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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
JANUARY, 1981

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(IAN H. RICHARDS)
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Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET Report of Proceedings for
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

2nd February 1981

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st - 31st JANUARY 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st January 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the commencement of the period BAYONET was alongside number one wharf Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period. The ship's company were taking advantage of the Christmas period and enjoying a well earned rest.

3. Colours were half masted on Monday 5th on the occasion of the death of Her Royal Highness PRINCESS ALICE.

4. Also on that day the Executive Officer Sub Lieutenant S.J. TURNER RAN, the Chief Bosuns Mate, Coxswain and myself attended a seminar on surveillance operations. The seminar was hosted by NOIC CAIRNS and speakers included representatives of health, customs, fisheries and transport departments. An important aspect of the seminar was the understanding which was gained by service personnel in the workings of the civilian departments which are involved in surveillance operations.

5. At 1610 BAYONET cast off and proceeded for Townsville where the ship arrived at 1100 Tuesday 6th. Before proceeding at 1520 five members of AUSCDT ONE were embarked for mine clearance duties which were to be carried out in the succeeding week in reef waters north of Cairns.

6. On departure from Townsville several practice alongsides were conducted by Lieutenant A.R. SPELTA RAN Commanding Officer HMAS BARRICADE. He had been embarked in Cairns for a two day patrol boat orientation cruise. Practice man overboard exercises and shiphandling were also conducted on Wednesday 7th prior to BAYONET's arrival at

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number ten wharf Cairns at 0808.

7. BAYONET departed Cairns at 1000 on completion of fuelling and proceeded to Amos Bay where a mine had been reported by local residents. The mine was located and subsequently destroyed leaving a large 20 foot diameter hole in the mangrove swamp. BAYONET remained at anchor overnight.

8. At 0628 Thursday 8th BAYONET weighed anchor and proceeded to Two Islets where the ship sheltered and awaited suitable weather for navigation to South Ribbon Reef.

9. The weather cleared on Friday 9th and BAYONET weighed and proceeded to South Ribbon Reef where she anchored at 1016. During the day AUSCDT ONE divers carried out an unsuccessful search for a mine. On completion of the search BAYONET returned to Two Islets and anchored at 1531.

10. Continual rain over the next two days made reef navigation and diving operations imprudent. BAYONET remained at anchor until 1357 Sunday 11th when the ship weighed anchor and proceeded for Townsville.

11. Weather conditions worsened considerably during the southerly passage and I was forced to seek shelter in Cairns. BAYONET secured to HMAS BARBETTE at number one wharf Cairns at 2356.

12. On Monday 12th colours were half masted on the occasion of the funeral of the late Hon ERIC ROBINSON MP.

13. BAYONET shifted to the NQEA fitting out wharf at 0830 Tuesday 13th and remained alongside until Friday 16th undergoing pre intermediate docking preparations prior to slipping at 0630.

14. At 1530 Wednesday 30th BAYONET unslipped and cold moved to the NQEA fitting out wharf where she remained until the end of the period completing the intermediate docking.

Engineering and Electrical

15. No URDEF's were raised during the month.

16. The following INDEF's remain outstanding from previous months:

- INDEF 35/82 Flying bridge windows (May 80)
- 39/82 Port main engine beads leaking (May 80)
- 41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
- 50/82 Flying bridge awning staunchions (Nov 80)

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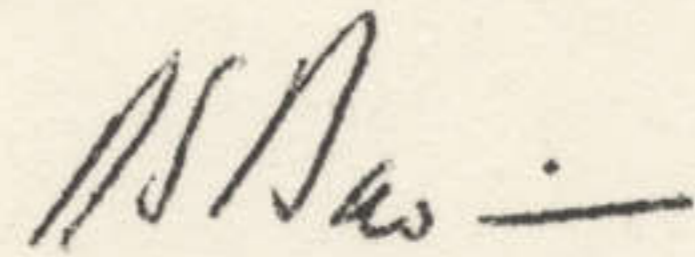
Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

17. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

2nd February 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	634
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	271,765
3.	Hours underway during the period	50
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	20,732
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

2nd February 1981

EXERCISES

<u>Seamanship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Shiphandling/Alongsides	6th	45 mins
Man Overboard drills	7th	30 mins

<u>NBCD</u>	
In harbour exercises	Daily

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
FEBRUARY, 1981

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HMAS BAYONET
at Sea

1st March 1981

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st-28th FEBRUARY 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 28th February 1981. All times are as indicated.

2. At the beginning of the period BAYONET was alongside the NQEA fitting out wharf in Cairns undergoing the annual intermediate docking and associated assisted maintenance period. The ship remained alongside until cold moved by tug at 0830(K) on Wednesday 4th to number one wharf.

3. On completion of the assisted maintenance period at 1330(K) Wednesday 11th BAYONET cast off and proceeded on patrol in areas S, T and A. Sailing had been delayed for 27½ hours due to the presence north of Cairns of Cyclone Eddie. Mr Roger Turner from the Commonwealth Department of Health was embarked.

4. An uneventful passage was experienced to the Howick Island group where BAYONET anchored at 0153(K) Thursday 12th. The ship weighed anchor and proceeded at 0623(K) and commenced to search the area for the fishing vessel MARKI ALBI (FJSQ) reported missing after Cyclone Eddie. The vessel was located in position 14° 33'.2 south 144° 51'.4 east at 0800(K) on passage to Cooktown (HMAS BAYONET ENA 112240Z FEB 81 NOTAL refers).

5. It was ascertained on speaking with the master of the vessel that another vessel may also have been missing in the Princess Charlotte Bay area. After searching for approximately four hours the mackerel fishing boat GINA (FELJ) was found beached in the Flinders Island Group.

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The master and crew had beached the boat in order to conduct repairs to its damaged mast.

6. On arrival at Haggerstone Island at 1420(K) on Friday 13th Mr Turner and a small landing party were put ashore in search of three reported graves on the island. BAYONET meanwhile steamed to Hicks Island and prepared to replenish the tide camp established by HMAS FLINDERS. No sign could be found of the graves and BAYONET proceeded at 0035(K) Saturday 14th for passage to Thursday Island where she arrived at 1106(K).

7. Mr Turner was replaced in Thursday Island by Mr Barry Tanzer a stock inspector with the Queensland Department of Health for a two day inspection of the islands of Badu and Moa in the Torres Strait.

8. BAYONET cast off and proceeded at 1008(K) Sunday 15th for the short passage to an anchorage off Kubin on the island of Moa. Whilst Mr Tanzer conducted a preliminary inspection of Badu I spoke with a prospective coastwatcher in the village.

9. The ship remained at anchor until 0750(K) Tuesday 17th while Mr Tanzer conducted thorough inspections of stock in both Badu and Kubin. On completion BAYONET proceeded to anchor at St Pauls mission on the eastern side of Moa at 0845(K). Whilst stock inspections were being carried out I visited the local coastwatcher before the ship returned to Thursday Island at 1400(K) and remained overnight. Mr Tanzer was landed on arrival.

10. At 0900(K) Wednesday 18th BAYONET cast off and proceeded for an uneventful passage to Gove where the ship arrived at 1330(IK) Thursday 19th.

11. BAYONET sailed at 0954(IK) Friday 20th to continue the area S patrol but on anchoring at Guluwuru Island it was discovered that a cylinder head on the port main engine was defective and so I was forced to return to Gove to effect repairs at 1037(IK) Saturday 21st. Due to the limited air cargo transport connections with Gove it was not possible to obtain a replacement component under PM Sunday 22nd. However, repairs were completed and the ship sailed at 0800(IK) Monday 23rd.

12. During the next two days BAYONET steamed east to the Goulbourn Islands and New Year Island before returning to Gove via Cape Wessel at 0800(IK) Wednesday 25th. Six Taiwanese gill net fishing vessels were observed during that phase of the patrol (BAYONET KBG 232215Z FEB 81 and KBG 241141Z FEB 81 refer).

13. On completion of fuelling and taking on water BAYONET sailed at 1011(IK) and proceeded on direct passage to Weipa. En route 40/60 Bofors gun and .50 cal machine gun anti aircraft firings were conducted. The ship arrived in Weipa at 1100(K) Thursday 26th and remained alongside Evans Landing overnight before casting off and proceeding at 0900(K) Friday 27th.

14. The remainder of the month saw BAYONET continuing surveillance patrol of area A and at the end of the period the ship was at anchor near Stanley Island in Princess Charlotte Bay.

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Engineering and Electrical

15. The following URDEF's were raised and subsequently rectified during the month:

URDEF 49/82 40/60 Bofors gun motor
50/82 Port main engine B1 head.

16. The following INDEF's were raised during the period or remain outstanding from previous periods.

INDEF 35/82 Flying bridge windows (May 80)
39/82 Port main engine leaking heads (May 80)
41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
51/82 Port main engine fuel pump drive (Feb 81)

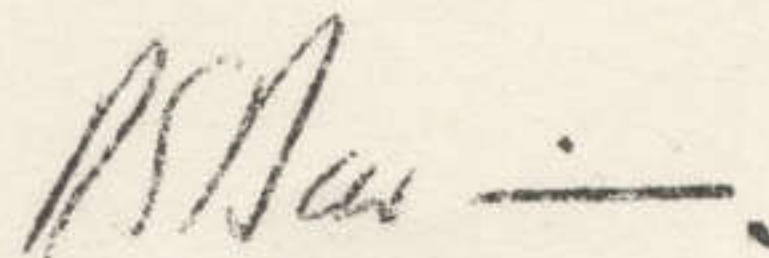
Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale.

17. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

1st March 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	2,458
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	274,223
3.	Hours underway during the period	176
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	20,908
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/70 dated

1st March 1981

EXERCISES

	Date	Duration
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>SEAMANSHIP AND GENERAL EVOLUTIONS</u>		
Rigged emergency HF aerial	13th	1 hr
Defence Watch, Action Stations	}	}
Emergency Stations, Leaving Ship Stations		
BOARDDEX (Boarding party practice boarding on BAYONET)	13th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
	20th	1 hr
Operation AWKWARD	28th	1 hr
<u>NBCD</u>		
NBCD exercises i) fire in galley	13th	1 hr
ii) fire in engineroom		
In harbour exercises	Daily	-
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
40/60 GFT	25th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
40/60 and .50 cal M.G. AAROFX	25th	1 hr
2" RFL handling drills and firings	25th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>NAVIGATION</u>		
XO Con ship into anchorage	28th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

22 March 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st-22nd MARCH 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 22nd March 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the commencement of the period BAYONET was at anchor near Stanley Island in Princess Charlotte Bay. On Sunday 1st personnel from BAYONET were engaged in a search for a reported pyrotechnic on the shoreline. The device was located with the assistance of a crew member from the fishing boat Pacific Pearl (HMAS BAYONET FPL 010042Z MAR 81 refers).

3. The ship weighed anchor and proceeded for an uneventful passage to Cairns at 2129 Sunday 1st before arriving at number one wharf at 1512 Monday 2nd.

4. BAYONET remained alongside undergoing maintenance until 0800 Wednesday 4th and then sailed in company with HMA Ships BARBETTE and BARRICADE for exercise "TEX 1/81" (NOIC CAIRNS Operation Order 1/81 refers). Exercises were conducted in accordance with the operation order and as stated at Annex B before the ship returned alongside BARBETTE at number one wharf Cairns at 1420 Thursday 5th.

5. The remainder of the period was spent alongside undergoing an assisted maintenance period prior to the commencement of exercise "Anchorman 81".

6. At 1530 Sunday 22nd Lieutenant R.W. CUNNINGHAM RLEX assumed command of BAYONET.

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7. No URDEFs or INDEFs were raised during the period, however, the following INDEFs remain outstanding from previous periods:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine leaking heads (May 80)

41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)

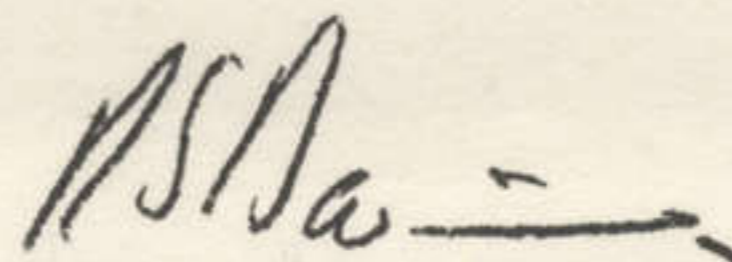
Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

8. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to remain,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

22 March 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	457
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	274,680
3.	Hours underway during the period	42
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	20,950
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed (Full power workup - Duration 5 mins)	2nd

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

22 March 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Seamanship and General Evolutions</u>		
Defence Watch, Action Stations } Emergency Stations }	4th & 5th	
OOW Manoeuvres	4th 5th	3½ hrs 2 hrs
BOARDEX	4th	½ hr
RASAPS, Heaving Line Transfers	4th	1 hr
Stream Para Anchor	4th	½ hr
SAREX	5th	2 hrs
OOW/Eng Breakdown Drills	4th	1 hr
Anti-Infiltrax	4th	2 hrs
<u>NBCD</u>		
Electrical fire in Engineerroom	4th	½ hr
Flood in forward section	4th	½ hr
In harbour exercises	Daily	
<u>Gunnery</u>		
40/60 and .50 cal M.G. SUFX	4th	2 hrs
40/60 and .50 cal M.G. AATX, AACRF, AAROFX	5th	2 hrs
<u>Navigation</u>		
Blind Pilotage	5th	½ hr
Formation Anchorage	4th	½ hr

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
22 MARCH-4 APRIL, 1981

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Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander

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5 April, 1981

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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns
5th April 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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The Commander
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HMAS WATERHEN
The Commanding Officer
HMAS BAYONET



HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
EXERCISE ANCHORMAN 81
22nd MARCH - 4th APRIL 1981

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command from 22nd March to 4th April 1981 for EXERCISE ANCHORMAN 81. Times throughout are Zone Kilo (-10).
2. The crew came mainly from the Sydney Port Division RANR with sailors from Adelaide and Hobart Divisions, RAFF and the RAN, arriving in Cairns late afternoon on the 21st March after a long RAAF C130 flight. All quickly settled into a cohesive team again proving the ease with which the disparate sections of the service can so readily work together to their mutual benefit.
3. The handover was largely completed by noon Sunday 22nd and I assumed command from LEUT R.S. Davison RAN at 1530. Monday 23rd was spent alongside with a program of lectures, drills, briefings and maintenance.
4. With the OTC LCDR K.C. Liddiard RD RANR embarked, cast off at 0812 on Tuesday 24th and led HMA Ships BARRICADE, BARBETTE and AWARE to sea, glad to be underway despite indifferent weather. During the forenoon internal drills, OOW manoeuvres and pre-firing preparations were carried out on passage to the firing area (R79I) where at 1415 a 40/60 and BMG shoot was conducted on a drum target. A 40/60 defect allowed only a few rounds to be fired. During the evening a Washup was held in BAYONET before the OTC transferred to BARBETTE. BARRICADE then detached and proceeded to Cairns returning with a CPOETW who rectified the ships' gunnery defects while the formation remained at anchor overnight in the lee of Fitzroy Island.

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5. Weighed anchor at 0716 on Wednesday 25th and exercised internally en route to the firing area where a successful 40/60 and BMG commenced at 1010 on a splash target. Following OOW manoeuvres an AA rapid open fire shoot occupied the afternoon. The favourable conditions assisted some good shooting in BAYONET and, beyond expectations based on previous experience, four rockets were dispatched without difficulty. Commenced the southward passage to Mackay at 1800, exercising until midnight and arrived off the Palm Islands at dawn on Thursday 26th.
6. Due to adverse weather, the formation proceeded to the lee of Orpheus Island where BAYONET was OCS for OOW manoeuvres. The remainder of the forenoon and most of the afternoon was spent exercising boarding parties and we bedizened foreign fishermen enjoyed an hour's respite being forced to sit quietly on the foosle. At 1515 all ships got underway and practised replenishment approaches in pairs before resuming passage for Mackay with ships night steaming in lieu of a Night Encounter exercise cancelled due to constraints of weather and time.
7. The morning of Friday 27th found the formation passing through the Whitsunday Passage and the Cumberland Islands toward Mackay. Forenoon serials were cancelled to expedite the entry into Mackay where BAYONET secured port side to on the Breast Wharf at 1215. Forward Support Group personnel came on board immediately to quickly rectify minor defects. Throughout the exercise, their assistance and efforts was of such a standard that there was no "down time" for any of the ships - a considerable improvement on earlier Anchormans.
8. During fuelling and maintenance a brief washup was held before calls were made by the OTC and COs on the Chairman of the Harbour Board and the Mayor of Mackay, Sir Albert Abbott.
9. On Saturday 28th, following Captain's Rounds, CNP Rear Admiral D.W. Leach CBE MVO RAN, DNRC Acting Captain E.T. Keane RAN and the OTC were embarked at 1015 for the VIP Visit day. Cast off at 1037 and proceeded to sea in unpleasant conditions that provided dramatic footage for the television cameras as the ships cleared the harbour entrance. BAYONET was OCS for the day conducting OOW manoeuvres rather than the programmed serials due to the short steep sea before returning to our former berth at 1230. CNP addressed the assembled crew on the wharf and afterwards attended a function ashore where all Officers involved in the exercise had a worthwhile opportunity to fraternise and informally review the events of the first week.
10. Cast off at 1005 on Sunday 29th and proceeded to Seawall Island where the formation anchored at 1315 for beach sports and a banyan before remaining overnight at anchor. The BAYONET team won the Seawall Coconut though the prized trophy had to be wrested from another vessel at a later boarding.
11. The second week opened on Monday 30th with a damage control exercise before weighing anchor at 0859 to proceed north through the Hillsborough Channel and Whitsunday Islands on a navigation exercise. By 1400 the formation arrived off Hook Island a TOWEX was conducted until 1600 when passage for Townsville was resumed in ideal weather enabling evening stars to be taken. BAYONET led the ships in a routine night steam to arrive off Magnetic Island for OOW manoeuvres at 0730 on Tuesday 31st.
12. The remainder of the morning was spent exercising boarding parties before a ceremonial entry into Townsville where BAYONET berthed at the new Container Wharf at 1332. Following a brief washup, calls were made on Brigadier Smothurst ARA at Laverack Barracks and the Deputy Mayor of Townsville while in the evening the ships' Officers represented the RAN at the 60th Anniversary Reception at the RAAF Base. As in Mackay, and later Cairns, our sailors were able to get ashore in what were, for southern Reservists, "exotic ports" - most important for the recruiting and retention of RANR personnel.

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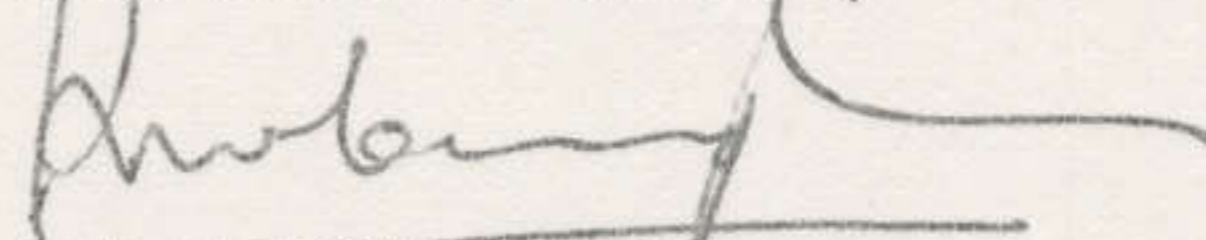
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- I3. Sailed from Townsville at 0930 on Wednesday 1st April with OOW manoeuvres preceding a variety of exercises with BARRICADE throughout the day until all ships reassembled to anchor off the northern side of Magnetic Island where preparations were then made for the INFILTREX that night with HMA Ships FREEMANTLE and WARNAMBOOL.
- I4. BAYONET was rigged to simulate a merchantman and weighed independently at 1845 to proceed northward along the recommended shipping track toward Orpheus Island where infiltrators were to be "landed". To our entire satisfaction, and even greater surprise, the ruse worked. At midnight the ships were formed up for a quiet night steam towards Cairns.
- I5. At 0730 on Thursday 2nd commenced our gunnery day in R79I with the first of two small arms firings before embarking COMAUSMINPAB, CMDR P.V. Blackman RAN, by STERNBOARD transfer from BARBETTE. Ideal conditions prevailed for the two AA shoots (forenoon and afternoon) against a sleeve target. The guns' crews enjoyed more than three hours of 40/60 and BMG firings in which drill was of a high standard. After transferring COMAUSMINPAB to BARRICADE at 1640, OOW manoeuvres were conducted off Fitzroy Island before commencing a NAVEX at 1830 in which ships transitted Grafton Passage independently, blind and visual, assembling again off Fitzroy Island at 2332 for the night steam that brought the formation back to the Cairns channel entrance on the morning of Friday 3rd. ~~after~~
- I6. After a ceremonial entry into Cairns, BAYONET secured starboard side to on BARBETTE at the Patrol Boat wharf at 0836, and after shifting berth to fuel, finally secured alongside AWARE at 1015. BARBETTE later berthed outboard of BAYONET. Following a prompt General Payment, the remainder of the day was spent cleaning and restoring ship. A formal Exercise Washup was held in the Cairns Army Depot at 1400 and afterwards informal discussions followed at an RPC hosted by the ships' Officers for visiting Senior Officers, Base Staff and Sea Riders.
- I7. The handover of the ship was promptly concluded on Saturday 4th and I handed over command to LEUT R.S. Davison RAN at 1500.
- I8. During the period of the ACT the Navigator was recommended for the award of an RANR BWC3 certificate and two sailors were awarded Holmsmans Certificates.
- I9. The exercise was well planned and supported throughout and its location in the North Queensland area was considered by all to be a sound decision. The exercise program was the best balanced and most realistic to date of the ANCHORMAN series so that much valuable experience was gained by all concerned. The constructive criticism, advice and support of the Sea Riders was much appreciated - theirs is a valuable input of expertise and current practice.
20. Despite the usual minor injuries, health was generally sound and throughout the period the morale and application of the ship's company was of a high standard.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(R.W. CUNNINGHAM)
Lieutenant, RANR
Commanding Officer

Annexes: A. Steaming Report
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Annex A to HMAS B. YONET
Letter 1/16/70 dated 5/4/83

STEAMING REPORT

EXERCISE ANCHOR M 31
22nd MARCH - 4th APRIL 1961

1. Distance steamed during the period:	1529 miles
2. Total distance steamed since Commissioning:	276209 miles
3. Hours underway during the period:	132 hours
4. Total hours underway since Commissioning:	21082 hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed:	NIL

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Annex B to ILMAS B. YONNET
Letter I/15/7C dated 5/4/81

EXERCISES ANNEX

<u>SEAMANSHIP & GENERAL EVOLUTIONS</u>	<u>DATE</u> (24-31 MARCH) (01-02 APRIL)	<u>DURATION</u> (Minutes)
Emergency/Action/Leaving Ship Stations	24	60
LOBEX	24/26/01	30/45/30
COMENG	24/25	30/30
STERBOARD	26/31/02/02	30/15/15/15
BOARDX	26/31	60/60
RASAPS	26/01	30/45
TOWEX	31/01	120/120
INFILTREX	01	240
<u>NBCD</u>		
FIREX	Daily	10
DCX	25/30	30/40
MAJOR DCX	25	90
FLIDEX	01	60
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
SUTP	24/25	120/120
AROFX	25	120
ACRF	02/02	90/90
Small Arms Firings	30/02/02	60/60/60
<u>NAVIGATION</u>		
OCMANS	24/25/26/28 31/01/02	60/60/90/60 90/45/45
FORMAGE	24/29/01	
STATIONMASTER	25	120
SPX	25	45
NAVEX	30/02	210/130
Evening Stars	30	
SCRIMPLY	30	120
<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>		
ECX 302	24	45
ECX 501	29	60
Reporting Ex	25	120

The above exercises were carried out, in general, in accordance with the timings shown for serials in COMAUSI I.P.B EXOPROD I/81. Where serials were cancelled specific mention has been made in the body of the ROP.

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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Ian H. Richards

(IAN H. RICHARDS)
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Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET Report of Proceedings
for April, 1981 dated 1 May, 1981

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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

01 May 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
04th TO 30th APRIL 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 4th to 30th April 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At 1500 Sunday 4th BAYONET was alongside number one wharf Cairns when I assumed command from Lieutenant R.W. CUNNINGHAM RLEX.

3. The ship remained alongside until 1009 Wednesday 8th undergoing post "Exercise Anchorman 81" maintenance before proceeding for Brisbane and an area A, B and C surveillance patrol. The passage to Brisbane was uneventful and gave a good opportunity to test the newly installed Satellite Navigation system. With the exception of a gyro input error which necessitated manual input of changes in ship's heading the system appeared to work accurately. Errors in areas of good geographic fixing were not normally more than 2 cables.

4. After an overnight anchorage near Tangalooma in Moreton Bay on Friday 10th BAYONET secured to number two Dalgety's Wharf New Farm at 1005 Saturday 11th and commenced a three day visit.

5. At 0930 Monday 13th I called on Captain W.L. OWEN RAN Naval Officer Commanding Queensland. He returned my call at 1200 on the same day.

6. BAYONET cast off and proceeded to sea at 0801 Tuesday 14th for continuation of the area B and C patrol. En route to Townsville good weather conditions were experienced and the opportunity was taken to conduct a skeet shoot for 40/60 and .50 cal machine gun aimers as well as some other interested ship's company. The ship anchored off Alma Bay

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from 1057 until 1510 on Thursday 16th where maintenance tasks were carried out prior to proceeding alongside Townsville number three wharf at 1600.

7. Friday 17th (Good Friday) saw BAYONET start the "QRX Easter Bluewater Classic 1981" yacht race. The Mayor of Townsville Mr M. REYNOLDS and his wife were embarked at 0900 prior to BAYONET's sailing at 0903. At 1000 in the vicinity of Kissing Point the race was started. BAYONET returned to Townsville at 1200. During the afternoon from 1300 until 1700 the ship was open to visitors but only approximately 30 people took the opportunity to inspect BAYONET.

8. At 1800 Friday 17th the ship cast off and proceeded for an overnight passage to Cairns where she arrived at 0807 Saturday 18th and berthed on HMAS FLINDERS at number one wharf.

9. BAYONET was due to sail with HMAS WARRNAMBOOL at 1000 Tuesday 21st but due to a defect in WARRNAMBOOL sailing was delayed until 1500. On clearing the harbour Officer of the Watch manoeuvres were commenced but BAYONET was forced to return to Cairns at 1800 with an URDEF on the general service pump. The defect was rectified and the ship sailed at 1946. However, at 0125 Wednesday 22nd the pump failed again and BAYONET returned to Cairns at 0805 and berthed outboard of HMAS BARRICADE at number one wharf.

10. At 0722 Monday 27th the ship proceeded to the NQEA fitting out wharf for maintenance and remained alongside undergoing an assisted maintenance period until the end of the month.

Engineering and Electrical

11. The following URDEF's were raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

- URDEF 53/82 Outboard motor fuel tank
- 54/82 RM916 radar
- 55/82 General service pump

12. The following URDEF raised during the period remains outstanding awaiting replacement stores:

- URDEF 56/82 General service pump

13. The following INDEF's remain outstanding:

- INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)
- 41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
- 56/82 Upper deck corrosion removal (Apr 80)
- 57/82 Port main engine tachometers (Apr 80)

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Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

14. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 May 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	2,005
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	278,214
3.	Hours underway during the period	146
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	21,241
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 May 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>NAVIGATION</u>		
Executive Officer conned ship into harbour (TOWNSVILLE)	17th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
Executive Officer practice alongsides	27th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
<u>SEAMANSHIP AND GENERAL EVOLUTIONS</u>		
OOW Manoeuvres	21st	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
40/60 and .50 cal M.G. ainer skeet shoot	16th	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
<u>NBCD</u>		
In harbour exercises	Daily	-

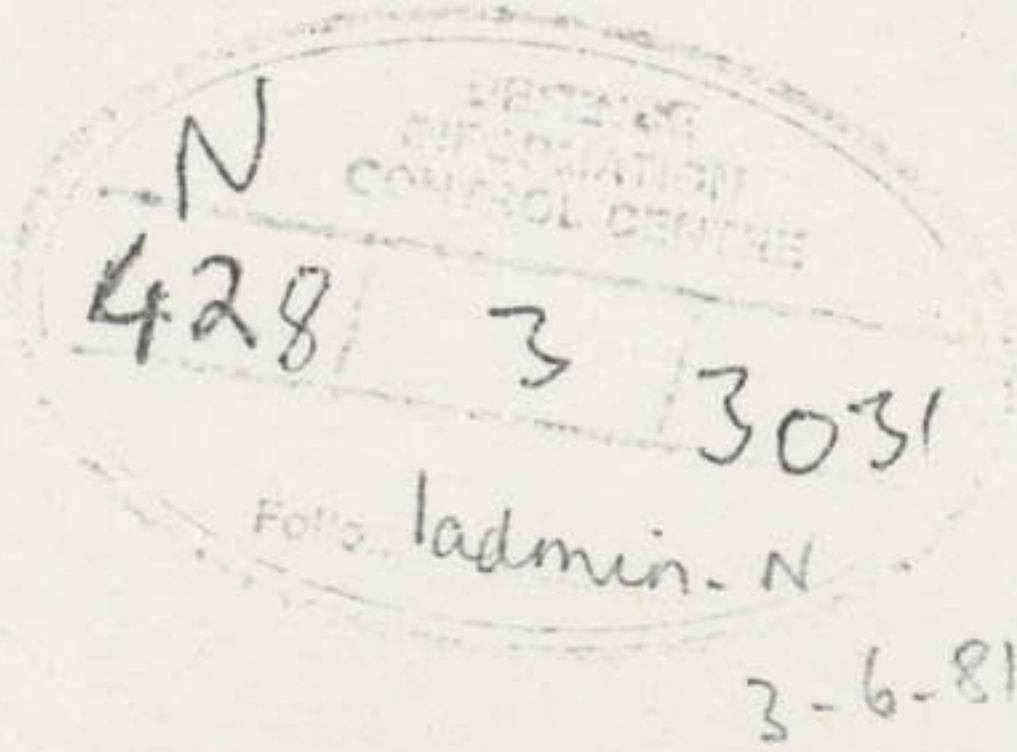
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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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HMAS BAYONET
at Great Keppel Island

01 June 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01st-31st MAY 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st May 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the commencement of the period BAYONET was alongside the NQEA fitting out wharf undergoing an assisted maintenance period prior to returning alongside number one wharf at 0749 Thursday 7th.
3. BAYONET had been due to sail on Monday 11th for an area S,T,A and B patrol. However, due to inclement weather during the period 11th-17th BAYONET remained alongside prior to proceeding at 0800 Monday 18th for Weipa. An uneventful passage was experienced before the ship arrived at 0800 Wednesday 20th.
4. BAYONET sailed on completion of fuelling and taking on water at 1000 and proceeded south for Karumba in good weather conditions. Unfortunately, whilst in the vicinity of Cape Keerweer very rough seas and strong southerly winds were encountered and I returned to Weipa for shelter, anchoring at Cora Bank at 2154. At 0814 Thursday 21st the ship shifted to the Evans Landing Wharf where she remained overnight.
5. The ship sailed at 0800 Friday 22nd for Booby Island and anchored off the island at 1845. During the passage the satellite navigation system was once again put to the test with excellent results.

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6. Whilst at Booby Island I visited the resident coastwatcher who appears to be a very keen man who shows a good deal of responsibility towards his role in coastal surveillance.

7. At 0640 Saturday 23rd BAYONET weighed anchor and continued the patrol of the Eastern Torres Strait area. During the following two days BAYONET proceeded through the Prince of Wales Channel and Great North East Channel visiting some of the large number of islands. At 1000 Monday 25th the ship departed the area and proceeded for Bird Island.

8. Whilst at Bird Island at approximately 1330 Tuesday 26th a request for assistance was received from the fishing vessel MARCAS which had suffered engine problems at Bushy Island and was in need of a tow. BAYONET responded and, due to the good weather conditions prevailing, was able to tow the vessel 90 miles south to Portland Road where the tow was dropped at 0015 Wednesday 27th. (HMAS MAYONET IAJ 260400ZMAY81, IAJ/ENA 260700ZMAY81, ENA/IAJ 261249ZMAY81 and COSURCEN CANBERRA ENA 260415ZMAY81 refer).

9. BAYONET then proceeded with the patrol and continued southwards for Cairns. At approximately 0930 Thursday 28th whilst near Low Islets the ship was diverted to the Cruiser Passage area of the Great Barrier Reef to assist other airborne surveillance units in the search for survivors from the vessel MING SHANG No 7. However, by 1300 nothing had been sighted and BAYONET proceeded to Cairns where she arrived alongside number ten wharf at 1800.

10. At 0800 Friday 29th BAYONET proceeded to sea with members of a defence force pay and allowances committee. Included in the party were Mr Justice Payne and Major General Woodward (Retd). The purpose of the sea day was to give the members of the committee a small insight into conditions onboard a PTF at sea. Weather conditions were reasonable but some rough seas were experienced outside the reef and so hopefully the members of the committee now have some idea of the inhospitable conditions that often exist in PTF's.

11. BAYONET returned alongside at 1315 to land the party and sailed at 1600 for Great Keppel Island where she anchored at 0806 Sunday 31st. The ship remained at anchor until the end of the period.

Engineering and Electrical

12. The following INDEF was raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

INDEF 58/82 Stbd Gearbox Cooler.

13. The following INDEF's remain outstanding from previous periods:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)

41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)

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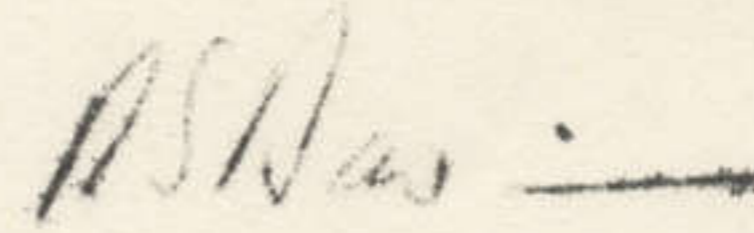
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14. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 June 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	2,531
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	280,745
3.	Hours underway during the period	181
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	21,422
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 June 1981

EXERCISES

SEAMANSHIP AND GENERAL EVOLUTIONS

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Towed F.V. MARCAS (Bushy Is - Portland Rd)	26th	8 hrs
Action, Leaving Ship, Emergency Stations	26th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
Helo Vertrep (exercise)	26th	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr
Manoverboard	29th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr

GUNNERY

Landing and boarding party small arms refamiliarization and shoot	22nd	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs
Boarding party mustered and outfitted	28th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr

NBCD

Major NBCDX (Fire aft mess, flood tiller flat)	26th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
Major NBCDX (: : : : : :)	27th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
Major NBCDX (Engineroom fire)	28th	1 hr
In harbour exercises	Daily	-

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
JUNE, 1981

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Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET Report of Proceedings for
June, 1981 dated 1 July, 1981

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HMAS BAYONET
at Sea

01 July 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01st-30th JUNE 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 30th June 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BAYONET was at anchor at Great Keppel Island and involved in a mock re-enactment of an alleged landing by Captain James Cook RN. A television news team from "Today Tonight" of channel 9 Brisbane used BAYONET as a prop and backdrop for the production.

3. The ship remained at anchor until 0900 Tuesday 2nd when anchor was weighed and an uneventful passage to Townsville was commenced. BAYONET arrived in Townsville at 0800 Friday 5th and remained alongside until 1600 whilst members of the ship's company participated in a Tri Service march which was part of the Pacific Festival.

4. BAYONET proceeded for Cairns at 1800 and berthed at number one wharf at 0803 Saturday 6th. An assisted maintenance period was commenced on Tuesday 9th and the ship remained alongside until Tuesday 16th at 2100 when she cast off and proceeded for Lizard Island where once again, BAYONET was used as a backdrop for the television recording of Sir Harry Secombe's Lizard Island concert. Members of the ship's company also featured when they paraded as a guard of honour for Sir Harry's entrance.

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5. Following the visit at 0700 Thursday 18th BAYONET weighed anchor and proceeded to Cairns for recommencement of the assisted maintenance period. The ship secured to number one wharf at 1640.

6. At 1000 Tuesday 23rd BAYONET cast off and proceeded for an uneventful passage to Port Moresby and a Papua New Guinea goodwill visit. The ship secured to the PNGDF LANCRON wharf at 1000 Friday 26th.

7. After arrival I was escorted by Lieutenant Commander D. RAMSDEN (Commanding Officer HMAS BASILISK) and paid a call on the Acting Head ADCG Port Moresby Lieutenant Colonel G.E. WILLIAMS. An unsuccessful attempt was also made to call on the Acting Chief of Staff to the Command PNGDF Colonel T.W. GURIA. Unfortunately, the gentleman was unavailable at the appointed time and I was unable to see him.

8. At 1830 I hosted the ship's official reception onboard and two unexpected national guests attended. They were Brigadier General E.R. DIERD CBE, OstJ Commander PNGDF and Lieutenant Colonel B. MANOI Director Maritime Operations PNGDF. It was considered by the resident defence population and diplomatic community to be most unusual and somewhat of an honour for the two gentlemen to attend.

9. On Saturday 27th June I attended the Passing Out Parade of the second intake of the Vanuatu Mobile Force at Murray Barracks, Boroko. The Vanuatu Mobile Force was established by the Republic of Vanuatu after gaining independence in 1980 in order to provide a national security force. Papua New Guinea is providing training for the force with the financial backing of the Australian Government.

10. BAYONET was due to sail in company with PNGS LAE on Tuesday 30th. However, due to a stores deficit in LAE viz outboard motor, departure was delayed and so BAYONET spent the remainder of the period alongside in Port Moresby.

Engineering and Electrical

11. The following URDEF was raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

URDEF 57/82 Port main engine tappet covers.

12. The following INDEF's were raised during the period or remain outstanding from previous periods:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)

41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)

59/82 40/60 ready use ammo locker leading (Jun 81)

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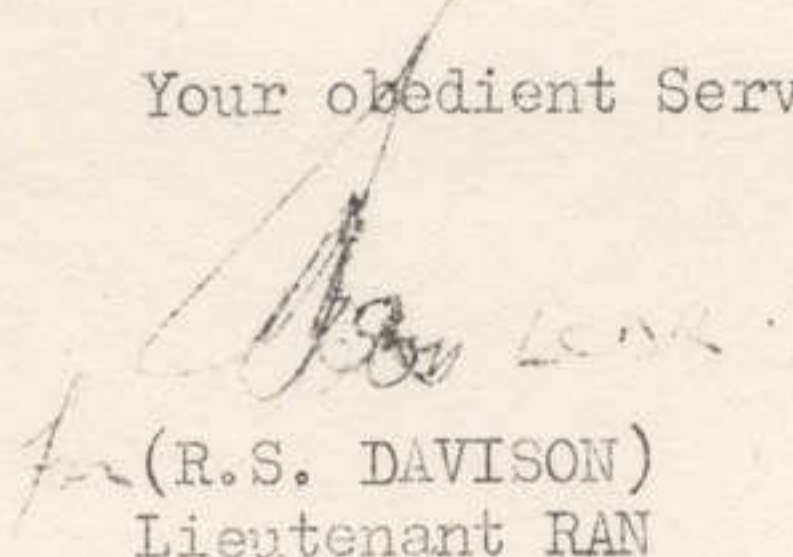
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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 July 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Seamanship and General Evolutions</u>		
Lay kedge anchor	17th	1 hr
Action Leaving Ship, Emergency stations	23rd	1 hr
Helo Vertrep (exercise)	23rd	$\frac{1}{4}$ hr
OOV Manoverboard exercises	24th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>NBCD</u>		
Major NBCDX (Helo crash on deck, fire aft)	23rd	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
In harbour exercises	Daily	

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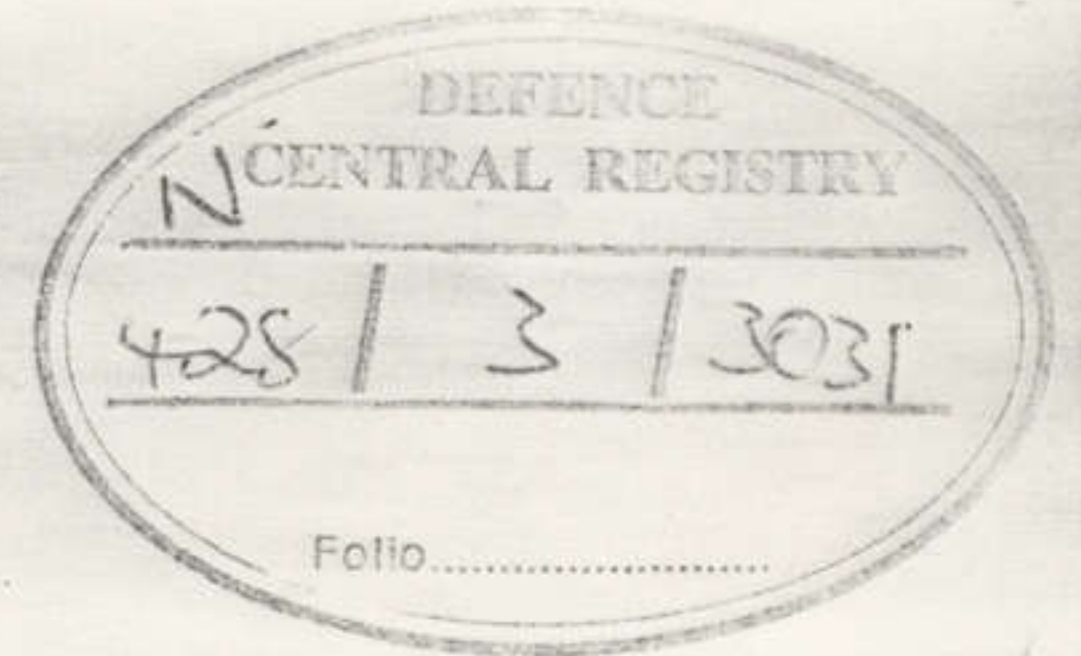
STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	1,668
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	282,413
3.	Hours underway during the period	119
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	21,541
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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(R.G. TAYLOR)
Captain, RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET Report of Proceedings for
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

01 August 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

For Information:

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01st-31st JULY 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st July 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the commencement of the period BAYONET was alongside berth F at the LANCROON Wharf Port Moresby. On completion of the operational visit and at 1358 Wednesday 1st the ship cast off and proceeded in company with PNGS LAE for Samarai. Very rough seas were encountered on passage and as a result the planned exercise schedule was cancelled. Both ships arrived at Samarai at 1050 Thursday 2nd and remained overnight.

3. After departure from Samarai at 0900 Friday 3rd and whilst still in the sheltered waters near China Strait an abortive Towex was undertaken. However, LAE was unable to connect and veer BAYONET's towing hawser and the exercise was abandoned prior to both ships proceeding to a formation anchorage in Deboyne Lagoon northwards of Jomard Passage at 1827.

4. Intership boarding and emergency party exercises were conducted during the forenoon of Saturday 4th prior to both ships' companies proceeding ashore for sporting matches and exploration of Nivani Island. Some more adventurous members of BAYONET's ship's company tried unsuccessfully, to surpass some of the locals in the art of coconut palm climbing much to the delight and amusement of the assembled natives.

5. Both ships weighed anchor and proceeded at 1800. Weather conditions continued to be unsuitable for the conduct of exercises. The passage remained uneventful and both ships berthed at Arewa Bay at 0855 Monday 6th to embark water. Berth was shifted to the main wharf Kieta on completion at 1055.

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6. The operational visit to Kieta gave personnel the opportunity to view the Bougainville Copper Mine at Pangura and see the other sights of the general area.

7. Due to an engine defect in LAE the passage and exercise time between Kieta and Rabaul was cut short in order that LAE could have maximum alongside time in Rabaul for repairs. BAYONET cast off and proceeded from Kieta at 1230 Wednesday 8th. On clearing the harbour rendezvous was made with LAE which had earlier sailed for trials. An uneventful passage was made to the Rabaul area where officer of the watch manoeuvres were conducted prior to LAE's entry into harbour at 0930 Thursday 9th. Due to a requirement for an extension of diplomatic clearance to enter Rabaul earlier than previously scheduled I was forced to anchor in Escape Bay. Clearance was gained shortly thereafter and BAYONET entered harbour and secured to LAE at the Wreck Wharf at 1100.

8. It was discovered on arrival Rabaul that the Frangipani Festival had been cancelled and therefore the reason for BAYONET's visit ceased to exist. However, that did not prevent the ship's company from enjoying a very memorable four days during which many members of the local population made BAYONET personnel most welcome.

9. After arrival in Rabaul at 1130 I called on the newly elected Premier of East New Britain Province Mr Ronald To Vue. He was most interested in the visit of BAYONET and so returned my call at 1400. During his two hour visit I gave him an extensive conducted tour of the ship and he seemed most impressed.

10. LAE and BAYONET cast off and proceeded at 1230 Monday 13th for Vitu Island. Officer of the watch manoeuvres were conducted en route before arrival at Vitu at 0340 Tuesday 14th. Anchorage was made in 80m of water close to the shoreline of what was once a volcanic crater.

11. At 1548 BAYONET weighed anchor and proceeded with LAE for Manus Island and Patrol Boat Base Lombrum. Officer of the watch manoeuvres were conducted prior to arrival at 1000 Wednesday 15th.

12. Following an overnight stay at Lombrum BAYONET sailed in company with LAE at 1009 Thursday 16th. During the passage to Madang RAS approaches and officer of the watch manoeuvres were once again conducted. It was unfortunate that due to a main engine defect and winch problem with LAE the in company exercise schedule had been limited to officer of the watch manoeuvres and only one RAS approach exercise. However, my officers of the watch did find the in company time beneficial and the LAE personnel were certainly able to impart some good local knowledge during the deployment.

13. Both ships arrived at Madang at 1000 Friday 17th and remained overnight. BAYONET proceeded to sea at 0900 Saturday 18th on the commencement of the return passage to Australia.

14. Following a brief stop at Alotau for fuel and water on Monday 20th the ship proceeded direct to Thursday Island where she arrived at 0800 Wednesday 22nd. Water and fuel were again embarked and a defect on the starboard main engine supply fan was rectified prior to proceeding for Cairns at 1306.

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15. The passage to Cairns was uneventful and BAYONET secured port side to HMAS FLINDERS at number one wharf at 0800 Friday 24th. The remainder of the period was spent alongside undergoing an assisted maintenance period.

Engineering and Electrical

16. The following URDEFs were raised and subsequently rectified during the month:

URDEF 58/82 SOLAS survival radio
59/82 Starboard main engine supply fan

17. The following INDEFs were raised during the month or remain outstanding from previous periods.

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)
41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
59/82 40/60 ready use ammunition locker leaking (Jun 81)
61/82 Winch control box
62/82 40/60 hydraulics contaminated

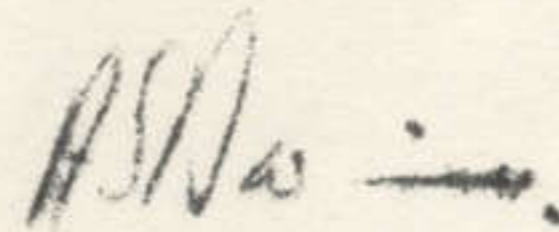
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18. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 August 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	3,406
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	285,819
3.	Hours underway during the period	270
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	21,811
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

01 August 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Seamanship and General Evolutions</u>		
Towed (PNGS LAE)	3rd	½ hr
Officer of the Watch manoeuvres (by flags)	9th	1 hr
	13th	1 hr
	15th	1 hr
	17th	1 hr
RASAPS	16th	1 hr

Navigation

Formage (PNGS LAE) (BAYONET OCS)	3rd	½ hr
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NBCD

Major NBCDX (Fire and casualty in aft mess - PNGS LAE transferred emergency party)	4th	1 hr
In harbour exercises	Daily	

GUNNERY

Boardex (PNGS LAE)	4th	1 hr
40/60 SUX, AACRF, AAROFX .50 cal MG SUX, AACRF, AAROFX 2" RF Illuminex	23rd	1½ hrs

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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(IAN H. RICHARDS)
Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander

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August, 1981 dated 1 September, 1981

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HMAS BAYONET
at Sydney

1 September 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

1 - 31 AUGUST 1981

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st August 1981. All times are Kilo (-10).
2. At the commencement of the period, BAYONET was alongside number one wharf Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period. The ship remained alongside until 1011 Monday 10th when she cast off and proceeded on a combined health and surveillance patrol of Area A. Mr Roger Turner was embarked as the Commonwealth Department of Health representative and he undertook quarantine inspections and data gathering during the following six days.
3. On completion of investigation of several small yachts between Cairns and Cooktown, BAYONET anchored at Lizard Island at 2300 and remained overnight. A gun functioning trial was unsuccessfully conducted in Area R793 on Tuesday 11th before continuing the patrol northwards to the Flinders Group where the ship anchored at 1648.
4. Following a report from the master of yacht MYUNA of a skeleton on Cape Melville, BAYONET proceeded to the area at 0750 Wednesday 12th. The partially buried remains were located shortly after arrival in the area. There appeared to be no suspicious circumstances surrounding the death/burial of the unfortunate person and I presume that he or she may have been a victim of the 1899 cyclone during which an entire Pearling Fleet was lost with over 300 deaths recorded (HMAS BAYONET IAJ 120210Z AUG 81) NOTAL refers).

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5. The remainder of the health patrol was conducted without untoward incident. Investigations of yachts and possible landing sites were conducted at Portland Road, Paluma Pass, Captain Billy Creek, Cairncross Milman, Turtle Head and Mount Adolphous Islands and also at Somerset in Albany Pass. BAYONET berthed in Thursday Island at 1005 Sunday 16th and remained overnight. Mr Roger Turner disembarked AM Monday 17th.

6. Commander C.J. Oxenbould RAN, and Lieutenant S.N. Howlett, RAN, were embarked on Monday 17th and the ship proceeded at 1340. Both officers had been embarked in order to reconnoitre the area between Thursday Island and Cairns so that planning could be undertaken for the RAN Navigation Course. During the passage to Cairns inspections of the Endeavour Strait, Prince of Wales Channel, Albany Pass, Paluma Pass, Flinders Group and Howick Group areas were completed. BAYONET arrived at number one wharf Cairns at 0800 Thursday 20th.

7. After rectification of URDEFs on the port diesel alternator and 40/60 bofor gun BAYONET sailed at 1005, Monday 24th in company with HMAS WARRNAMBOOL. In the vicinity of Fitzroy Island BAYONET detached and proceeded for an uneventful but rough passage to Gladstone where a short stop was made to embark fuel and water AM Wednesday 26th. Passage to Sydney was continued on completion and BAYONET berthed starboard side to HMAS BOMBARD at HMAS WATERHEN at 1645 Friday 28th. The ship remained alongside until the end of the period and commenced an assisted maintenance period at 1000 Monday 31st.

Engineering and Electrical

8. The following URDEF was raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

URDEF 60/82 Port Diesel Alternator.

9. The following URDEF was raised and remains outstanding:

URDEF 61/82 40/60 Hydraulics

10. The following INDEFs remain outstanding from previous periods:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking
(May 80)

41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)

59/82 40/60 ready use ammunition
locker leaking (Jun 81)

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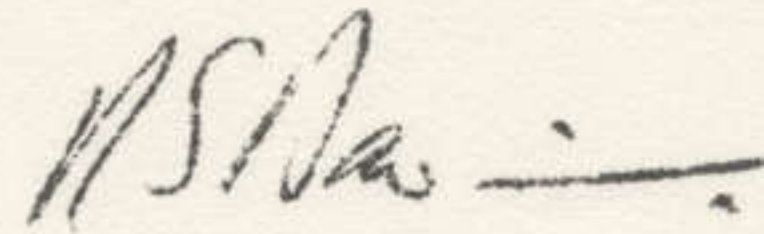
Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

11. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant, RAN
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Annexes: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercise Tasks

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Annex A to
HMAS BAYONET letter 1/16/7C
dated 1 September 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	2,618
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	288,437
3.	Hours underway during the period	192
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	22,003
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing Speed	Nil

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Annex B to
HMAS BAYONET letter 1/16/7C
dated 1 September 1981

EXERCISES

<u>Navigation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Blind Piloting (Entry Gladstone)	26th	1½ hrs
<u>Seamanship and General</u>		
Officer of the Watch, manoeuvres/ harbour departure (WARRNAMBOOL)	24th	1 hr
<u>Gunnery</u>		
40/60 GFT	11th	1 hr
Small arms shoot and re- familiarization	19th	2 hrs
<u>NBCD</u>		
In harbour exercises	Daily	

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 1981

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(D.D. FARTHING)
Commander, RAN
for Fleet Commander

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1981 dated 1 October, 1981.

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HMAS BAYONET
at Eden

1st October 1981

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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01st-30th SEPTEMBER 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 30th September 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the commencement of the period BAYONET was alongside HMAS WATERHEN undergoing an assisted maintenance period which continued until Friday 11th. BAYONET cast off and proceeded at 0914 to conduct three hours of practice buoy approaches and alongsides with members of the then current PTF CO/XO Desig Course. The ship resecured to the patrol boat wharf at WATERHEN on completion and remained alongside until 1000 Monday 14th when she cast off and proceeded for Eden.

3. Following an uneventful passage in good conditions BAYONET secured to the main wharf Eden at 0800 Tuesday 15th where fuel and water were embarked. On completion at 1300 the ship cast off and proceeded for the Bass Strait area in order to relieve HMAS FREMANTLE in the conduct of Bass Strait Oil Rig Surveillance (BSORS). BAYONET came to the Kingfish B platform tender buoy at 2347 and remained overnight.

4. At 0610 Wednesday 16th a large radar contact was detected entering the far northwestern perimeter of the area. BAYONET slipped from the buoy at 0620 and proceeded to investigate as no identification could be made by the Esso oil platforms in the area. Coincidental with making a positive identification of the Hudson's Bay Oil Company drill ship Polar North Sea Auscoast Warning 190/81 was received indicating that ship would be commencing drilling operations in the area at that time. BAYONET then returned to Kingfish B platform and came to the buoy at 1243.

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5. The ship remained at the buoy until 0530 Friday 18th when a gale warning was received and as a result BAYONET slipped and proceeded for shelter at Refuge Cove. Whilst at anchor a defect was discovered in the port main engine and I was forced to put into Barry Beach/Port Welshpool at 1000 Saturday 19th for repairs. Due to late arrival of replacement stores the defect was not repaired until PM Saturday 26th by which time weather conditions in Area Bass had deteriorated and the ship remained alongside until 0800 Wednesday 30th when the weather moderated.

6. BAYONET proceeded to Area Bass on sailing from Port Welshpool. However, prior to arrival in the area weather reports indicated an imminent deterioration of conditions and so I made for shelter at Eden. During the transit of Area Bass the Monrovia registered vessel World Concord was detected approaching the area, intercepted and escorted clear before BAYONET proceeded (HMAS BAYONET IAJ 300630Z SEP 81 (NOTAL) refers). BAYONET concluded the period whilst on passage.

Engineering and Electrical

7. The following URDEF's were raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

URDEF 62/82 Windlass Motor
63/82 Port Main Engine valve and piston

8. The following INDEF's remain outstanding from previous periods or were raised during the month:

INDEF 39/82 Port Main Engine heads leaking (May 80)
41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
59/82 40/60 ready use ammunition locker leaking (Jun 81)
65/82 Lombardini priming pump (Sep 81).

Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

9. The welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

10. One case of pneumonia (CPOMTP Brennan) and one case of malaria (ABQMG Hassing) were discovered during the month. AB Hassing has returned to normal duties but CPO Brennan has been landed to RANH PENGUIN for further treatment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated
1st October 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	844
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	289,281
3.	Hours underway during the period	62
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	22,065
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

1st October 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Seamanship and General</u>		
Shiphandling, Come to buoy, practice alongsides (CO/XO Desig)	11th	3 hrs
Watch and Station Bill proved	28th	1 hr
<u>Gunnery</u>		
Small arms shoot, landing and boarding parties exercised	30th	2 hrs
<u>NBCD</u>		
Major NBCDX (engineroom fire)	28th	1 hr
: : : :	29th	1 hr
: : (forepeak flood)	29th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
In harbour exercises	Daily	

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HMAS BAYONET REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
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(IAN H. RICHARDS)
Commodore RAN
for Fleet Commander

Enclosure: HMAS BAYONET Report of Proceedings for
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

1st November 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET

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The Commander
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
01st-31st OCTOBER 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st October 1981. All times are KIL0 (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BAYONET was on passage from Area Bass to Eden where she anchored in Calle Calle Bay at 0042 Thursday 1st. The ship proceeded to the breakwater pier at 0800 and moored until 1053 Friday 2nd when berth was shifted to the new wharf due to strong wind conditions.

3. BAYONET remained alongside until 1933 Monday 5th following discovery of a port main engine defect earlier in the day. The defect forced the ship to return to Sydney for repairs and in doing so completed the Bass Strait deployment after having spent a total of three days on task during the period from September 15.

4. After an uneventful passage in good conditions to Sydney BAYONET berthed alongside HMAS WATERHEN at 1300 Tuesday 6th and commenced repairs to the port main engine. Repairs were completed at approximately 2359 Friday 9th and BAYONET proceeded to sea at 0700 Saturday 10th.

5. During the passage to Bundaberg advantage was taken of good weather conditions to complete work for the forthcoming annual inspection to be conducted in Darwin. BAYONET secured to the sugar wharf in Bundaberg at 1200 Monday 12th and fuelled before proceeding at 1514 for passage to Cairns.

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6. HMA Ships FLINDERS, ARDENT and BARBETTE were encountered in the Whitsunday Island area on passage south to Exercise Kangaroo 81 on Tuesday 13th. The only other elements of the exercise met were two RNZAF Skyhawk jets which made passes over BAYONET near Fitzroy Island on Wednesday 14th.

7. The ship secured to number one wharf Cairns at 1400 Wednesday 14th and remained alongside until the end of the period undergoing an assisted maintenance period.

Engineering and Electrical

8. The following URDEF's were raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

URDEF 64/82 Port main engine cam shaft follower
65/82 Port main engine after turbo blower

9. The following INDEF's were raised during the period or remain outstanding from previous periods as indicated:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)
41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
59/82 40/60 ready use ammunition locker (Jun 81)
67/82 Starboard main engine bloc tube control (Oct 81).

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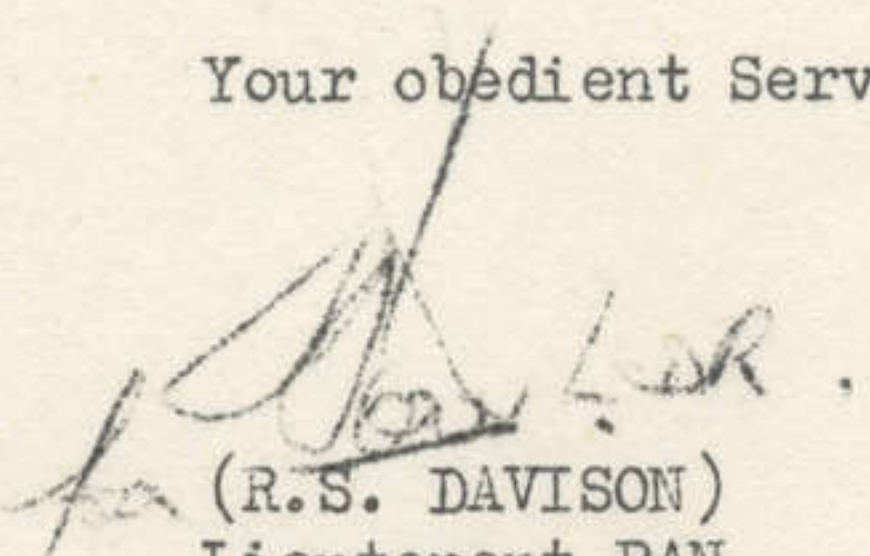
10. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company are very good.

11. Morale of the ship's company is high but did suffer midway through the month due to proposed programme changes and extended periods of assisted maintenance period when the ship was at short notice for sea. The suspected presence of illegal clam fishing operations in the local Cairns area was the reason for BAYONET being placed on standby for sea.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

1st November 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	1,525
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	290,806
3.	Hours underway during the period	116
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	22,181
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated

1st November 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Navigation</u>		
Blind Pilotage (Bundaberg)	12th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
: : (Cairns)	14th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>General and Seamanship</u>		
Emergency Destruction (local)	1st	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
OO ^w Shiphandling and Manordex	6th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
<u>NBCD</u>		
In harbour exercises	Daily	

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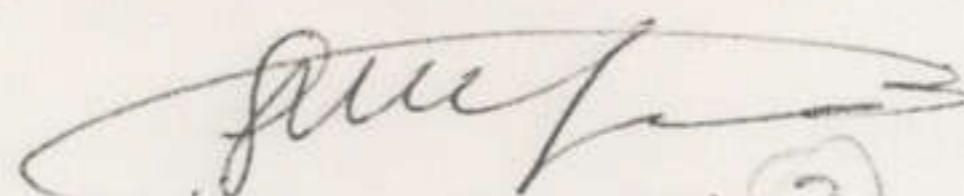
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HMAS BAYONET
at Cairns

1st December 1981

The Flag Officer Commanding
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HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st-30th NOVEMBER 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 30th November 1981. All times are as indicated.

2. BAYONET was alongside number one wharf Cairns at the commencement of the period undergoing an assisted maintenance period and remained alongside until 0832(K) Monday 2 when she cast off and proceeded. A high speed passage to Thursday Island was commenced and a gun functioning trial was attempted in area R793. However, a defect was discovered on the gun and the trial was abandoned. The passage continued without incident until arrival in the Portland Road area early AM Tuesday 3. Fuel lines to both main engines fractured necessitating a shut down of both engines for approximately one hour. Passage was recommenced on completion of repairs and continued without further incident.

3. BAYONET berthed alongside the Caltex wharf Thursday Island at 1410(K) and embarked fuel prior to casting off and proceeding at 1548(K) for Darwin. Weather conditions remained ideal during the following two days allowing a great deal of work to be completed prior to the annual departmental inspection. Weapon practice drills were also completed during the passage before BAYONET secured to number three Stokes Hill Wharf arriving at 1600(IK) Thursday 5.

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4. During the following five days to Wednesday 11 annual departmental inspections were conducted by members of Fleet, NOCNA and COMAUSMINPAB staff as well as personnel from HMAS COONAWARRA. Ship's staff continued to prepare for the task element exercise and also to prepare for NOIC CAIRNS formal inspection of the ship in December.

5. BAYONET remained alongside until 0812(IK) Wednesday 11 when she sailed in company with HMA Ships ADROIT, ASSAIL and AWARE. Unfortunately, the ship broke down as a result of a port main engine defect shortly after departure and was forced to return alongside at 0941(IK). BAYONET was withdrawn from the exercise and repairs continued on the defect.

6. Repairs were completed by PM Thursday 12 and BAYONET then remained alongside until 0830(IK) Saturday 14 when the ship cast off and proceeded for patrol of areas R S T and A whilst returning to Cairns. However, defects on a main engine supply fan and junior sailors accommodation air conditioning once again forced my return to Darwin for repairs.

7. All machinery was serviceable again by 1900(IK) and the ship cast off and proceeded, for what was sincerely hoped by all members of the ship's company, for the final time. Good weather was once again experienced on passage to Thursday Island and only one Taiwanese gill net fishing boat was located (BAYONET IAJ 152143Z NOV 81 refers).

8. BAYONET secured to the Caltex Wharf at Thursday Island at 0800(K) Tuesday 17 and embarked fuel prior to shifting to the main wharf at 0950(K). The ship remained alongside overnight before proceeding for Cairns at 0700(K) Wednesday 18.

9. Passage to Cairns was via Albany Pass and Somerset where illegal immigrants were reported to have landed and made a base camp. However, no sign of them was discovered and the ship continued southwards to conduct a most successful gun function trial and weapons practice firing on Thursday 19 in area R793.

10. BAYONET secured outboard of HMAS FLINDERS at 0850(K) Friday 20 and remained alongside until the end of the period undergoing an assisted maintenance period.

Engineering and Electrical

11. As indicated by the following list of URDEFs it appears that the ship and its associated equipment are rapidly approaching the point where the forthcoming refit due to commence in January is urgently needed. The following URDEFs were raised and subsequently rectified during the period:

URDEF 66/82 40/60 Bofor gun
67/82 Number 3 A/c unit
68/82 Starboard main engine supply fan
69/82 Port main engine exhaust bellows
70/82 Starboard main engine supply fan
71/82 Number 3 A/c supply fan.

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12. The following INDEFs remain outstanding from previous periods as indicated:

INDEF 39/82 Port main engine heads leaking (May 80)
41/82 Port side dents (Jul 80)
59/82 40/60 ready use ammunition locker (Jun 81)
67/82 Starboard main engine bloc tube control (Oct 81)

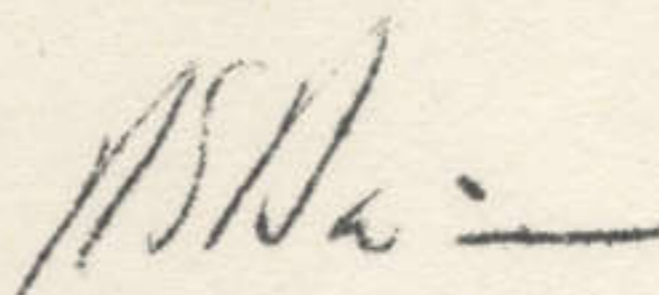
Health, Welfare, Conduct and Morale

13. The health, welfare, conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming Report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated
1st December 1981

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	2,585
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	293,391
3.	Hours underway during the period	184
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	22,366
5.	Occasions for exceeding fast routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/7C dated
1st December 1981

EXERCISES

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>
<u>Navigation</u>		
Blind Pilotage (TI entry)	3rd	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
: : (TI departure)	3rd	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
: : (Darwin entry)	5th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
Gyro failure	11th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
Formation departure/007 manoeuvres	11th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>Seamanship and General</u>		
Stream Para Anchor	16th	1 hr
<u>Gunnery</u>		
Prove watch and station bill	3rd	1 hr
40/60 and .50 cal and 2" RFL WOX	4th	1 hr
: : : : : : : :	5th	1 hr
40/60 GFT	19th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
40/60, .50 cal, 2" RFL AACRFX, AAROFX	19th	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>NBCD</u>		
In harbour exercises	Daily	

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(P. A. KNIFE)
Commander RAN
for Fleet Commander

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HMAS BAYONET
at CAIRNS

1st January 1982

The Flag Officer Commanding
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For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge
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AUSTRALIAN MINE WARFARE AND PATROL BOAT FORCES

HMAS BAYONET - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
1st - 31st DECEMBER 1981

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS BAYONET under my command for the period 1st to 31st December 1981. All times are KILO (-10).

2. At the beginning of the period BAYONET was alongside number one wharf Cairns undergoing an assisted maintenance period prior to the formal annual inspection by the Naval Officer-in-Charge CAIRNS at 0900 Monday 7th. The inspection was completed by 1045 and appeared to be satisfactory.

3. BAYONET remained alongside until 1040 Tuesday 8th when she cast off and proceeded for an area A, B and C surveillance patrol. Lieutenant O. TUESLEY RANR was embarked for the patrol to undertake familiarization and officer of the watch training.

4. The ship proceeded north and anchored off Lizard Island at 2147 where she remained overnight before weighing at 0735 Wednesday 9th for a most successful gun function trial and practice in area R793. The petrol of area A was continued on completion without incident and BAYONET rescored to number one wharf Cairns at 1450 Thursday 10th.

5. BAYONET remained alongside overnight before casting off and proceeding south. Pilotage training was conducted en route through Long Island Sound in the Whitsunday group of islands before the ship secured to the Lindeman Island wharf at 1111 Saturday 12th where she remained overnight.

6. After a most successful sporting and recreational visit BAYONET cast off and proceeded on an uneventful patrol of areas B and C. En route to Bundaberg the ship anchored at Middle Percy Island and Great Keppel Island before securing to the tourist jetty in Bundaberg town at 1150 Tuesday 15th. A pilot had been embarked for the passage of the Bundaberg River.

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7. The recreational visit was well appreciated by the ships company and they were well received by the local population. A tour of the Millaquin Sugar Mill and Bundaberg Rum distillery was the highlight of the visit and a good liaison was re-established which will be appreciated during future visits by RAN units.

8. BAYONET cast off and proceeded north at 1300 Thursday 17th for an uneventful passage to the Whitsunday Islands where the ship anchored off Long Island at 1514 Friday 18th and remained overnight before continuing the passage to Bowen. BAYONET secured to number one berth at 0900 Saturday 19th and remained overnight.

9. After departure from Bowen at 0900 Sunday 20th officer of the watch evolutions and a small arms practice were conducted in the local area before continuing northwards for Cairns. A 40/60 and illumination firing practice was programmed to be undertaken in area R791A/B during the passage but due to communication difficulties with Townsville air traffic control the shoot was cancelled. BAYONET proceeded to Cairns and berthed at number one wharf at 0900 Monday 21st.

10. A families day was held on Tuesday 22nd when the ships company took the opportunity to show their loved ones what life in a patrol boat is like and how pleasant a bar-b-que on Fitzroy Island can be. After an extremely successful day BAYONET reberthed at number one wharf 1618 and remained alongside until the end of the period.

ENGINEERING AND ELECTRICAL

11. The following URDEF's were raised during the month and remain outstanding for rectification during the 1982 refit:

URDEF 73/82 Anchor windlass
74/82 40/60 Bofor Hydraulics

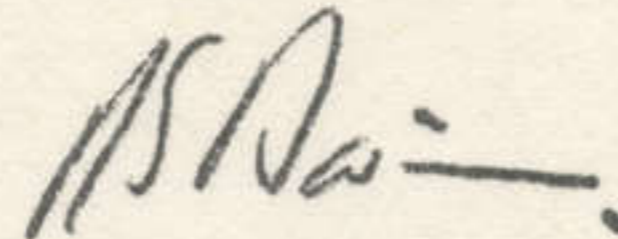
Health Welfare Conduct and Morale

12. The health welfare conduct and morale of the ship's company remain very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



(R.S. DAVISON)
Lieutenant RAN
Commanding Officer

ANNEXES: A. Steaming report
B. Exercises

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ANNEX A to
HMAS BAYONET
letter 1/16/70
dated 1/1/1982

STEAMING REPORT

1.	Miles steamed during the period	1,744
2.	Total miles steamed since commissioning	295,135
3.	Hours underway during the period	133
4.	Total hours underway since commissioning	22,499
5.	Occasions for exceeding past routeing speed	Nil

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ANNEX B to
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dated 1/1/1982

EXERCISES

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
<u>Gunnery</u>		
Small arms and skeet shoot	8th	1 hr
40/60 AACRFK, AARDFK, 2"RF shoot		
.50" Cal M.G. AACRFK	9th	1hr
Skeet shoot	14th	1 hr
Small arms shoot	20th	1 hr
<u>Navigation</u>		
Pilotage (Visual)- Long Island Sound	12th	$\frac{3}{4}$ hr
<u>General and Seamanship</u>		
OOW Shiplanding and Manordex	20th	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hr
Weigh anchor by deck takle	19th	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
	22nd	$\frac{1}{2}$ hr
<u>NECD</u>		
In harbour exercise	Daily	

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