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~~DGLOG-N~~ This (1) is being dealt with on file N74-5-59. 17/5.

~~CNM~~ Please you are taking up future/disposal of Edward St building - do we want to swap it with anything?

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~~IADMIN-N~~ AB 26/5

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SEC CNS

BJPSO DCNS

This report is
dated prior to
receipt of our
letter 18/206/913
of 6 April 1977.

Hopefully his
personal engagements
section will be
briefer next time.

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31 March 1977

Department of Defence (Navy Office)
CANBERRA. ACT 2600

Attention: Chief of Naval Staff

QUEENSLAND : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
QUARTER ENDING 31 MARCH, 1977

Reference: RI Appendix 29A.

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for the Queensland Area for the quarter ending 31 March, 1976.

Calls

2. On Monday, 14 March I received the call of Lcdr I.M. Watts, RAN, newly posted Commanding Officer HMAS LABUAN.

3. On Wednesday, 16 March, in the company of Commander, 1st Division and Officer Commanding, RAAF Base, Amberley, I paid a farewell call on His Excellency The Governor, Air Marshal Sir Colin Hannah, KCVO, KCMG, KBE, CB.

4. On Wednesday, 30 March, I paid farewell calls upon His Excellency the Administrator, the Premier and the Lord Mayor. I was accompanied by Captain P.H. James, RAN.

Inspections/Visits

5. I departed Brisbane Tuesday, 11 January to visit the Evans Deakin Slip Townsville and to attend a Refit Conference covering PNGS SAMARAI's refit. The following day I joined HMAS BARRICADE for a day at sea at drills and exercises, disembarking at Townsville that night. On Thursday, 13 January I flew to Weipa to join HMAS BAYONET for a day at sea at drills and exercises.

6. On 25 January I flew to Cairns to an OFI and new fuel point inspection thence to the Lockhart River Mission to join the survey motor boat for passage to HMAS FLINDERS off Cape Weymouth. I joined FLINDERS Wednesday, 26 January and saw her activities and inspected one shore party camp. I transferred to HMAS BARBETTE the following day for return to Cairns arriving Friday, 28 January. On passage drills and exercises were carried out.

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7. I attended the Fleet Commanding Officer's Meeting at Fleet Headquarters on Friday, 4 February.

General

8. The Australian White Ensign was lowered without ceremony on Saturday, 26 February from the old Naval Staff Office building at the bottom of Edward Street. Our decrepit furniture and cupboards and other trophys were carted to 288 Edward Street (Watkins Place) and relocated in new offices on the fourth floor.

9. The move was effected amidst some feeling of nostalgia but even with sentiment so strong, the Navy is better off in the present building. There are some inconveniences and frustrations coming forward but these should be overcome in due course. The significant matter arising is that already Navy needs more space and this may form the basis for a submission in due course.

10. For the first three weeks following the move, NOC Queensland communications requirements were met by the Commcen at HMAS MORETON. The transfer of this service from MORETON to the Army Commcen at the Regional Office was not without some teething problems some of which have yet to be overcome.

11. On Thursday, 24 February, a symposium arranged by the Commander, FIRST AUSTRALIAN LANDING CRAFT SQUADRON was held at HMAS MORETON, and was opened by NOC Queensland. A wide range of matters was included for discussion - discussion at times became forceful. Matters arising from the symposium will be reported separately by COMAUSLANCRON ONE in due course, but the most significant one, and one which will require resolution, is that of command and control.

12. No demands were placed upon the Navy for the Royal Visit to Brisbane, 9-11 March inclusive. The one facility provided, was the loan back to the State Government of a royal brow which had been handed over to Navy for custody and use at the conclusion of the last visit.

13. During the quarter the command was visited by an Establishments Inspection Branch Team and added to their task of examining matters at MORETON, was the requirement to look at the structure and organisation of NOC Queensland Headquarters staff. It is understood that recommendations from that source may include staff increases. As a result the Queensland Headquarters will on the one hand be the subject of a recommendation for an increased capability to function whereas recent ceilings imposed by another source will reduce the capability existing at this moment. This is a problem which can be overcome by either a reduction of effort with several activities or the cessation of one activity altogether.

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14. Further to the preceding paragraph, assistance was sought from FOCEA's Headquarters to examine and advise on a Naval Headquarters staff reorganisation using existing personnel. The recommendations of the officer made available are being examined.

15. The Joint Services Local Planning Committee met during the quarter.

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

Attachments: A. Social Engagements
B. List of Visitors to the Command

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Sunday, 9 January	With my wife I attended a private dinner party
Monday, 17 January	With my wife I hosted a cocktail party at our home
Tuesday, 18 January	I assisted my wife who hostessed a luncheon party at our home
Thursday, 20 January	With my wife I attended a private dinner party
Friday, 4 February	With my wife I attended dinner at RAAF Base, Amberley
Monday, 7 February	With my wife I attended a New Zealand Day Reception
Tuesday, 8 February	With my wife I attended a private dinner party
Saturday, 12 February	With my wife I hosted a dinner party at our home
Thursday, 17 February	With my wife I hosted a cocktail party at our home
Friday, 18 February	With my wife I dined at HMAS MORETON
Monday, 28 February	I hosted a luncheon at the United Service Club
Wednesday, 2 March	With my wife I had lunch at Government House
Thursday, 3 March	I joined members of the Queensland Club at a farewell dinner for the Governor
Friday, 4 March	I was dined out by the Senior Sailors' Mess HMAS MORETON
Sunday, 6 March	With my wife I attended a reception for the Archbishop of Canterbury.
Monday, 7 March	I hosted a luncheon at Tattersall's Club
Tuesday, 8 March	With my wife I attended a cocktail party at Tighnabruaich
Wednesday, 9 March	With my wife I attended a Civic Reception at City Hall in honour of Her Majesty The Queen
	With my wife I attended a reception given by the State Government in honour of Her Majesty The Queen
Thursday, 10 March	With my wife I attended the presentation of awards by The Duke of Edinburgh
	With my wife I attended the Jubilee Year Reception of the English Speaking Union
Friday, 11 March	My wife and I were dined by a private citizen
Saturday, 12 March	With my wife I hosted an evening barbecue party at our home

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Tuesday, 15 March	With my wife I attended a State Reception to farewell HE The Governor and Lady Hannah
Thursday, 17 March	I was farewelled at the Junior Sailors' Mess HMAS MORETON at a Smorgasboard Lunch
	With my wife I attended a State Dinner in honour of HE The Governor and Lady Hannah
Saturday, 19 March	With my wife I attended a dinner given by Commander, 1st Military District
Sunday, 20 March	With my wife I attended the Jubilee Year Barbecue of the Royal Commonwealth Society
Monday, 21 March	With my wife I attended a ceremonial farewell to Sir Colin and Lady Hannah at International Airport
Tuesday, 22 March	My wife and I were dined at the Moreton Club
Wednesday, 23 March	My wife and I were dined by a private citizen
Friday, 25 March	I attended a reception in honour of National Independence Day of Greece
	With my wife I attended a Reception for Air Force Commemoration Week at RAAF Base Amberley
Tuesday, 29 March	I was farewelled at a luncheon given by the general staff of the Naval Staff Office.
Friday, 1 April	With my wife I was farewelled by the Officers and Members of the Wardroom Mess, HMAS MORETON

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LIST OF VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

05 Jan 77	Lcdr P.E.I. Boling, RANEM	Staff DNI
07 Feb 77	Col Carey	Director Com. Signals
23 Feb 77	Cmdr P. Shevlin, AM, RAN	DJWP-N
23 Feb 77	Cmdr I. Bear, RAN	Staff DLOGN
03 Mar 77	Cmdr S. Prasser, RANR	Brisbane Reserves (Rollercoaster)
07 Mar 77	Lcdr R. Dagworthy, RAN	FOCEA SO(M)
29 Mar 77	Cmdr R.A. Clarke, RAN	Sec RANCCF RANRTF

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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. The following ship activity took place during the quarter.

VISITS BY UNASSIGNED AND FOREIGN WARSHIPS TO QUEENSLAND PORTS

CAIRNS

HMAS ADVANCE	1 - 7 JAN
HMAS VENDETTA	11 -13 JAN
HMAS SAMARAI	4 -11 MAR

TOWNSVILLE

HMAS SAMARAI	1 JAN - 1 MAR

THURSDAY ISLAND

HMAS ADVANCE	9 JAN
" "	6 MAR - 12 MAR

WEIPA

HMAS ADROIT	1 - 2 FEB
" "	4 - 5 FEB
HMAS ADVANCE	4 - 5 MAR

KARUMBA

HMAS ASSAIL	15 - 16 FEB

VISITS BY ASSIGNED UNITS TO QUEENSLAND PORTS (OTHER THAN BASE PORTS)

AUSLANCRON ONE	8 visits
AUSPABRON TWO	27 visits

2. The only ship visit to the Command Area was HMAS VENDETTA which called at Cairns in January.

3. The most significant operation during the quarter and one for which the Queensland Naval Control of Shipping team was activated was Roller Coaster - the venue being the operations room at HMAS MORETON.

4. HT 723 deployed two UH 1B aircraft to RAAF Townsville for Nav. training and highlighted the probable cost effectiveness of using this means of visiting inaccessible Coast Watchers as a joint activity with aircrew Nav. training. This matter is being pursued elsewhere.

5. A previous area of friction was aggravated by a request for 115/145 AVGAS at Eagle Farm for a Melbourne Tracker prior to the Fleet departure to Hawaii. The aircraft's estimated time of arrival was changed twice, the quantity then doubled and finally the mission cancelled. It is recognized that carrier operations can be unpredictable but the provision of this grade of AVGAS at Eagle Farm is made only by expensive effort and goodwill by MOBIL OIL who have indicated we can expect penalty payment to cover their costs in the event of any future cancellations.

6. The RAN participation in Her Majesty'The Queen's visit to Brisbane was limited to providing an officer for the aquatic progress planning committee, and refurbishing the Royal Brow maintained by HMAS MORETON for her embarkation into MV SWORDFISH on the Brisbane River.

7. The cyclone season, which has severely disrupted surface and air transport in the northern half of the State, has had little effect on programmed patrol activities although it has affected the effectiveness of HMAS FLINDERS.

8. HMAS FLINDERS continues to cause concern in that equipment malfunctions reduce her survey output.

9. Meetings have been held with the Port Authorities in Mackay and Townsville concerning NPW visits with favourable results, although the outlook for Brisbane is not good in the present union climate. This matter has been reported separately.

10. The LCH Squadron has been heavily committed to maintenance and leave but ranged as far afield as Adelaide and Hobart to the south and Cooktown in the north.

11. The relocation to Watkins Place of the Naval Staff Office and subsequent commissioning of both the new Commcen at HMAS MORETON and the Army Commcen at Naval Staff Office for the regional office has progressed relatively smoothly and efforts are continuing to increase the effectiveness of the signal distribution organisation.

12. TV GAYUNDAH was sailed 11 - 13 Feb and 25 - 27 Mar under command of Lieutenant R. LEE, RANR and 4 - 6 Mar under the command of Commander G. BOYD, RANR.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

MORETON

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
UNCLASSIFIED	5198	2174	7372
RESTRICTED	1151	294	1445
CONFIDENTIAL	322	193	495
SECRET	28	4	32
TELEGRAMS			26
		TOTAL	9370

ARMY COMCEN WATKINS PLACE FOR NOCQLD

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
UNCLASSIFIED	502	91	593
RESTRICTED	91	14	105
CONFIDENTIAL	14	9	23
SECRET	-	-	-
TELEGRAMS			7
		TOTAL	728

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COMAUSLANCRON ONE

HMAS BALIKPAPAN

1. HMAS BALIKPAPAN commenced the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON available for tasking. On the 7 February AUSCDT 1 was embarked and BALIKPAPAN sailed for Shoalwater Bay where she acted as diving tender. Returning to Brisbane on 24 February she again became available for tasking. On 21 March, BALIKPAPAN entered a programmed Refit period and remained alongside for the remainder of the quarter.

HMAS TARAKAN

2. HMAS TARAKAN was alongside at Brisbane at the beginning of the quarter undergoing an Assisted Maintenance period. AMP was completed on 4 January, and on 19 January she sailed for Sydney to relocate stores. HMAS TARAKAN returned to Brisbane on 25 January where she remained until 1 February before departing for Townsville and Cairns. A whaler consigned for the Cook Shire Council was off-loaded in Cairns. Due to the proximity of Tropical Cyclones Lily and Miles, HMAS TARAKAN was forced to shelter in Cairns for five days. On return to Brisbane on 18 February, HMAS TARAKAN berthed at HMAS MORETON where she entered AMP. HMAS TARAKAN remained alongside at HMAS MORETON until the end of the quarter.

HMAS LABUAN

3. HMAS LABUAN began the period alongside at HMAS MORETON available for tasking. On 31 January she entered an Intermediate Docking period. The ID period finished on 18 March, and was followed by a successful Operational Readiness Evaluation. At 2359 on 31 March, HMAS LABUAN was berthed at HMAS MORETON, preparing for a forthcoming deployment.

HMAS BETANO

4. At the commencement of the quarter HMAS BETANO was at HMAS MORETON available for tasks. On 1 February HMAS BETANO sailed from Brisbane to visit Ballina, Grafton and Coffs Harbour. Whilst in Grafton HMAS BETANO conducted a beach survey of the Harwood ferry hards. On return to Brisbane on 10 February HMAS BETANO entered an Assisted Maintenance period. The ship sailed from Brisbane on 29 March and was on passage to Sydney at the end of the quarter.

HMAS WEWAK

5. HMAS WEWAK commenced the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing Refit. After completion of Refit an Annual Inspection was conducted by COMAUSLANCRON ONE on 4 February. An Operational Readiness Evaluation was conducted on 10 February with successful results.

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6. HMAS WEWAK sailed from Brisbane on 18 March to relocate stores to Townsville and to conduct beach surveys in the vicinity of Mourilyan, Bowen, Fitzroy River and Fraser Island. At the end of the quarter HMAS WEWAK was on passage from Fitzroy River to Fraser Island.

HMAS BRUNEI

7. HMAS BRUNEI commenced the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing an Assisted Maintenance period. Annual Inspection was conducted on 28 January. On 12 February HMAS BRUNEI sailed for Sydney where she took part in the Combined College Lots Demonstration, conducted by the Transportation Centre RACT.

8. During early March, HMAS BRUNEI relocated Army stores to Sydney and Melbourne. After discharging in Melbourne the ship sailed for Adelaide where she participated as starting ship for the South Australian Cruising Yacht Squadron Regatta. HMAS BRUNEI departed Adelaide on 8 March for Hobart. The ship remained in Hobart from 11-14 March. While on passage to Bell Bay on 16 March HMAS BRUNEI encountered heavy seas in Bass Strait and was forced to shelter. Bell Bay was finally reached on 18 March. HMAS BRUNEI sailed for Melbourne on 21 March and loaded explosives bound for Launceston. The return cargo to Melbourne consisted of a Locomotive, tender and carriage, for the Geelong Steam Preservation Society. These were landed at Port Melbourne on 27 March and the ship sailed the following day to HMAS CERBERUS where she landed ammunition boxes for return to Sydney. HMAS BRUNEI sailed from HMAS CERBERUS on 29 March and was at sea en route Sydney at the end of the quarter.

GENERAL

9. During the quarter only two ships were affected by weather causing a total loss of 6 ship days on task. The majority of this time was due to the cyclone season in Northern waters and is not considered excessive. Maintenance periods were not adversely affected.

10. On 24 February the inaugural LCH symposium was held in HMAS MORETON with representatives from the Department of Defence (Navy), Flag Officer Commanding HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET, Australian Joint Warfare Establishment, Weapons Research Establishment, Army Logistics Command, Field Force Command HQ 1 Division, 10 Terminal Regiment and various movement agencies, attending.

11. Presentations were, in the main, provocative and stimulated lively discussion. A Synopsis will be forwarded separately.

12. Reconnaissance Reports - The beach library continues to expand with a further five reports submitted for the quarter. These included the Queensland coast, Tasmania and Victoria. The Special Air Services (SAS) method of compilation is proving most satisfactory.

13. Training - During the quarter, four officers underwent the LCH CO/XO designate course, conducted at RACT Transportation Centre, HMAS PENGUIN and HMAS MORETON.

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14. One PNG officer is at present serving with the Squadron undergoing engineering training.

SUPPLY & SECRETARIAT

15. The Squadron modified service system canteen audits for the period ending 31 January 1977 are complete. Records are accurately maintained and business activities are being properly conducted. The state of the general mess balances as at 28 February 1977 was satisfactory.

TECHNICAL

16. One major engine rebuild followed by one generator rebuild have been carried out and are now ready for trial. Three hydraulic pipes have failed and trials with stainless steel piping and denso-tape covering are being carried out. One evaporator has an elusive leak and further workshop trials will be necessary.

17. More than 540 skilled man hours were spend on one unit of Super 101 Radar before it was serviceable. These sets are now becoming uneconomical to repair.

18. A survey of 24 volt Nickel Cadmium batteries is underway following several battery log inspections. Presently awaited are the results of ALCAD AUSTRALIA investigations with the hope of rejuvenating some of the cells.

19. Army radios are a continuing problem, and replacement sets take several weeks to exchange, with the result that ships in refit must be "robbed" to support operational units.

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ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance

1. Although the funds situation at this stage of the financial year in certain specific areas of expenditure is at a critical level, the control system at present in operation at HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS MORETON allows for easier control of the situation due to the direct involvement and control exercised by the respective Base Supply Officers.

2. As a result of the Naval Staff Office/Headquarters move to Watkins Place Towers, Brisbane to co-locate with the Defence Regional Office, there has been a noticeable improvement in liaison with the "Navy" personnel located in the Regional Finance Office. It is expected that this situation willcontinue and further improvement in financial control and mangement will be possible.

3. During the quarter it was evidenced that the requisitioning/ ordering procedures destribed and required under ABR4 and the Navy Accounts Manual ABR5013 were still not being adhered to. With an increase in visiting ships to this area during the next quarter, it is probable that these non compliances will increase, requiring extra work by this office to correct the situation to enable the relevant accounts to be processed by the Regional Finance Office.

Works

4. Four CSHA Houses remain outstanding in Brisbane on current programmes. Of these, one is under construction, being already well past its scheduled completion date. The remaining three residences are of a new type and construction has not yet commenced.

5. Eleven are outstanding in Cairns and all are under construction.

6. The following 1977/78 Design List (1978/79 New Works Programme) Items were submitted during the quarter:

a. Extension of the Dieso and FFO fuel line from the Cairns OFI onto the new operating platform of the No 10 Wharf, Cairns.

b. Reconstruction of Wardroom at HMAS MORETON.

c. Reactivation of Windsor OFI.

7. The future of the Windsor OFI is still under consideration in Navy Office. The latest information from the Department of Administrative Services indicated that that Department, the Brisbane City Council and the Metropolitan Fire Brigades Board were all not in favour of recommissioning this Installation, especially with a more volatile fuel such as Dieso.

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8. The financial situation in all "Works" allocations now warrants careful and constant attention to costing details and continuous review of the progress of jobs to allow for updating programme balances and cancellation of tasks which for whatever reason cannot be committed and executed within a reasonable time.

General Services

9. The relocation of NOC Qld Organisation from the former Queensland Maritime Defence Force HQ at 5-7 Edward Street to Watkins Place, 288 Edward Street took place over the weekend 26/27 Feb 77 and ended a Naval presence at the bottom end of Edward Street which commenced in 1859. Disturbance to administrative activity was confined to 25/28 Feb 77.

10. Total costs associated with the move are assessed at $3,470.00.

11. The vacated building remains under the control of this office pending a decision on its future.

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HMAS CAIRNS

1. A World War II mine laying on Thetford Reef, 20 miles east of Cairns, was reported by the master of CORAL SEATEL on 1 January. The mine was discovered by Mr. John Harriett, a Mackay spearfisherman. With the aid of Mr. Harriett and the Survey Motor Boat of HMAS FLINDERS, the mine was relocated and buoyed by HMAS CAIRNS personnel on 6 January. The mine was subsequently destroyed by CDT 1 personnel on 11 January.

2. HMAS VENDETTA visited Cairns from 11 to 13 January.

3. Cyclone Keith approached Cairns on 31 January. Patrol Boats in Cairns remained at their berths, and the Cyclone passed 30 miles clear of Cairns. Wind gusts of up to 50 kts were experienced, but exceeded 30 kts for only a short period.

4. On 8 February, Cmdr M.J.S. KEAY, RAN was present in Townsville to conduct an investigation into incidents involving PNGS SAMARAI at the approach of Cyclone Keith to Townsville.

5. Cyclone Nancy approached Cairns on 12 February, necessitating the recall from sea of HMAS BARBETTE. This cyclone also passed clear of Cairns. On 6 March a tropical depression caused winds in excess of 50 kts in the Cairns area. The winds were in fact stronger than those associated with the two previous cyclones.

6. As a result of the cyclones and several tropical depressions, heavy to flood rains were experienced for most of the Quarter. Cairns, and several coastal areas to the south were declared disaster areas on two occasions after extensive flooding had damaged houses and destroyed roads, bridges and farms. Road and rail transport was badly disrupted, and Cairns airport was closed to large aircraft for two days after particularly severe flooding.

7. Work continues to provide shore power facilities at No. 2 Wharf for HMAS FLINDERS.

Attached Ships

8. A Squadron Exercise was held on 5 January for AUSPABRON TWO and HMAS ADVANCE. On 6 January HMAS ADVANCE successfully completed an Operational Readiness Evaluation, conducted by COMAUSMINPABFOR, Cmdr G. HALLEY, RAN.

9. Foreign Fishing Vessel activity remained at a high level in the Gulf of Carpentaria. Three Taiwanese Gill Netters were apprehended during the Quarter. The three vessels, apprehended by HMA Ships ADROIT and ADVANCE, were escorted to Weipa where the Masters were subsequently tried and found guilty.

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10. HMAS FLINDERS conducted surveys in the Cape Weymouth area during the Quarter. FLINDERS commenced a four week assisted maintenance period on 18 March.

11. HMAS BARRICADE conducted two Gulf and two Barrier Reef patrols during the Quarter.

12. HMAS BAYONET patrolled Areas T and A, Area B, and Areas S2 and T. On 2 February, BAYONET participated in a search for the survivors of the yacht IBIS, which foundered in Halifax Bay during Cyclone Keith.

13. HMAS BARBETTE assisted with the disposal of the mine on Thetford Reef on 11 January. BARBETTE patrolled Areas S2 and T and Area B prior to commencing refit on 21 February.

14. PNGS SAMARAI completed refitting in Townsville on 1 March. SAMARAI sailed from Cairns for PNG waters on 11 March.

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RECRUITING

1. During the quarter ending 31 March 1977, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville).

	Enquiries	Applications	Entered
General Entry	341 (136)	119 (42)	35 (3)
Junior Recruits	270 (43)	105 (21)	53 (5)
Naval Apprentices	284 (54)	54 (9)	16 (-)
Officers	105 (19)	16 (1)	28 (-)
WRANS	327 (93)	63 (19)	9 (1)
WRANS Officers	20 (3)	- (-)	- (-)
TOTAL	1347 (348)	357 (92)	141 (9)

NOTE: Figures as of 21 March.

2. The Careers Activities Group has lectured in 34 State High Schools and 9 Denominational Schools in Metropolitan and Country areas.

3. The response and co-operation of most Principals and students was very good.

4. On 14 March, 1977, LEUT PSEX (P) C.B. STITZ joined this office to carry out the duties of Careers Lecturer Attachments.

5. On 17 January 1977, PORSS S. Trott joined for Recruiting Duties in North Queensland, replacing POWTR J.J. NASH.

6. A report from CPOMTH3 M.J. INALL, the Recruiting Representative in North Queensland for the quarter is as follows:

a. CPOMTH M. INALL escorted the January 1977 Junior Recruit Intake from Brisbane to HMAS LEEUWIN. The 3 days familiarisation stay at HMAS LEEUWIN proved of good value in gaining knowledge of the Junior Recruit Training Establishment.

b. PORSS S. TROTT commenced his recruiting duties in Townsville on 24 January after one week familiarisation at Defence Force Recruiting Centre, Brisbane.

c. The number of General Entry applications for the quarter showed a marked increase on the same quarter in 1976. This is probably due to the increase in advertising in provincial newspapers.

7. The number of enquiries compared with the same quarter in 1976 has doubled. The number of applications has risen marginally and the numbers entered have increased by approximately 10%.

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SOCIAL WORKERS REPORT

Case Load

	New	Carried	Total
Brisbane			
January	12	51	63
February	5	57	62
March	12	49	61

1. The case load for the quarter ending 31 March 1977 totals 186 cases which is to be considered an average caseload.

2. The part time social work position in Cairns remains unfilled to date. The position was advertised in the local Cairns and Townsville newspapers but this produced only one applicant whose qualifications were inappropriate. It is considered that further advertising on a state and nation wide basis would be beneficial e.g. using "The Australian" and Brisbane's "Courier Mail". The Brisbane social workers will continue to handle casework in Cairns and will visit at regular intervals.

3. During this Quarter, the social workers have made country visits to Toowoomba, Killarney, Gympie and the South Coast.

4. Miss Sandra Cuthbert, a social work student from the University of Queensland, commenced her first practical placement at the Naval Staff Office on 27 Jan 77 for a period of 18 weeks. Miss E. Nutt is her supervisor.

5. The Brisbane Naval Wives are holding a luncheon on 29 March at HMAS MORETON. This will be their first activity for the year and it is hoped that it will be repeated on a monthly basis. PO Wran G. Harlow and Miss Cuthbert are responsible for the organisation involved.

6. Miss E. Nutt proceeded on annual leave for 4 weeks at the end of January.

7. With the new location of the Naval Staff Office at Watkins Place, the Social Work section now have adequate accommodation which is in accordance with normal standards for Professional Officers.

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TECHNICAL REPORT

1. One complete major engine rebuild with change of crankshaft and all defective items replaced, the unit will now be tested by civilian contractors as no dynamometer is available at HMAS MORETON. Similarly a generator unit will be trialled engine end only.

2. The shipwright department has carried out repairs to fractures in LCH superstructures andmodifications togangway securing arrangements.

3. The electrical department has completely rebuilt one radar set and in the event of the LCH in refit being fitted with RM 916 radar this will be used as a hot spare.

4. One generator unit has electrically been completely re-furbished and is ready for test.

5. LCH radio equipment has operated satisfactorily.

6. A load bank has been built by Ships Staff for the testing of generators after refit and when required in emergency this will be a considerable financial saving over a period.

7. The continued exploration of Brisbane located contractors for small repairs reveals some facilities which are superior to the present period contractors.

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SUPPLY REPORT

1. The Command Supply Officer LCDR B.T. EDGERTON attended the Sixth RAN Legal Conference during the period 19-20 January 1977.

2. On the 7 February and 8 March respectively Mr. V.O'HAGAN and Mr. R. PATTISON from the regional defence department audit branch commenced internal audit inspections of HMAS MORETON and HMAS CAIRNS.

3. On Friday 4 March 1977 Mr. M. NARGAR (Senior Audit Inspector, Construction and Defence) Auditor General's Department visited HMAS MORETON for informal audit discussions.

4. On 8 March 1977 LEUT N. BROOKS and Mr. L. JOHNSON (Inspector Stores) visited HMAS MORETON to commence and oversee the Supply Operations Assistance programme. The estimated completion date of the SELF-SOAP is January 1978.

5. On 17 March 1977 Mr. B.C. BROWN inspector the Inspector Units, Base and Ships, Defence Department Audit Branch visited HMAS MORETON during a familiarisation tour.

6. On the 29 March 1977 CMDR R.A. CLARKE D/DFSR(M) visited HMAS MORETON to review and inspect Service System Canteens and non-public fund operations.

7. HMAS MORETON is currently responsible for eight service system canteens and ten non-public funds. The frequency of audit (i.e. every three and four months respectively) for these funds is increasing the workload for the experienced supply officers to the extent that attention to action areas of responsibility is lagging. Presently the membership of the HMAS MORETON Wardroom Mess is 133. It is in this area and in particular the preparation of the balance sheet for audit that the majority of difficulty is being experienced. Inexperienced Junior Officer's have difficulty in maintaining and preparing financial records required of treasurers for these funds.

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GOSIEAA BRANCH : NAVAL OPERATIONS

1. Landing Craft Heavy. This office has during the quarter, provided full overseeing and QA services at prime and sub-contractors premises for the following craft:

HMAS WEWAK	-	Refit
HMAS LABUAN	-	Annual slipping
HMAS BRUNEI	-	Emergency slipping
HMAS BALIKPAPAN	-	Refit.

Manufacture and Repairs

2. The manufacture of 78 "SEAPHONE" VHF radio telephones was completed during the quarter.

3. Two (2) in number transformer rectifiers for HMAS COOK were completed and have been delivered. Full completion of the order is dependent on approval of handbooks by Navy Office.

4. The pre-production samples of fragmentation vests complete with drawings were inspected and have been delivered. Several production concessions concerning this contract are being processed.

5. Repairs to general stores items is continuing under period contracts.

Travel

6. The RNO returned from Townsville on 1 March on completion of the refit of PNGS SAMARAI having provided overseeing and QA duties in the electrical sphere of the refit of that vessel.

7. The RNO visited Sydney on 7 March for discussions at GOSIEAA regarding the SAMARAI refit and to present a report covering the subject.

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~~DGNOP~~ of interest. Annex D includes some photographs of
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Attention: Chief of Naval Staff

QUEENSLAND : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 1977

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for the Queensland Area for the quarter ended 30 June 1977.

2. I assumed Command of the Queensland Area on 4 April 1977.

Inspections/Visits

3. On 5 April I visited HMAS MORETON and the First Australian Landing Craft Squadron.

4. On 12 April, I flew to Cairns for familiarisation of the Area, and accompanied by the Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS, examined the port facilities at Weipa and Thursday Island meeting various government and business authorities and Naval Agents concerned. On 15 April on the return flight to Brisbane, a brief stopover at Townsville enabled calls on the other Service establishments and a visit to the Naval Careers Office.

5. During the quarter two meetings were held with the management of Evans Deakin Ltd in respect of repair and refit of ships at Townsville, and one meeting with the Manager of Bundaberg Engineering in respect of LCH refits.

6. The Command received a succession of important visits, the result of which should create a greater awareness of the problems and priorities in the Command.

a. In May, the Director of Fleet Maintenance, Captain B. Read examined the technical facilities of HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS MORETON and in particular commercial refitting facilities in Cairns and Brisbane.

/b. The complement

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b. The complement of HMAS CAIRNS was subject of review by the Establishments Inspection Team who, as a result of later debrief in Brisbane, were able to vary some of their conclusions and recommendations in regard to reviews of HMAS MORETON and NOC QLD staff held late in 1976.

c. In June, the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, the Honourable Mr J.E. McLeay saw at first hand some activities of the First Australian Landing Craft Squadron, and later walked round HMAS CAIRNS.

d. On 13 June, coinciding with HMAS STALWART visiting Brisbane, the Flag Officer Commanding HMA Fleet visited HMAS MORETON and HMAS LABUAN and later in the month, his Chief Staff Officer (Technical), Captain D. Holthouse supplemented the earlier visit of Director of Fleet Maintenance, with a familiarisation visit to HMAS CAIRNS and Brisbane.

e. Of prime importance to this Command was an examination in detail of Naval and port facilities of Brisbane by Commodore K. Vonthethoff, DGLOG-N and Mr H.G. Sforcina, DAW-N, including overflight of the new port authority area and existing Naval and Army installations by helicopter.

f. Visitors for the quarter appropriately concluded with the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A.H. Synnot, AO, CBE paying calls in Brisbane, visiting HMAS MORETON and ships of the First Australian Landing Craft Squadron, and HMAS OXLEY. A brief helicopter flight to Stradbroke Island and embarkation by LARC into HMA Ships BRUNEI and BALIKPAPAN permitted observation of a small exercise in co-operation with Army units.

7. I was most impressed with the Naval Reserve Cadet activities in this State when I inspected TS MAGNUS, TS ONSLOW, TS PALUMA and TS GAYUNDAH during June.

General

8. Master Plans. Discussion with the various visitors and local authorities has confirmed a need to review the Master Plans for Queensland. An early submission is expected as soon as some vital facts are confirmed in writing.

9. Manpower. As reflected in Establishment Reviews and responses to projected civil manpower reductions, it is considered that the proposed increases in complement for HMAS MORETON, HMAS CAIRNS and Naval Headquarters have been amply demonstrated. There is no doubt that if approved, and implemented, the levels of efficiency and service will increase and adequate effort will be available in neglected areas.

/10. Defence Regional

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10. Defence Regional Office. Whilst co-operation has been very satisfactory apprehension still remains as to the extent of the role of the Defence Regional Office. Recently there has been a distinct reduction in financial assistance, primarally arising from different procedures between the three Services, and as this Command surrendered five positions to the Regional Finance Office for this function a real problem has arisen. Nevertheless discussions are continuing in the hope of resolving the matter locally.

11. Naval Headquarters. With the move complete from the old Naval Staff Office the more appropriate title of Naval Headquarters (NHQ) has been adopted. Efforts are being made to demonstrably identify the Naval Headquarters as such, and not part of the Defence Regional Office, and in this respect approval has been sought separately to display a furled White Ensign adjacent to the control point for the secure area of NHQ. Office space is already at a premium and, with reference to expected staff increases (paragraph 9), it is expected to seek additional space from the Defence Regional Office in the near future.

12. Joint Services Local Planning Committee (JSLPC). The JSLPC met during the quarter.

P.H. James.

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

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E. HMAS CAIRNS
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H. Social Workers Report
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CEREMONIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Calls

1. During the quarter I called on the following:

6 April	Mr W.W. Moore, Collector of Customs Qld
7 "	Mr A. Freeleagus, Dean of Consular Corps
18 "	Captain R.G. Hildebrand, Port Master
20 "	Air Commodores S. Evans and R.F. Drury, RAAF Amberley
27 "	His Excellency, Commodore Sir James Ramsay, CBE, DSC, The Governor of Queensland
27 "	Mr Baxter, Acting General Manager, Port of Brisbane Authority

2. On 9 June I called on Captain M.W. Hudson, RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS STALWART after which I accompanied him on his calls on Major General P.H. Bennett and Air Commodore R.F. Drury. I also accompanied him on his calls on the Lord Mayor, Alderman F. Sleeman; Hon W.E. Knox, MLA, Deputy Premier and Treasurer and His Excellency, Commodore Sir James Ramsay, CBE, DSC, Governor of Queensland, on 10 June. Subsequently I accompanied the Lord Mayor on a trip down river in HMAS STALWART.

3. Calls were received from the following:

29 April	Colonel Hall, PNG Defence Force
5 May	Colonel A.H. Smith, Chief of Staff, 1st Division
1 June	Surgeon Commander A.H. Robertson, President, Navy League
7 "	Lieutenant C. Gunn, Commanding Officer HMAS BALIKPAPAN - Farewell Visit
8 "	Lieutenant Proctor, Commanding Officer HMAS BALIKPAPAN - New Commanding Officer
17 "	Lieutenant E. Wilson, Commanding Officer HMAS BARRICADE
20 "	Commander (C) F. Dixon, Senior Officer, Naval Reserve Cadets

Social

4. I attended 13 social functions during working hours and 34 out of working hours during the quarter, accompanied as appropriate by my wife.

5. Hospitality was given by my wife and myself on two occasions.

6. I was also represented by Command Officers at various other functions throughout the period.

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LIST OF VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

20 May 77	Captain B. Read, RAN	DFTM
20 May 77	Commander C.K. Callins, RAN	COMAUSMINPABFOR
23 May 77	Commander C.J. Littleton, RAN	Inspector Establishments
3 Jun 77	Rear Admiral S.J. Lloyd	DGNHS
6 Jun 77	Hon J.E. McLeay	Minister for Construction and Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence
9 Jun 77	Captain P. Pinkster, RN	RN Liaison Officer Canberra
13 Jun 77	Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald, AO	FOCAF
16 Jun 77	Commodore K. Vonthethoff, RAN	DGLOG-N
16 Jun 77	Mr H.G. Sforcina	DAW-N
19 Jun 77	Group Captain Akhtar	Pakistan Defence Attache
21 Jun 77	Commander R.J.R. Pennock, RAN	DNR
22 Jun 77	Commander I.S. Pullar, RAN	Deputy Hydro
23 Jun 77	Captain D.G. Holthouse, RAN	CSOT to FOCAF
24 Jun 77	Lieutenant Commander C. Lewis, RAN	Navy Office
27-28Jun77	Vice Admiral A.M. Synnot, AO, CBE	CNS
29 Jun 77	Lieutenant Commander Pfennigwerth, RAN	FCO to FOCAF

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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. The following ship visits occurred during the quarter:

a. By Unassigned Ships to Queensland Ports

Cairns		Townsville	
HMAS DUCHESS	21-23 May	HMAS DUCHESS	14-16 May
HMAS CURLEW)	13-17 May		
HMAS IBIS)			
Thursday Island		**Gladstone**	
HMAS CURLEW)	4-5 May	HMAS CURLEW)	20 May
HMAS IBIS)		HMAS IBIS)	
Brisbane		**Mooloolaba**	
HMAS KIMBLA	16-18 Apr	HMAS AWARE	29 Apr-4 May
" "	11-16 May		
HMAS STALWART	9-14 Jun		
HMAS OXLEY	25-28 Jun		

b. By Assigned Units to Queensland Ports (Other than Base Ports)

AUSLANCRON ONE	18
AUSPABRON TWO	11
HMAS FLINDERS	2

2. HMA Ships BOMBARD and BUCCANEER were attached to PABRON TWO to maintain Queensland coastal surveillance whilst HMA Ships BARBETTE and BAYONET were detached to NOCNA for survey and patrol activities.

3. HMAS FLINDERS spent the majority of the quarter surveying SW Endeavour Strait waters broken by a visit to Gove.

4. The visit of HMAS OXLEY to Brisbane produced very high public interest, with coverage on all TV channels and in most papers. The two public inspection periods resulted in long queues with many disappointed people being turned away.

5. HMAS STALWART also attracted large numbers of visitors particularly from school groups with 8 separate visits totalling 400 children.

6. TV GAYUNDAH was sailed as follows:

15-18 Apr	Moreton Bay	CMDR RLEX Boyd
2-7 May	" "	(NRC - TS PALUMA, TS ONSLOW
8-13 May	" "	(LEUT RLEX SMALL
3-6 Jun	" "	LEUT RLEX LEE
24-26 Jun	" "	CMDR RLEX BOYD

/7. Communications

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7. Communications

a. HMAS MORETON Commcen

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	7438	4208	11646
Restricted	1126	281	1407
Confidential	177	14	191
Secret	22	1	23
Telegrams		14	14
			13281

b. Army Commcen Watkins Place for NOC QLD

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	1699	539	2238
Restricted	448	113	561
Confidential	56	70	126
Secret	2	2	4
Telegrams		33	33
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AUSLANCRON ONE

HMAS BALIKPAPAN

1. At the beginning of the quarter BALIKPAPAN was undergoing refit at Peter's Slipway in Brisbane. The refit included extensive modification to the ship's ballasting system in that number four tank, of 100 tonnes capacity, were sub-divided and number one tank, 28 tonnes capacity, were blanked off and utilised for the fitting of the vibration damping equipment. Due to delays in delivery, this equipment will not now be completely fitted until later in the year.

2. The ship completed refit on 3 June and a successful Operational Readiness Evaluation (ORE) was conducted by COMAUSLANCRON ONE and staff on 27 June. The following day, Vice Admiral A.H. Synnot, AO, CBE was embarked during demonstrations of LCH operations. BALIKPAPAN was alongside HMAS MORETON at the end of the period preparing for deployment to the Darwin area.

HMAS TARAKAN

3. At the beginning of the quarter HMAS TARAKAN was undergoing assisted maintenance alongside HMAS MORETON. TARAKAN sailed from Brisbane on 17 April for Operation Cenderawasih. While en route for Darwin the ship was weather-bound at Gove by Cyclone Verna. To compensate for time lost and to meet the insertion date, TARAKAN sailed from Gove to Biak where she unloaded. The ship then undertook the establishment of a number of fuel dumps in Irian Jaya as part of the support programme to Cenderawasih.

4. TARAKAN returned to Australia berthing in Cairns on 31 May. Once again the ship was weatherbound until 9 June when she sailed for Brisbane. On arrival in Brisbane TARAKAN entered an intermediate docking period and remained alongside HMAS MORETON until the end of the quarter.

HMAS LABUAN

5. HMAS LABUAN began the period alongside HMAS MORETON available for tasking. The ship sailed for Shoalwater Bay on 2 April where she remained in support of CDT training until the end of the month. During this period LABUAN undertook to establish accurate tidal data for Triangular Island which was subsequently forwarded to the Hydrographer.

6. From 6-13 May LABUAN undertook the administrative movement of APC type vehicles from Townsville to Port Clinton before returning to Brisbane.

7. On 28 May LABUAN sailed, in company with HMAS BRUNEI, for the Shoalwater Bay area. The ships were primarily tasked for movement of APC vehicles from Brisbane and Wide Bay into Sabina Point at Shoalwater Bay. The secondary task was the trials of Night Vision Equipment embarked in BRUNEI. The ships visited Bundaberg on 29 May - 1 June and returned alongside HMAS MORETON on 2 June.

/8. On 13 June

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8. On 13 June the Flag Officer Commanding HM Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald, AO was embarked for a brief demonstration of LCH activities.

9. LABUAN commenced an Assisted Maintenance Period on 24 June and remained alongside MORETON until the end of the quarter.

HMAS BETANO

10. At the beginning of the period BETANO was en route Brisbane to Sydney to load 16 metre patrol boats for passage to Singapore. The ship departed Sydney on 9 April but diverted to Newcastle for two days due to unfavourable weather conditions. This time was made up en route and the ship arrived in Singapore on schedule.

11. Back loading was provided at Surabaya for two unserviceable Paxman patrol boat engines and the ship returned to Australia arriving in Darwin on 31 May. More cargo was embarked in Darwin and the ship sailed for the Alligator River to conduct a Survey of Beaches and approaches suitable for forthcoming LCH operations.

12. BETANO returned to Brisbane on 15 June and remained alongside until the end of the quarter.

HMAS BRUNEI

13. At the beginning of the period BRUNEI was en route for HMAS **CERBERUS** to load cargo for Sydney. The ship arrived in CERBERUS on 1 April, loaded, and departed for Bell Bay, Tasmania, with explosives embarked. BRUNEI discharged at Bell Bay on 2 April and sailed for Sydney area where she remained until 16 April.

14. The ship arrived in Brisbane on 18 April when she berthed alongside HMAS MORETON and entered an Assisted Maintenance Period.

15. BRUNEI sailed from Brisbane on 18 May for shake down trials of Night Vision Equipment as a part of Defence Trial Number 392. Embarked were Infra Red Sector Scan (IRSS), Low Light Level Television (LLLTV) and Image Intensification Night Observation Device (NOD) equipments. The ship remained at sea overnight before returning to HMAS MORETON.

16. On 26 May BRUNEI sailed from Brisbane with HMAS LABUAN and the ships remained in company until 3 June, when BRUNEI departed Brisbane for Sydney with the Night Vision Trials team embarked. The ship remained in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area 6-15 June conducting trials with HMA ships SWAN and AWARE and elements from AUSCDT/HT723 Squadron and the Diving School HMAS PENGUIN. On 15 June the LLLTV equipment was embarked and the ship proceeded to Brisbane the following day. BRUNEI sailed on 28 June with BALIKPAPAN in company for a demonstration of LCH operations for Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral A.H. Synnot, AO, CBE. The ship returned alongside on completion and remained available for tasking until the end of the period.

/HMAS WEWAK

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HMAS WEWAK

17. At the beginning of the quarter HMAS WEWAK was carrying out a beach reconnaissance in Wide Bay. The ship sailed on completion and arrived in Brisbane on 2 April, where she remained in an Assisted Maintenance Period until 4 May.

18. WEWAK deployed to Melbourne on 4 May but was plagued with unsuitable weather conditions and did not arrive in Melbourne until 14 May. The ship embarked a Centurion Tank and general cargo and sailed for the Army Tropical Trials Establishment near Nourilyan. The tank was discharged across the beach on 31 May and the ship returned to Brisbane on 3 June. WEWAK deployed to the inner Barrier Reef area 8-18 June for Royal Australian Corps of Transport Coxswains Navigation Training. The ship remained alongside until 26 June when she sailed for Sydney.

19. WEWAK remained in Sydney until the end of the quarter loading patrol boats for Singapore.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

20. During the quarter, new Commanding Officers were posted to HMA ships BALIKPAPAN and WEWAK. New Executive Officers were posted to BRUNEI and LABUAN, and staff changes included Staff Officer Plans, Major B. Rissell, and Assistant Staff Officer Operations, SBLT P. Metcalf.

GENERAL

21. During the period, a total of thirteen ship days were lost due to adverse weather conditions. This is attributed to the winter season in the southern States and unusually late cyclone activity off the Queensland coast.

22. The incidence of defects with HF radios, while still being a matter of concern, did not affect ships on deployment to South East Asia. Prior to deployment, BETANO and TARAKAN were each outfitted with a complete spare AN/GRC-106 radio on loan, and this practice is being adopted as Squadron policy for deployments of this nature.

23. Extensive trials of Night Vision Equipment were carried out during the quarter and are the subject of a separate report. However HMAS BRUNEI has retained the IRSS equipment and a NOD for comparative data during the forthcoming exercise Long Vigil.

24. Various ships of the Squadron have carried out trials on a portable hand held echo sounder - the Honda 33. This has been found to be an invaluable aid to beach survey and reconnaissance operations prior to beaching at uncharted locations. Recommendations for the purchase of these sets have been forwarded separately.

25. The beach library, held at the Squadron offices, continues to grow albeit slowly. The emphasis for the remainder of the year is to update information already held and standardise the format of the beach report. Pending the introduction of JSP(AS)12 an interim report has been promulgated as an annex to COMAUSLANCRON ONE Squadron Orders (CALCORDS).

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26. The first two of five sixteen metre patrol craft for Indonesia were transported to Singapore during the quarter. It is envisaged that the remaining three craft will be shipped during the next quarter.

27. Self explanatory photographs of various LCH tasks are at Appendix 1.

TRAINING

28. During the quarter, four officers underwent the LCH CO/XO designate course at the Royal Australian Corps of Transport Transportation Centre Mosman, HMAS PENGUIN and HMAS MORETON. A further two officers underwent a Joint Warfare Course at Australian Joint Warfare Establishment, Williamtown, NSW.

Appendix: 1. Photographs of various LCH tasks

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HMAS BETANO transported 2 x 16 metre patrol boats Sydney to Singapore for Indonesia.



HMAS BRUNEI transported 75 containers - Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne via HMAS CERBERUS.

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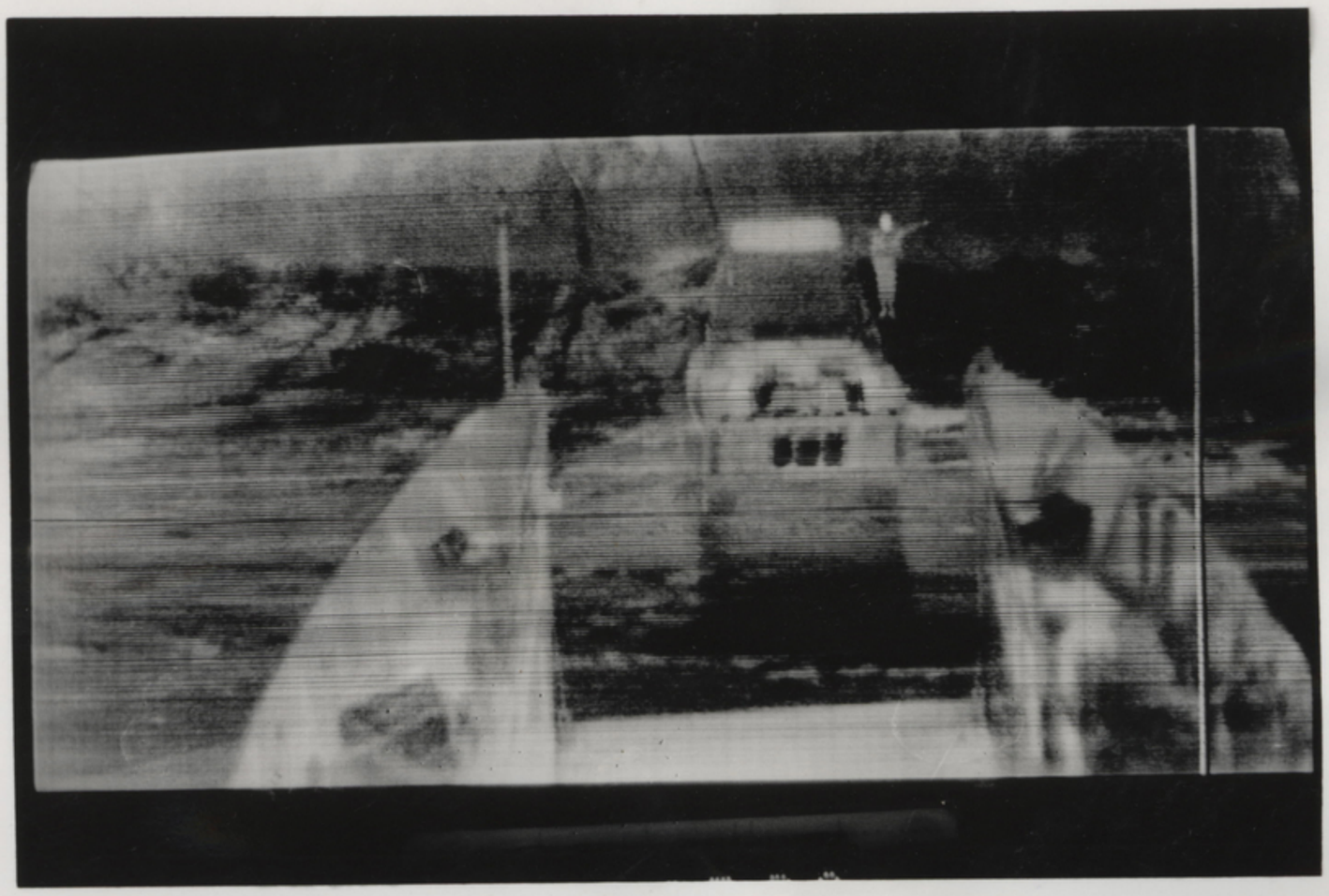

HMAS BRUNEI during night vision trials - I.R. sector scan - beached with personnel visible.



HMAS LABUAN loaded with APC's, Brisbane to Shoalwater Bay exercise.

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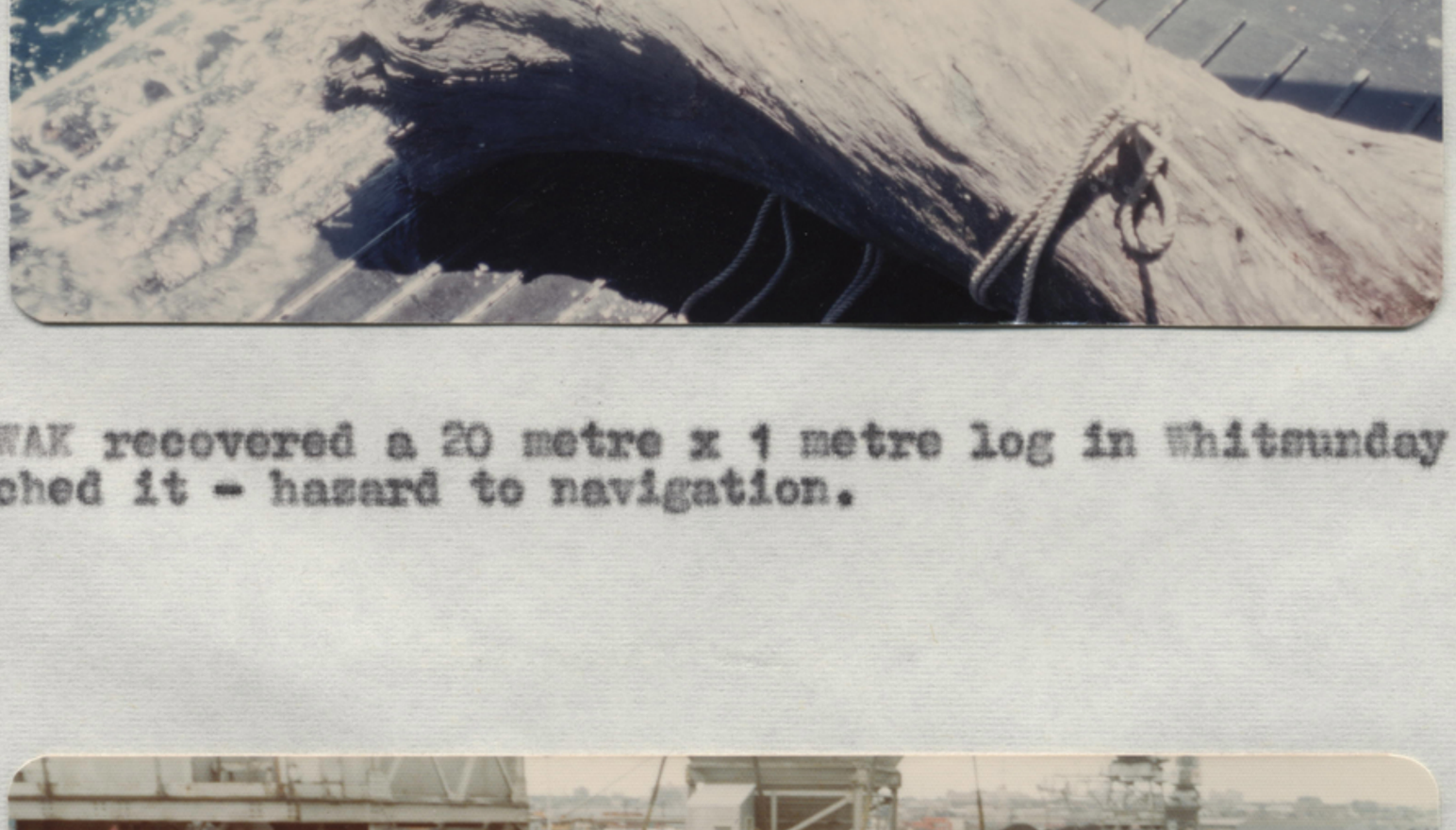
HMAS WEWAK recovered a 20 metre x 1 metre log in Whitsunday Passage and beached it - hazard to navigation.



HMAS BRUNEI transported a steam locomotive from Launceston to Melbourne for the Geelong Steam Preservation Society.

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HMAS CAIRNS

1. The Naval Officer Commanding Queensland, Captain P.H. James, RAN walked around HMAS CAIRNS on Tuesday 12 April. Accompanied by Commanding Officer HMAS CAIRNS, Captain James visited Weipa and Thursday Island to examine support facilities on the 13 and 14 April.

2. The Hon H. Neil, MHR visited HMAS CAIRNS on the 12 April.

3. HMAS CAIRNS and HMA Ships BARRICADE and BAYONET participated in a joint Customs-RAN-RAAF exercise, code named Violin, on Tuesday 19 April. The Base Operations Officer HMAS CAIRNS was present in a combined Operations Room established in RAAF Base Townsville for the duration of the exercise.

4. HMAS **DUCHESS** called at Cairns for a short recreational visit from Saturday 21 May to Monday 23 May.

5. Surgeon Rear Admiral S.J. Lloyd, QHS visited HMAS CAIRNS on Monday 30 May.

6. On Thursday 9 June, His Excellency, Mr Riaz Piracha, Ambassador for Pakistan was present aboard HMAS BARRICADE, at Cairns, to present the Pakistan Shield for 1976 to her Ship's Company.

7. The Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, the Hon J.E. McLeay, MHR visited HMAS CAIRNS on Friday 10 June. He was present during the Splice the Mainbrace to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Silver Jubilee.

8. On Sunday 12 June, the Commander of the Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald, AO walked around HMAS CAIRNS and ships alongside.

9. The Hon Mr R. Shipton, MHR visited HMAS CAIRNS on Monday 27 June.

Attached Ships

10. Foreign fishing vessel activity increased in waters adjacent to the Queensland coast during the Quarter. Taiwanese Stern pair trawler activity was observed for the first time off the east coast of Queensland, near Yeppoon, and a fleet of over thirty Taiwanese trawlers were active in the Gulf of Carpentaria, near Weipa. Despite the increased activity, the only apprehensions credited to the Second Australian Patrol Boat Squadron were registered by HMAS BARBETTE in waters to the north of the Northern Territory.

11. HMAS FLINDERS completed an AMP on 18 April and surveyed in the Endeavour Strait until her return to Cairns to commence refitting on 29 June.

/12. HMAS BARRICADE

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12. HMAS BARRICADE conducted patrols in Areas T, A, B and C during the Quarter, and under went an Intermediate docking in May. During an AMP in June, Decca RM 916 Radar was fitted to replace the KH 975. On 29 June, Lieutenant R.M. Petch, RAN assumed command from Lieutenant W.F.A. Wilson, RAN.

13. HMAS BAYONET conducted a survey in company with HMA Ships MORESBY, ADVANCE and ADROIT in the Yampi Peninsular areas during May and June. On 29 June, Lieutenant B.J. Wilson, RAN assumed command from Lieutenant B.J. Bird, RAN.

14. HMAS BARBETTE completed refitting on 6 May, and on 19 May successfully completed an Operational Readiness Evaluation conducted by Commander C.K. Callins, RAN. BARBETTE deployed to the north western patrol areas in May to augment AUSPABRON THREE, and of 19 June arrested two Taiwanese Gill Netters, HUNG YEA No 1 and No 2. Both vessels were prosecuted successfully in Darwin.

15. HMA Ships BOMBARD and BUCCANEER gained valuable patrol experience in Queensland waters during the quarter when they assisted a depleted AUSPATRON TWO in its tasks. BUCCANEER underwent an intermediate docking from 24 May to 7 June after sustaining damage during an S2 and T patrol.

16. HMAS ASSAIL commenced refitting in Cairns on 9 May. Additional work discovered during surveys has unfortunately extended her refit.

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WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES REPORT

1. Three CSHA Group 2, 4 bedroom houses are currently under construction in Brisbane. Their completion will finalise currently programmed married quarter construction for Brisbane.

2. The two following Major Works Items have been approved for 1977/78:

a. Extension of the Dieso and FFO Fuel Lines from the Cairns OFI onto No 10 Wharf.

b. Reconstruction of the Wardroom at HMAS MORETON.

3. Draft Repairs and Maintenance and New Work Programmes received during the quarter indicate that an adequate level of funds will be provided even though Programme allocations are expected to be somewhat lesser than proposed totals. However Furniture and Fittings allocations are expected to be reduced considerably.

4. The lease by Caltex Oil of the No 5 Tank at the Cairns OFI commenced on 11 June 1977 and that Company's lease of the No 1 Tank at this Installation is expected to end very early in July 1977.

5. The future use/retention of the Windsor OFI remains under consideration.

6. The following properties, which had been declared for disposal, were handed over to the Department of Administrative Services on 23 June 1977:

a. Residence and Storehouse
Ella Street
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006

b. Naval Staff Office
5-7 Edward Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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RECRUITING

1. During the quarter ending 30 June 1977, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville):

	Enquiries		Applications		Entered	
General Entry	218	(62)	94	(15)	39	(5)
Junior Recruits	261	(77)	98	(23)	31	(-)
Naval Apprentices	289	(58)	11	(2)	-	(-)
Officers	165	(30)	3	(1)	2	(-)
WRANS	229	(79)	49	(25)	10	(-)
WRANS Officers	49	(10)	3	(Nil)	-	(-)
Total	1211	(316)	258	(66)	82	(5)

2. The Careers Activities Group has lectured in 81 State High Schools and Denominational Schools in Metropolitan and Country Areas. The group has also attended Careers Days/Nights at Toowoomba, St George and Goondiwindi.

3. The response and co-operation of most Principals and students was very good. A total of 4613 students attended lectures.

4. On 30 June 1977, LEUT PSEX(P) C.B. Stitz returned to HMAS ALBATROSS having completed a very successful period as Careers Lecturer.

5. The Apprentice Selection Board consisting of CMDR J.M. Haines, LEUT G.J. Gherardin and Mr T. Hodge convened on Monday 6 June and Tuesday 7 June 1977. Twenty (20) applicants were interviewed.

6. The Director of Naval Recruiting, CMDR R.J.R. Pennock visited the Brisbane Townsville offices from 21 June to 23 June 1977.

7. The Recruiting Representative in North Queensland conducted a Careers Lecture Tour of the schools south of Townsville in May. Nine (9) schools were visited with a total attendance of 476 students.

8. The number of enquiries compared with the same quarter in 1976 increased by 60 per cent. The number of applications fell marginally. The number enlisted dropped approximately 2 per cent.

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SOCIAL WORKERS REPORT

Case Load		New	Carried	Total
Brisbane	April	12	51	63
	May	11	50	61
	June	14	51	65

1. The caseload for the quarter ended 30 June 1977 totals 189 which is an average caseload. However due to absences of staff members, it has been a very busy period.

2. Mrs M. Miflin attended an Australian Association of Social Workers Conference in Adelaide for a week from 23 May 1977 which was a very stimulating learning experience.

3. The Social Work Student from the University, Miss S. Cuthbert successfully completed her 18 week placement on 27 May. Miss Cuthbert fitted in well with the Navy setting and was of help to the Social Workers as well as finding this a rewarding experience.

4. During this quarter the Social Workers have made visits to the South Coast, Maryborough, Gympie, Townsville, Cairns and Mackay.

5. Mrs Miflin commenced six weeks annual leave on 13 June.

6. The Brisbane Naval Wives have become fairly active and hold a luncheon approximately every two months, with attendance numbers increasing. A small group of wives have started a fortnightly social meeting and another group are welcoming new arrivals. Some of the Naval wives have formed a small committee and are presently organising a large luncheon and fashion parade for Navy Week.

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TECHNICAL REPORT

1. Experience has shown that HMAS MORETON requires an engine test bed to enable complete engine overhauls to be carried out.

2. A second complete rebuild of a Super Decca 101 radar has been carried out, the progress has been hampered by lack of spares and the necessity to 'cannibalise' this unit to keep other units operational.

3. The radio equipment has operated satisfactorily, although the necessity to have additional sets to issue to ships proceeding outside Australian waters cannot be over emphasised.

4. The new period contracts have included additional contractors which are to the RAN's advantage.

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SUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

General and Personnel

1. Between 12 and 22 April Messrs V. O'Hagen and A. Scott from Regional Audit Sections completed an audit of stores functions at HMAS CAIRNS and TS ENDEAVOUR.

2. On 5 May and 30 June meetings chaired by the Deputy Regional Secretary (Navy) were held at Naval Headquarters and HMAS MORETON to discuss financial management in Queensland Establishments.

3. On 19 May Mr T.J.B. Madden from the Regional Internal Audit Section commenced an audit of supply and transport activities at HMAS MORETON.

4. Between 30 May and 10 June 1977 Mr T.J.B. Madden from the Regional Internal Audit Section completed an audit of cash and accounts activities at HMAS CAIRNS.

5. Between 15 and 17 June Lieutenant J.L. Van Wyck, RAN and Mr W. Johnson visited HMAS MORETON to observe progress of the SELF-SOAP.

Naval Stores

6. The SELF-SOAP is progressing according to schedule and in a satisfactory manner.

Victualling

7. The general mess balances for HMAS MORETON and attached ships are satisfactory.

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GOSIEAA BRANCH - OPERATIONS OF RESIDENT NAVAL OVERSEER (QLD)

Landing Craft Heavy

1. Full overseering and QA services at prime and sub contractors' premises have been provided for the following ships:

a. HMAS BALIKPAPAN - Refit

b. HMAS TARAKAN - Annual Slipping

c. HMAS BETANO - Emergency Slipping

Manufacture and Repairs

2. a. The order for spares for Radio Controlled Surface Targets was completed on 12 April 1977.

b. Repairs to general stores items is continuing under Period Contracts.

Visits

3. Mr T. Riches (Ship QAR) accompanied by RNO(Q) visited Aeronautique Equipment in Toowoomba on 11 May for discussions with the contractor regarding manufacture of fragmentation vests, and to inspect his new premises.

4. Mr E. Tiley visited Walkers Ltd in Maryborough on 10 June to inspect Bearing Sleeves for LCH.

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QUEENSLAND : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1977

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for the Queensland Area for the Quarter Ended 30 September 1977.

2. During the latter part of July I visited all ports en route to CAIRNS and called on local government officials, Naval Agents, Harbour Masters, Naval Reserve Cadet Unit Commanding Officers, met Navy League and Naval Associations, and toured port and engineering facilities. This tour was most rewarding and gave rise to several areas of co-operation and mutual benefit which are being pursued separately. In CAIRNS, I conducted my biennial walk-round of HMAS CAIRNS and was impressed at the effort made by their small ship's company with their limited resources.

3. In conjunction with the visit to Bundaberg, the facilities of Bundaberg Engineering were inspected and later, as a result of a request to tender, they were awarded a contract for the slipping of HMAS BRUNEI. This was satisfactorily completed at the end of the quarter at a markedly better cost than in Brisbane.

4. The Command was again fortunate to continue to receive important visitors, indicative of the interest in Queensland activities:

a. In July, the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir James RAMSAY, CBE, DSC visited HMAS MORETON and HMAS LABUAN and embarked in HMAS BRUNEI for a beaching at Bulimba. On 12 July the Chief of Defence Force Staff, General A.L. MacDonald, CB, OBE was given a briefing at HMAS MORETON on the present and proposed facilities in Brisbane and later walked round HMAS LABUAN.

/b. In August,

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b. In August, the Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald, AO witnessed a Royal Australian Corps of Transport demonstration at Balmoral Beach NSW on board HMAS LABUAN.

c. In September, the Secretary to the Department of Defence, Sir Arthur Tange, AO, CBE, and later, the Chief of Defence Force Staff accompanied by Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir James Rowland, KBE, DFC, AFC visited HMAS CAIRNS. Sir Zelman Cowen, CMG, QC, Governor General Designate was a guest at lunch in the Wardroom HMAS MORETON on 26 September.

General

5. Master Plans in the Queensland Area were discussed with Captain I.McL. Crawford, Director of Naval Logictics Planning in Brisbane on 7 July and in CAIRNS on 16 July. Subsequently a visit by a Joint Working Party from the Department of Defence pursued the question of a Co-located Army/Marine Base in Brisbane in the period 27-30 September. The vacation of HMAS MORETON by the Department of Customs is still awaited, without which internal re-arrangement in the establishment cannot commence.

Manpower

6. Much of the means of effectively implementing forward planning depends on early receipt of approval or otherwise of new Complements for this Naval Headquarters, HMAS MORETON and HMAS CAIRNS. In addition, the expectations of the Defence Regional Office particularly in the areas of financial and stores accountability, far exceed the degree of control that can be exerted with the present bearing of uniformed and Public Service staff.

P.H. James

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

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CEREMONIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Calls

1. On 2 September 1977 I called on the Governor General, The Right Honourable Sir John Kerr, AK, GCMG, GCVO, KStJ, QC at Government House.

2. Calls were received from the following:

13 Jul 77	Commander N.S. Pixley
14 Jul 77	Lieutenant J. Gauci, RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS TARAKAN - New Commanding Officer
8 Aug 77	Lieutenant Commander N.O. Vidgen
12 Aug 77	Lieutenant Colonel M. Bourgninaud, French Attache Canberra
12 Aug 77	Colonel Willoughby, DISCON
12 Aug 77	Lieutenant W.J. Gorman, RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS BUCCANEER
26 Aug 77	Capitaine de Fregate Thery, Commanding Officer AMIRAL CHARNER
30 Aug 77	Lieutenant Colonel M. Bourgninaud paid a farewell visit
1 Sep 77	Colonel Kim Jin-Kyu, Republic of Korea Defence Attache
2 Sep 77	Lieutenant D.E. Collyer, RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS BARBETTE

3. On 11 July 1977 I accompanied the Governor on a visit to HMAS MORETON, and on 23 July 1977 the Governor attended the Old Hobartians Function at HMAS MORETON.

Social

4. I attended 7 social functions during working hours and 26 out of working hours during the quarter, accompanied as appropriate by my wife.

5. Hospitality was given by my wife and myself on four occasions.

6. I was represented on 10 occasions by Command Officers at various functions throughout the period.

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LIST OF VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

7-8 Jul 77	Captain P.R. Sinclair, RAN	Commanding Officer HMAS HOBART (Command & Control Discussion)
7-8 Jul 77	Captain I.McL. Crawford, RAN	DNLP
12 Jul 77	General A.L. MacDonald CB, OBE	Chief of Defence Force Staff
1 Aug 77	Captain B. Gibbs, RAN	DNLS
5 Aug 77	Lieutenant Commander D. Webster, RAN	FOAP
12 Aug 77	Lieutenant Colonel M. Bourgninaud	French Attache Canberra
12 Aug 77	Colonel Willoughby	DISCON
24-25 Aug 77	Captain D.D. Miller	GOSIEAA
1 Sep 77	Colonel Kim Jin-Kyu	Republic of Korea Defence Attache
5 Sep 77	Commander J.A. Payne, RAN	Deputy Director of Naval Training
20 Sep 77	Mr Barclay	Directorate of Quality Assurance, Canberra
26 Sep 77	Captain R.M. Baird, RAN	President, Selection Board, RAN College
	Captain J.A. McKenzie, RAN	DNOP
	Captain J. Keegan, RAN	Director of Studies, RAN College
	Colonel Afflick	

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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. The following ship visits occurred during the quarter:

a. By Unassigned Ships to Queensland Ports

Brisbane

HMAS BUCCANEER	11-13 Aug
HMAS DUCHESS	18-22 Aug
FNS AMIRAL CHARNER	26-31 Aug
HMNZS TUI	30 Sep-3 Oct
HMAS DIAMANTINA	30 Sep-3 Oct

Mackay

HMAS BUCCANEER	16-17 Aug
HMAS DUCHESS	27-29 Aug
HMAS DUCHESS	9-10 Sep

Townsville

HMAS OTWAY	9-12 Jul
HMAS DUCHESS	3-5 Sep

Thursday Island

HMAS BUCCANEER	21-22 Sep
HMAS ARDENT	27 Sep

Cairns

HMAS STUART	11-12 Jul
HMAS ARDENT	23-25 Sep
HMAS BUCCANEER	11-26 Sep

Brampton Island

HMAS OTWAY	3-9 Jul

Gladstone

HMAS BUCCANEER	22 Aug
HMAS BUCCANEER	9 Sep
HMAS ARDENT	21 Sep

Weipa

HMAS BUCCANEER	27-28 Sep

b. By Assigned Units to Queensland Ports (Other than Base Ports)

AUSLANCRON ONE	14
AUSPATRON TWO	13

2. FNS AMIRAL CHARNER visit to Brisbane in August generated much interest in the French speaking community and resulted in a most satisfying 'Dial-un-matelot' programme.

3. Command assets were provided to assist Operation 'Misty Point' and 'Arctic Ruler' conducted at Amberley and Eagle Farm by detachments of the FAA.

4. A realistic demolition task involving CDT 1 and TARAKAN was undertaken in September at Portland Roads in response to a request from local authorities to remove a derelict jetty. During this deployment two World War II mines were also destroyed.

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5. TV GAYUNDAH sailed as follows:

15-17 Jul	Moreton Bay	LEUT RLEX Lee
12-14 Aug	" "	CMDR RLEX Boyd
27-28 Aug	" "	CMDR RLEX Boyd
16-18 Sep	" "	CMDR RLEX Boyd

6. Communications

a. HMAS MORETON Commcen

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	6712	3998	10710
Restricted	1133	242	1375
Confidential	273	95	368
Secret	23	4	27
Telegrams			11
			12491

b. Army Commcen Watkins Place for NOC QLD

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	1951	565	2516
Restricted	417	137	554
Confidential	195	72	267
Secret	11	1	12
Telegrams	2	37	39
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AUSLANCRON ONE

HMAS BALIKPAPAN

1. At the beginning of the quarter BALIKPAPAN was alongside HMAS MORETON. The Annual Inspection was conducted by COMAUSLANCRON ONE on 1 July 1977.

2. BALIKPAPAN departed Brisbane on 8 July for Sydney where elements of Exercise LONG VIGIL were loaded. The Commanding Officer called upon The Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald A.O. on 11 July.

3. On 12 July BALIKPAPAN sailed for Darwin. En route rendezvous was made with HMAS BRUNEI and HMAS BETANO. The initial insertion for Exercise LONG VIGIL was at South Alligator River on 25 July and the exercise continued until 30 July. For the duration of the exercise BALIKPAPAN operated between Darwin, South Alligator River and Cox Peninsula. Whilst in the Darwin area BALIKPAPAN conducted beach surveys to the south-west of Darwin.

4. BALIKPAPAN sailed for Brisbane on 6 August arriving on 18 August at HMAS MORETON. For the remainder of the quarter the ship has been in Assisted Maintenance Period (AMP) during which vibration damping equipment has been fitted. This equipment will be operational in early October when trials will be conducted.

HMAS BETANO

5. BETANO began the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON in Assisted Maintenance Period. On 15 July the ship sailed in company with HMAS BRUNEI for Exercise LONG VIGIL in the Darwin area. During the period from 25 July to 30 July BETANO operated between Darwin and South Alligator River.

6. BETANO departed Darwin on 6 August and arrived in Sydney on 19 August after short stopovers at Dunk and Carlisle Islands. Vehicles back loaded from Exercise LONG VIGIL were off loaded in Sydney on 20 August prior to sailing for Brisbane on 22 August. The ship arrived in Brisbane on 24 August and remained alongside HMAS MORETON for the remainder of the quarter in Self Maintenance Period (SMP).

HMAS TARAKAN

7. At the beginning of the quarter HMAS TARAKAN was undergoing an Intermediate Docking and leave period alongside HMAS MORETON. The ship completed Intermediate Docking on 1 August and a successful Operational Readiness Evaluation was conducted by COMAUSLANCRON ONE and staff on 11 August.

8. On 14 August TARAKAN sailed for Sydney to participate in a Royal Australian Corp of Transport demonstration at Balmoral scheduled for the 19 August.

/2. The Commanding

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9. The Commanding Officer called on the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet, RADM N.E. McDonald A.O. on 18 August and the call was returned on 19 August for the brief demonstration at Balmoral Beach.

10. Backloading was provided at Woolwich and TARAKAN departed for Brisbane on 20 August arriving alongside HMAS MORETON on 22 August.

11. On 29 August TARAKAN sailed from Brisbane with Army personnel embarked for coastal navigation training in the Inner Barrier Reef area, returning to Brisbane on 7 September.

12. TARAKAN deployed to Portland Roads on 12 September in support of CDT ONE who were conducting underwater demolitions from 19 - 24 September. From 29 September TARAKAN was alongside HMAS MORETON.

HMAS LABUAN

13. At the beginning of the quarter HMAS LABUAN was undergoing an Assistance Maintenance Period alongside HMAS MORETON. The ship was visited by the Chief of Defence Force Staff, General A.L. MacDonald C.B., OBE and the Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir James RAMSAY C.B.E., DSC on 11-12 July. LABAUN sailed from Brisbane on 25 July for Cowley Beach where a centurian tank was loaded on 29 July for movement to Melbourne. An extra cargo of 50 BMSS was loaded in Sydney for transportation to HMAS CERBERUS.

14. LABAUN returned to Sydney on completion of unloading in Victoria where Attack Class Patrol Boat engines and gearboxes were loaded for movement to Singapore. The ship departed Sydney on 12 August and made calls in Brisbane, Darwin and Surabaya before berthing at Singapore Basin on 15 September.

15. At the end of the period LABAUN was en route to Sorong and Biak for backloading of Operation Cenderawasih stores.

HMAS BRUNEI

16. BRUNEI began the period available for tasking alongside HMAS MORETON. The Governor of Queensland, His Excellency Sir James RAMSAY CBE DSC visited the ship on 11 July for a short trip in the Brisbane River.

17. BRUNEI sailed in company with HMAS BETANO on 15 July for Exercise LONG VIGIL in the Darwin area. On completion of LONG VIGIL, BRUNEI carried out beach surveys to the south-west of Darwin. On 5 August BRUNEI proceeded to backload Exercise LONG VIGIL cargo and sailed the following day for Townsville in company with HMAS BALIKPAPAN and BETANO. On completion of discharging/loading operations in Townsville on 15 August, the ship departed for Brisbane securing alongside HMAS MORETON on 18 August.

/3. On 19 August

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18. On 19 August BRUNEI commenced an Intermediate Docking and leave period. Annual slipping was undertaken at Bundaberg Engineering Slip from 31 August to 7 September with the ship returning alongside HMAS MORETON on 9 September and remaining alongside for the remainder of the quarter.

HMAS WEWAK

19. Began the period alongside HMAS WATERHEN with two 16 metre Patrol Boats onboard being prepared for delivery to Indonesia. The Commanding Officer called on the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald A.O. RAN on 1 July and the call was returned on the following day.

20. WEWAK departed Sydney on 3 July for the journey north to Singapore. En route difficulty was encountered with the port main engine and the ship diverted to Surabaya. Repairs were completed and the ship continued to Singapore arriving on 25 July.

21. The patrol boats were off loaded and escorted to Tanjung Pinang Naval Base where the engines were offloaded on 3 August.

22. The return to Australia via Semerang was uneventful and WEWAK arrived in Darwin on 15 August. WEWAK returned to Brisbane on 26 August and remained alongside until the end of the quarter.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

23. During the quarter a new Commanding Officer and Executive Officer was posted to TARAKAN.

GENERAL

24. Only one day was lost due to adverse weather conditions during the period.

25. Two of the remaining three sixteen metre patrol craft for Indonesia were transported to Singapore during the quarter and the third is now expected to be transported early in 1978.

26. Exercise LONG VIGIL was conducted during the quarter in the Darwin area. Three Landing Craft participated and on completion of the Exercise, beach surveys of possible landing sites to the south west were conducted. These surveys, in conjunction with air reconnaissance sorties are being conducted in preparation for Exercise BEACHCOMBER programmed for mid 1978.

27. The Squadron Commander and Staff Operations Officer participated in a Joint Service Seminar conducted at AJWE between 19 and 23 September for the purpose of drafting the format of JSP(AS)12 Seaborne Support Operations.

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TRAINING

28. During the quarter five junior officers underwent training in the squadron. There is one PNGDF junior officer training in the squadron.

29. A further two officers underwent a Security Officers Course at HMAS PENGUIN.

RADIO EQUIPMENT

30. Since early 1976 efforts have been in train to improve HF radio availability through liaison with Army and several proposals have been made to Department of Defence (Navy). These included requests for 'hot spare' equipments and components, and a proposal that the allocation of a spare HF amplifier in each LCH to match the fitted spare HF receiver would solve the operational difficulties experienced due to the incidence of radio failures in remote localities. No action was forthcoming until LOGEX 77 when the LOGCOMD officer responsible for equipment allocations was syndicated with the Squadron Commander. It transpired the former was unaware of the above shortfalls and proposals. The Chief of Defence Forces Staff, General A.L. MACDONALD, CB, OBE, was also briefed in similar terms on his subsequent visit to HMAS MORETON on 12 July 1977. Within two weeks three amplifiers had been received and three more are expected thus eliminating this serious shortfall. Furthermore, additional 'hot spare' radios and components are expected shortly.

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HMAS CAIRNS

1. The Commanding Officer, HMAS CAIRNS, Commander M.J.S. KEAY, RAN, visited Brisbane 6-8 July to attend the quarterly command staff meeting at Naval Headquarters and for command and control discussions with Captain P.R. SINCLAIR, RAN.

2. HMAS STUART, whilst on passage to the Far East, visited Cairns 11-12 July.

3. The Director of Naval Logistics Planning, Captain I. McL. CRAWFORD, RAN, visited HMAS CAIRNS on Saturday 16 July to discuss Naval Support Facilities on the North East Coast of Australia and to view the proposed alternative sites of a future Naval Base in Cairns. During his visit he was accompanied by Mr. A.P. BYRNE of the Department of Construction.

4. On 26 and 27 July the Commanding Officer of HMAS CAIRNS represented the Department of Defence at a meeting in Cairns, chaired by a member of the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) to discuss co-ordinated action by Commonwealth and Queensland authorities following apprehension of foreign fishing vessels.

5. The Naval Officer Commanding Queensland, Captain P.H. JAMES, RAN, conducted his biennial walkround of HMAS CAIRNS on Thursday 28 July.

6. On Tuesday 13 September, the Secretary to the Department of Defence, Sir Arthur Tange, A.C., CBE visited HMAS CAIRNS.

7. The Chief of the Defence Force Staff, General A.L. MacDONALD, CB, OBE accompanied by the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Sir James ROWLAND, KBE, DFC, AFC, visited HMAS CAIRNS on Saturday 17 September.

8. Students from the Army Staff College, Queenscliff, were given a presentation on the roles and functions of HMAS CAIRNS and associated patrol boats on Wednesday 28 September.

ATTACHED SHIPS:

9. During the quarter, it was estimated that between forty and fifty Taiwanese fishing vessels were operating in the Gulf of Carpentaria off the coast of Weipa. HMAS BAYONET made the only apprehension of a vessel allegedly illegally fishing (MON HO No 31) and she was escorted into Weipa. However she later was released due to lack of sufficient evidence. On the Great Barrier Reef, only one Taiwanese clam boat was detected and she was reported by a civilian charter boat.

10. HMA Ships BARRICADE, BAYONET, BARBETTE and ASSAIL participated in Squadron exercises 3-5 August and HMAS ASSAIL's ORE was conducted on Monday 8 August.

11. The annual inspection of ships of AUSPABRON TWO was conducted 13-16 September.

/12 HMAS FLINDERS

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12. HMAS FLINDERS was in refit from 1 July until 16 September and sailed for a Torres Strait survey on Monday 26 September.

13. HMAS BARRICADE conducted patrols S2, T, B, C and A and participated in Thursday Island Centenary Celebrations from 16 to 23 July. She was due to accompany HMAS BARBETTE on survey duties, but her sailing has been delayed due to a port main engine defect.

14. HMAS BAYONET was in Cairns during July undergoing an SMP and a starboard main engine change. During the quarter she conducted patrols in areas T, B and A. On 31 August, Lieutenant B.J. BIRD, RAN, assumed command from Lieutenant B.J. WILSON, RAN, after that officer sustained a football injury. Lieutenant D.N. COLLYER, RAN, assumed command on 19 September. On 16 September, HMAS BAYONET was present at the Official Opening of the Australian Institute of Marine Science at Cape Ferguson (30 N.M. east of Townsville).

15. HMAS BARBETTE was in an AMP until 17 July. During the quarter she patrolled areas A, B and C and visited Brisbane 2-4 September. Lieutenant R. CASON, RAN, assumed command from Lieutenant D.N. COLLYER, RAN on 16 September. HMAS BARBETTE sailed for survey duties off the North West Coast of Australia on 25 September.

16. HMAS BUCCANEER arrived in Cairns on 12 September and departed for an S2 and T patrol on 19 September.

17. PNGS LAE commenced refit on 29 August.

18. HMAS ASSAIL completed her refit on 21 July and sailed for Darwin on 11 August.

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WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES REPORT

1. There has been no change during the quarter in the number of married quarters outstanding from the Queensland Housing Commission.

2. Advice is still awaited from Navy Office on the provision of insect screening and ceiling fans to the 17 new CSHA married quarters in Cairns. The partial provision of screens (windows) may be arranged using HMAS STAIWART staff with materials supplied by Department of Construction and initiation of this action will be undertaken shortly to prevent justified adverse criticism from tenants during the coming summer.

3. Repairs and Maintenance and Minor New Works Programmes have been subject to further pruning but an adequate level of funds has still been received. However the Furniture and Fittings allocation required intense revision of proposals and downward adjustment but not to unworkable levels. The acquisition of some shelving components from HMAS DUCHESS assisted in alleviating this problem.

4. The lease of the No. 1 Tank at the Cairns O.F.I. was terminated on 5 August 1977.

5. The first on-site discussion with the Department of Construction has been held to assist planning for both items in the 1977/78 Major New Works Programme. Concern is felt that the Bureau of Customs will not have vacated the area at HMAS MORETON to be used for the new Wardroom at the time construction is ready to commence early in 1978.

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RECRUITING

1. During the quarter ending 30 September, 1977, the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville).

	Enquiries	Applications	Entered
General Entry	237 (90)	81 (15)	15 (2)
Junior Recruits	197 (89)	79 (15)	20 (5)
Naval Apprentices	235 (124)	210 (53)	6 (-)
Officers	193 (29)	151 (18)	4 (-)
WRANS	253 (66)	6 (1)	11 (1)
WRANS Officers	22 (6)	- (-)	5 (-)
TOTAL	1037 (414)	527 (102)	61 (8)

In addition to the above figures, 1 undergraduate and 2 re-entries were entered.

2. The Careers Activities group has lectured in 13 State High Schools and Denominational Schools in Metropolitan and Country Areas. The group has also attended 14 Careers Days and Nights and set up two static displays.

3. The response and co-operation of most principals and students was very good. A total of 1143 students attended lectures and 5215 students and parents attended Careers Evenings.

4. The Recruiting Representative in North Queensland conducted two school tours north and west of Townsville. Twenty one schools were visited with a total attendance of 947 students.

5. The Royal Australian Naval College Selection Board, consisting of Captain R.M. BAIRD, RAN, Captain R. McKENZIE, RAN, Captain D.J. McKEEGAN, RAN, and Colonel J. AFFLICK (Director of Psychological Services, Navy) convened from Monday, 26 September to Thursday, 29 September. A total of 37 applicants were interviewed.

6. Although the number enlisted, compared with the same quarter in 1976, decreased by 16%, the number of enquiries rose by 93% and the number of applications rose by 22%.

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SOCIAL WORKERS REPORT

Case Load

		New	Carried	Total
Brisbane	July	3	56	59
	August	16	50	66
	September	9	61	70

1. The caseload for the quarter ended 30 September 1977 totals 195 which is slightly higher than the previous quarter, and considered higher than the average caseload.

2. The Social Workers have made country visits to the South Coast, Kalbar, Toowoomba, Nambour, Ipswich, Grantham, Maryborough, Townsville and Cairns during this quarter.

3. The part time Social Work position continues to be vacant at Cairns. Several enquiries have been forthcoming but in each case the intended applicants' qualifications were unsatisfactory.

4. A final year social work student from the Queensland University, Mrs. L. Mark, commenced her placement at Naval Headquarters on 28 July. Unfortunately this placement was terminated on 30 September by the Senior Social Worker, as Mrs Mark was having difficulty in coping with the section's procedures and expectations.

5. During this quarter a considerable amount of time has been spent in organising a Luncheon-Fashion Parade for Naval Wives as part of the celebrations during Navy Week. The Social Workers, P.O. WRAN G. HARLOW and a small committee comprising Naval Wives have been involved in this project.

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TECHNICAL REPORT

AUSLANCRON ONE

1. No major breakdowns have occurred during the quarter although the Decca Super 101 Radar has been continuously unreliable, however the change-over programme to RM916A radar will commence in October and continue until all units are fitted.

2. The first slipping of an LCH has been carried out at Bundeng Shipyards, Bundaberg, they being successful tenderers. The result is pleasing and further connections with the company are envisaged.

3. The first vibration damper unit for trials is being fitted, the usual spate of problems connected with a new project have been encountered, however the results of the trials are awaited.

4. Sketch plans of modifications for the workshop, and stores area HMAS MORETON are almost complete only the ventilation and dust extracting ductings to be finalised.

5. TV GAYUNDAH maintenance has had increased effort by base staff and reserve personnel and with a future refit imminent, her technical ability and appearance will be much improved.

HMAS CAIRNS and attached Units

6. Refitting at Cairns continued at a busy pace with the completion of HMAS ASSAIL on 21 July, HMAS FLINDERS on 16 September and the commencement of PNGS LAE on 29 August 1977. The resources of HMAS CAIRNS and the command were applied to improve planning documentation and reduce the unsatisfactory costing methods of NQEA Ltd, with marginal success.

7. The installation of Decca 916A radar has been carried out in AUSPADRON TWO boats and only a small number of defects have occurred.

General

8. Technical (Fleet Boards) are now held regularly in this command and the standard of candidate is improving.

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SUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Audit Inspection

1. During July and August, officers of the Defence Internal Audit Branch visited HMAS MORETON to examine aspects of overpayments of Living Out Allowance. This has been the subject of separate correspondence. Commonwealth Audit Inspectors commenced a routine inspection of stores and pay accounting procedures, motor transport records, equipment acquisitions and security arrangements in HMAS MORETON in August. This inspection is continuing. No audit inspections were carried out in HMAS CAIRNS during the period. HMAS MORETON has been subjected to almost constant serutiny by audit authorities during 1977.

ISH Project

2. The ISH Project ILS Management Plan has been received and studied. Whilst requirements for supply support of the LSH by HMAS MORETON are still being formulated, proposals for re-allocation of space within the establishment have been prepared and will be forwarded. It is intended that the Command Supply Officer attend a meeting of the Provisioning Task Working Group in the near future.

HMAS MORETON Self-Soap

3. HMAS MORETON Self-Supply Operations Assistance Programme has proceeded on schedule. The programme's successful progress to date has attracted favourable comment.

Personnel

4. Lieutenant D.T. BENNET, RAN, assumed the duties of Command Supply Officer and Base Supply Officer, HMAS MORETON, on 18 July 1977, relieving Lieutenant Commander B.T. EDGERTON, RAN. Lieutenant P.J. PARKINS, RAN assumed the duties of Base Supply Officer, HMAS CAIRNS, on 27 July 1977 relieving Lieutenant G.R. BAIRNSFATHER, RAN.

General

5. Routine Supply operations in HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS MORETON were conducted uneventfully during the quarter. Both establishments have manpower shortages and decisions on recent Establishment Inspections are awaited.

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GOSIEAA BRANCH - NAVAL OPERATIONS

1. Landing Craft Heavy During the quarter RNO(Q) and staff have provided QA services and limited overseeing duties at prime and sub-contractors premises for the following craft and contractors:

a.	HMAS TARAKAN	-	Annual Slipping	-	Canriffe Engineering
b.	HMAS BRUNEI	-	Annual Slipping	-	Bundeng Slipway
c.	HMAS BALIKPAPAN	-	Vibration Absorber Mod.	-	AUSN
d.	HMAS BRUNEI	-	Modifications	-	Canniffe Engineering

2. FFG Project On Friday, 8 July, RNO(Q) attended a meeting between representatives of Todd Shipyard of Seattle USA and local industry to discuss Australian Industry Participation in the FFG project. The meeting was arranged by Defence Industry Development Branch.

3. GOSIEAA Visit Captain D. MILLER (GOSIEAA) visited the Brisbane area on 24 August. He called at Naval Headquarters and HMAS MORETON and had discussions with RNO and staff. He also paid visits to several of the ship repair contractors. On 25 August Captain MILLER visited Cairns and Townsville. In Cairns he talked with his resident QARs and had discussions with HMAS CAIRNS and NQEA. In Townsville he visited Evans Deakin. The RNO(Q) accompanied Captain MILLER throughout his Queensland visit.

4. Quality Assurance Course During the period 19-23 September 1977 a Quality Assurance Course was run at Regional Defence Offices in Brisbane. The course was run by DNQA in conjunction with the Regional Training Office. Messrs Riches and Tiley from this Office attended the course.

5. Travel During the quarter officers from this section have visited the following firms and centres outside Brisbane to carry out QA services:

a.	Aeronautique Equipment	-	Toowoomba
b.	Bundeng Shipyards and Services	-	Bundaberg
c.	Walkers Ltd.	-	Maryborough

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INTELLIGENCE

1. During the quarter coastwatchers in the following areas were visited.

Area	Number of Stations Visited	Visited by
Maryborough to Mackay	30	CIO
Torres Strait	12	CIO
Cape York Peninsula	1	HMAS BAYONET
Whitsunday Islands	7	HMAS BARRICADE

2. New coastwatchers were appointed at 18 locations.

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QUEENSLAND : REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
QUARTER ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1977

Reference: A. RI Appendix 29A.

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for the Queensland Area for the quarter ended 31 December 1977.

2. Quarterly Command Staff meetings, inaugurated earlier in the year, have proved of great value to this Headquarters as they enable the Commanding Officers of HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS MORETON to appreciate each others different operational role, alleviates the isolation of CAIRNS, and ensures a cohesive command. One held on 5 October, prior to the Naval Symposium in Sydney enabled more meaningful discussions on Regional Finance control, refit progress and trends, Master Plans, civil staffing and future management matters. On 28 October I walked around HMAS MORETON.

3. This quarter, the Fleet Commander embarked in HMAS STALWART, with Indonesian and RAN units involved in Southern Cross II, visited Cairns and Townsville. The RAN and Indonesian visits highlighted the berthing, fuelling and tug problems attendant in busy commercial ports, which cannot be foreseen, and often result in costly cold ship moves with little warning. A separate submission (NOCQLD letter B91/1/4 dated 6 December 1977) outlines the fuel problem and proposes a solution.

4. On 17 November, I embarked in HMAS FLINDERS at Cooktown for passage to Cairns where I conducted FLINDERS Annual Inspection, her sea inspection having been completed a month before by the Hydrographer RAN.

5. As mentioned in Annex C, in view of the urgent need for reassessment of the problems of Patrol Boats operating in the dangerous waters of the Great Barrier Reef, opportunity was taken to embark in a HS 748 of 851 Squadron from Brisbane, with my Command Operations Officer and Staff Officer Operations, HMAS CAIRNS, in order to overfly Swains Reef. The apprehension of a FFV by HMAS BARBETTE witnessed from above was a rewarding bonus, particularly as I had voice control from HS 748 to BARBETTE and HMAS CAIRNS. Arising from this, and other coincident initiatives, endeavours are being made to examine the practicability of a new passage through [illegible] Coral Sea.

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HMAS MORETON Master Plan

6. The Department of Customs still occupy quarters in HMAS MORETON thus preventing timely commencement of relocation of existing functions within the establishment which are necessary for improving conditions and making space for the base-porting of the LSH. Likewise the bid to purchase the adjacent AMITY block is yet to be replied to by the owners.

Manpower

7. Schemes of Complement received during the quarter for Naval Headquarters and HMAS MORETON give encouraging signs for better management but that for HMAS CAIRNS, of which only the Establishment Inspection Report has been received, may need early reappraisal because of increased activities. In particular, the technical complement levels and bearings of inexperienced sailors is a cause for concern. A submission will be forwarded.

Presentations

8. During the quarter I gave three presentations on "Maritime Air Power" to the United Service Institute, The Brisbane Chapter of the Company of Master Mariners, and to a representational group of Naval Association Navy League and serving, ex-service and Reserve Naval personnel. The latter group were also given a presentation on "The RAN in 1977" by the Commanding Officer HMAS MORETON.

General

9. A visit by the Fleet Commander and HMAS SUPPLY helped to boost interest and activity in Navy Week. The parade for Operation Jubilee Salute was a great success, with the RAN/RANR parading 235 in Brisbane and 33 in Townsville.

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

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CEREMONIAL AND SOCIAL EVENTS

Calls

1. On 14 October 1977 I called on Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald AO on board HMAS SUPPLY, and later accompanied him on his call on the Deputy Premier and for lunch at Government House.

2. Calls were received from the following:

29 Nov 77	LCDR P.A. Hardy RAN	Commanding Officer Designate HMAS FLINDERS
8 Dec 77	CINS R. HANNAN	Superintendent Naval Police
8 Dec 77	LEUT J. Jacobi RAN	Commanding Officer HMAS BRUNEI
8 Dec 77	LEUT L. CORDNER RAN	Commanding Officer HMAS BALIKPAPAN
12 Dec 77	Mr. D. Jolly	Retiring Acting Regional Secretary
12 Dec 77	Mr. L. Lardner	Regional Secretary, Brisbane
14 Dec 77	CMDR L.G. Terry RAN	DDNC
21 Dec 77	Mr. L. Snoxell	Distributing Authority (Melbourne)

3. On 27 October, with my wife, I attended the State Dinner to farewell the Governor General, The Right Honourable Sir John Kerr, AK GCMG, GCVO, KStJ, QC, at Lennons Plaza Hotel.

4. On 3 November, with my wife, I attended a dinner in honour of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

5. On 2, 3 and 4 December, with my wife, I attended the various functions and parades held in Brisbane to honour Her Majesty the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

6. I attended 9 social functions during working hours and 33 out of working hours, accompanied as appropriate by my wife.

7. Hospitality was given by by my wife and myself on three occasions.

8. I was represented on 4 occasions by Command Officers at various functions in the period.

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LIST OF VISITORS TO THE COMMAND

6 October	Captain J. Lancaster AM	DRNC
14 October	Rear Admiral Prasoljo Mahdi, Colonel Tumengkol Major Endro	Indonesian Defence
9 November	Commander N.G. Pixley Retd.	
28 November	Commander P.D. Rouse RAN	DOMS
29 November	Captain R. McKenzie RAN	DNOP

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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. The following ship visits occurred during the quarter:

a. By Unassigned Ships to Queensland Ports

Brisbane

HMAS SUPPLY	14-18OCT
HMAS VAMPIRE	14-18OCT
PNGS BUNA	4-18NOV

Gladstone

HMAS BUCCANEER	07SEP+28NOV
HMAS ANZARE	5OCT
HMAS ADVANCE	16NOV

Mackay

HMAS BUCCANEER	22OCT
HMAS BOMBARD	1ONOV

Townsville

HMNZS CANTERBURY	13-14OCT
KRI MATADINATA	14-18OCT
KRI NGURAH RAI	14-18OCT
HMAS STALWART	15-18OCT
HMAS PERTH	16-18OCT

Cairns

HMAS ADROIT	07OCT-19JAN
HMAS ANZARE	07-0[illegible]OCT
HMAS ONSLOW	13-17OCT
HMAS ATTACK	20-26OCT
HMAS STALWART	21-24OCT
HMAS VAMPIRE	21-24OCT

Bowen

HMAS IBIS + HMAS SNIPE	25-28NOV

Thursday Island

HMAS BUCCANEER	21SEP-03OCT
HMAS ANZARE	11OCT
HMAS ADVANCE	04-08NOV

Weipa

HMAS BUCCANEER	27SEP-01OCT
HMAS ATTACK	17OCT
HMAS ADVANCE	30OCT-01NOV
HMAS ADVANCE	02-03NOV

Bundaberg

HMAS BOMBARD	03-05NOV
HMAS IBIS	18-21NOV
HMAS SNIPE	18-21NOV

HMAS STALWART	16-18OCT
HMAS KIMBLA	21-23NOV
PNGS BUNA	26+28NOV
HMAS KIMBLA	10-12DEC

KRI MATADINATA	24-25OCT
KRI NGURAH RAI	24-25OCT
PNGS BUNA	26-30OCT
HMAS BOMBARD	07-09NOV
HMAS ADVANCE	09-14NOV
HMAS KIMBLA	29NOV-02DEC

b. By Assigned Units to Queensland Ports (Other than Base Ports

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2. The main RAN activity within the Command Area during the quarter was the Queen's Jubilee Celebration i.e. Operation Jubilee Salute. Navy Week, Operations Brahman Drive and Southern Cross II plus increased ship visits to out ports rounded out a busy period.

3. To allow a better appreciation of the PTF Navigation problem in the Swain Reef area, NOCQLD, Command Operations Officer and Operations Officer HMAS CAIRNS embarked in a HS 748 enroute to Nowra, Townsville, Darwin to overfly the area and study the charts presently available, and coincidently witnessed HMAS BARBETTE arrest SING KING YI on 7 December

4. T.V. GAYUNDAH sailed as follows:

PERIOD	AREA	COMMANDING OFFICER
07-09OCT	MORETON BAY	CMDR RLEX G. BOYD RANR
28-30OCT	MORETON BAY	LEUT RLEX R. LEE RANR
09-10DEC	BRISBANE - BUNDABERG	LEUT RLEX R. LEE RANR

The ship remains at Bundeng Shipyard under refit.

5. Communications

a. HMAS MORETON Commcen

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	6543	3684	10227
Restricted	1118	190	1308
Confidential	145	98	244
Secret	18	8	26
			11804

b. Army Commcen Watkins Place for NOCQLD

	In Traffic	Out Traffic	Total
Unclassified	1928	564	2493
Restricted	488	116	604
Confidential	203	57	260
Secret	16	0	16
Telegrams	5	6	11
			3384

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AUSLANCRON ONE

HMAS BALIKPAPAN

1. At the beginning of the quarter HMAS BALIKPAPAN was alongside HMAS MORETON preparing for vibration absorber trials which were conducted in Moreton Bay between 04 and 13 October. The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDonald, AO, visited the ship on Friday 14 October.

2. BALIKPAPAN visited Grafton from 27 October until 04 November during the Jacaranda Festival celebrations.

3. On completion of the visit BALIKPAPAN rendezvoused with HMAS WEWAK and Naval Lighterage Equipment (NLE) and LARC V's were transported to Sydney. Three LCM 8, two LCM 6 and the Army tug JOE MANN were also escorted.

4. BALIKPAPAN sailed for Brisbane on 08 November arriving on 10 November at HMAS MORETON.

5. On 13 November cargo was shipped to Sydney arriving on 15 November. BALIKPAPAN returned to Brisbane on 18 November and remained alongside until the end of the quarter.

HMAS BETANO

6. HMAS BETANO began the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing maintenance in preparation for the refit and passage to Bundaberg for slipping. The ship was slipped at Bundaberg Engineering Slip from 10 October to 25 November with ship returning alongside HMAS MORETON on 27 November and remaining alongside for the remainder of the quarter. On 12 December, LEUT L.G. GORDNER, RAN, assumed command from LEUT G.R. RICHTER, RAN.

HMAS TARAKAN

7. At the commencement of the quarter, HMAS TARAKAN was alongside HMAS MORETON in an Assisted Maintenance Period. The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.E. McDONALD, AO, paid an informal visit to the ship on 11 October.

8. The ship's Annual Inspection was conducted by COMAUSLANCRON ONE on 04 November.

9. On 08 November TARAKAN sailed for Townsville and Thursday Island. On arrival at Townsville on 11 November, Bailey bridging was unloaded and on completion TARAKAN departed for Thursday Island where CSIRO equipment was unloaded on 14 November. The following day TARAKAN departed for Brisbane, arriving on 22 November. The ship sailed for Melbourne on 25 November with containers embarked. On completion of unloading/loading at HMAS CERBERUS, TARAKAN departed for Hobart where further cargo for Sydney was loaded on 07 December. By virtue of an engine defect in HMAS [illegible], TARAKAN was assigned the task of escorting three Army LCM 8 to Sydney. This task was completed on 15 December and TARAKAN unloaded the same day. The following day TARAKAN sailed for Brisbane, arriving alongside HMAS [illegible] on Friday 16 December. The ship remained in this [illegible] the remainder of the quarter.

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HMAS LABUAN

10. At the beginning of the period HMAS LABUAN was en route for Sorong in Irian Jaya. The ship arrived at Sorong on 02 October, fuelled, and departed on 04 October for Biak where elements of Operation Cenderawasih were backloaded for Sydney.

11. The return to Australia via Lae and Port Moresby was uneventful and LABUAN's first port of entry was Townsville on 26 October.

12. The ship proceeded to Sydney and on arrival on 01 November cargo was unloaded at Woolwich Dock and the ship departed for Brisbane the following day. LABUAN arrived alongside HMAS MORETON on 04 November and remained alongside until 09 December when LABUAN escorted T.V. GAYUNDAH to Bundaberg. The ship returned to HMAS MORETON on 12 December and remained alongside for the remainder of the quarter.

13. The ship's Annual Inspection was conducted by COMAUSLANDCRON ONE on 15 December, 1977.

14. Following a successful year's operation HMAS LABUAN was awarded the AUSLANDCRON ONE Proficiency Shield for 1977.

HMAS WEWAK

15. HMAS WEWAK began the quarter alongside HMAS MORETON undergoing self maintenance. On 04 October the ship proceeded to Bowen for the Bowen Tourist Festival celebrations. On 10 October the ship sailed for Sydney where LARC V's were loaded and a Naval Lighter Equipment (NLE) was taken in tow for passage to Grafton

16. On completion of unloading in Grafton WEWAK returned to Sydney where a similar cargo was loaded. This was unloaded at Grafton on 23 October and the ship proceeded to Brisbane, arriving alongside HMAS MORETON on 24 October.

17. On 03 November WEWAK sailed for Grafton and in company with BALIKPAPAN conducted the backload of the above equipment to Sydney returning alongside HMAS MORETON on 10 November.

18. WEWAK remained in the Brisbane area during the remainder of the quarter for an Intermediate Docking and leave period.

HMAS BRUNEI

19. HMAS BRUNEI commenced the period alongside HMAS MORETON nearing completion of an Intermediate Docking. Between 03 and 11 October BRUNEI remained in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay areas working up. The Operational Readiness Evaluation was conducted by COMAUSLANDCRON ONE and Staff on 13 October.

20. Rear Admiral N.E. McDONALD, AO, The Flag Officer Commanding, R.A.N. Australian Fleet, conducted a brief 'walk' around the ship on 14 October

21. The Commander, First Australian Landing Craft Squadron, conducted BRUNEI's Annual Inspection on 21 October.

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22. During the period 01 to 10 November BRUNEI was involved in support of underwater demolition training in Shoalwater Bay.

23. LEUT A.J. MAPSON, RAN, assumed command from LEUT P.J. PURNELL-WEBB, RAN, for the period 21 November to 07 December and was in turn relieved by LEUT J.A. JACOBS, RAN.

24. BRUNEI remained alongside HMAS MORESBY in an Assisted Maintenance Period for the remainder of the quarter.

SQUADRON PERSONNEL CHANGES

25. During the quarter, new Commanding Officers were posted to RFA Ships BRUNEI and BETANO. A new Executive Offi Officer was posted to BALIKPAPAN, and LEUT P.J. PURNELL-WEBB, RAN, assumed the duties of Staff Officer Operations from LEUT J. DURRANT, RAN.

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26. Operations during the period were affected once when MFV AK encountered rough seas off Broughton Is. whilst towing NLE to Grafton. The tow was lost and an aircraft search was required to relocate the NLE.

27. On Friday 16 December at 1539 a violent tropical storm struck HMAS MORESBY and ships HMAS LABUAN, MFV AK and BRUNEI broke from the wharf and were resecured at 1808. Minor damage was suffered to bollards and external structures.

28. Beach reconnaisance photographs have been examined for possible sites on the Australian north west coast and a short list has been compiled for Operation Beachcomber.

29. Operational Jubilee Salute saw the LCH Squadron represented by officers and sailors in a tri-service march past through Brisbane streets. Additionally two LCH were open for public inspection on 04 December.

TRAINING

30. During the quarter, four officers underwent the LCH CO/XO designate course, conducted at the RAOT Transportation Centre, HMAS PENGUIN and HMAS MORESBY

31. COMLUSLANDFORCOM CMD and six Squadron Officers attended a USMC presentation on amphibious operations at HMAS WATSON on 13 November.

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HMAS CAIRNS

1. The Commanding Officer, HMAS CAIRNS, Commander M.J.S. KEAY RAN visited Brisbane 5 October to attend the Quarterly Command Staff meeting at Naval Headquarters before proceeding to Sydney to be present at the Naval Symposium held at HMAS WATSON on 6 and 7 October.

2. HMAS ONSLOW, visited Cairns 13 - 17 October before proceeding to sea to continue exercises with the Fleet.

3. HMAS STALWART with the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral N.D. McDONALD AO RAN embarked and HMAS VAMPIRE visited Cairns 21 - 24 October prior to proceeding to Far East Asian waters.

4. Two Indonesian destroyers, KRI MARTADINATA and KRI NGURAH RAI visited Cairns 21 - 24 October and then proceeded to Indonesia.

5. PNGS BUKA visited Cairns 26 - 30 October then proceeded to Townsville to continue her Australian overseas visit.

6. HMAS KIMBLA visited Cairns from 29 November - 2 December before proceeding south to continue the HRL Cruise 2/77.

7. Commander M.J.S. KEAY RAN led a contingent of 35 officers and sailors for HMAS CAIRNS and HMA Ships FLINDERS BARRICADE, BARBETTE and ADROIT for the Jubilee Celebrations March in Townsville on 3 December.

ATTACHED SHIPS

8. During the quarter, the number of Taiwanese fishing vessels actually operating in the Gulf of Carpentaria reduced to about thirty. Their general area of operations extended from Booby Island area southwards to Mitchell River area. There were no apprehensions of Taiwanese vessels in the Gulf this quarter. However, HMAS BARBETTE, apprehended a Taiwanese clam boat (CHING KUO YI CT3-0728) in the southern area of the Great Barrier Reef on Wednesday 7 December 1977. The Master was prosecuted for illegally fishing under the Continental Shelf Act (Living Resources) and was fined $1200 and the boat, gear and catch confiscated. Clam boat activity on the Great Barrier Reef does not appear to have been as much as in previous years.

9. HMAS BARRICADE and BARBETTE assisted HMAS MORESBY in the HY Australia survey from 12 to 17 October.

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10. HMAS FLINDERS continued the Torres Strait survey and returned to Cairns on the 18 November having completed NOCQLD Sea Inspection 17 - 18 November. The Annual Inspection was completed on the 23 November. On the 19 November LCDR P. HARDY RAN, assumed Command from CMDR J.S. COMPTON RAN and the ship entered Leave and Self maintenance period until the end of the quarter.

11. HMAS BARRICADE did not depart Cairns for Darwin as scheduled until 6 October due to port main engine problems. Ships staff, Cairns and Darwin Base Staff were unable to rectify the problems, and a decision was made to replace that defective engine after return to Cairns on 7 November. As the starboard engine was due for replacement in refit (APR78 - MAY78) it was considered cost effective to exchange this at the same time. BARRICADE then remained in NQEL hands until the end of the quarter.

12. HMAS BAYONET conducted an A,B, S2 & T patrol but became operationally unserviceable on the 5 December. BAYONET remained alongside investigating defects in the recently installed, reconditioned starboard main engine until the end of the quarter.

13. HMAS BARBETTE, remained off the NW coast of Australia carrying out survey duties with HMAS MORESBY until the 7 November. She remained in Cairns undergoing an AMP until the 28 November, when she sailed for A, C and B patrol which included a visit to Townsville for the Jubilee Celebrations. For the remainder of the quarter, BARBETTE carried out an SMP in Cairns.

14. HMAS BUCCANEER supplemented the FFV surveillance role in the S2 & T Areas during the first week of October, before arriving in Cairns for an AMP from 10 - 20 October. BUCCANEER, whilst heading south to Sydney grounded near Palm Passage on 21 October. With BAYONET as escort, BUCCANEER returned to Cairns and under went major repairs in HMSA dockyard until 26 November when she sailed for Sydney. NOCQLD convened a Board of Inquiry who reported to the Fleet Commander by NOCQLD letter B1-19-3 dated 24 January 1978.

15. HMAS ADROIT arrived from Darwin on 10 October and commenced refit on the 17 October. The refit completion date was met on 19 December however harbour main engine trials were not successful and it was necessary for Base Staff to investigate the problems up to the end of the quarter.

16. PNGS LAE completed refit and sailed for NQ on the 10 November.

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WORKS AND GENERAL SERVICES REPORT

1. Estimates are still awaited from the Department of Construction for items to allow for finalisation of the 1977/78 Furniture and Fittings Programme. Funding levels, although substantially below proposed figures, will be caused to activities by curtailment of furniture replacement.

2. In the absence of any positive action, arrangements were made with the Department of Construction to supply materials for partial screening of 17 married quarters in Cairns with HMAS STALWART being requested to provide assistance over the weekend 22/23 October 1977. The ship was unable to assist and Cairns Base Staff carried out partial installation.

3. Both items in the 1977/78 Major New Works Programme have been subjected to cost increases of 16% since preparation of preliminary estimates. The future of these items is a little uncertain at present because of these cost escalations. In addition no firm date has emerged as yet for the vacation by the Bureau of Customs of that part of HMAS MORETON selected as the site for the new Wardroom. The best advice to date is that this permissive occupancy will not end before 31 March 1978.

4. Rehabilitation costs for the No. 1 Tank O.F.I. Cairns are not yet available from the Department of Construction but are expected to be in the vicinity of $150,000.00. Likewise a revised costing for restoring the Windsor O.F.I. Line across Hayne Railway Yard is also under preparation by D of C and is envisaged as being $250,000.00.

5. Responsibility for setting up the fire and intruder alarm systems at the end of each day for the Naval Headquarters and Regional Secretariat was taken over by Headquarters personnel on 11 October 1977.

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RECRUITING

1. During the quarter ending 31 December 1977 the following figures were registered (figures in brackets relate to Townsville)

	Enquiries	Applications	Entered
General Entry	251 (124)	75 (22)	7 (3)
Junior Recruits	153 (35)	117 (21)	22 (4)
Naval Apprentices	128 (45)	14 (-)	.. (..)
Officers	238 (17)	34 (3)	- (-)
WRANS	202 (54)	39 (2)	- (-)
WRANS Officers	12 (1)	1 (..)	- (-)

In addition there was one re-entry.

2. The Careers Activity Group has lectured in one State High School, attended six Career Nights/Days, appeared on radio 4IP for talkback programme and delivered a lecture to a group of aboriginals visiting Brisbane.

3. A total of 61 stulents attended lectures and 1145 students and parents attended the Career Nights/Day.

4. There were no school tours conducted by the Recruiting representative in North Queensland due to end of year examinations.

5. The Supplementary List Officers Selections Board, consisting of Captain R. McKenzie RAN (President), Lieutenant-Commander M. Daw RAN, Lieutenant-Commander R. Cronin RAN Mr. N. Pye (Psychologist) and Mr. J. Kieth (Secretary) convened from Monday 28 November 1977 until Tuesday 29 November 1977. A total of 18 applicants were interviewed

6. Compared with the same quarter in 1976, the number of enquiries increased by 53%, the number of applications decreased by 19% and the number entered decreased by 66%.

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SOCIAL WORKERS REPORT

Case Load

		New	Carried	Total
Brisbane	October	7	51	58
	November	15	52	67
	December	10	51	61

1. The caseload for the quarter ended 31 December 1977 totals 186 which can be considered an average caseload.

2. The Social Workers made country visits to Cairns, Biloela, Cecil Plains, Towantin, the South Coast, Ipswich and Toowoomba during this quarter.

3. A very successful Luncheon Fashion Parade was organised for Naval Wives as part of the celebrations during Navy Week. Approximately 200 wives, mothers and friends attended this function which has become an annual event.

4. The Naval Wives in Brisbane also held an enjoyable Christmas Luncheon at HMAS NORTOK, to conclude their activities for the year. This Club has grown in strength and popularity and seems to be meeting the needs of the members in Brisbane.

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AUSLANCRON ONE TECHNICAL REPORT

1. The LCH Squadron has run satisfactorily and some major modifications have been carried out.

2. The vibration damper fitted to HMAS BALIKPAPAN has been trialled and found to be very satisfactory, the vibration generally being reduced to approximately 12% of its original magnitude; the same LCH has also had additional stiffening and bracing in the vulnerable areas of cracking and will shortly be deployed for 3 months where the modifications can be further evaluated.

3. The replacement Decca 916 has been fitted by Base Staff HMAS MORETON to HMAS BETANO and, subject to a minor modification to the transceiver being accepted by RANTAU, is considered an asset to the squadron. Further units are being fitted to HMAS BALIKPAPAN and HMAS WEWAK.

4. The replacement of batteries in the LCH's is progressing as the cells become available.

5. Minor damage to guardrails, shipside plating and bollards was sustained to three LCH's during a severe tropical storm. The repairs are being progressed in order of priority.

6. The quarter has seen the completion of the refit of HMAS BETANO and the commencement of the refit of T.V. GAYUNDAH at Bundeng Shipyard, Bundaberg. The standard of workmanship has been high, and only financial control by the contractor is a cause for concern.

7. The visit of PNGS BUNA was fortuitous for them in that local expertise was available to assist with a main engine change.

HMAS CAIRNS and Attached Units

8. The Patrol Boats under this Command have improved their reliability with the fitting of Decca 916 radar, however their overall reliability has been marred by failures in Paxman Main Engines. This has affected refits to ships from other commands and is fully documented in signals and reports.

9. This quarter has highlighted the need for the increased senior technical staff, approved, but not yet implemented at HMAS CAIRNS, and credit is given to the staff for their strenuous efforts. Battery recycling in adverse conditions has been carried out by the joint efforts of HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS MORETON technical staff.

10. The refit of Patrol Boats at Cairns has been satisfactory but the financial control by the contractor remains a matter of concern.

11. Technical Fleet Boards were held in Cairns and Brisbane and the progress by the training staffs is commendable although the efforts are still below the considered necessary level. Promotions of personnel are [illegible] evident and further efforts are required in this [illegible].

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SUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance

1. New procedures for funding expenditure commitments by direct computer input from Naval Headquarters, HMAS MORESTON and HMAS CAIRNS were implemented at the end of the period. The result should be a better record of commitments, although the requirement to raise additional documentation has placed a further strain on HMAS CAIRNS' limited manpower resources.

2. The Defence Re-organisation has led to a greater involvement by Supply Officers, in shore establishments, in financial management. A need to place greater emphasis on this subject in training courses has been represented separately.

HMAS MORESTON SELF-SUPPLY

3. The Self-Supply Operations Assistance Programme was substantially complete at the end of the period and over 4,000 shortages items had been received into store.

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GOSIEAA BRANCH - NAVAL OPERATIONS

1. Refits and Slipping During the quarter the Resident Naval Overseer (QLD) and staff have provided QA services and limited overseeing duties at prime and sub-contractors' premises for the following craft and contractors:

a. HMAS DERWENT - Refit - Bundeng Shipyards Pty. Ltd. Bundaberg

b. HMAS HERVEY + Annual Slipping - AUSH Yard Brisbane

c. M.V. GAYUNDAH - Refit - Bundeng Shipyards Bundaberg

2. PFG Project This section has provided a QAR to witness welding and tests of sample pieces at Walkers Ltd. of Maryborough as part of their tender to manufacture barrel strut castings under AIP for this project.

3. 12 Metre Workboats at NQEA Ltd. Shipyard Cairns Resident Naval Overseer (QLD) has been nominated as interim progress officer on this project and attended the pre-production conference on 23-25 November at NQEA.

4. Travel Officers from Resident Naval Overseer (QLD) have visited the following areas outside Brisbane fro discussions and/or to carry out QA Services:

a.	SYDNEY	GOSIEAA Headquarters	Discussions
b.	BUNDABERG	Bundeng Shipyards & Services	QA Duties
c.	MARYBOROUGH	Walkers Ltd	QA Duties
d.	CAIRNS	NQEA	Discussions

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INTELLIGENCE

1. During the quarter Coastwatchers in the following areas were visited:

Area	Number of Visits	Visited by
Mackay to Cooktown	53	Command Intelligence Officer HMAS DARBETTE
Off-lying Islands	2	

2. New Coastwatchers were appointed in 2 locations.

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SECURITY

1. In accordance with DEFNAV CANBERRA's KAB 030521Z AUG77, security inspections were conducted at HMAS CAIRNS and HMAS NORTON in September. The results of these inspections were summarised in NOCQLD KAB 030500Z OCT77. The opportunity was taken to make the inspections "double-up" as annual inspections. Detailed reports were completed on 9 November and both establishments are currently assessing them for onforwarding to Navy Office Canberra.

2. Naval Headquarters Staff were briefed on general security matters on 10 October 1977.

3. On 12 October 1977 the N.H.Q. commenced autonomous operation of the integrated alarm system at Watkins Place. It is believed this is the first Headquarters to utilise a self-operated security alarm system.

4. All RANR Officers, Senior Sailors and communication sailors were given a refresher security lecture by the Command Security Officer on 1 November 1977.

5. The Command Security Officer conducted annual security inspections of HMA Ships BRUNEI, TARAKAN and LABUAN on 9 November, 11 November and 13 December respectively. HMAS FLINDERS security inspection was conducted by NOCQLD on 13 November 1977.

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