, etc. has been maintained. Harbour Tug No.503 has been handed over to Navy. Tug No.504 is still under construction at Slipway Engineering.

WELFARE AND SOCIAL WORK SECTION

39. The Social Workers' report is appended as Annex D.

R.A.N.R.

40. At 31st March, 1972, the unit strength was 58 Officers and 173 sailors. During the period 72 members carried out A.C.T.

P.B.F. CAIRNS

41. P.B.F. Cairns Report of Proceedings as originally received was considered to be incorrectly prepared and has been returned for re-submission. The amended report, when received, will be forwarded separately.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

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ANNEXES: A. Visits of Warships to the Command.

B. Signal Traffic for Q/E 31 March, 1972.

C. Recruiting Report.

D. Social Workers' Report.

E. Intelligence Officer's Report.

F. Movements of Officers.

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ANNEX A TO NOIC Q'LDS LETTER B1-16-14 of 20 APRIL 72.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

SHIP	PORT	DATES
JEPARIT	BRISBANE	2. 1.72 - 2. 1.72
SAMARAI	CAIRNS	7. 1.72
BARBETTE	BRISBANE	20. 1.72 - 25. 1.72
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	21. 1.72 - 24. 1.72
BAYONET	BOWEN	21. 1.72 - 24. 1.72
OVENS	CAIRNS	21. 1.72 - 24. 1.72
BARBETTE	MACKAY	26. 1.72 - 27. 1.72
BAYONET	CAIRNS	28. 1.72 - 2. 2.72
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	28. 1.72 - 6. 2.72
PALUMA	CAIRNS	1. 2.72 - 1. 2.72
BAYONET	THURSDAY ISLAND	8. 2.72 - 10. 2.72
BARBETTE	TOWNSVILLE	10. 2.72 - 11. 2.72
BARRICADE	MACKAY	9. 2.72 - 10. 2.72
BARRICADE	TOWNSVILLE	16. 2.72 - 17. 2.72
LAE	THURSDAY ISLAND	16. 2.72 - 18. 2.72
LADAVA	THURSDAY ISLAND	16. 2.72 - 18. 2.72
BAYONET	CAIRNS	15. 2.72 - 29. 2.72
BARBETTE	MACKAY	15. 2.72 - 15. 2.72
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	16. 2.72 - 3. 3.72
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	17. 2.72 - 27. 2.72
AITAPE	CAIRNS	18. 2.72 - 19. 2.72
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	21. 2.72 - 22. 2.72
BAYONET	THURSDAY ISLAND	26. 2.72 - 27. 2.72
ADROIT	GLADSTONE	29. 2.72 - 29. 2.72
ARCHER	GLADSTONE	29. 2.72 - 29. 2.72
BUCCANEER	GLADSTONE	29. 2.72 - 29. 2.72
BARRICADE	GLADSTONE	29. 2.72 - 29. 2.72
LAE	THURSDAY ISLAND	1. 3.72 - 1. 3.72
ASSAIL	THURSDAY ISLAND	1. 3.72 - 1. 3.72
LADAVA	THURSDAY ISLAND	1. 3.72 - 1. 3.72
USS McKEAN	BRISBANE	1. 3.72 - 8. 3.72
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	2. 3.72 - 3. 3.72

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SHIP	PORT	DATES
BUCCANEER	CAIRNS	2. 3.72 - 3. 3.72
ADROIT	CAIRNS	2. 3.72 - 3. 3.72
ARCHER	CAIRNS	2. 3.72 - 3. 3.72
BOMBARD	CAIRNS	2. 3.72 - 3. 3.72
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	9. 3.72 - 12. 3.72
ASSAIL	THURSDAY ISLAND	15. 3.72 - 16. 3.72
ARCHER	CAIRNS	15. 3.72 - 16. 3.72
ADROIT	CAIRNS	15. 3.72 - 16. 3.72
BAYONET	CAIRNS	15. 3.72 - 16. 3.72
ARCHER	GLADSTONE	17. 3.72 - 23. 3.72
ADROIT	GLADSTONE	17. 3.72 - 23. 3.72
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	23. 3.72
BUCCANEER	CAIRNS	23. 3.72 - 24. 3.72
ADROIT	BUNDABERG	26. 3.72 - 27. 3.72
ARCHER	BUNDABERG	26. 3.72 - 27. 3.72
BUCCANEER	GLADSTONE	26. 3.72 - 27. 3.72
ADROIT	BRISBANE	29. 3.72 -
PALUMA	CAIRNS	27. 3.72 - 5. 4.72

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SIGNAL TRAFFIC FOR QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH 1972

IN TRAFFIC

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
2210	554	128	16	2908

OUT TRAFFIC

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
752	121	58	-	931

GRAND TOTAL

UNCLAS	RESTRICTED	CONFIDENTIAL	SECRET	TOTAL
2962	675	186	16	3839

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RECRUITING STAFF OFFICE

During the quarter, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville).

	ENQUIRY	APPLICATION	ENTRY
General Service	289(118)	123(29)	34(5)
WRANS	329(90)	66(24)	9(4)
Junior Recruits	225(74)	100(28)	40(3)
N.A.A.	197(90)	59(17)	15(-)

Totals for the same quarter last year (Townsville is included in totals)

General Service	338	153	63
WRANS	280	71	33
Junior Recruits	281	145	46
N.A.A.	218	61	20

In addition to the above the following were entered during quarter:

1 Re-entry
2 Junior Musicians
1 Officer Re-entry
9 RANC
1 WRANNS
6 S.L.

The Recruiting staff underwent two changes; Chief Petty Officer CHRISTIE was replaced by WONS BOXALL and P.O. Wran RHODES was replaced by L Wran JOHNSTON in the Brisbane Office. Both replacements have settled down well and maintain the high standard required of recruiting staff members. We now also have a permanent driver - M.E. HATCH.

The Kombi bus has proved a great asset to us, as we now do not have to rely on other transport or other departments, and has so far proved a great success in visits to schools and careers nights.

A successful display was set up at Stanthorpe during the apple and grape festival and all schools in district visited. Response to the display was excellent and an estimated 3,500 persons visited the display. School talks and careers evenings still prove very successful and have instigated many enquiries.

The careers Officer, Townsville, has had a very busy quarter visiting all areas and has certainly proved his worth and his presence in this area benefits the Navy generally.

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QUARTERLY REPORT

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

Period : January, February, March 1972.

WORKLOAD :

1. An extremely high workload is reported for this quarter with 176 active cases compared to 148 cases in the previous quarter. Because of this the two Social Workers have functioned at a less efficient level and there is a considerable backlog of Welfare Reports and investigations. In addition to the pressure of work arising out of actions for the cases, there is the pressure from ships and establishments for a quick reply. An ideal workload for two Social Workers in this setting is 150 cases per quarter.

SOCIAL WORK IN MEDICAL CASES :

2. During this quarter the Social Workers have been involved a great deal in welfare aspects of medical cases - these cases mostly involve sailors who have been chronically disabled and involve lengthy stays in hospitals, civilian and military. Welfare aspects concerns their rehabilitation to civilian life and transfer to civilian authorities, and dealing with the resultant anxiety of parents having to face their son's almost permanent dependence on them. In most cases the sailor had a very satisfactory spell in the Navy and found it difficult to accept that he is medically no longer fit for the Services. This, together with his parent's anxiety has the psychological effect of depressing any rehabilitation unless some support is given, from both Navy and Civilian sources to bridge the gap from Navy to Civilian life. Social Work concerned with these cases means active liaison with the Medical Officer, Sick Bay and the relevant Hospitals and its Social Workers, and with the sailor and his family.

NAVAL WIVES GROUP :

3. The Naval Wives Group continues to be a small but active group with fluid membership. Activities that were decided on during this quarter included :

(a) a talk with discussion, from the Billeting Officer regarding new regulations on removals and housing introduced by the Kerr Committee;

(b) correspondence to relevant authorities with positive results of improvements to Naval accommodation in Brisbane;

(c) picnic for about 30 members of Naval families to a Koala Sanctuary; and

(d) a raffle held at a C.P.O. Mess Tombola Night at HMAS MORETON.

4. Plans for the future include group outings to visiting ships especially aimed at familiarizing the children with their father's work. The group also wishes to work towards some kind of information booklet on Brisbane which could help Naval wives seek out relevant community support, for instance, nurseries or clubs etc. Some tentative discussion was held on establishing an immediate emergency relief loan for Naval Wives of up to $10.

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5. This group of Naval Wives appears to develop as a Self-Help Group from which its members can derive support by discussing mutual problems. It helps towards eliminating some of the isolation from the Community and the Navy which many Navy families experience without the father or husband at home. Social Work at this level aims at preventive work on a wider basis than a one to one relationship and takes the sailors total welfare into consideration. At the same time, Social Work in this way is more economical than on a one to one basis. It may be a thought for the future that similar groups could be formed by the sailors themselves to discuss entitlements and mutual difficulties encountered from their point of view.

MAINTENANCE and HOUSING

6. A review of the Naval housing situation in Brisbane is planned for the next quarter, as well as the introduction by NOIC Qld of a general purpose home maintenance service which has already benefited some families. Strong requests for the continuation of this service have been made by Naval families, especially those where the sailor is not at home. Concentrated requests to the Housing Commission for improvements on Naval Housing in Brisbane, have resulted so far in hot water supplies being replaced, various electrical fittings added, Stoves replaced and other miscellaneous items.

This will be more properly be assessed during the next quarter with the involvement of the Naval Wives Group. Any such improvements to the standards and conditions of Naval Housing , seem to boost the morale of Naval families considerably.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

(Intelligence Section)

PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 1972

INTELLIGENCE

A comprehensive Coastwatching Tour of the Torres Strait was carried out in February by means of H.M.A.S. LAE and H.M.A.S. LADAVA whilst en route from the New Guinea area to Darwin. For the occasion the assistant Intelligence Officer (Civil) was embarked in LAE. This proved of inestimable value as he has had wide experience in the Intelligence Section and has carried out similar tours on the mainland. He briefed the Captain of H.M.A.S. LADAVA who personally contacted four islands in the area.

The presence of P.N.G. members of the R.A.N. on board the Patrol Boats was of interest to the Torres Strait Islanders, but the opinion has been expressed that it would be of greater value if they were completely manned by Europeans particularly as there is increasing trouble with Papuan mainlanders poaching on the fishing grounds in the Torres Strait and exercising what is known as their "traditional rights".

At Bramble Cay Torrest Strait Islanders are to be stationed on a permanent basis to ensure that the poaching of turtles by Papuans, Chinese and Japanese fishing boats is reduced. With the imminent self-government of T.P.N.G. other problems must arise concerning Immigration, Customs, Health and Fisheries.

This tour was the first for some considerable time and in view of this and the above difficulties, it is again emphasised that it is considered preferable for Patrol Boats based on Cairns to become responsible for patrolling this area. The problem of Commonwealth malarial regulations could be resolved by ships companies observing prophylactic treatment as necessary.

SECURITY

A number of new class "C" containers have been received from the Department of Works and the Command now has sufficient classified containers.

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PUBLICITY

Although there was little Naval activity during the quarter which could be used for publicity purposes, co-operation with the media has been maintained. It is considered that the calendars, both singles and those containing six pages, were of excellent public relations value and selected people and organisations numbering almost 700 were presented with them. This does not take into account those distributed through Recruiting channels.

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ANNEX F TO NOIC QLD's letter B1-16-14
dated 20 April, 1972.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS

The following Officers joined the Command on the dates shown:

RANER	LCDR	HAMILL	B.J.	7 FEB	For 2 years FTS
RAN	LEUT	SCOWN	G.	4 JAN	Ex HMAS DERWENT

2. The following Officers carried out A.C.T. during the quarter:

RANR	A/SBLT	COOPER	R.G.	20 FEB - 3 MARCH
RANR	LCDR	PRASSER	S.A.	3 JAN - 15 JAN
RANR	LEUT	McNEILL	N.J.	30 JAN - 11 FEB
RANER	LCDR	BROMBACK	K.A.	7 FEB - 19 FEB

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NOTES: A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.

B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.

C. Circulation lists numbers 2 and 3 are referred to Directors and Heads of Branches.

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3 AUG 1972

The Secretary
Department of the Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 30th June, 1972.

NOIC QUEENSLAND

2. The quarter opened with a return to the office on 4th April following a refreshing four day break over the Easter long weekend. By dint of a combination of deft delegation and affectation of a long face I managed to avoid any official involvements during the period, no mean feat for a NOIC.

3. However I was rapidly put back into harness during the short week that followed with appointments as guest speaker to Southport Rotary, Missions to Seamen Committee Meeting, speaking to the Chairman's report at the Annual General Meeting of the Naval Association Volunteer Younger Set and roaring with the Lions at Ipswich. The arrival of HMNZS WAIKATO (Commander N.R. Win, RNZN) sustained the momentum through the following weekend and South Brisbane Rotary claimed me on the 10th.

4. Mercifully a somewhat more desultory period followed, ensuing to the eve of Anzac Day, a day which was to test severely all my resources of stamina and voice.

5. I had spent the two previous Anzac Days of my tenure in Brisbane but decided to accept the invitation of a country centre to attend in 1972. Mackay proved to be the most convenient as the Friday following Anzac Day was the date of the opening in that city of the Annual Conference of the Queensland branch of the Naval Association of Australia to which I had been invited to attend, as had the departmental Minister, Dr M. Mackay, MHR.

6. My host for Anzac Day was the Mayor of Mackay, Alderman A. Abbott, who has for many years been a leading member of the R.S.L., not only in the Mackay district but also at State level. In his late fifties he is a man of remarkable energy and drive and he is widely respected and recognised throughout Queensland for his devotion and commitment to public service. He is a canefarmer by trade but has virtually retired from active business, his past successes having made him financially independent.

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7. The day began at 0330 with a three-quarter mile march from the R.S.L. Hall to the war memorial for the Dawn Service. Over 1000 marched, which is a remarkable number considering the size of the city. The service was standard and was followed by a return to the R.S.L. for "refreshments". Having been well dined and wined the previous evening I was ill equipped to face at 0430 what I was offered; with a robustly gratuitous invitation to "..... get this into you, Commander", I was handed a Rum and milk and a meat pie! I settled for a small beer; anything less would have risked outraged derision and a serious loss of face.

8. The Anzac Day march followed at 0900 and I joined members of the Naval Association contingent. It is the custom in Mackay for the saluting dais to be unmanned: it is occupied solely by a cross and a soldier's helmet. The march was held in sparkling weather and it appeared the whole town had lined the route. I was particularly refreshed, and my vanity fortified, by a remark passed by a young lady in abandoned dress who asked, "Who's the good sort in white?"

9. Following the march I attended a luncheon in the R.S.L. Hall at which I delivered the Anzac Day address. The luncheon was attended by most people claiming status as a local dignitary, the most notable being Senator Ian Wood and Dr. R. Patterson, MHR.

10. Following the luncheon Alderman Abbott requested I join him in his visits to two outlying centres, Mirani and Marion. Both are hamlets some thirty and twenty miles respectively west of Mackay and lie in the district where the Mayor grew up. He makes a point of attending their Anzac celebrations every year.

11. Mirani consists of a public house (the Commercial, needless to say), a Mechanics Institute, Post Office and a peculiar establishment called "The Cane Grass Boutique" which on close examination appeared to be featuring crinoline and lace this year. It also purveyed hurricane lamps.

12. Notwithstanding its shortage of facilities the Mirani district is long on patriotism and fecundity: some three hundred people including over one hundred and seventy children had foregathered to watch forty or so somewhat nervous Diggers march. This seemed to me to be an unfair imbalance so aided by the powerful persuasion of an icecream and a goffa on completion I inclined the children to participate, which they did with great gusto and almost regimental efficiency astern of one Mayor, one NOIC and the Mirani Thistle Pipe Band! The proprietor of the Canegrass, which I discovered also doubled as the lollyshop, was set awash with emotion by the children and donated the icecreams, etc. thus rendering me safe from bankruptcy.

13. A reception in the Mechanics Institute followed, the essential ingredients being hearty CWA fare, interminable speeches and "Harmony", a peculiarly Queensland custom of solo singer to entertain, in this particular case a sturdy soprano in gingham and bun who launched "Come into the Garden, Maud" with rural brio and more than a tinge of Wagnerian zest.

14. I left Mirani at 2200 thinking the day was over but Alderman Abbott steered me to Marion RSL Hall where a further reunion was in progress. We were greeted with a standing ovation and the Mirani Thistle Pipe Band, now somewhat unsteady, who marched us in to "A Scottish Soldier", an incongruous

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melody for a Welsh sailor. The same CWA fare was evident as at Mirani and the speeches were by now gale force, but I was cheered to observe that "Harmony" was more finely proportioned than her Mirani cousin and that the echoes of her youth were not as yet entirely extinguished.

15. I retired to bed some twenty-four hours after rising amazed at the stamina and capacity for beer of the rural Queenslander but also charmed by their simple but strong devotion to the services and their memories of them. Without any twinge of conscience I took the day off to recover but spoke to Rotary early evening as guest speaker.

16. The Minister, accompanied by Mrs Mackay and two members of his staff arrived in Mackay late afternoon of Friday, 28th, and the first official function of the Naval Association Conference was a reception hosted by the City in honour of the Minister, all delegates and other conference guests. I think the Minister and his party may have gained something of an insight into the manner of my experiences on Anzac Day.

17. The Conference formally opened the following morning with a "Splice the Mainbrace", drunk of a particularly corrosive and wildly overproof variety of local rum that has been nurtured in cask for the past eighteen years. The Minister looked surprised and then delighted when he was presented with a bottle with which to threaten the Board!

18. In the evening the Naval Association of Mackay hosted a reception for the guests which they combined with the Coral Sea commemoration. The Minister was guest speaker. The following morning a memorial service and wreath laying took place which was attended, as well as by the Minister and myself, by the ship's company of HMAS BAYONET (Lieutenant J. Hart, R.A.N.). I returned to Brisbane immediately following the commemoration service and proceeded on leave for fourteen days. I needed it.

19. The remainder of May was relatively quiet. In company with the command Civil Secretary and Accountant, Mr L. McLean, I proceeded to Canberra on 23rd for discussions regarding the development of HMAS MORETON as a base for the LCH's currently under construction at Walkers Ltd., Maryborough. This was a valuable visit as it clarified in my mind what was possible in terms of facilities to be provided against time scale and I returned to Brisbane reasonably confident that the depot can be made suitable for the task.

20. The only other engagements of note during May were attendance at the presentation of colours by the Minister of the Army, The Honourable K.C. Katter, MHR to 49th Battalion RQR at Wacol Barracks and the following day participation in my honorary capacity as a Vice President in a United Service Institute Seminar at Enoggera Barracks entitled "The Military Prospect for the Next Decade".

21. On the last day of the month HMS HYDRA, (Captain D. Haslam, OBE, RN), entered the port and berthed alongside HMAS MORETON to begin a three week visit. The usual social amenities ensued.

22. June was dominated by Sea Cadet Unit annual inspections commencing with the metropolitan round on 2nd at T.S. PALUMA, STAFFORD; the following day T.S. GAYUNDAH, HMAS MORETON and T.S. TYALGUM, SOUTHPORT, with completion at T.S. MAGNUS, the closed unit at the Church of England Grammar School, on Monday 5th. T.S. GAYUNDAH showed considerable improvement from the previous year and was the best of the four units.

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23. On 9 June in company with Lieutenant G. Scown, R.A.N., the Staff Officer Cadets, I proceeded to Cairns where the following day I inspected T.S. ENDEAVOUR. This unit displayed a considerable improvement also. Part of the reason may be the rejuvenation of the Navy League in Cairns after many years of virtual inactivity. In the evening both Lieutenant Scown and myself attended a cabaret hosted by the League. The function was well attended and leading citizens of the city were present which augurs well for T.S. ENDEAVOUR's future wellbeing.

24. On the 13th I proceeded to Townsville and attended the opening of the Annual State Conference of the R.S.L. The Conference was opened by the Governor, His Excellency, Air Marshall Sir Colin Hannah, K.B.E., C.B. and opening speeches were delivered by the Minister for Repatriation, The Honourable R. McN. Holden, M.P. and the Minister for the Army, The Honourable K.C. Katter, M.H.R. Senator V.R. Gair also attended. In the evening a reception was hosted by the R.S.L.

25. The following day I flew to Mackay and in the evening inspected T.S. PIONEER. This unit has suffered some internal upheavals and personality problems between the unit staff and the Navy League, but these now appear to have been resolved and I am confident the unit will soon achieve its former high standards.

26. On 15th I was informed of the unfortunate death of EMWR R.G. Smith R105462 of HMAS BAYONET. The parents requested a service funeral in Gladstone the next day which was, of course, impractical but as I was to inspect T.S. ROCKHAMPTON on the day following the funeral I proceeded to Gladstone in company with Lieutenant Scown and attended the obsequies, along with four sailors from HMAS MORETON. Mr and Mrs Smith were still deeply shocked by the tragedy and a degree embittered but Mr Smith expressed his appreciation of the consideration his family had received from the R.A.N., particularly the attendance of uniformed personnel.

27. I returned to Rockhampton that afternoon, 16 June, and in the evening attended a barbeque hosted by the Commanding Officer of T.S. ROCKHAMPTON SC Lieutenant S. Cook. Many members of the Navy League attended and it was apparent that this unit, struggling to get on its feet, is now beginning to receive the local support that it will need in order to prosper.

28. I returned to Brisbane immediately after the inspection but the following Friday, 23rd, proceeded to Bundaberg to inspect T.S. BUNDABERG the next day. This unit has made remarkable progress under the energetic leadership of the Commanding Officer SC Lieutenant B. Boneham. He is backed by a vigorous territorial branch of the Navy League. The fund raising efforts of this branch have been prodigious but made somewhat easier by the proprietor of the Lighthouse Hotel at Burnett Heads who has been raffling a six pack of stubbies in aid of Sea Cadets for as long as I can remember. I have personally won the raffle on at least six occasions but have never been permitted to collect my prize! The pack is now thick with dust.

29. The unit put on its usual busy performance for my inspection and it will be hard to beat this year for the best unit in the State. I returned to Brisbane immediately after the inspection.

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30. The inspection of T.S. CORAL SEA at Townsville was scheduled for 1 July so I took the opportunity when so close to visit the P.B.F. Cairns and flew to that city on 29th. The Minister and Mrs Mackay arrived in the city that same evening to spend some days holidaying. The following morning the Minister visited the P.B.F. and spent some two hours in interesting discussions with the O.I.C., LCDR G. Burrell, RAN, COMAUSPABRONONE, LCDR M.H. Aston, RAN and myself regarding the various facets of Patrol Boat operations in Queensland waters and possibilities for the future.

31. I departed Cairns that afternoon, the last day of the month, and proceeded to Townsville to carry out the last Sea Cadet Inspection for the year.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO THE COMMAND

32. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT

33. The New Farm establishment has operated efficiently throughout the quarter. Ship visits were average for the period and Coral Sea week, although ceremonially reduced by the non-arrival of a U.S. Destroyer, was satisfactorily conducted. Work in the latter half of the quarter has been directed towards the biennial inspection by the F.O.C.E.A.

34. Notable amongst the visit was the 24 day self maintenance period including engine change by HMS HYDRA. HYDRA and her company enlivened MORETON, thoroughly enjoyed their stay, and are planning to return.

HMAS ADROIT AND T.S. GAYUNDAH

35. No problems of note have arisen in respect of ADROIT or attached craft throughout the quarter.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

36. The Medical Officer's Journal is shown at Annex D.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF

37. Personnel: The Branch has been working two below strength and one below the staff ceiling which remained unchanged following a review by Navy Office in June, 1972.

38. Work flow has remained adequate in view of this, with all administrative sections (the areas affected) coping with their work load.

WORKS

39. Expenditure authorised locally on Repairs and Maintenance, Minor New Works and Furniture and Fittings totalled an estimated $18,500.00 out of an allocation of $20,850.00 for the 1971/72 Financial Year.

40. Local delegation allocations under the above headings for the 1972/73 Financial Year totalling $31,000.00 were issued by Navy Office prior to 30th

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June, 1972. An amount of $5,400.00 still remains to be issued to align allocations with approved programme estimates.

41. No requisition for approved major items have as yet been issued by Navy Office.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

42. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

RECRUITING

43. The Recruiting Staff Officer's report is attached as Annex C.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

44. The Technical Officer's report is attached as Annex F.

CADET STAFF OFFICE

45. The Cadet Staff Officer's report is attached as Annex E.

R.A.N.R.

46. At 30th June, 1972, the unit strength was 57 Officers and 161 sailors. During the period 67 members carried out A.C.T.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

ANNEXES: A. Visits of Warships to the Command.
B. Signal Traffic for Q/E 30th June, 1972.
C. Recruiting Report.
D. Medical Officer's Journal.
E. Cadet Staff Office Report.
F. Technical Officer's Report.

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DATED

SHIP VISITS TO QUEENSLAND PORTS

SHIP	PORT	DATES
BARRICADE	GLADSTONE	1 - 5 APRIL
BOMBARD	CAIRNS	2 - 5 APRIL
LAE	CAIRNS	2 - 5 APRIL
BARRICADE	BRISBANE	7 - 9 APRIL
BOMBARD	BRISBANE	7 - 9 APRIL
BAYONET	CAIRNS	9 - 22 APRIL
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	12 - 17 APRIL
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	13- 18 APRIL
ADVANCE	BRISBANE	15 - 19 APRIL
BARRICADE	THURSDAY ISLAND	19 - 21 APRIL
ADVANCE	CAIRNS	21 - 22 APRIL
ASSAIL	KARUMBA	22 - 23 APRIL
ADVANCE	THURSDAY ISLAND	24 - 26 APRIL
BARRICADE	TOWNSVILLE	24 - 26 APRIL
ASSAIL	THURSDAY ISLAND	25 - 26 APRIL
BAYONET	BUNDABERG	23 - 25 APRIL
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	26 APRIL - 8 MAY
BUCCANEER	BRISBANE	28 APRIL - 1 MAY
BAYONET	MACKAY	28 APRIL - 1 MAY
BARBETTE	TOWNSVILLE	28 APRIL - 1 MAY
SAMARAI	TOWNSVILLE	28 APRIL - 1 MAY
PARRAMATTA	BRISBANE	1 - 6 MAY
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	2 - 10 MAY
SAMARAI	CAIRNS	2 -
BAYONET	CAIRNS	2 -
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	5 - 9 MAY
BARRICADE	TOWNSVILLE	9 - 15 MAY
BARBETTE	TOWNSVILLE	8 - 10 MAY
BARBETTE	MACKAY	11 MAY
DIAMANTINA	CAIRNS	12-15 MAY
BAYONET	THURSDAY ISLAND	12-15 MAY
BARBETTE	BRISBANE	13-15 MAY
BARBETTE	MACKAY	17-18 MAY

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SHIP	PORT	DATES
BAYONET	CAIRNS	17 - 24 MAY
BARRICADE	CAIRNS	18 MAY - 6 JUNE
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	18 - 24 MAY
ASSAIL	WEIPA	19 - 20 MAY
PALUMA	THURSDAY ISLAND	19 - 22 MAY
ASSAIL	CAIRNS	22 - 23 MAY
ASSAIL	BRISBANE	27 - 30 MAY
BAYONET	MACKAY	29 - 30 MAY
PALUMA	CAIRNS	30 - 31 MAY
BARBETTE	CAIRNS	31 MAY
BAYONET	CAIRNS	31 MAY - 8 JUNE
HMS HYDRA	BRISBANE	2 - 26 JUNE
PARRAMATTA	TOWNSVILLE	9 - 13 JUNE
BAYONET	BOWEN	9 - 13 JUNE
ARCHER	BRISBANE	21 - 22 JUNE
CURLEW	CAIRNS	30 JUNE - 3 JULY
TEAL	CAIRNS	30 JUNE - 3 JULY
BARRICADE	BRISBANE	25 JUNE - 30 JUNE
SNIPE	BRISBANE	28 JUNE - 4 JULY

TOTAL SHIP VISITS TO QUEENSLAND PORTS DURING PERIOD UNDER REPORT = 52

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ANNEX B TO NOIC QUEENSLAND LETTER B1-16-4
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MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE,
NAVY OFFICE,
5-7 EDWARD STREET,
BRISBANE.
Q.L.D.

TRAFFIC REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING 30th JUNE 1972.

TRAFFIC "IN"		TRAFFIC "OUT"	
UNCLASSIFIED	2894	UNCLASSIFIED	950
RESTRICTED	718	RESTRICTED	150
CONFIDENTIAL	91	CONFIDENTIAL	38
SECRET	11	SECRET	NIL
TOTAL "IN"	3714	TOTAL "OUT"	1138

GRAND TOTAL.....4852

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ANNEX C TO NOIC QLD LETTER B1-16-4
DATED 3 AUGUST, 1972.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

TELEPHONE: 31 1031

IN REPLY QUOTE SNJ:GMY
Ref: ROP 3/72

Naval Careers Office,
130 Mary Street,
BRISBANE 4000

14th July, 1972

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
QUEENSLAND

(Copy to: Directof of Naval Recruiting Canberra)

REPORT OF PROCEEDING - QUEENSLAND COMMAND

References: (a) NOIC Temp Memo 14/72 dated 10JUL72
(b) RI Appendix 29A.

By RSO

During the quarter, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville)

	Enquiries	Applications	Entry
General Service	208(43)	109(10)	22(4)
WRANS	322(75)	64(23)	10(5)
Junior Recruits	157(29)	85(14)	31(5)
N.A.A.	131(23)	62(6)	--

Totals for the same quarter last year

General Service	177(30)	84(17)	57(3)
WRANS	215(72)	48(7)	4(1)
Junior Recruits	145(35)	73(12)	44(7)
N.A.A.	118(38)	32(6)	--

In addition to the above the following were entered during quarter.
4 Re-entry
3 Junior Musicians
1 Trade Entry
1 RANNS
1 MID SL

The RSO attended the Recruiting Conference in Canberra April 17-19th. This was of great value and most of the suggestions arising from the conference are being put into operation. The approved increase in Recruiting compliment will allow the formation of a separate Promotional team which will be able to make good use of the groundwork laid throughout the State by the present encumbents. It has always been difficult to man the office and also provide outside counselling and displays in the vast area of responsibility.

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Nevertheless in this quarter, inaddition to normal visits in the Brisbane metropolitan area, a successful display was conducted in Monto during the annual Dairy Festival from 5th - 10th June. As well Careers nights were attended in Cooroy, Gympie, Stanthorpe, Tenterfield, Warwick, Toowoomba, Ipswich and Bundamba.

RSO and staff represented NOIC QLD at Warwick and Cooroy on Anzac Day 1972 and these visits were extremely useful in providing contact with area representatives and Principals of Secondary Schools.

The Townsville office has had a most successful quarter and, apart from normal processing, there have been extensive tours of the North and West as far as Mt. Isa.

Although numbers of entrants were down on last years quarter ending 30th June there has been a marked increase in enquiries and applications for processing and this should be reflected in next quarters figures.

(G.M. YOUNG)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN
NAVAL CAREERS OFFICER, QUEENSLAND

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ANNEX D TO NOIC QLD LETTER B1-16-4 DATED 3 AUGUST, 1972.

M E D I C A L O F F I C E R ' S J O U R N A L.

H.M.A.S. MORETON.

PERIOD:- 1st APRIL, 1972 to 30th JUNE, 1972.

AVERAGE NUMERICAL STRENGTH OF SHIP'S COMPANY:- 90.

OTHER SHIPS AND NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER MY MEDICAL CARE DURING THE PERIOD:-

HMAS ADROIT, FROM 1st APRIL, 1972 to 30th JUNE, 1972.
PBF CAIRNS, FROM 1st APRIL, 1972 to 30th JUNE. 1972.
LCH PROJECT ADVANCE PARTY, FROM 1st APRIL, 1972 to 30th JUNE, 1972.

NAME AND RANK OF MEDICAL OFFICER RENDERING JOURNAL:-

Gryffydd K. ROBERTS,
LEUT RMSG,
R.A.N.V.R. D.N.M.O.(Q).

DATE OF MY PRESENT POSTING:- 1st JULY, 1968.

EMERGENCY CALLS DURING THE SILENT HOURS:-

LEUT RMSG	G.K.	ROBERTS,	26 Kirkdale Rd., Chapel Hill, BRISBANE, QLD., 4068. PHONE: 78 2069.
POSBA AVMD	J.E.R.	WOODFORDE, R57819.	F7/28 Oxenham St., Toombul, BRISBANE, QLD., 4012. PHONE: (to be advised).
LSBA X	M.C.	FISHBOURNE, R65076.	43 Oakmere St., Nudgee, BRISBANE, QLD., 4014. PHONE: 60 5642.

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a. DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP:- Four new offices have been built into the space adjoining the RAHR Comcentre, originally to house a Electronic Display, as a Headquarters for AUSLANCRON ONE. Nil other alterations since my last report.

b. SANITATION:- Satisfactory.

c. GENERAL HEALTH OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY:- Mainly very good, however some cases of special note were:-

1) A/POEME D. STEPHENS, P72342 (HMAS MELBOURNE) apparently continues to remain static with his Laryngeal Carcinoma and is due for review and resurvey 19.7.72.

2) ERA3 E.J. GRAY, R45[illegible] (HMAS PERTH) continues, as in my last report, with improvement and rehabilitation at Taringa. He has had his G.B.C. claim accepted as a responsibility and is apparently to continue with us until mid September, 72.

3) LCDR W.W. O'LOUGHLIN, R.A.N.E.H. (HMAS MORETON) continues with his convalescence although he returned to duty 8.5.72. A suspected wound infection caused him to be Sick on Shore for two weeks from 1.6.72. He appears to be slowly returning to good health.

4) JRME J.C. APELT, R110157 (HMAS VAMPIRE) was discharged to Light Duty 2.6.72 for continued daily physiotherapy at 1 Mil Hosp.

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6) POME H. BROADY, R41124 (HMAS VAMPIRE) was admitted 1 Mil Hosp 19.5.72 for Head Injury observations (following a fracas ashore), after absconding from Royal Brisbane Hospital Casualty the previous evening, and discharged to duty 23.5.72.

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8) MED L.F. BARRETT, R 96014 (HMAS MORETON) was Sick on Shore 17.6.72 to 19.6.72, transferred to 1 Mil Hosp for Acute Gastritis. Investigation disclosed a Hiatus Hernia and he was discharged to duty (under supervision) 23.6.72.

9) J.R. P.J. BRITTON, R111422 (HMAS LEEUWIN) reported Sick on Shore with Acute Appendicitis, was admitted 1 Mil Hosp 2266.72.to 30.6.72 where he underwentam Appendicectomy and was subsequently discharged to fourteen days Sick Leave and Duty on 30.6.72.

10) ERAA B.V. WHEBELL, R107614 (HMAS DARWIN) was admitted to Princess Alexandra Hospital Hospital 29.6.72 with Acute Appendicitis and transferred to 1 Mil Hosp 29.6.72 where his condition subsided. He is still in 1 Mil Hosp and is shortly to undergo an elective appendicectomy.

11) LMED D.R. McNEILL, R63265 (HMAS SNIPE) was taken to Royal Brisbane Hospital by Civil Ambulance (in the absence of a SBA rate) 30.6.72 after falling down the Engineroom ladder aboard Snipe. Following full spinal x-rays at R.B.H., he was transferred to 1 Mil Hosp 30.6.72 where he is currently under skin traction for Ac ute Musculare Bruising to the right side of his back.

12) MED D.R. ROACH, R66445 (HMAS DERWENT) was admitted 1 Mil Hosp 30.6.72 after falling off a Motorcycle, sustaining a Compound Fracture Left Index Finger, and Lacerations to the Left Leg, Knee and Foot.

d. SPECIAL HEALTH PRECAUTIONS:- Nil.

e. FOOD AND COOKING:- Remains a very high standard.

f. MESS GEAR CLEANLINESS:- Satisfactory.

g. DRINKING WATER, MILK AND AIR EXAMINATIONS:- Nil.

h. OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS AND EPIDEMIC DISEASES:- Nil except for a few minor cases of Gastro-enteritis.

i. IMMUNISATION:- Routine requirements only were administered.

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j. HEALTH LECTURES TO SHIP'S COMPANY:- Given to RANR personnel by RANR Medical Staff.

k. DENTAL:- Mr. A.C. Booth continues to render a prompt and very satisfactory service according to regulation scale of fees.

l. RESEARCH WORK UNDERTAKEN:- Nil.

m. SUGGESTIONS:- SICK BAY COMPLEMENT - a letter is being sent to Navy Office recommending that the Sick Berth Staff, per complement, be altered from:

1 LSBA and 1 SBA,

to: 1 POSBA and 2 SBA.

n. WORK OF THE SICK BERTH STAFF:- POSBA J.E.R. Woodforde continues to provide a very high standard of service considering he is the only full time member of the Sick Berth Staff.
LSBA M.C. Fishbourne joined us 19.6.72 (from Nirimba) to relieve SBA D. Bellingham at Recruiting, prior to Bellinghams posting to Stalwart 26.6.72.
SBA D. Bellingham showedaa readiness to cooperate with the duties of Sick Bay and especially in the absence of POSBA Woodforde on leave, coped reasonably well.

o. MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION:- Documentation for all PNF and RANR personnel is now held, except for recent postings.

p. RETURN OF HEARING STANDARDS:- 126 audiograms were performed during the quarter. All audiograms performed were Standard 1.

q. LIST OF OPERATIONS PERFORMED:- Nil.

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11. SUBMITTED:- ..... (G.K. Roberts),
LEUT RMSG, RANVR,
D.N.M.O.(Q).

12. FORWARDED:- ..... (A.a'H. Evans),
CMDR RLEX O,
N.O.I.C.(Q).

ANNEX E TO NOIC QLD LETTER B1-16-4
DATED 3 AUGUST, 1972.

CADET STAFF OFFICE - REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL - JUNE, 1972.

1. During the month of April the following visits to Sea Cadet Units were made by the Staff Officer Cadets:

T.S. ROCKHAMPTON	15-18th April
T.S. PIONEER	18-21st April
T.S. CORAL SEA	21-23rd April
	and 27-28th April
T.S. ENDEAVOUR	28-30th April
T.S. PALUMA	5th April (Meeting of Welfare Committee).

2. On the weekend of the 5th-7th May, a training weekend for the officers, instructors and selected senior cadets of T.S. BUNDABERG was conducted at the Unit by the Staff Officer Cadets and Staff Training Petty Officer.

3. During May the Staff Training Petty Officer visited Units as follows:

T.S. PALUMA	19th May
T.S. GAYUNDAH	20th May
T.S. TYALGUM	20th May
T.S. PIONEER	23-25th May
T.S. CORAL SEA	25-27th May
T.S. ENDEAVOUR	27-31st May
T.S. ROCKHAMPTON	31st May - 4th June

4. The Staff Officer Cadets visited T.S. PALUMA on the 19th May.

5. In June the Staff Stores Sailor visited T.S. TYALGUM on the 7th June and the Staff Training Petty Officer visited T.S. BUNDABERG on the 9th and 10th June.

6. Annual inspections of all Units were carried out in June by NOIC QLD accompanied by the Staff Officer Cadets. These inspections are covered elsewhere in the report.

7. Parties of six cadets went to sea for sea training in the Reserve Training Ship T.V. GAYUNDAH as follows:

Six Cadets (T.S. PALUMA)	21-23rd April
Six Cadets (T.S. BUNDABERG)	12-14th May
Six Cadets (T.S. TYALGUM)	9-12th June
Six Cadets (T.S. GAYUNDAH)	23-25th June

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8. Cadets from T.S. MAGNUS, PALUMA and GAYUNDAH were given conducted tours of HMAS PARRAMATTA and HMS HYDRA while the ships were in Brisbane in May and June respectively.

9. Four cadets from T.S. MAGNUS joined PARRAMATTA for passage from Brisbane to Sydney.

10. A party of thirty cadets spent a day at sea in HMS HYDRA when the ship sailed from BRISBANE.

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TECHNICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Fuellings and Oil Fuel Installations

(a) Brisbane (Windsor) O.F.I.

No issues of F.F.O. were made from this Installation during the Quarter.

Although the D.N.W. Requisition has been issues for the repainting of Tanks and Pipelines COMWORKS have not yet commenced this project.

(b) Cairns O.F.I.

One issue of 278.38 Tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS DIAMANTINA.

Dieso Bunkers to HMA Ships totalled 68206 gallons.

(c) Thursday Island O.F.I.

Issues of Dieso to HMA Ships ex Caltex fuel stocks totalled 27875 gallons.

2. Refits, Dockings and Repairs.

(a) HMAS ADROIT completed an intermediate slipping at Pete's Slip Pty Ltd on 20 April, 1972.

(b) AWB.431 slipped on 17 April for inspection only as this vessel is considered unsafe and is not to be used in accordance with ACNB's 160648Z June 71. (Disposal instructions have been requested from Navy Office).

(c) T.V. GAYUNDAH, AWB.432 - Minor repairs only carried out.

(d) HMAS BARBETTE commenced refit at Cairns.

3. Overseeing and Inspection

The inspection at Contractor's for general repairs and overhaul of Naval stores and machinery spares, etc., has been maintained.

Construction of 3 in number Radio Controlled Surface Targets by Perihelion Pty Ltd has commenced.

Construction of S.H.T.504 expected completion date Mid August.

Volume of Repair work increased considerably over last six weeks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

HMAS N.O.I.C. QLD. Report of Proceedings Q.L. 30 SEPT. 1972

AS(NS) 27/10.

D of O ~~27/10~~

~~DCNP~~ DCNS

1NM ~~RP~~ RP 30/10

2NM You may be interested in the Social Workers report on Cairns which seems to belie other reports

3NM ~~Lt 9/11~~ Brisbane is taking an active interest, & it is planned to have an 'on call' social worker employed locally - it would certainly be cost effective above the air passages from Brisbane. 1/11

4NM 17/11

SECRETARY 17/11

C of S 20/11

DPR 21/11

AS(NS) ~~(NS55)~~ 4/12/72.

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NOTES:
A. This copy is circulated so that Board Members may see these reports soon after they reach Navy Office.
B. The report will be given again to Board Members with Director's comments if there is any matter of special interest in those comments.
C. Circulation lists numbers 2 and 3 are referred to Directors and Heads of Branches.
D. If any matter requires comprehensive treatment on reference to another Branch a new file should be raised, a suitable note being made above.

26/10/72.

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MINUTE PAPER

(This side only to be written on)

Subject: NOIC QLD REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS Q.E. 30 SEPTEMBER 1972.

CNSW 1171/11

By DFSD

Reference: NOIC QLD letter B1/16/14 dated 24 October 1972.

1. With regard to paragraph 35 of the Reference it has been established that a previous submission for refrigeration was refused on the grounds that MORTON is a non victualled establishment. EVANS has been advised to re-apply on the grounds of a requirement for refrigeration from the mess/recreation area point of view and also on the grounds that refrigeration space is required for the temporary storage of landed provisions from ADROIT during the periods between RANR training courses. It is expected that such a re-submission would succeed.

10 Nov. 72

DFSD

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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TELEPHONE: 311611
Box 1416, G.P.O., Brisbane, Q.
IN REPLY QUOTE
B1-16-14

Naval Staff Office
Edward Street
BRISBANE. Q. 4000.

24 OCT 1972

The Secretary
Department of the Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 30 September, 1972.

NOIC QUEENSLAND.

2. The quarter opened with the annual inspection on 1 July of T.S. CORAL SEA in Townsville. A degree of sadness attached to the inspection as it marked the last day of service of the unit's Commanding Officer SCLEUT J. Hopkins. Lieutenant Hopkins' retirement completed five years of service as the unit Commanding Officer during which time he had devoted himself selflessly to its interests. Even if at times irascible and designedly vague, he brought T.S. CORAL SEA to a high standard and his efforts were recognised by promotion the following day to the rank of Sea Cadet Lieutenant Commander. His place was taken by SCLEUT B.C. Brennan an ex Fleet Air Arm Observer and relatively recent arrival in Townsville. It will be interesting to see how Lieutenant Brennan's fiery Irish temperament and energy compounds with the relaxed attitude of the north Queenslander.

3. I returned to Brisbane the following day and two days later, on the fourth, joined the U.S. Consul, Mr Jack Friedman, in the roof garden of the Crest Hotel in recognising the 196th anniversary of the Great Republic's birth. Mr Friedman's annual celebrations are always well attended; for, whilst the culinary offerings at Uncle Sam's birthday can best be described as "crook", the Old Grandad flows like the Mississippi!

4. The following day HMAS SUPPLY (Captain V.A. Parker, R.A.N.) entered the port for a three day visit and a very pleasant reception was held on board in the evening.

5. On 6 July I was invited to attend the ceremonies surrounding the Presentation of His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester's Cup to No.2 Squadron at RAAF, Amberley. The Squadron staged an impressive parade and the cup was presented by the Service Minister, Senator Drake-Brockman.

6. A quiet week followed but it was brought to a vital end by another consular function, the observance of Greek National Independence on July 12.

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The Greeks are represented in Brisbane by a Mr Alex Freeleagus, a personable bachelor attorney of impeccable hellenic descent and, in keeping with Grecian joi de vive, his function was a rowdy affair with the strains of Zorba plundering the public peace and ouzo and highly spiced Mousaka plundering the digestive stability. The Queensland diplomatic corps is nothing if not enthusiastic.

7. On Tuesday, 25 July, the FOCEA Rear Admiral W.D.H. Graham, C.B.E. arrived in Brisbane and in the evening inspected the Brisbane Port Division of the RANR, Captain O.M. May, O.B.E., A.D.C., RANR. There was a good turnout of Reservists and the Admiral seemed pleased with their work.

8. The following day was the turn of HMAS MORETON with Admiral Graham's inspection commencing at the Staff Office, Edward Street, followed by Divisions and inspection at New Farm. Once again the Admiral appeared satisfied with the standard of dress and with the appearance and condition of the depot.

9. The closing weekend of the month was occupied with the arrival and attendant functions of HMAS DUCHESS (Commander J. St.B. More, R.A.N.).

10. On the 2 August in company with the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command and the Air Officer Commanding, Amberley, I attended on His Excellency Air Marshall Sir Colin Hannah, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B. at the official opening of the Queensland State Parliament. This is always a short but nonetheless impressive ceremony and the new Governor happily, like his predecessor, believes in short speeches. The opening was followed by a garden party in the grounds of Parliament House.

11. A busy two weeks followed commencing on the 4th with another consular function, again a reception to mark a national milestone, this time hosted by Mr A. Campbell in favour of the Republic of Bolivia. Despite close inquiry, Mr Campbell's duties remain somewhat of a mystery to me but he did confide at the reception that he recently was involved in the export of one cadaver, lately a Paraguayan pimp active in King's Cross, and the deportation of the bevy of importunate young ladies he controlled. All this to a background of Mariarchi which I later learned was the National anthem! That evening Mrs Evans and myself were the guests of the Lord Mayor at his annual Ball.

12. On the morning of 8 August I attended the trooping of the Regimental Colour of the Eighth Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment at Enoggera Barracks. This is one of the most impressive parades I have ever witnessed and was carried out in unseasonably hot conditions. Mrs Evans and myself were later guests of the regiment at morning tea.

13. The next day His Excellency the Governor accepted my invitation for a day's seatime in Moreton Bay aboard HMAS ADROIT. His Excellency had complained of unexpectedly heavy calls on his time and a day incommunicado with the Navy appealed to him. The weather was perfect and the Governor thoroughly enjoyed himself even though we engaged at length in an argument regarding the merits of Naval Air Power. I regret to report he remained unrepentant.

14. On the evening of 11 August Mrs Evans and myself attended a reception on board the Japanese Merchant Marine training vessel the TAISEI MARU. She was an interesting ship and the Captain and his officers were most gracious hosts.

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After a quick change we went on to join the official party at the United Services Club Ball.

15. The following week I commenced fourteen days leave but was forced to punctuate it with attendances at several functions surrounding the Annual Exhibition, the most important being the official opening performed by the Governor at midday on the 16th.

16. I returned to the office on 28 August and three days later, the last working day of the month, attended the Governor's annual Garden Party which is noted for its provision of mountainous portions of strawberries and cream. I suspect that a considerable number of diets lie in ruins at the end of the day.

17. On 1 September the Minister, The Honourable Dr Malcolm McKay, M.H.R. visited HMAS MORETON. He inspected the establishment during the forenoon and after luncheon in the Wardroom he delivered a presentation on the DDL project to the press and other naval interested personages. A total of about fifty attended and the presentation provoked great interest.

18. September proved to be a quiet month overall but was punctuated by a journey to Mackay on Saturday 9th to carry out the duties of Reviewing Officer at the Combined Cadet Parade. This is an annual competitive affair and attracts a great deal of interest to the cadet corps. The school units of the army were naturally preponderant and the ultimate winner of the shield for parade skills was St. Patrick's College. T.S. PIONEER participated and although not among the prizewinners the unit performed creditably. At the conclusion of the competition I was asked to present the prizes.

19. I returned to Brisbane the following Tuesday after fulfilling two speaking engagements at Sarina and Mackay at the invitation of the two Rotary Clubs.

20. The quarter closed with my attendance at the first function of Navy Week, the Naval Association Ball at Ipswich, a function which proved to be just as folksy as in previous years.

<u>HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT</u>.

21. Preparations for the biennial inspection of the depot by the Flag Officer Commanding East Australia Area of the Royal Australian Naval Reserve on 25th and HMAS MORETON on 26th July overshadowed other occurrences in the early part of the quarter. These included an R.A.N.R. Senior Sailors supper and cabaret on 1st July; a formal presentation of the Naval Annual Journal, 1889, by Sir Samuel Griffiths, to the Norman Pixley Museum at MORETON on 4th July; the visit of HMAS SUPPLY from 5th to 10th July and a wine and cheese party held in the upper storey of MORETON ("SIBERIA") to raise funds for the Naval Association Volunteer Younger Set (NAVYS) on 7th July.

22. The combined inspection by FOCEA of HMAS MORETON and the Royal Australian Naval Reserve was successful. However, the inspection of a Reserve during a training evening and the parent establishment the following day does create a situation where the inspecting officer is unavoidably taken over the same ground twice whilst the establishment, notwithstanding careful preparation, can not look its best the morning after a Reserve training evening, even though the sailors turn-to at daybreak to finish off preparations.

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23. The quarter was punctuated by various visiting authorities in connection with the development of the depot as an L.C.H. Base.

24. Ship visits were average and the arrangements for these visits worked well.

25. Towards the end of August HMAS ADROIT sailed for Sydney to start the second biennial refit of the ship. This is in progress.

26. On Friday, 1st September the Honourable the Minister for the Navy walked round HMAS MORETON and later addressed a press conference attended by about 50 personnel.

27. The annual promotion examination of the Queensland Police took place on 5-6th September when roughly 300 police undertook written examinations in "Siberia".

28. Towards the end of the quarter activities were directed mainly to Navy Week. In this connection it is planned to hold the Maritime Supper Dance in aid of the Missions to Seamen in HMAS MORETON on 6th October. Once again, "Siberia" will need transformation.

HMAS ADROIT and T.S. GAYUNDAH

29. ADROIT's refit, now in progress, is going to schedule whilst GAYUNDAH, notwithstanding old age, operates successfully.

LCH PROJECT

30. The LCH project has now emerged from its twilight era during many months onto a bright and clearly defined pathway, with the decision conveyed in Defence Letter of 24 March, 1972, that all LCH's would be manned by Naval personnel.

31. The HMAS MORETON component of the LCH Project, consisting of one LCDR (EX), one CPOCOX, one ERA(D)1 and one EM(C) who had taken part in the proving voyage of BALIKPAPAN in April was again aboard during the post-modification Trials in Hervey Bay. CPOCOX J.E. Doyle took passage in the ship on its delivery voyage to Sydney and was subsequently employed in RANTAU in correcting and updating the User Hand Book and Planned Maintenance Schedules. The engineering and electrical sailors have assisted in the production of Training Syllabuses for their respective Branches in HMAS CERBERUS and will now train future crews as they are posted to HMAS MORETON.

32. There are now seven craft in the water, viz. BALIKPAPAN (Army manned) in Sydney and six in various stages of completion at Walker's Shipyard in Maryborough. Indications are at this date that the next completed ship, HMAS BRUNEI, could be delivered during the third week in December, 1972.

33. With the build-up of Base staff taking place and the steady delivery of a ship every eight weeks in 1973, it is hoped that the Works action necessary for storing and maintaining the ships will be early forthcoming.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO BRISBANE

34. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL

35. Health of the Ship's Company remains very good. There is, however, still no provision for refrigeration of perishable foodstuffs for non-commissioned personnel and with the onset of the hot summer months this poses a potential health hazard.

36. The Sick Bay continues to function smoothly and efficiently.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF

37. The actual numbers employed in the Branch are three below establishment strength; being two positions in the administrative field and one technical position, the latter being frozen pending review of GOSIEAA activities in Queensland.

38. Productive output has remained adequate in all areas.

WORKS

39. Expenditure authorised locally in all fields has totalled approximately 35% of an allocation of $10,500.

40. Only one DNW Requisition remains to be issued from current Works Programmes; that for painting and minor repairs to the P.B.F. Building, Cairns. Provision of car tracks, filling and stormwater drainage to 22 of the 29 married quarters in Cairns is due to be carried out before Christmas.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

41. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

RECRUITING

42. The Recruiting Staff Officer's report is attached as Annex C.

FUELLING AND OIL FUEL INSTALLATIONS

43. The Base Engineering Officer's report is attached as Annex D.

RANR

44. As at 30 September, 1972, the unit strength was 58 officers and 150 sailors. During the period 2 members carried out A.C.T.

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

45. The Social Workers' report is attached as Annex E.

(A.a'H. EVANS)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
QUEENSLAND.

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ANNEXES: A. Particulars of visiting warships to Brisbane.

B. Signal Traffic handled.

C. Recruiting Staff Officer's report.

D. Base Engineering Officer's report.

E. Social Workers' report.

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SHIP VISITS TO BRISBANE

SHIP	PORT	DATES
HMAS SNIPE	BRISBANE	28 June - 4 July
HMAS SUPPLY	BRISBANE	5 - 10 July
HMAS DUCHESS	BRISBANE	28 - 31 July
USS McMORRIS	BRISBANE	14 - 18 August
HMAS BARRICADE	BRISBANE	16 - 18 August
HMAS LAE	BRISBANE	16 - 18 August
USS COUCAL	BRISBANE	1 - 7 September
HMAS VAMPIRE	BRISBANE	8 - 12 September
USS VALCOUR	BRISBANE	23 - 27 September

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ANNEX B TO NOIC QUEENSLAND'S LETTER B1-16-14
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MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE.
NAVY OFFICE.
5-7 EDWARD STREET.
BRISBANE. Q.L.D.

TRAFFIC REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1972.

TRAFFIC "IN"		TRAFFIC "OUT"	
UNCLASSIFIED	2465	UNCLASSIFIED	716
RESTRICTED	695	RESTRICTED	97
CONFIDENTIAL	97	CONFIDENTIAL	28
SECRET	42	SECRET	13
		TELEGRAMS	62
TOTAL "IN"	3299	TOTAL OUT	916

GRAND TOTAL-----4215

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ANNEX C TO NOIC QUEENSLAND'S LETTER B1-16-14
DATED 20 OCTOBER, 1972.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

TELEPHONE: 31 1031

IN REPLY QUOTE SNJ:GMY

Reference: ROP 4/72

Naval Careers Office,
130 Mary Street,
BRISBANE 4000

13th October, 1972

The Naval Officer-in-Charge,
QUEENSLAND

(Copy to: Director of Naval Recruiting, Canberra)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - QUEENSLAND COMMAND

References (a) NOIC Temp. Memo 21/72
(b) RI Appendix 29A

By R.S.O.

During the quarter, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville)

	Enquiries	Applications	Entry
General Service	158 (44)	87 (12)	34 (4)
WRANS	253 (51)	97 (16)	15 (3)
Junior Recruits	155 (30)	86 (20)	49 (5)
N.A.A.	138 (15)	122 (23)	14 (3)

N.B. Totals for same quarter last year.

General Service	194 (26)	50 (6)	31 (1)
WRANS	248 (43)	51 (9)	15 (5)
Junior Recruits	170 (17)	36 (6)	37 (5)
N.A.A.	165 (20)	85 (17)	10 (1)

In addition to the Sailor /WRANS entries the following were entered during the quarter:

2 Junior Musicians
1 MID SL
1 Instructor Officer.

The increase in complement on 31st July allowed the formation of a separate promotional team. They were quickly into stride at the R.N.A. during Exhibition Week working with the Display Team. They have shown a flair for Display work and have mounted two successful displays at (a) Rockhampton during the Annual Capricana Festival (b) Toowoomba during the Annual Carnival of Flowers. While in these two cities they visited all schools in the area and conducted careers talks and film evenings. As well Displays were mounted at David Jones, Queen Street and Myer Valley Stores.

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Careers days and evenings were attended at Miami, Wandoan, Ipswich, Toowoomba, Warwick and the Brisbane Metropolitan Area.

WONS Boxall was sent to Townsville on 2nd September to undertake tours of the area of responsibility of NCO Townsville and eventually take over. Successful tours have been undertaken and with the approved increase in Townsville in January it is hoped that the steady increase in figures will be greatly improved.

(G.M. YOUNG)
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER RAN
NAVAL CAREERS OFFICER, QUEENSLAND

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ANNEX D TO NOIC QUEENSLAND'S LETTER B1-16-14
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BASE ENGINEERING OFFICER'S REPORT

1. Fuelling and Oil Fuel Installations.

a. Brisbane (Windsor) O.F.I.

Issues of F.F.O. were made to HMAS SUPPLY (6880 Tons) and HMAS DUCHESS (159 Tons).
The Annual Stocktake was carried out on 9 August showing an overall net deficiency of 4.92 Tons, approved by NOL 501.57.2078 dated 20 September, 1972.
The 12" diameter pipeline was damaged by employees of the Brisbane Gas Company on 6 August with a loss of 1000 gallons of F.F.O. The pipeline was also found to be leaking underground in Edmondstone Road on 1 September.
Both leaks were repaired by Department of Works.

b. O.F.I. Cairns.

One issue of 217 Tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS DUCHESS.
Dieso Bunkers to H.M.A. Ships totalled 62026 gallons and Bunkers to Caltex Oil Company totalled 200826 gallons.
The Annual Stocktake was carried out on 14 August showing net deficiencies of 2.21 Tons of F.F.O. and 2606 gallons of Dieso.

c. Thursday Island O.F.I.

Issues of Dieso to HMA Ships ex Caltex stocks totalled approximately 7000 gallons.

2. Refits, Dockings and Repairs.

a. HMAS ADROIT commenced a bi-annual refit at CODOCK on 4 September.

b. AWB.432 slipped on 17 August for periodical slipping and survey. Due to the deteriorated condition/age this craft is considered unfit for further service and uneconomical to repair and a survey report has been forwarded to Navy Office.

c. 25' motor cutter slipped for routine maintenance on 25th September.

3. Overseeing and Inspection.

a. Radio controlled surface targets - 3 in number, first one scheduled for acceptance December 1972, being built by Perihelion Pty Ltd.

b. Battery Ventilation Ball valves for "Oberon" Class submarines being manufactured by B.C. Richards - 24 in number ordered.

c. Tug 504 completed and accepted 19 September, 1972. Steering gear defect repaired by ship's staff 29 September.

Personnel

LCDR Woodcraft, D.W., R.A.N., joined as Base Engineering Officer on 21 August, 1972.

(D. WOODCRAFT)
Base Engineering Officer.

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QUARTERLY REPORT

SOCIAL WORK SECTION

Period : A. April, May, June 1972

B. July, August, September 1972

1. Staff

A third year Social Work Student, Miss Judith Carey, commenced her placement under the supervision of Mrs. Higgins in March 1972. She attended practical work two days per week until August 1972.

2. Mrs. Higgins proceeded on Annual Leave on 24th April to 16th May, during which time Miss Nutttook over Miss Carey's supervision. Miss Nutt proceeded on her Annual Leave on 3rd July to 21st July 1972.

3. Because of the shortage of Social Workers at CPSO Sydney, Mrs. Higgins transferred there to fill in from 2nd to 23rd August 1972 and Miss Nutt from 4th September to 22nd September 1972. This experience was most welcome by the Social Workers here and was considered most educational. The Social Workers look forward to similar arrangements in the future.

4. Workload

During the quarter April, May and June 1972, caseloads were a maximum average with 163 cases recorded for that period as compared to the previously high caseload of 176. During the next quarter July, August and September 1972, the caseload was 141 recorded cases, a low average in terms of numbers. By the time September 1972 arrived, however, things were becoming fairly quiet in the Social Work Section and with a sigh of relief it was noted that the fleet had finally moved out to sea! Much of the Social Work action during that period involved priority action for personnel on the ships attached to the fleet sailing up top. Although the caseload was reasonable, priority action required a great amount of the Social Workers time and energy.

5. Personnel Liaison Team at HMAS Moreton

Mrs. Higgins attended a session of lectures and discussions with the sailors at Moreton when the Personnel Liaison team arrived on 26th May. This was the first time, but it is hoped not the last, that Social Workers were included in these presentations.

It was considered most beneficial, both for getting to know sailor's views and for obtaining more knowledge of Naval policy and sailor's entitlements which makes Naval Social Work service more effective.

6. Senior Social Workers' Visit to Cairns

During Mrs. Higgins' absence on leave, several urgent welfare circumstances occurred in Cairns and which were not able to be attended to satisfactorily because of the shortage of staff in Brisbane and the distance involved. On her return from leave, Mrs. Higgins visited the Cairns establishment for 1 week (29th May to 6th June 1972), to determine the availability and access to Welfare facilities for PBF Cairns and resident Naval families, and to provide a Social Work service during her

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stay. She held discussions with Officers, sailors and their wives, in groups and as individuals, and conferred with local Welfare Agencies and other civilian groups concerned with the Naval Establishment in Cairns.

7. Several areas were covered. As naval families and the PBF Establishment considered a Social Workers visit desirable and beneficial, it was envisaged that a further similar visit would be held, possibly towards the end of November 1972.

A. A survey was taken of welfare resources available to naval families in Cairns. A list of this, together with some naval resources such as the Family Services Scheme, the Legal Panel and the Social Work service in Brisbane was later compiled into a pamphlet and sent to PBF Cairns for distribution to Naval families and sailors. Although this has proved to be helpful to some extent to resident Naval families, a more satisfactory service including counselling, prompt welfare investigations and recommendations, effective negotiating and liaising with community facilities on the client's behalf cannot be offered unless a local Naval Social Worker is employed. Inquiries into supply of Social Workers in Cairns revealed that at least 2 qualified married Social Workers in the area have shown interest to be employed on a part-time basis by the Department of Navy. Mrs. Higgins explored this possibility further with LCDR Burrell and it was thought that an "on-call" Social Worker could provide a welfare service to the Cairns area as well as being able to carry out Welfare investigations for Free Discharges, Compassionate Leave etc. in North Queensland which the Brisbane Social Workers must undertake at present. A local Naval Social Worker would eliminate much time and money being spent by sending the Brisbane Social Worker on a trip of several thousand miles and at least $2\frac{1}{2}$ days duration. The feasibility of employing a part-time Social Worker in Cairns will be investigated further.

B. A number of individual cases were being dealt with and Social Work action initiated concerning de facto relationships, compassionate leave, death of a member and the employment of the Family Services Scheme.

C. Consultations were held on Housing problems, the problem of a Recreation Area for sailors and their families, and a discussion was held with sailors at an afternoon meeting concerning any welfare matters. This group discussion was most successful and led to the sailors arranging a meeting at night so the Senior Social Worker could meet with some of the naval wives. Matters brought up by the Naval wives were the establishment of a Naval Wives Group, their worry over the high cost of living in Cairns, the lack of recreational facilities for Naval families and the lack of a Naval Social Worker to advise on welfare matters. Most families felt isolated in the general community. Most families came from southern states and lacked the support of family members. Most considered that community acceptance was shallow.

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Cairns, being a provincial city does not easily welcome outsiders, other than on a superficial basis, especially when it is seen that Naval families generally settle in Cairns only temporarily.

It is considered that an All Ranks Club, as had been proposed, a Naval Wives Club, and a Naval Social Worker could contribute substantially in filling the gap between the Naval and civilian community in Cairns and thus enhance the welfare of Naval personnel.

8. Brisbane Naval Wives Club

The Naval Wives Club has continued to be active and at the end of September 1972 has nearly been in existence for 1 year. Twelve to fifteen Naval wives meet for 2 hours every month over coffee and sandwiches at the Naval Memorial Club.

9. The Club's function has been to offer friendship and a chance to share common problems by offering support. The Club has provided baby-sitters, social functions and has also been responsible in pressuring the Housing Commission to perform badly needed repair jobs on existing Naval houses in Brisbane. Each month a newsletter of the Club's activities is compiled and sent to every known Naval wife in Brisbane. Although the members of the Club arrange social functions, participation in these is extended to any Naval wife and their friends. This provides a link with the general community and often means the Navy wife is more likely to attend if she can bring a friend for support. The Club has proved most beneficial for wives whose husbands are at sea.

10. Amongst the outstanding activities have been outings for wives and children to visiting RAN Ships, and these are most popular. Others have been a block theatre booking for "Disney on Parade", and a visit to the Races. Improvements to existing housing facilities include instalments of hot water systems, new stoves and more electric points.

11. The Club continues to run on a very informal basis. Mrs. Higgins and Miss Nutt attend monthly meetings only and are available for consultation and advice. The Social Workers' involvement with the Naval Wives Group seems to dispel fears that Social Workers are unapproachable and ogres! Continued association with the Naval Wives Group is planned.

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26 JAN 1973

The Secretary
Department of the Navy
Navy Office
CANBERRA. A.C.T. 2600.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of the Queensland Command for the quarter ending 31 December, 1972.

NOIC QUEENSLAND.

2. The quarter began with Navy Week, and in common with past years a very full programme had been planned both within and without Brisbane. The NOIC, of necessity a star performer, received a battering disproportionate to his constitution and his injuries were made complete by the effects of a disastrous plunge on a slow filly recommended to him as a certainty in the Navy Week Flying Handicap at Eagle Farm on the final Saturday. Attendance at the annual Seafarers Service at St. John's Cathedral the following day however, gave him an opportunity to reflect on his folly.

3. But two events were worthy of greater note. The Annual Maritime Ball, co-sponsored by the Company of Master Mariners and the RAN in favour of the Missions to Seamen, had suffered declining interest over the years coupled with rising costs associated with the hire of the Cloudland Ballroom. This year permission was given for the event to be held in the upper level of HMAS MORETON thus saving a considerable amount in overhead; the change of venue to the naval establishment provoked a deal of interest with the result that over five hundred people attended and not much short of a thousand dollars was handed to the Mission. The RAN's stocks soared as a corollary.

4. The other event of notice was the march of the HMAS MORETON ship's company from the Wreath Laying at the Shrine to St. John's Cathedral on Sunday 8th. Although no training for the march was possible, the sailors proved to be exceedingly smart and drew much favourable comment. It seems that it could become a fixture.

5. The tempo slackened immediately following Navy Week with a quiet two weeks following punctuated only by attendance at a United Services Club Dinner for the Patron, His Excellency the Governor on the evening of the 11th.

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6. On 21 October, Commander Evans proceeded to Rockhampton to fulfil a long standing engagement as guest speaker at the local Naval Association's annual Trafalgar Night Dinner. Over one hundred ex Naval men attended, some coming from as far as Gladstone for the evening. Notwithstanding the warm weather it was a pleasant evening and the mainbrace was spliced almost to absurdum with the result the walk back to the Motel was hardly a faithful beeline!

7. The following morning a visit was paid on T.S. ROCKHAMPTON (Sea Cadet Lieutenant S. Cook) which was carrying out its first weekend camp. Notwithstanding the temporary accommodation and the difficulties with which the unit was confronted, the cadets and their instructors were thoroughly enthusiastic.

8. Commander Evans proceeded to Mackay the following day at the invitation of the Barrier Reef Festival Council to attend the annual Island festival. The RAN was also represented by HMAS AWARE (Lieutenant B. Eddes, RAN) whose first duty was the transport of the official guest, the Japanese Cherry Blossom Queen, from Mackay to Brampton Island. The Ship's Company reacted with enthusiasm, as indeed they did throughout the festival and their bearing and conduct drew constant favourable comment. The ship was a credit to her Commanding Officer. Commander Evans returned to Brisbane the following Sunday.

9. November proved to be a quiet month up until the 20th when the first of daily farewell functions for Commander Evans, a luncheon hosted by the Navy League, was held. He looked a trifle worn when I joined HMAS MORETON on 4 December for a weeks handover prior to assuming the office of Naval Officer-in-Charge on 11 December.

10. The remaining days of December were spent in studying my predecessor's modus operandi, making Official Calls, attending the Naval Symposium in Sydney, subjecting myself to the indignity of two local removals, which have been reported separately and endeavouring to purchase accommodation suitable for my family.

11. It has been a year of growth for the Navy in Queensland and the members of the Command deserve considerable commendation in respect to their achievements. On the other hand, they have also been advised that the year 1973 will require equal, if not a greater effort, with the increased duties that will be required by the inauguration of COMAUSLANCRON ONE.

<u>HMAS MORETON - NEW FARM DEPOT</u>.

12. Navy Week overshadowed all other happenings early in the quarter, and for the Ship's Company of MORETON, this was highlighted by the overwhelming success of the Maritime Supper Dance in aid of the Missions to Seamen which was held for the first time on the upper floor of MORETON. The 500 plus guests who attended and the $1000 cheque presented to the Missions to Seamen as a result of this more than compensated the sailors for a splendid effort in converting a barren area into a well decorated ballroom and assisting in the running of the supper dance.

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13. Although the Ship's Company took part in other events during the week, their other main participation took place on Sunday, 8th October, when they attended the Wreath Laying at the Shrine and then marched to St.John's Cathedral for the Annual Service there. Their appearance and marching were commendable.

14. As reported last quarter, ship visits were average in number and they were all successfully concluded. Visitors to the establishment during this period were, in the main, in connection with the LCH project.

15. On Friday, 8th December, farewell Divisions and Rounds were held for the departing Naval Officer-in-Charge and Commanding Officer, Commander Evans, and to introduce myself. On completion, Commander Evans was towed in his car from the establishment by the Officers and sailors lining the departure route.

HMAS ADROIT AND T.V. GAYUNDAH.

16. Progress meetings on HMAS ADROIT's refit at CODOCK showed satisfactory progress until what was to be the final meeting on 1st November. It then became apparent that all was not well and that defects effecting the seagoing capabilities of the ship still existed. There had been no previous intimation that this state of affairs existed.

17. Since no material delay in completion has been envisaged, Reserve officers and sailors' employers had been requested and agreed to release their employees from 5th to 17th November to carry out their A.C.T. in ADROIT working the ship up and steaming back to Brisbane. The employers were informed, at extremely short notice, that their employees were no longer required. An R.A.N.R. crew steamed ADROIT direct to Brisbane during the weekend 2/3 December.

18. T.V. GAYUNDAH commenced her annual refit, slipping and survey on 4th December. Survey reports on the ship have been submitted and a second slipping and continued refit will depend on directions to be received as a result of these.

LCH PROJECT

19. To undertake the task of commissioning the first LCH, HMAS BRUNEI, into Naval Service the first two months of the quarter saw the introduction in HMAS MORETON of the LCH P.C.T. Courses. Because of the lack of an LCH training vessel, this was accomplished by means of a theoretical course in HMAS MORETON, followed, with the approval of Army and co-operation by Walkers Limited Shipyard, by practical training aboard ships under construction at Maryborough. This also was continued during Builder's Sea Trials to provide the only opportunity for the Officers and Technical Sailors to observe an LCH underway. This undesireable procedure cluttered up a vessel already well filled with Shipyard and Mamufacturers technicians.

20. With HMAS BRUNEI now available to undertake the training role, this condition should not occur in the future, and it is expected that a trained crew will be provided in Maryborough approximately ten days before each ship is due to be taken over.

21. Builder's Sea Trials in HMAS BRUNEI were conducted in Hervey Bay during week commencing 11 December with a view to the Builders achieving a completion date on 22 December. This schedule was met and HMAS BRUNEI ship's company prepared to join the ship for storing and commissioning on 5 January, 1973.

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22. Progress has been slower than expected with the works programme necessary to provide adequate facilities ashore to support the LCHs. When BRUNEI is commissioned and COMAUSLANCRON ONE comes into being, it is hoped that the overall situation will gain impetus.

VISITS OF WARSHIPS TO BRISBANE.

23. Particulars of visiting warships are shown at Annex A.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL

24. The Medical Officer's report is shown at Annex C.

NAVAL STAFF OFFICE - CIVIL STAFF.

25. The Staff Clerk's Report is shown at Annex D.

WORKS

26. Details of works carried out are shown at Annex E.

MAIN SIGNAL OFFICE

27. Signal traffic handled is shown in Annex B.

RECRUITING

28. During the quarter, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville).

	Enquiries	Applications	Entry
General Service	128 (25)	52 (13)	10 (1)
WRANS	197 (30)	39 (15)	5 (1)
Junior Recruits	146 (32)	62 (6)	35 (4)
Naval Apprentices	50 (15)	10 (0)	Nil in final quarter.

N.B: Totals for same quarter last year.

General Service	241 (57)	43 (21)	15 (3)
WRANS	196 (36)	46 (7)	12 (4)
Junior Recruits	179 (23)	69 (27)	26 (3)
Naval Apprentices	98 (12)	16 (3)	Nil

Also, 1 Re-Entry during quarter.

29. Total figures for 1972 (those for 1971 in brackets. * Asterisk indicates Townsville figures).

	Enquiries	Applications	Entry
General Service	803 + 176 * (893 + 170*)	314 + 60 * (285 + 89*)	100 + 14 * (152 + 14*)

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	Enquiries	Applications	Entry
WRANS	1164 + 237 * (893 + 207 *)	237 + 83 * (202 + 30*)	39 + 13 * (60 + 14*)
Junior Recruits	722 + 108* (739 + 111*)	344 + 67 * (301 + 70*)	155 + 17 * (147 + 21*)
Naval Apprentices	527 + 104 * (580 + 89*)	(237 + 47*) (181 + 39*)	39 + 3* (26 + 5*)

30. In addition to the above, the following were also entered during the year:

1 Instructor Officer
8 Mid SL
1 Officer Re-Entry
12 RANC
2 RANNS
6 Re-Entry
7 Jnr. Mus.
1 Trade Entry

31. Although there has been an overall improvement in the total number of applications during 1972 the rejection rate is still high, particularly in the General Service Entry. It is hoped that with the increase in staff since July 1972 the effect of additional promotion work will be felt in the first half of 1973. Since October 1st, 1972, the team has visited Maryborough, Warwick, Ipswich, Miami Beach, Southport, Coolangatta, Tweed Heads and Palm Beach, where displays have been mounted in conjunction with career counselling. As well, displays and careers talks have been carried out in eight metropolitan centres.

32. W.O.N.S. Boxall has taken over as Naval Careers Officer, Townsville and has toured west to Mt. Isa and south to Mackay. During November a combined services team visited Thursday Island and from 16 eligible applicants, 7 were considered suitable for selection.

33. Navy Week 1972 was most useful from the Recruiting point of view and Navy Day talks were given at 186 Schools throughout Queensland; Recruiting Staff concentrating on the Metropolitan area.

ENGINEERING

34.

1. Fuellings and Oil Fuel Installations.

a. Brisbane (Windsor) O.F.I.

Issues of F.F.O. were made to USS Ships ORLECK (430 tons) and LEONARD F. MASON (372 tons).

The 12" diameter pipeline was found to be leaking underground in Cartwright St., Windsor, and under Newstead Wharf, both leaks were repaired by Department of Works. Proposals have been raised to survey this line.

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b. O.F.I. Cairns

One issue of 62 tons of F.F.O. was made to HMAS KIMBLA. Dieso bunders to H.M.A. ships totalled 50,852 gallons.

c. Thursday Island O.F.I.

Issues of Dieso to H.M.A. ships ex Caltex stocks, totalled approximately 12,000 gallons.

35. 2. Refits, Docking and Repairs.

a. HMAS ADROIT completed a bi-annual refit at CODOCK on 1 December, 1972.

b. T.V. GAYUNDAH (T.V.282) completed annual slipping and survey on 13 December, 1972.

c. Disposal action is currently being carried out on A.W.B.431 and 432 through Department of Supply, Brisbane.

36. 3. Overseeing and Inspection.

Radio controlled surface targets 2 in number are expected to trial commencing 22 January, 1973. Expected completion and delivery of third and final R.C.S.T. is mid February, 1973.

NAVAL RESERVE CADETS - QUEENSLAND.

37. During Navy Week the Brisbane Units provided Cadets for the Wreath Laying Ceremony, the march to St. John's Cathedral, and the service at the Cathedral. Cadets from T.S. BUNDABERG attended Navy Week functions in Bundaberg.

38. T.S. GAYUNDAH provided a Guard for the opening of the new swimming pool at the Brisbane Missions to Seamen on the 21st October.

39. Training for the month, apart from normal weekly parades was as follows:

a.	T.S. BUNDABERG	-	Weekend training.
b.	T.S. GAYUNDAH	-	Sea training in T.V. GAYUNDAH
c.	T.S. MAGNUS	-	Sea training in T.V. GAYUNDAH
d.	T.S. PALUMA	-	Sea training in T.V. GAYUNDAH
e.	T.S. PIONEER	-	Weekend training and Range day.
f.	T.S. TYALGUM	-	Weekend training.

40. On the 4th November, cadets from T.S. GAYUNDAH visited HMCS GATINEAU alongside at HMAS MORETON.

41. The annual passing out parade of the Christian Brothers School Section of T.S. BUNDABERG was reviewed by the Staff Officer Cadets, LEUT G.W. SCOWN, RAN on the 9th November.

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42. Training for the month, apart from normal weekly parades consisted of:

a.	T.S. BUNDABERG	-	Two weekend training periods.
b.	T.S. GAYUNDAH	-	Weekend training.
c.	T.S. PIONEER	-	Range Day.
d.	T.S. MAGNUS	-	Seven day promotion course including a day at sea in HMAS DUCHESS.

43. The Divisional Colour was transferred from T.S. TYALGUM to T.S. BUNDABERG at a parade which took place at T.S. BUNDABERG on the 3rd December. The band from T.S. PALUMA was in attendance and the Deputy Mayor of Bundaberg, Alderman B. Boreham, reviewed the parade.

44. Training for the month, apart from normal weekly parades consisted of:

a.	T.S. ENDEAVOUR	-	Weekend training.
b.	T.S. GAYUNDAH	-	Seven days annual continuous training commencing on 30th December.
c.	T.S. TYALGUM	-	Weekend training.

45. During the quarter all Units were visited by the Staff Officer Cadets, the Cadets Training Petty Officer and the Cadets Stores Sailor.

46. The numbers borne in the Queensland Division have shown a small decrease over those of the previous quarter. This appears to be no more than the yearly seasonal falling off in attendance due to school exams and the completion of the school year.

47. All Units are eagerly awaiting the amalgamation of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps and the formation of the Naval Reserve Cadets in 1973.

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48. As at 31 December, 1972, the unit strength was 57 officers and 152 sailors. During the period 16 members carried out A.C.T.

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49. During the quarter, October to December 1972, the caseload reached 131 cases, a low average in terms of numbers. However, a number of these required a large amount of the Social Workers' time, and in effect, both Social Workers were kept fairly busy.

50. During the first week of October, both Social Workers attended the Naval Social Workers' Conference in Canberra. Mrs Higgins, Senior Social Worker, then spent one (1) week on duty in Cairns during November/December. Including these absences and several homevisits to country towns, a total of $17\frac{1}{2}$ days were spent away from Brisbane out of a total of 65 working days. Unfortunately while both Social Workers are out of the office, problems have arisen which could have been effectively dealt with by a Social Work Assistant/receptionist, especially problems concerning immediate assistance through the Family Services Scheme. Thought is being given towards an application for such a person who could also help with most routine matters and provide some continuity during the Social Workers' absence.

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51. Involvement and work with the Naval Wives Group has continued on a regular basis. This group has been active again with an Anniversary Luncheon, a Family Christmas party and continuous newsletters to Naval Wives in Brisbane. It is felt that with the expansion of HMAS MORETON in the New Year, more wives may be involved in this group. It seems also that with the expansion of HMAS MORETON and P.B.F. Cairns and the activities of the Naval Wives' Group, Naval families in Queensland are becoming less isolated and deriving more support by contact with the Navy Organization.

52. During this quarter a number of ships visited Brisbane, and a visit was arranged for the Social Workers to HMAS STALWART mainly to meet and talk with the Divisional Officers. These visits have been found invaluable towards closer liaison between Naval personnal and Social Workers. Mutual benefit appears to have been derived by more understanding of each other's roles and consequently greater efficiency on the job. It is hoped that these visits could be continued in the future.

53. On 13th November, 1972, a third year Social Work Student from the University of Queensland started her 3rd practical placement in this section under the supervision of Miss Nutt. This has been Miss Nutt's first supervision of a student, and has worked out very satisfactorily. The student enjoyed her placement and contributed to Naval Welfare in her interested involvement with and observations of the Naval Wives Group and some individual problems. It is hoped that Miss Nutt will be able to continue to supervise a student from time to time during the next year.

54. The Senior Social Worker visited Cairns on duty for the second time in 1972 for one (1) week, from 29th November to 5th December. This was mainly to follow up previous observations (see Social Work Section, Quarterly Report - July, August, September, 1972) and to attend to a number of individual requests for Social Work assistance. A total of 11 cases were dealt with during this period in Cairns. Of these, 6 cases were referred either by the sailor or his wife. Four (4) cases were referred by naval authorities in Cairns and one (1) referral came from another Naval Social Worker.

55. Three of the above cases could be terminated during the period of the Naval Social Worker's stay, whereas the others required continued periodic action from Brisbane for another two months. Two of these cases will need further personal Social Work contact envisaged during another visit by the Social Worker in early March 1973. These involve mainly complex family situations affected partly by Naval service.

56. Consultations were held with the Senior Naval Officer, Cairns and it was agreed that for the time being, regular visits by the Naval Social Worker would be advisable at intervals of approximately three months. For reasons of economy and workload, an application for a local part-time Naval Social Worker may need to be considered in the future. It appears that an office could be made available for use by a Social Worker. Servicing areas west and south of Cairns, including the Townsville area, could also be included in the Social Worker's duties. The following facts are relevant:

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In November 1972, an EDP Statement concerning Next of Kin in the Cairns area alone indicated a total of 112 NOK, of which 44 were wives, a third of these were wives of sailors serving elsewhere in Australia. Other NOK included 68 mothers, fathers and three "others".

57. A third week-long visit to Cairns and Townsville has been planned by the Senior Social Worker for early March 1973. So far, 6 referrals for that area have been made to her since December 1972, including one (1) referral from Recruiting/Townsville.

(Peter V. Blackman)
Commander, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
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Annexes: A. Particulars of Visiting Warships to Brisbane.
B. Signal Traffic handled.
C. Medical Officer's Report.
D. Civil Staff - Personnal.
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SHIP VISITS TO BRISBANE

SHIP	DATES
HMAS KIMBLA	2 - 7 October
HMAS BARRICADE	27 - 30 October
HMAS KIMBLA	29 - 30 October
HMCS GATINEAU (CANCOMDESRON TWO)	1 - 6 November
HMAS AWARE	3 - 4 November
HMAS STALWART	10 - 13 November
HMAS TEAL	10 - 13 November
HMAS SNIPE	10 - 13 November
HMAS CURLEW	10 - 13 November
HMAS BARBETTE	18 - 20 November
HMAS DUCHESS	22 - 27 November
USS ORLECK (COMDESRON 17)	4 - 6 December
USS LEONARD F. MASON	4 - 6 December

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF THE SHIP: Nil alterations since my last report.

SANITATION: Satisfactory.

GENERAL HEALTH OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY: Mainly very good, however some cases of exception were:

1. A/POEWE D. STEPHENS, R52342 (HMAS MELBOURNE) apparently continues to remain static with his Laryngeal Carcinoma and is for consultant's review 18.1.73 and re-survey by 1.2.73.

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3. LCDR W.W. O'LOUGHLIN, R.A.N.E.M. (HMAS MORETON) was reviewed by Dr C. Mann 22.11.72 and re-surveyed 20.12.72. Since then he fell at home, suffering a displaced fracture of the coccyx. He otherwise appears to be convalescing steadily.

4. MAA A.J. NIXON, F37723 (HMAS KUTTABUL) was admitted to 1 Mil Hosp. on 1.8.72 with Neuropathy for investigation which resolved to be an injury to C7 root of (L) brachial plexus. He was then transferred to R.A.N.H.(P) 3.8.72.

5. POSBA J.E.R. WOODFORDE, R57819 (HMAS MORETON) was admitted to St. Andrews War Memorial Hospital 14.8.72 for Bilateral Intranasal Antrostomy and returned to duty 8.9.72, following an uneventful recovery.

6. LEUT R.F. WILLIAMS, R.A.N. (HMAS VAMPIRE) was admitted to 1 Mil Hosp from Royal Brisbane Hospital 9.9.72 with post-dislocation (R) knee and medial ligament damage. He was then transferred to R.A.N.H.(P) 18.9.72.

7. SBLT G.F. SMITH, R.A.N. (HMAS VAMPIRE) was admitted to 1 Mil Hosp 9.9.72 for Appendicectomy and subsequently sent to 14 DSL and duty 15.9.72 following an uneventful recovery.

8. CONST T.A. FLEMING, P47806 (HMAS MORETON) was admitted R.G.H.(G) 1.10.72 for Gastroscopy at which a Gastric Ulcer was discovered. He was then discharged to duty 27.10.72 and appears to be coping well on post-ulcer regime.

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11. LSQMG K.H. WENT, R65046 (HMAS PERTH) was involved in a motor cycle accident 29.12.72 and immediately admitted to Royal Brisbane Hospital for surgical amputation (L) leg below the knee. He was subsequently transferred to 1 Mil Hosp 4.1.73 for management.

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12. MAA E.L. HARTNETT, F30352 (HMAS MORETON) fell at home 28.12.72 suffering fractures to (L) 10th and 11th ribs. He subsequently collapsed onboard (4.1.73) and was admitted to 1 Mil Hosp with a ruptured spleen. Splenectomy was performed 4.1.73 and he was sent on Sick Leave 15.1.73.

SPECIAL HEALTH PRECAUTIONS: Nil.

FOOD AND COOKING: Remains a very high standard.

MESS GEAR CLEANLINESS: Satisfactory.

DRINKING WATER, MILK AND AIR EXAMINATIONS: Nil.

OUTBREAKS OF INFECTIOUS AND EPIDEMIC DISEASES: Nil

IMMUNISATION: Routine requirements only were administered.

HEALTH LECTURES TO SHIP'S COMPANY: Given to RANR Medical Personnel by RANR Medical Staff.

DENTAL: Mr A.C. Booth continues to render a prompt and very satisfactory service according to regulation scale of fees.

RESEARCH WORK UNDERTAKEN: Nil.

SUGGESTIONS: Nil.

WORK OF THE SICK BERTH STAFF: POSBA J.E.R. Woodforde continues to provide a very high standard of service despite the recent expansion in workload of the department. LSBA M.C. Fishbourne is providing satisfactory service at the Recruiting Centre, but can no longer assist with Sick Bay work due to increased recruiting.

MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION: Held for all PNF personnel, except recent postings and those asked for by signal. Difficulty is still being experienced in attempting to complete discharge procedures on RANR personnel.

RETURN OF HEARING STANDARDS: 368 audiograms were performed during the periods.

STANDARD 1	360
STANDARD 11	6
Below STANDARD 11	2

LIST OF OPERATIONS PERFORMED: Nil.

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P E R S O N N E L

1.1 Short term approvals to employ personnel in excess of the staff ceiling have enabled the adequate completion of work loads in all sections. Two positions, one administrative and one technical, are vacant at the present time. It is hoped that the review of staffing targets, which is to take place before the end of March 1973, will enable the employment of administrative staff up to the level of the Command Establishment.

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W O R K S

2.1 In view of the fact that no provision was made in the 1972/73 New Works proposals for work on the L.C.H. Base at HMAS MORETON, it is considered that the issue of funds of $12,200.00 to date is extremely satisfactory and fortuitous.

2.2 Liaison/Progress with the Department of Works on the L.C.H. Project has been extremely good in all except one respect, viz. estimating or supply of furniture.

2.3 Funds held locally for Repairs and Maintenance (Category B) and Furniture and Fittings are all but exhausted. Approaches have been made to Navy Office for an additional allocation, which it is hoped will be received before the end of February.

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SIGNAL TRAFFIC FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 1972

	IN TRAFFIC	OUT TRAFFIC	TOTAL
UNCLAS	2493	652	3145
RESTRICTED	667	106	773
CONFIDENTIAL	63	30	93
SECRET	14	0	14
	3237	788	4025

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