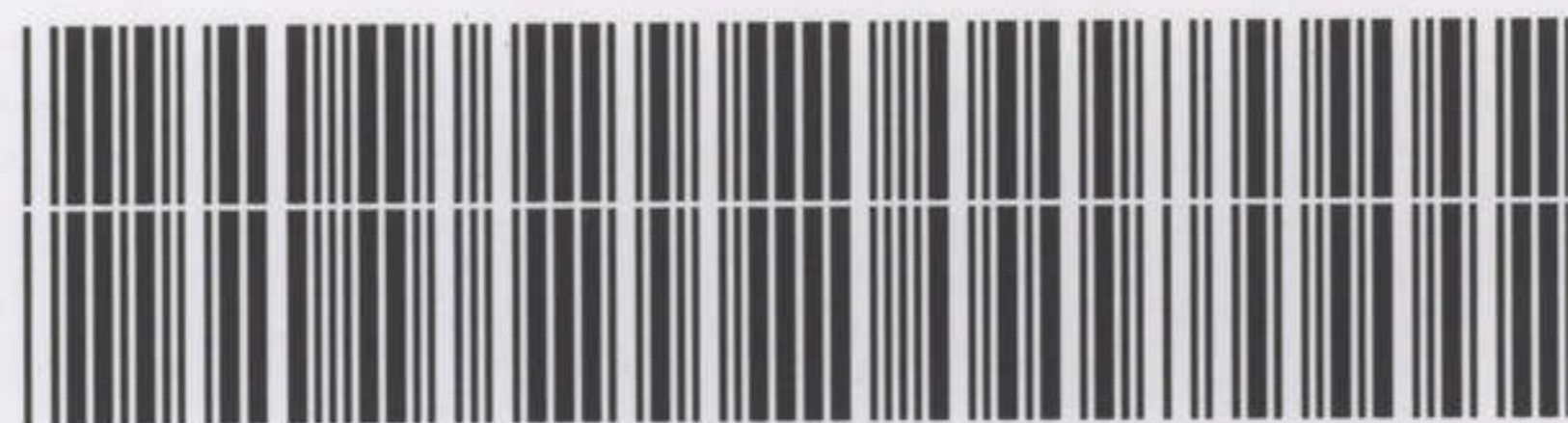


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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

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THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1966
(All times - Zone-10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for the month of January, 1966.

2. Throughout the month the ship has been refitting at Garden Island Dockyard. The ship was berthed at the Oil Wharf until 0930 on 24th January, when she was shifted by tugs to Inner Captain Cook Dock.

3. On Thursday 6th, I waited on your predecessor, Rear Admiral T.K. MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.C. The call was returned on Wednesday 12th January.

4. On Saturday, 8th January, the ship was fumigated. Although this fumigation appeared to be effective, there is some indication of a resurgence of cockroaches.

5. On 10th and 11th January, I attended a N.B.C.D. Refresher Course at H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

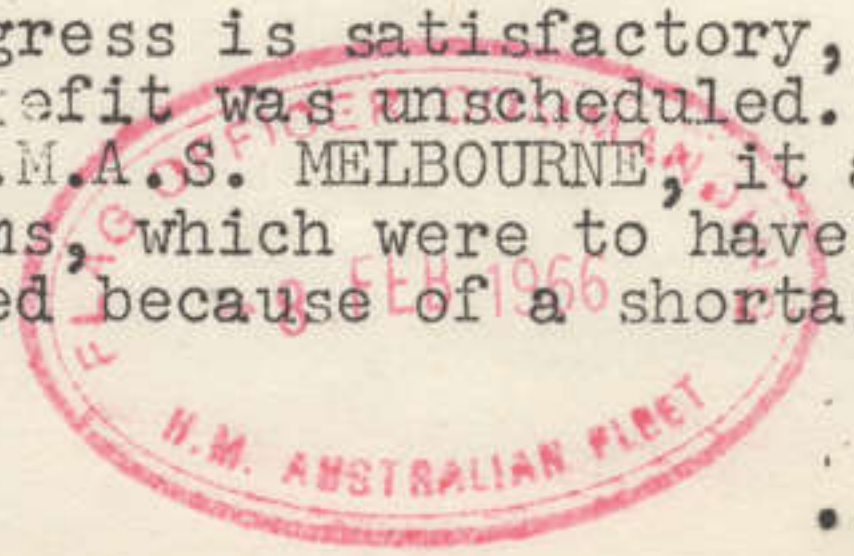
6. On 13th January, I acted as President of a Board to examine some of the first group of midshipmen (SL). Their results, although rather disappointing, on the whole were better than had been expected.

7. Between 17th and 21st January, I visited H.M.A.S. CERBERUS to acquaint myself with methods of New Entry and Midshipmen (SL) training, and to undertake some refresher training in Communications and Supply.

8. On 28th January, I attended the ceremony in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE at which you, Sir, assumed command of H.M.A. Fleet.

9. TRAINING
Common Sea Training of the 315 Ordinary Seamen borne was progressed during the month. Phase III formal training of all Ordinary Seamen was discontinued until completion of the main leave period on 7th February, 1966.

10. TECHNICAL
The refit progress is satisfactory, taking into consideration that the refit was unscheduled. However, owing to delay in some work in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, it appears that several Planned Maintenance items, which were to have been taken in hand, will have to be cancelled because of a shortage of labour.

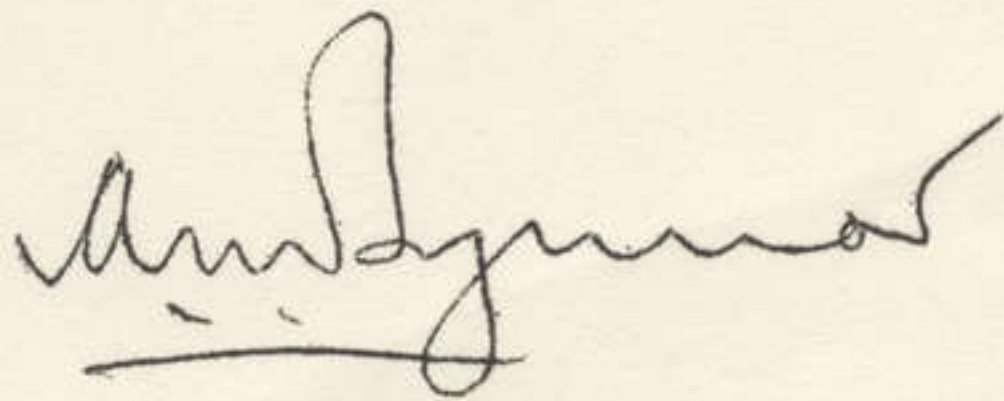


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HEALTH AND MORALE

The health and morale of the ship remain at a satisfactory level.

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(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN. R.A.N.

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V.O.T. Smith.
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at Sydney,

- 4 MAR 1966

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1966.

(All times - Zone-10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for the month of February, 1966.

2. During the month the ship continued refitting in Garden Island Dockyard. The ship remained in Inner Captain Cook Dock until 1445 on 15th February, shifting to Fitting Out Wharf at that time, and shifting to Oil Wharf at 0930 on 28th February.
3. On Friday 4th I called on the Chief Justice of New South Wales, The Hon. Sir Leslie HERRON, K.B.E., C.M.G.
4. At 0930 on Thursday 10th I waited on you, Sir, the call being returned that afternoon.
5. On Monday 14th I was present in the Flagship for lunch with His Excellency, The Governor of New South Wales, Sir Roden CUTLER, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B.E.
6. My new Executive Officer, Commander V.A. PARKER, R.A.N., joined on 23rd February from service in Djakarta.
7. After berthing at Fitting Out Wharf on Tuesday 15th, the Bailey Bridge was placed on the Flight Deck and the main storing period for H.M.A.S. SYDNEY commenced and proceeded according to plan.
8. Operations Room Officers and ship's R.P. sailors carried out P.C.T. at H.M.A.S. WATSON between Friday 11th and Friday 18th February. The Command Team joined in for the last two days in the A.I.T.C. On Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd ship's officers, tactical operators, radar plotters and Midshipmen manned five cubicles in the .A.S.T.T. for fleetwork, screening and tactical games.
9. On Tuesday 22nd February, I entertained four members of the Directing Staff of the Joint Services Staff College to lunch onboard, and on the following day I spoke to the United Services Institute on the Malaysian Armed Forces.
10. TRAINING.
Common Sea Training in all three phases was progressed during the month. Sixty four Ordinary Seamen (ME)

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who completed their Syllabus were posted to H.M.A.S. CERBERUS on 24th February.

11. A group of one officer, two instructors and sixteen Sea Cadets from T.S. SHROPSHIRE and T.S. CONDAMINE was borne for training from Friday 25th to Sunday 27th February. A comprehensive programme of practical work, conducted tours of departments, instructional films and lectures kept the Sea Cadets occupied, and it is considered the visit was of value to this enthusiastic group.

12. A promotion board Section I for Leading and Petty Officer rank was convened on 7th February and all candidates were successful, nine passing for Leading Rank and six for Petty Officer.

13. Nine Midshipmen (GL) and two Midshipmen (SL Air) joined for training on Monday 14th. On Wednesday 16th I presided over a Board to re-examine Midshipmen (SL).

14. TECHNICAL.

The progress of the refit generally has been satisfactory although many items were not undertaken and all work had not finished on the Completion Date, 28th February.

15. SPORT.

A cricket match was played against Apprentices from H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA on Sunday 13th February, but weather on the following weekend prevented a further fixture.

16. HEALTH AND MORALE.

The health and morale of the Ship's Company remain at a satisfactory level.



(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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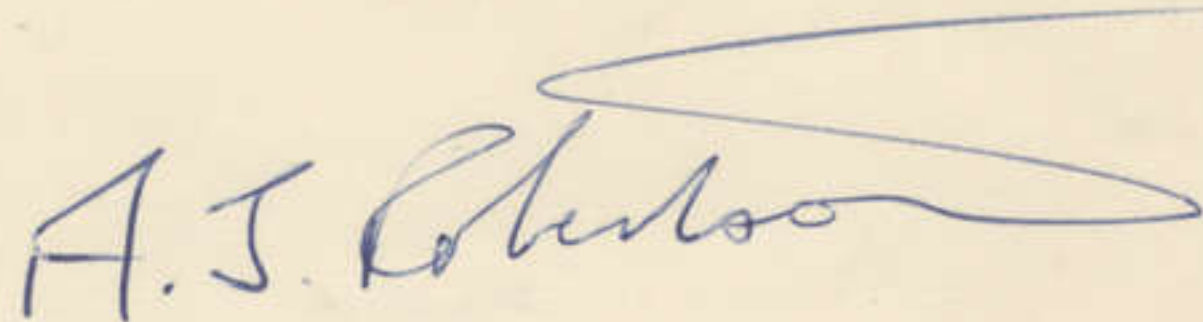
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
at Jervis Bay,

5 APR 1966

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1966.

(All times - Zone-10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for the month of March, 1966.

2. On Tuesday, 1st March, the ship was berthed at the Oil Wharf, Garden Island, carrying out basin and post refit trials, following completion of the refit the preceding day. My intention was to proceed to sea on Thursday, 3rd for machinery trials, but as work was not completed on steam generators, together with the late arrival of anchors and cables the ship remained in harbour until Tuesday, 8th March.

3. I attended the Post Refit Conference on the morning of Wednesday, 2nd March, and a report of the refit is being forwarded under separate cover.

4. During the weekend 4th to 6th March, three officers, one Chief Petty Officer, three Leading Hands and fifty Recruit Seamen RANR were embarked for training. A similar party was borne for training during the weekend 11th to 13th March.

5. The SYDNEY paraded a guard and band on Monday, 7th for the departure of the U.S.S. HORNET, wearing the flag of Rear Admiral E.P. AURAND, USN, (COMASWGRUONE), who had been visiting the port accompanied by four escorts. The guard and band was again paraded for the return call that afternoon of Major General T. DALY, CB., CBE., D.S.O., General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command.

6. The ship carried out a hot move to No. 2 Buoy at 0900 Tuesday, 8th March, and after ammunitioning proceeded to sea to conduct machinery, electrical, communications and gun functioning trials. All trials were satisfactorily completed in accordance with the programme, and as shown in Appendix B. The ship returned to harbour on Wednesday, 9th, securing to No. 2 Buoy at 1515.

7. On Tuesday afternoon, 10th March, you, Sir, carried out your Post Refit Inspection.

8. On Friday, 11th, I called on the Commander, 1st Division, Major General J.S. ANDERSON, C.B.E.

9. I attended the Commanding Officers Meeting at

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Fleet Headquarters at 0930 on Monday, 14th March, and H.M.A.S. SYDNEY sailed for work-up at 1315. When clear of the harbour, runs were carried out over the measured distance, and seaboard and steering gear breakdown drills exercised whilst the ship proceeded to Jervis Bay.

10. The SYDNEY anchored off Captain's Point, Jervis Bay at 0700 on Tuesday, 15th, remaining at anchor until the following evening. During this period stevedoring drills were conducted using army vehicles embarked for the purpose, and the Army LSM HARRY CHAUVEL. The weather gradually deteriorated as a south easterly swell was making conditions alongside uncomfortable, the LSM was sailed for Sydney with all vehicles embarked at 1030 on Wednesday 16th. At 1800 that evening, the ship sailed from Jervis Bay to exercise with the STUART (Commander P. GOLDRICK, RA.N.) and assist in trials.

11. During the ensuing two days, the ship exercised in accordance with JIGTIME Exercise Orders, and conducted internal drills, before securing to No. 2 Buoy, Sydney, at 1045 on Friday, 18th March, remaining in Sydney until Monday, 21st.

12. On Sunday, 20th, 187 first and second term apprentices from R.A.N.A.T.E.H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA, joined for two weeks familiarisation, being accompanied by four officers and seven instructors.

13. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY sailed from Sydney (Town) at 0900 Monday, 21st for exercises in the Jervis Bay/Sydney Exercise Area. On leaving harbour, the ship proceeded for the Jervis Bay Area, to fuel H.M.A.S. STUART, and to participate in a tracking and close range firing exercise. The ship anchored in A1 berth at 1745. That evening, the SYDNEY and the STUART carried out a demonstration Operation Awkward exercise with Clearance Diving Team No. 2.

14. In order to start degaussing ranging at 0700 on Tuesday, 22nd, it was necessary for the ship to sail at 0001 from Jervis Bay. Conditions on the D.G. range were quite good, with little interference from shipping. The ranging was successfully completed at 1430, whereupon, the ship left harbour, remaining at sea overnight and exercising independently the following day.

15. At 1045 on Thursday, 24th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY rendezvoused with your Flagship, H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, with H.M.A. Ships SUPPLY, YARRA and STUART in company, to exercise in accordance with TOPHAT Orders as the force proceeded north. On the following day, you, Sir, embarked by helicopter to exercise tactical command of the force from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, returning to your Flagship at 1120.

16. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY was detailed to proceed for Jervis Bay at 1120 on Friday, 25th, and on turning to the south, the ship's speed was reduced to 8 knots, and, as the weather worsened, to 6 knots. Throughout the remainder of the day, and during Saturday and Sunday, the wind remained from the south at 35-40 knots, with a heavy swell and with rough, and at times, very confused seas. Speed made good varied between $3\frac{1}{2}$ and 6 knots. Rolls of 25 degrees were not uncommon and the Ordinary Seamen and Apprentices received an adequate baptism

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in rough weather. On Sunday, 27th, the weather gradually improved, and speed was increased to 9 knots, the ship anchoring off Captain's Point at 0800 on Monday, 28th.

17. In view of the likelihood of a heavy swell persisting, I amended the exercise programme so as to carry out harbour drills on Tuesday, 29th, rather than on Wednesday, 30th. This proved fortunate as, owing to a machinery defect, H.M.A.S. ANZAC, (Commander I.W. BROBEN, R.A.N.), did not arrive in Jervis Bay until early Tuesday morning. That day was occupied with harbour drills while H.M.A.S. ANZAC embarked Cadets. Both ships sailed for sea ~~Serials at 0730~~ Wednesday, 30th, good weather enabling all exercises to be completed satisfactorily.

TRAINING.

18. Ordinary Seamen Various. An average of 220 Ordinary Seamen was borne during the month. Completion of the refit period has enabled a resumption of full time Departmental training and no delays are foreseen in meeting the completion dates required by Common Sea Training Plan dated 21st January, 1966.

19. Educational. H.E.T. and E.T.1 instructional classes have been progressed satisfactorily. On 25th March, 1966, 24 Ordinary Seamen sat for E.T.1; results of this test have not yet been received.

20. Character and Guidance Lectures. A programme of eight seventy-five minute lectures, with supplementary films, was commenced by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Chaplains. All Ordinary Seamen who joined in January, 1966, and subsequent months, will carry out the series. The 1965 intakes borne will receive only a modified series of lectures.

21. R.A.N.R. The two groups of RANR personnel who were in the ship for internal training carried out a programme of lectures, practical demonstrations and instructional films complemented by part of ship duties. Further visits on these lines are recommended.

22. Naval Artificer Apprentices. A total of 187 First and Second Term Apprentices joined on 20th March, 1966, for 14 days familiarisation and basic sea training. A supervisory staff of four officers, ~~and seven instructors accompanied~~ the group.

23. With the aim of introducing the Apprentices to the varied aspects of service afloat, Monday 21st, was devoted to instructional films and demonstrations of life-saving equipment, lectures on ship's organisation, and the functions of departments within the ship. In addition, Apprentices witnessed a R.A.S. operation with H.M.A.S. STUART.

24. Second Term Apprentices. From Tuesday, 22nd, Second Term Apprentices were allocated to technical departments appropriate to individual categories for watchkeeping and practical instruction. Experience in Ship Husbandry/Part of Ship and Communal Duties was gained during the final four days.

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25. First Term Apprentices. To give these Apprentices a general outline of the duties of the various artificer specialisations, they were allocated to Engineering, Electrical and Shipwright Departments by classes for equal periods. In addition, they were employed on Ship Husbandry/Part of Ship and Communal Duties.

26. Sport. Ordinary Seamen fielded a team in an athletics meeting between R.A.N.A.T.E.H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA, National Service Officers' Training School, Skyeville and H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, on Saturday, 5th March. Results were H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA 47 points, N.S.O.T.S. 40 points and H.M.A.S. SYDNEY Training Division 27 points.

27. Inter-category competitions in deck hockey and volleyball have been held. A knock-out series in these two games was also completed between Ordinary Seamen and Apprentices.

28. Higher Ranks Training. Classes have been formed in preparation for May, 1966, promotion boards. Numbers under instruction are:-

Engineering and Shipwright Department	34
Electrical Department	5
Executive Department	9
Supply and Secretariat Department	21

29. Midshipmen. 5 (GL) Midshipmen and 2 (SL)(Air) Midshipmen are at present borne for training. Their training is proceeding satisfactorily.

TECHNICAL.

30. The work-up period has proved satisfactory in the Engineroom Department despite the bearing of MEs being 25% below that allowed by the Reduced Peace Complement.

31. In the Electrical Department only 6 of the 15 EMPs allowed by Reduced Peace Complement have been borne. This has resulted in a build up of defects despite excessively long hours worked.

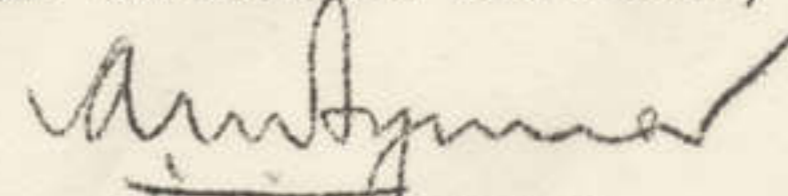
HEALTH AND MORALE.

32. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remains good. Vaccinations and Innoculations have been brought up to date during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.



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APPENDIX "A" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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STEAMING APPENDIX

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| (a) | Distance steamed during the month | 3062.6 miles. |
| (b) | Hours underway during the month | 290 hours. |
| (c) | Total distance steamed since : recommissioning | 78,393.3 miles. |
| (d) | Total hours underway | 5575 hours. |
| (e) | Occasions of exceeding economical speed: | |
| | (i) Reason:- Measured distance run | |
| | (ii) No. of hours economical speed exceeded | 1 hour. |
| | (iii) Average speed | 20.5 knots. |
| | (iv) Fuel expended for all purposes | 9.5 tons. |
| | (v) Distance run/ton of fuel | 2.2 miles. |

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APPENDIX "B" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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EXERCISES.

SEAMANSHIP

Leaving ship/Emergency stations	8th, 9th, 21st
Action stations	23rd.
Liferaft demonstrations	1st, 21st.
Winching demonstrations	16th(2), 29th.
Seaboats	8th(2), 9th, 14th(2) 18th, 22nd, 23rd, 30th, 31st.
Steering gear breakdown	8th, 14th(2).
RAS approaches	21st(2), 30th, 31st.
RAS	17th, 21st, 24th.
OOW manoeuvres	24th, 30th, 31st.
Tow forward	31st.
Stevedoring drills	11th, 15th, 16th, 29th, 30th.
Shiphandling	8th, 17th, 23rd.
Danbuoy	17th.

N.B.C.D.

Section drills	16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th,
Minor NBCDX	24th.
Monitoring party drills	18th, 22nd.
Cleansing party drills	14th, 16th.

A.I.O.

Radar calibration	16th, 30th.
Harbour Plotting Exercise	4th, 7th, 29th.
Surface Plotting Exercise	8th, 18th, 21st, 14th, 30th, 31st.
A.A.G.C.X.	9th, 29th, 30th.
Rel/Vel	25th, 31st.
Internal drills	daily.
Aircraft tracking trials	9th.
Measured distance runs	9th, 14th.
D.G. ranging	22nd.

GUNNERY.

GFTX	8th.
AATX	17th, 21st, 30th, 31st.
AACRF	17th, 21st, 30th, 31st.
SUTF	23rd.
Small Arms firing	14th, 17th, 23rd.
Demolition Exercise	29th.
Boarding party lecture	18th.
Landing party drill	10th.

TAS.

Diving (day)	15th, 18th, 28th.
(night)	30th.
Stream unifoxer	23rd.
Operation Awkward (lecture)	28th.
Operation Awkward	21st.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

MFDF Calibration

18th, 24th.

Communication exercises were carried out
internally and when in company and watchkeeping duties
permitted.

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APPENDIX "C" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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SPORT.

Excellent facilities for sport are available on board when the ship is not carrying out an operation. These are fully utilised through organised competition between parts of ship. The most popular sports played on board are Volleyball, Badminton and Basketball. Golf, Rugby and Australian Rules clubs have been formed. The former club is extremely active, boasts of a large membership and takes every opportunity to play a few rounds. The other two clubs have started the season full of enthusiasm and it is hoped that some success will be achieved.

2. Three sailors from this ship represented the Navy at Inter-service Sports. They are:-

LSAN GRIERSON	}	Swimming and Diving.
ORDCO LEE		
LWTR BURGE		Cricket.

3. The following are the results of games played against other ships and establishments:-

<u>RUGBY</u>	SYDNEY defeated RUSHCUTTER/PENGUIN	12 - 8
<u>GOLF</u>	NIRIMBA defeated SYDNEY	288 - 241
<u>ATHLETICS</u>	1st NIRIMBA, 2nd N.S.T.C.O.	
<u>TENNIS</u>	SYDNEY defeated U.S.S. HORNET	59 - 54
<u>GOLF</u>	SYDNEY defeated U.S.S. HORNET	230 - 200
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	SYDNEY defeated U.S.S. HORNET	2 - 1
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	CRESWELL (CADETS) defeated SYDNEY	36 - 30
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	SYDNEY defeated NIRIMBA APPRENTICES	32 - 30
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	SYDNEY defeated ANZAC	46 - 30
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	CRESWELL. defeated SYDNEY	2 - 1
<u>VOLLEYBALL</u>	SYDNEY defeated CRESWELL	2 - 1
<u>BASKETBALL</u>	NIRIMBA APPRENTICES defeated SYDNEY	19 - 18

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
at Sea,

2 MAY 1966

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1966.

(All times - Zone -10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for the month of April, 1966.

2. On Friday, 1st April, the ship was exercising off Jervis Bay in company with H.M.A.S. ANZAC (Commander I.W. BROBEN, R.A.N.). One officer and twenty seven Cadet Midshipmen from the Royal Australian Naval College were embarked early that morning to receive their first introduction to the sea. During the afternoon the ANZAC was fuelled and on completion, detached to anchor in Jervis Bay. The Cadets were transferred by boat to the ANZAC on completion of the fuelling for return to Jervis Bay. The SYDNEY remained at sea overnight berthing at Fitting Out Wharf at 0840 on Saturday 2nd April.

3. On Saturday, 2nd, the NIRIMBA Instructors and one hundred and eighty seven Apprentices who had been in the ship for two week's training were disembarked.

4. The SYDNEY sailed from Sydney (Town) at 1000 Monday, 4th April, and proceeded to Jervis Bay, anchoring off Captain's Point at 1915, having carried out surface firings whilst on passage. During the succeeding two days, Ordinary Seaman training, boatwork and cargo handling training were progressed.

5. H.M.A.S. PERTH (Commander I.H. RICHARDS, R.A.N.) anchored in Jervis Bay on Wednesday 6th. At 2000 both ships proceeded in company for Sydney. The PERTH was detached at 0500 the following morning to enter harbour independently. The SYDNEY secured to No. 2 Buoy at 0830 to embark ammunition. As the intention was to top up with ship's ammunition at this time, my Army Staff Officer had advised Army authorities that ammunition for Vietnam could be embarked at this time. No acknowledgement was received, but a lighter appeared alongside containing some 451 boxes of Army ammunition and pyrotechnics. When this was duly embarked, the ship carried out a hot move to berth at Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island at 1245. Easter weekend leave was granted, and on the following Tuesday, 12th April, work commenced to prepare the ship for OPERATION HARDIHOOD. During this week maintenance was progressed and the ship was stored. At the same time, in accordance with arrangements made at a meeting at Fleet Headquarters, on 12th

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April, additional security arrangements were made. At about 2100 on 14th April, these additional precautions were tested with the assistance of H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER. Although this led to an incident with outside authorities on No.2 Wharf Woolloomooloo, it showed that these arrangements were effective.

6. On Wednesday, 13th, I formally presented on behalf of the Welfare Committee an Electric Drill Press and a Wood-turning Lathe with tools to the Royal Blind Society.

7. Loading of Army stores commenced on Monday, 18th April. This was followed by vehicles, the majority of which were embarked by the late afternoon on Wednesday, 20th.

8. On the forenoon of Thursday, 21st, The Minister for the Army, The Honourable J.M. FRASER, accompanied by the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, Major General T. DALY, CB., CBE., DSO., and the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral T.K. MORRISON, CBE., DSC., visited the ship to inspect the cargo arrangements and troop accommodation. Later that forenoon I was present at the Town Hall saluting base for the march past of Army Units proceeding to Vietnam.

9. At 1500 on Friday, 22nd, in circumstances which contrasted vividly with earlier departures, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for the Cap St. Jacques Area. The Fitting Out Wharf was a colourful scene with many people to farewell the Army Contingent, and massed bands playing. When clear of the harbour, the ship rendezvoused with H.M.A.S. ANZAC and proceeded as planned, exercising enroute.

9. My Cargo Officer, Lieutenant Commander M.E. SCOTT, R.A.N., remained in Sydney until 26th April, when he proceeded by air to Saigon to liaise with the Australian, United States, and Vietnamese forces involved in the unloading operation. This liaison proved most valuable during OPERATION TANTON in September, 1965.

10. The ANZAC was replenished with fuel on the morning of Anzac Day, 25th April, and the ship's Chaplains were transferred to conduct memorial services. They were returned by jackstay in time for a Joint Services multi-denominational service on the flight deck of the SYDNEY.

11. The Task Group transitted Jomard Entrance at 0130K on Tuesday, 26th, and Vitiaz Strait at approximately 0100 on Wednesday, 27th, arriving off Manus Island at 2000 that evening, where ANZAC was detached and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE (Captain J.L. MERSON, R.A.N.) joined. The passage continued uneventfully until 1300 on 30th April, when the Task Group rendezvoused with you, Sir, in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Captain D.C. WELLS, R.A.N.), with H.M.A. Ships YARRA (Captain G.J. WILLIS, ADC., R.A.N.), and SUPPLY (Captain N.E. McDONALD, ADC., R.A.N.) in company. At 1330, you visited the ship by helicopter departing at 1540. During the afternoon the ship was fuelled from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and helicopter transfers of mail and stores were carried out. On completion of fuelling at 1700 H.M.A.S. SUPPLY detached from the force which proceeded uneventfully in accordance with previous orders.

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TECHNICAL.

12. The electrical state of the ship gave some cause for concern during the early part of the month due to acute shortages of electrical sailors. The numbers borne were considerably below the number allowed by the Reduced Peace Complement. However, with the assistance of the dockyard all outstanding urgent defects were completed before sailing.

13. A considerable number of less essential defects, mainly lighting circuits, could not be completed before sailing even with Fleet Maintenance Party assistance. The numbers borne on sailing for OPERATION HARDIHOOD were up to those allowed by Full Peace Complement.

14. Machinery performance throughout the month has been satisfactory. With the assistance of the Fleet Maintenance Party, a large amount of maintenance was covered over the Easter period and during the loading period.

15. The installation of the Ferric Chloride Injection System to the evaporators has already proved invaluable and there has been no shortage of water since the embarkation of troops which brought the numbers borne to 1122.

16. During the Replenishment At Sea with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY on 30th April, an overall pumping rate of 852 tons per hour was achieved. For a twenty minute period at the commencement of fuelling the rate was 1100 tons an hour.

TRAINING.

17. Common Sea Training was progressed satisfactorily during the period 1st to 15th April, 1966, the ship's visit to Jervis Bay providing valuable opportunities for boat handling and sailing instruction in particular.

18. From 17th April, formal instruction was restricted by the requirements of OPERATION HARDIHOOD. However ORDs have gained useful experience through active participation in cargo loading and RAS operations. A concentrated training programme will be re-commenced on completion of unloading operations.

HIGHER RANKS TRAINING.

19. OPERATION HARDIHOOD has restricted formal instruction. However all candidates for the forthcoming Higher Ranks Boards will receive intensive practical and formal instruction during the ship's return passage.

20. The number of candidates for Higher Rank Boards is as follows:-

	<u>Section 1</u>	<u>Section 2</u>
For CPO	14	12
" PO	37	12
" Leading Rank	36	27

HEALTH AND MORALE.

21. The morale of the Ship's Company remained at a high level throughout the month stimulated by knowledge that the

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ship was to operate in her primary role. There was every indication that the Ship's Company respected the security aspect of what little I could tell them but it was unfortunate that the announcement to the press of the ship's sailing date took place before I was authorised to inform the Ship's Company.

22. The health of the Ship's Company has been good. There have been several admissions to BNH after injuries which arose ashore. Shortly after sailing for OPERATION HARDIHOOD, one sailor contracted mumps, and an ORDME was diagnosed to have acute appendicitis. After a few days conservative treatment, it was decided that surgery would be necessary. Appendectomy was performed at 2330K on 27th April, the Army Medical Officer, Captain J. TASKE, R.A.A.M.C., acting as anaesthetist. The patient is making an uneventful recovery on board.

HEALTH OF EMBARKED TROOPS.

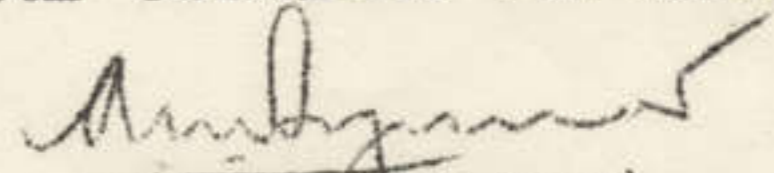
23. The troops in general are very fit. A soldier from one of the embarked units was treated for several days for vague abdominal symptoms. On 29th April a diagnosis of hepatitis was made. Another soldier of the same unit and mess also developed the same symptoms on 29th April. The unit has been isolated as far as possible. Because of the long incubation period it appears certain that the disease was contracted prior to sailing.

24. The Army Medical Officer's work has been made more difficult by the lack of records of immunizations prior to embarkation. This will be corrected by the end of the voyage and International Health Certificates issued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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STEAMING APPENDIX.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	4209.1 miles.
(b) Hours underway during the month	238 hours.
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	82,602.4 miles.
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	5813 hours.
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
(1) OPERATION HARDIHOOD.	
Number of hours economical speed exceeded	99 hours 67 hours.
Average speed	19 Knts. 17 Knts.
Fuel expended for all purposes	900 Tons. 504 Tons.
Distance run/ton fuel	2.4 mls. 2.7 mls.

APPENDIX "B" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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EXERCISES.

SEAMANSHIP

Jackstay transfer	25th, 27th, 28th, 29th.
Liferaft demonstration	23rd. (2).
Tow aft	1st.
OOW manoeuvres	1st, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 28th.
Seaboat	1st, 4th, 6th, 26th.
Steering gear breakdown	1st, 24th, 27th.
Action stations	1st, 23rd.
RAS (Supplying ship)	1st, 25th, 29th.
Dress ship	6th.
Emergency/leaving ship stations	22nd.
RAS	30th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor NBCDX	1st, 27th.
Section drills	23rd, 26th.

GUNNERY

SUTF	4th, 26th, 28th, 29th.
Small arms firing	28th.
AACRF	29th (2).

ENGINEERING

Quarterly full power trial	4th.
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Exercise divers	5th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd.
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SPX (B)	22nd, 24th.
AAGCX	23rd, 26th.
SPX	23rd, 25th.
Rel/Vel	23rd.

APPENDIX "C" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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SPORT.

Few opportunities were available for organised sport against other ships and establishments this month. Because of operational commitments games of rugby, Australian Rules football, soccer and golf against H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA had to be cancelled. Nine players were tried out for the Fleet Australian Rules Football Team and five players were selected to play against the New South Wales Police Force. This was an exciting match with the Police winning narrowly 7 - 8 to 6 - 7.

2. Basketball, volleyball and badminton inter-ship competitions were held early in the month. However with the embarkation of Army stores and troops, facilities are now very limited.

3. The following sporting events were held on passage:-

Volleyball knock-out Competition 25.4.66 - Won by Band.

Tug-of-War Competition 29.4.66 - Won by soldiers of 3c Mess.

Boxing Tournament 30.4.66 - Navy defeated Army 6 bouts to 3 with 1 bout drawn.

The contest was extremely well attended. No serious injuries were sustained, and a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

APPENDIX "D" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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MOVEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

<u>DATE FROM</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE TO</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1.4.66	Sydney/Jervis Bay area	2.4.66	Work up.
2.4.66	Sydney	3.4.66	Disembark NIRIMBA Apprentices.
4.4.66	Sydney/Jervis Bay area	7.4.66	Exercises.
7.4.66	Sydney	22.4.66	Self Maintenance and Loading.
22.4.66	Sea	30.4.66	En route to Vietnam.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

(Copy to: Flag Officer Commanding,
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2. With reference to paragraph 21 it is agreed that it was unfortunate if indeed the press were informed of the ship's sailing date before her ship's company.

(Sgd) V. A. T. SMITH

REAR ADMIRAL

Office of the
Flag Officer Commanding,
HM Australian Fleet (Flag),
HMAS MELBOURNE, C/o GPO.

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
at Sea,

4th June, 1966.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1966.

(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for the month of May, 1966.

2. On Sunday, 1st May, the ship formed part of Task Force 327 under your command, on passage to Vietnam for Operation HARDIHOOD. H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE (Captain D.C. WELLS, R.A.N.), YARRA (Captain G.J. WILLIS, A.D.C., R.A.N.) and VAMPIRE (Captain J.L.W. MERSON, R.A.N.) were in company. That afternoon the force transitted Basilan Strait, and the following morning Balabac Strait.

3. At 0200 H on Wednesday, 4th, I assumed tactical command, when you, sir, detached in the flagship. The Task Force continued on to Cap St. Jacques, anchoring off Vung Point at 0740. The approaches to the port were congested with shipping waiting to enter the river, and the YARRA was obliged to shift berth to obtain sufficient swinging room.

4. Immediately after anchoring, my Cargo Officer, Lieutenant Commander M.E. SCOTT, R.A.N., arrived onboard by helicopter, having flown from Sydney to Saigon to liaise with local authorities. Shortly afterwards, the task of unloading some 350 vehicles and 294 tons of ammunition and stores into landing craft and lighters commenced. Initially, I was hopeful of unloading by the late afternoon of Friday, 6th May, but work proceeded at a brisk pace and all cargo was unloaded by 0100 H on Friday morning 6th May. The YARRA and VAMPIRE sailed at 0600 H to form a departure screen, and the SYDNEY sailed at 0645 H.

5. Whilst at the anchorage, I gave two luncheon parties for senior service officers in the Saigon area. On Wednesday 4th, General William C. WESTMORELAND, Commander U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, and Major General J.O. SEAMAN, Commanding General, Second Field Force, Vietnam, together with Major General K. MACKAY, M.B.E., Commander Australian Forces, Vietnam, Brigadier O.D. JACKSON, O.B.E. Commander One Task Force, and Lieutenant Colonel D.L. ROUSE, Commanding 1st Military Logistic Support Group, witnessed unloading operations and remained to luncheon. The following day I entertained Lieutenant General TRAN - NGOC - TAM, Chairman of the Free World Military Assistance Organisation, Lieutenant Colonel HO - NHUT - QUANG, Military Mayor of Vung Tau, Brigadier General W.D. CRITTENBERGER, Deputy Commander, Second Field Force, Vietnam, and Colonel J.M.

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MAXWELL, Australian Naval and Military Attache, Saigon, to luncheon. The Australian Ambassador, His Excellency, Mr. H.D. ANDERSON, had been unable to attend at the last minute.

6. After sailing from Cap St. Jacques, the Task Group set course for the Condore Islands to take departure from the Vietnam coast. Shortly after clearing the harbour, the VAMPIRE was forced to lock one shaft owing to a plunger block overheating, and so was ordered to proceed independently for Hong Kong. The YARRA continued to screen the SYDNEY until 1800 H that evening, when she was detached for Hong Kong.

7. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY continued an uneventful passage, transitting Balabac Strait at 0100 H on Sunday, 8th, and Basilan Straits at 1800 H that evening. While passing through Basilan Strait a favourable tidal stream of $6\frac{1}{2}$ knots was experienced.

8. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY entered Seeadler Harbour at 1350 K on Thursday, 12th May, and after embarking the liaison officer secured off Subalalee Point in the fuelling berth at 1515. Fuelling was completed at 2015 when 768 tons had been embarked. Leave was granted to a proportion of the Ship's Company to accept private invitations and the hospitality of H.M.A.S. TARANGAU messes.

9. The SYDNEY sailed at 0730 the following morning, and entered the Coral Sea through Jomard Entrance at 2300 on Saturday, 14th. The ship passed east of Frederick Reef and after an uneventful passage, entered Sydney Harbour at 0740 on Wednesday, 18th, embarking press, mail and a small amount of explosives, before securing starboard side to Fitting Out Wharf.

10. On arrival, preparations for the second HARDIHOOD operation were put in hand, and during the ensuing two days, ship's stores were embarked. The loading of cargo started on Thursday 19th, and continued until the early morning of Saturday, 21st, recommencing Monday, 23rd, when the loading of vehicles took place. The next morning 8 Iroquois and 4 Sioux helicopters were embarked.

11. An Operation Awkward was conducted on Monday, 23rd, with the assistance of H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER to test the security arrangements and exercise our diving team.

12. The General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command, Major General J.W. HARRISON, O.B.E., came aboard on Tuesday, 24th to witness loading operations and walk around the ship.

13. The embarkation of troops took place on the following morning, and at 1500, in similar circumstances to the previous departure, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for Cap St. Jacques. When clear of the harbour, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Commander D.W. LEACH, R.A.N.) joined for escort duties.

14. During the passage north, the ships exercised as much as practicable, including A.A. Tracking and firings with an Executive Air Services Aircraft. Details are shown in Appendix "B". Jomard Entrance was transitted at 0130 on Sunday, 19th, and later that forenoon, after services in the SYDNEY both Chaplains were transferred by jackstay to the VENDETTA.

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15. LRMP aircraft were employed on close support from 2300 Sunday, 29th, until 2120 Monday, 30th.

16. During the late afternoon on Monday, 30th, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA was detailed to transfer mail off Seeadler Harbour with a TARANGAU boat, but once again mail arrangements seem to have failed as there was no mail for either ship. (Air mail landed at Manus on 28th April, was not received by addressees in Sydney until 28th May, and air mail posted in Saigon on 5th May, arrived at the G.P.O. Sydney, on 30th May. This has been reported separately). On rejoining, both ships continued passage across the Western Pacific Ocean for the remainder of the month.

TRAINING.

17. Ordinary Seamen. Satisfactory progress was made in Common Sea Training, the return passage to Australia between 6th - 19th May, being made good use of for practical and formal instruction of all categories.

18. Higher Ranks. Section 1 and Section 2 Boards for Chief Petty Officer and Petty Officer ranks were convened on 11th and 12th May, Section 1 results were:-

For C.P.O. - 12 passed, 1 failed.

For P.O. - 34 passed, 2 failed.

Section 2 results have not yet been received.

19. 28 candidates took Section 2 tests for promotion to Leading Rank. A Section 1 Board for 36 candidates for Leading Rank will be convened in June, 1966.

CONDITION OF THE SHIP.

20. Marine Engineering. The ship has performed very well from the machinery point of view and no defects of any significance occurred during this month.

21. Electrical. The satisfactory way in which all urgent electrical defects were completed in the short period alongside in Sydney was much appreciated. The Electrical Department has coped well during the month and no additional defects of significance have occurred.

22. Hull and General. The condition of the hull remains satisfactory but numerous leaks have developed recently in the Fresh Water Main.

HEALTH AND MORALE.

23. The health of both the Ship's Company and Troops embarked has been good, there being virtually no sickness. There has been sufficient cloud to prevent the ship becoming excessively hot.

24. The morale of the Ship's Company remains high and continues to be stimulated by the ship being employed in

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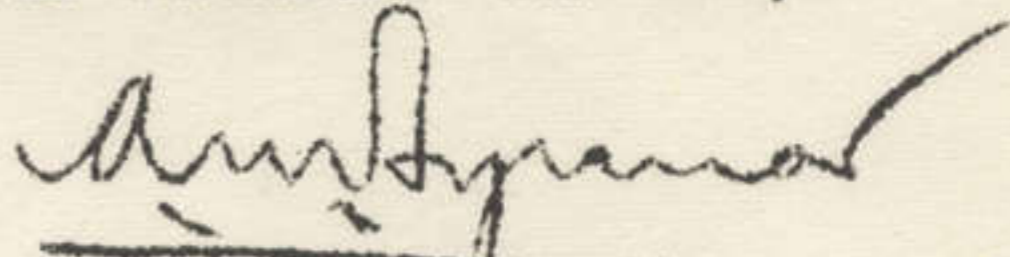
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an operational role, and the thought of an impending and unexpected visit to Hong Kong.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1966.

STEAMING APPENDIX.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	8904.9 miles
(b) Hours underway during month	506 hours
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	91,507.3 miles
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	6,319 hours
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	

(1) OPERATION HARDIHOOD.

Number of hours economical speed exceeded	57 hrs.	202hrs	160hrs.
Average speed	17	18	19
Fuel expended for all purposes	570	1847	986
Distance Run/Ton fuel	2.7	2.6	2.4

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APPENDIX "B" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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EXERCISES.

SEAMANSHIP.

Jackstay transfer (Supply)	26th
(Receiving)	29th (twice)
Liferaft demonstration	26th.
OOW manoeuvres	26th, 27th, 28th, 31st.
Emergency/Leaving Ship Stations	25th.
Action Stations	26th, 30th.
Steering Gear Breakdown	7th, 15th, 25th, 30th.
RAS (Supplying)	27th, 30th.

GUNNERY.

Gun functioning trials	26th.
AATX/AACRF	26th.
SUTF	28th, 31st.
AAROFX	31st.

A.I.O.

SPX (B)	25th, 27th.
SPX (C)	29th.
SPX (Synthetic)	26th, 28th.
Clapex	26th(2), 27th, 28th, 30th.
Rel/Vel	25th, 26th, 27th, 28th.
Logging Exercise	28th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor NBCDX	1st, 30th, 31st.
Section Drills	26th, 27th, 28th.

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Operation Awkward	4th, 5th.
Exercise Divers	13th, 19th, 20th, 23rd(2), 25th.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Exercised daily in company.

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APPENDIX "C" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1966.

SPORT.

Operational commitments precluded any inter-ship sporting activity during the month. However inter-departmental Volley Ball, Basket Ball and Deck Hockey have been played.

2. On 28th May, a sport's afternoon was arranged with five departmental and two Army teams taking part. The Wardroom took the honours with 17 points from the Army 12 points and the Supply and Secretariat team with 9 points.

3. Another successful Navy/Army Boxing Tournament was arranged on 29th May, resulting in a draw of 4 bouts each.

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APPENDIX "D" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1966.

MOVEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

<u>Date from.</u>	<u>Place.</u>	<u>Date to.</u>	<u>Employment.</u>
1.5.66	Sea	4.5.66	Passage to Vietnam
4.5.66	Cap St. Jacques.	6.5.66	Unloading.
6.5.66	Sea	18.5.66	Passage to Sydney
18.5.66	Sydney	25.5.66	Self-maintenance and loading.
25.5.66	Sea	31.5.66	Passage to Vietnam.

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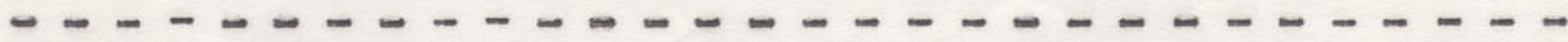
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
at Sea,

4th July, 1966.

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

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1966.

(All times local)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY under my command for the month of June, 1966.

2. On Wednesday, 1st June, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, accompanied by H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Commander D.W. LEACH, R.A.N.), was on passage across the Western Pacific Ocean, carrying troops and equipment to South Vietnam during Operation HARDIHOOD. Exercises were carried out as permitted by the emission policy in force.

3. At 1400H on Thursday, 2nd, the Task Group rendezvoused with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, (Captain D.C. WELLS, R.A.N.), flying your flag, H.M.A.S. SUPPLY, (Captain N.E. McDONALD, A.D.C., R.A.N.), and H.M.A.S. YARRA, (Captain G.J. WILLIS, A.D.C., R.A.N.). Shortly before joining, you visited the ship by helicopter, arriving onboard at 1334H and departing at 1550H. During this period, the SYDNEY commenced fuelling from the SUPPLY and also transferred stores by jackstay from the port side to the YARRA. On completion of fuelling, during which the ship embarked 1,751 tons F.F.O., H.M.A.S. SUPPLY detached from the force and proceeded independently for Singapore. The remaining ships continued towards San Bernadino Strait in accordance with the amended operation order.

4. During the forenoon of Friday, 3rd, the escorts closed H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to enable photographs to be taken from a helicopter. That afternoon Task Force 327 transitted San Bernadino Strait and during the night, Verde Island Passage. During this period a most successful and professional Navy/Army concert was staged on the flight deck.

5. The ensuing two days saw the Task Force proceeding uneventfully across the China Sea, to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. DERWENT, (Commander J.D. STEVENS, R.A.N.), at 0800H on Monday, 6th. Shortly thereafter, Sir, you detached in the flagship with the YARRA in company and I assumed tactical command of the Task Group.

6. At 1530H that afternoon H.M.A.S. SYDNEY anchored in the assigned berth off Cap St. Jacques, whilst the DERWENT and VENDETTA anchored in the vicinity. Unloading was commenced almost immediately, but was hampered by delays in flying off the RAAF Iroquois helicopters and shortages of

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landing craft and of tugs to move dumb lighters. It had originally been planned to land troops on the arrival day, but owing to the later arrival time the troops remained onboard until the following day.

7. On Tuesday, 7th, I was able to give a luncheon party for senior officers of various services, notably Major General K. MACKAY, M.B.E., Commander, Australian Forces, Vietnam, Lieutenant General TRAN NGOC TAM, Chairman of the Free World Military Assistance Organisation, Rear Admiral N.G. WARD, U.S.N., Commander, Naval Forces, Vietnam, Brigadier General R.T. KNOWLES, Chief of Staff to Commander, 2nd Field Force, Group Captain W.M. COOMBES, Australian Air Attaché and Colonel R.J. COOK of the Free World Military Assistance Organisation. Before luncheon, my guests visited the fore-castle to watch a Vietnamese entertainment group of dancers, singers and musicians perform for the Ship's Company. The entertainment was arranged for the ship by General TAM, and proved an outstanding success.

8. Whilst I was entertaining onboard, some officers led by Commander LEACH flew ashore to lunch with Lieutenant Colonel HO NHUT QUANG, the Military Mayor of Vung Tau.

9. After luncheon, I flew ashore with Major General MACKAY to visit briefly the Australian Forces Field Headquarters and their Logistic Support Area at Vung Tau.

10. The escorts were sailed at 0815H on Wednesday, 8th, to patrol to seaward of the anchorage. However, delays occurred and unloading was not finished until shortly before noon when the ship weighed and proceeded. The DERWENT was fuelled during the afternoon, and detached for Singapore Exercise Areas when clear of the Market Time Area whilst the SYDNEY and the VENDETTA proceeded for Hong Kong.

11. On the passage to Hong Kong conditions were extremely hot in the ship owing to the following wind and a zig zag was resorted to to gain some cross wind.

12. At 1400H on Saturday, 11th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY entered Hong Kong harbour through Lei U Mun Pass in poor visibility due to heavy rainstorms. The VENDETTA entered harbour at 1330I berthing at North Wall, Victoria Basin, and the SYDNEY secured to No. 2 Buoy. H.M.S. EAGLE, (Captain J.C.Y. ROXBURGH, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) sailed from No. 1 Buoy early on Monday, 13th, and the SYDNEY then carried out a shift to No. 1 Buoy under own power. Thus the maintenance period did not commence very auspiciously, with the ship remaining hot for three days, and torrential rain falling over the same period.

13. I had landed Lieutenant D.A. PICKFORD, R.A.N. at Cap St. Jacques to proceed ahead to Hong Kong to liaise with H.M.S. TAMAR and the contractors for the work to be carried out by local labour. After a slow start caused by disruption of public transport work was progressed. Further details are given in the Technical section.

14. During the period in Hong Kong, most calls were considered paid and returned owing to the state of emergency caused by the rains, and it was also necessary to cancel the combined ship's cocktail party to be given by the SYDNEY and

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the VENDETTA.

15. On Sunday, 12th, I attended a reception given by Vice Admiral HAYLEY, Commander, Seventh Fleet, and officers of his flagship, U.S.S. OKLAHOMA CITY. On Tuesday, 14th, I lunched with Vice Admiral Sir Frank TWISS, KCB, DSC, Commander Far East Fleet, in his flagship, H.M.S. HAMPSHIRE, (Captain F.W. HAYDON, D.S.C., R.N.). On Sunday, 19th, I entertained Mr. P. SEARCY, O.B.E., the Senior Australian Trade Commissioner, Commodore F.D. HOLFORD, D.S.C., Commodore Hong Kong, and their families to luncheon.

16. At 1000I on Monday, 20th, once again in rain, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY slipped from No. 1 Buoy and proceeded out of harbour, being followed 30 minutes later by the VENDETTA. When clear of the coast, the weather improved and Balintang Channel was transitted on the afternoon of Tuesday, 21st, in perfect conditions. At this stage reports of the build up of a tropical depression in the Caroline Islands were being received from Tokyo Weather Broadcast. It was decided, therefore, to pass south of the Palau Islands to keep clear of the depression. This depression built up into Typhoon KIT and on Friday, 24th, the force passed 300 miles south of its centre, being effected by winds gusting to 45 knots and almost continuous rain. Seas remained moderate and the ships comfortably maintained passage speed. By late evening on Friday, 24th, weather conditions were back to normal.

17. On Wednesday, 22nd, five General List Midshipmen were examined by a Board of Ship's Officers, five second class passes being obtained. A detailed report has been forwarded under separate cover.

18. On Sunday, 26th, both Chaplains and Midshipman G.L. PURCELL, who was being sent on seasonal leave before being posted to the United States for exchange service, were transferred by jackstay to the VENDETTA, to remain onboard overnight until arrival at Manus Island.

19. At 0700K on Monday, 27th, mail was transferred to the VENDETTA who entered harbour and secured alongside Lombrum Jetty at 0830K. The SYDNEY embarked the liaison officer off No. 2 Buoy at 0930K, and anchored in the fuelling berth at Sabukaleo Point.

20. I was entertained to luncheon by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, Commander C.J. SCHMITZER, R.A.N., and in the evening both ships gave a cocktail party onboard the VENDETTA for the local civilian and naval population. A large party of sailors was landed during the afternoon to swim at Paradise Beach, a full sporting programme as shown in Appendix "C" was arranged, and the hospitality of the Senior and Junior Ranks Clubs were extended to privileged leave men in the evening.

21. At 0945K on Tuesday, 28th, both ships proceeded from Manus, having been fortunate enough to embark surface mail from the M.V. MONTORO which anchored in the harbour during the night. Once clear of the port, Commander LEACH assumed tactical command, and the unit transitted Vitiaz Strait that evening and entered the Solomon Sea. During the day a Surface Throw Off firing was carried out by the VENDETTA

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but a planned torpedo firing exercise was cancelled due to the conditions being unsuitable for recovery. At 2200K on Wednesday, 29th, I resumed tactical command.

22. The last day of the month found both ships approaching China Strait during the forenoon. A scheduled replenishment was advanced from the afternoon so that fuelling could take place in enclosed waters, as conditions in the Coral Sea were expected to be poor. The fuelling was completed in the eastern approaches to Milne Bay, and the ships entered China Strait at 1130K. A signal was sent early in the morning informing the District Commissioner of our passage time, and Samarai appeared to turn out in force to see us pass.

23. After entering the Coral Sea, the VENDETTA was detached so that both ships could carry out economical steaming trials independently.

CONDITION OF THE SHIP.

24. (a) Engineering. Main and Auxiliary machinery performed satisfactorily throughout the month. An economical steaming trial commenced on 30th June, 1966.

(b) Hull. Represervation of watertight compartments, ballast and trimming tanks was progressed during the self-maintenance period in Hong Kong. The covers of the catapult track and hold back rack were removed and areas stripped and painted. However some 60% of the work necessary in lower compartments remains outstanding and it is considered that the further use of contract labour is the only satisfactory method by which it can be completed.

(c) Electrical. All electrical equipment performed satisfactorily during the month and no major defects occurred.

TRAINING.

25. Common Sea Training has been progressed satisfactorily. Phase 2 of Operation HARDIHOOD caused only minor interruption to instruction during loading, passage and unloading phases.

26. 104 Ordinary Seamen completed Common Sea Training tests during the month. There were no failures.

27. A second series of Character Guidance Lectures will be completed by 4th July, as a result of which all Ordinary Seamen will have received eight 75 minute lectures from the Chaplains.

28. Higher Ranks. Instruction for Section 1 Promotion Board for Leading Rank has been progressed during the month and a total of 30 Able Ranks will be examined on 1st July.

HEALTH AND MORALE.

29. The health of the Ship's Company remained good throughout the month and no major illnesses amongst either the Ship's Company or embarked troops occurred.

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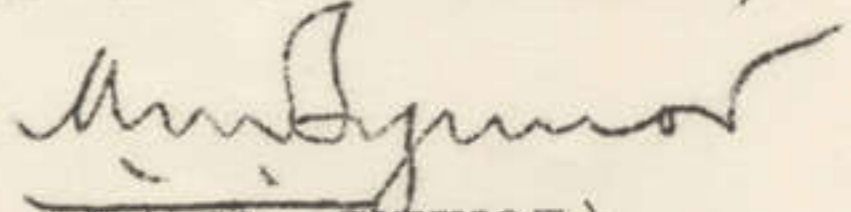
30. A programme of cockroach control has been in force during the month. Although progress has been made the results are rather disappointing and are being reported on in other papers.

31. The morale of the Ship's Company remains at a high level. The behaviour of the Ship's Company at Hong Kong was good, and the visit greatly helped to maintain morale after much seetime and hard work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE, 1966.

STEAMING APPENDIX.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	6,973.2
(b) Hours underway during the month	442
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	98,480.5
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	6,761
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
(a) Number of hours economical speed exceeded :	93 27
(b) Average speed	17.7 19.5
(c) Fuel expended for all purposes per hour	651 227
(d) Distance run per ton of fuel	2.3 2.1
(e) Reason and Authority - Operation HARDIHOOD.	

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APPENDIX "B" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE, 1966.

EXERCISES.

SEAMANSHIP

Jackstay transfer (Supplying)	22nd (2) 30th.
(Receiving)	26th.
RAS approaches	22nd.
RAS (Supplying)	1st, 8th, 9th, 22nd, 25th, 30th.
(Receiving)	2nd.
OOW manoeuvres	9th, 10th, 21st, 29th.
Steering Gear breakdown	20th, 25th.
MOW/AOOW manoeuvres	23rd, 28th.
Exercise seaboats	9th(2), 20th, 22nd.

GUNNERY

SUTF	1st.
ROFX	1st, 22nd.

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SPX (B)	9th, 10th, 21st, 23rd, 29th.
CLAPEX	22nd, 23rd.
REL/VEL	21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 30th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor NBCDX	30th.
Section drills	22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th.
Cleansing Station drills	21st, 24th.

T.A.S.

Operation Awkward	6th, 7th, 8th.
Diving exercise	16th, 17th, 27th.
Demolition team exercise	27th.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Comprehensive exercise programme each forenoon at sea.

ENGINEERING

Commenced economical steaming trial	30th.
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APPENDIX "C" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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SPORT.

1. Volley Ball, Deck Hockey, Basket Ball and Badminton have been played at sea. An 0.22 inter-mess rifle shooting competition is being conducted. A large sporting programme was arranged for the visit to Hong Kong but the appalling weather prevented most matches from being played. Sports results during the month were as follows:-

22nd June, 1966. - Basket Ball - SYDNEY def. VENDETTA
42-30
Volley Ball - SYDNEY def. VENDETTA
(1st Team) 2-1
Volley Ball - VENDETTA def. SYDNEY
(2nd Team) 2-1
27th June, 1966. - Basket Ball - SYDNEY def. VENDETTA
50-44
Soccer - SYDNEY def. VENDETTA
3-1
Tennis - SYDNEY def. VENDETTA
23-20
Cricket - VENDETTA def. SYDNEY
Badminton - VENDETTA def. SYDNEY
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Combined SYDNEY/VENDETTA teams defeated TARANGAU at
Basket Ball - 54-36, Water Polo 10-4.

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APPENDIX "D" TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF
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MOVEMENTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

<u>DATE FROM.</u>	<u>PLACE.</u>	<u>DATE TO.</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT.</u>
1.6.66	Sea	6.6.66	Passage to Vietnam
6.6.66	Cap St. Jacques	8.6.66	Unloading
8.6.66	Sea	11.6.66	Passage to Hong Kong
11.6.66	Hong Kong	20.6.66	Self maintenance
20.6.66	Sea	27.6.66	Passage to Manus
27.6.66	Manus	28.6.66	Fuel
28.6.66	Sea	30.6.66	Passage to Sydney.

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The Secretary,
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REAR ADMIRAL

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
at Sydney.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1966

(All times Zone -10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY under my command for the month of July, 1966.

2. On Friday 1st July, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY was in the Coral Sea, on passage from Manus to Sydney, carrying out an economical steaming trial. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (COMMANDER D.W. LEACH, R.A.N.) was in company, carrying out a similar trial. Both trials were completed at 2000 that evening.

3. On the morning of Saturday 2nd., the VENDETTA was fuelled, engineering observers returned to their ships and 40mm surface target firings were carried out for ordinary seamen and midshipmen.

4. The following morning, whilst the ship's company were at divisions an upturned trimaran was sighted 56 miles east of Sandy Cape. The trimaran was identified as the "VAGABOND" which had been lost with two crew members about 4 weeks previously. Efforts were made to hoist the craft but the hull was weak from immersion and waterlogged. Some gear was recovered and the hull was then broken up by demolition.

5. The remainder of the passage to Sydney was uneventful and at 0830 on Tuesday 5th, the SYDNEY secured to No. 2 buoy, being preceded into harbour by the VENDETTA. During Operation HARDIHOOD the ship steamed 20,746 miles and was underway 1256 hours. On arrival at Sydney a large team of customs and preventive officers carried out a thorough but uneventful customs check.

6. On Sunday 10th, 126 R.A.N.E.R. sailors embarked for 14 days A.C.T. (Mobex 2/66). During the latter part of the day, these sailors were given instruction in emergency and leaving ship stations, liferaft and helicopter winching drill.

7. At 1030 on Monday 11th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY slipped from No. 2 buoy and proceeded for the Hervey Bay area, anchoring in Platypus Bay at 1045 on Wednesday 13th. While at anchor boatwork training was progressed and a camping party was landed on Frazer Island.

8. At 1500 on Friday 15th, the ship proceeded for Brisbane, entering Moreton Bay at 0430 the following morning and the Brisbane River at 0720.

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The Russian Merchant Navy Training ship MERIDIAN was passed at Pinkemba. The SYDNEY entered Hamilton Reach shortly before 0830 and after turning at rest, berthed port side to at No. 4 Hamilton Wharf.

9. After berthing, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, COMMANDER D.J. ROBERTSON, R.A.N. boarded to discuss arrangements for the three day visit. Later that forenoon, a party of Sea Cadets boarded the ship and a special tour was conducted for some 20 leaders of commerce, industry and education. The ship was open to the public in the afternoon, an additional attraction being the Naval Display Unit embarked for the occasion.

10. That evening I was entertained by COMMANDER ROBERTSON and his wife, whilst some of my officers attended receptions by the Royal Commonwealth Society and the Australian-American-Canadian Association.

11. On Sunday 17th, nearly 100 members of the Ex-Naval Men's Association and their wives were present at the ship's Church Services. This was followed by a tour of the ship and morning tea. The ship was again open for public inspection during the afternoon.

12. On Monday morning 18th July, accompanied by COMMANDER ROBERTSON, I called on the Chief Justice, The Honourable Mr. W.G. Mack at the Supreme Court, The General Officer Commanding Northern Command, MAJOR GENERAL T.F. CAPE, CBE, DSO, The Honourable J.C.A. Pizzey, Minister for Education representing the Premier, and the Lord Mayor, Alderman C. Jones. At 1245 I called on His Excellency, The Governor of Queensland, Sir Alan Mansfield, KCMG, remaining to luncheon.

13. That evening I held a dinner party aboard, entertaining His Excellency, The Governor and Lady Mansfield, and a number of other prominent citizens.

14. At 0900 the following morning, the ship cast off and proceeded for Cato Reef, having embarked Mr. F.G. VIDGEN, Director of the Commonwealth Department of Works for Queensland, and two of his staff who were to carry out a survey of Cato Island prior to the construction of an automatic weather station.

15. At 0645 on Wednesday 20th, the ship anchored 5 cables north of Cato Reef. With a south westerly wind prevailing this anchorage proved quite comfortable. One DUKW, a motor cutter and the Zodiac were sent inshore. After some initial difficulty, the Zodiac was able to lead the other craft into the lagoon and to the beach. By 1115 the Department of Works officers had completed their task, and at 1215 the ship sailed for Sydney. That afternoon a 40mm surface shoot was carried out by R.A.N.E.R. personnel.

16. At 0820 on Friday 22nd, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY entered Sydney Harbour and secured at North East Cruiser Wharf, for long self maintenance and leave.

17. At 1000 that morning the Training Committee met onboard, representatives of Fleet Staff and of other ships attending.

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18. During the week commencing Monday 25th, I attended the Joint Unit Course at the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School.

Engineering Department.

19. On completion of Operation HARDIHOOD the main effort was devoted to training. The presence of the R.A.N.E.R. sailors enabled a number of the ship's complement to be sent on advance mid-winter leave. This has allowed an increased maintenance effort to be made during the Long Self Maintenance period.

20. Besides undertaking a number of INDEFS raised before the Long Self Maintenance period, the dockyard had sufficient labour available to progress some planned maintenance deferred from previous refits.

Electrical.

21. During the month electrical serviceability has been reasonably satisfactory. Internal communications, continue to require considerable maintenance effort and the usual number of cable failures were experienced. The situation will be considerably improved at the completion of the Long Self Maintenance period as the dockyard have undertaken all outstanding INDEFS, together with some of the items raised for the next refit period.

Training.

22. 107 Ordinary Seamen completed the Common Sea Training syllabus in July and were posted for Able Ranks courses. 278 Ordinary Seamen of all categories were borne on 31st July.

23. While the ship was in the Hervey Bay area, Ordinary Seamen of the Seaman category were given instruction in boat pulling, power boat handling and sailing.

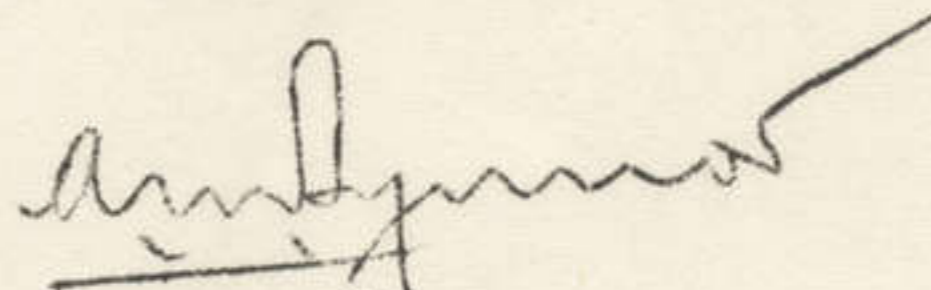
Health and Morale.

24. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remained good during July.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(A.M. SYNNOT.)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JULY, 1966

STEAMING APPENDIX

(a) Distance steamed during the month	3427.7
(b) Hours underway during the month	244
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	101,908.2
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	7005
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	nil

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JULY, 1966

EXERCISES

Seamanship.

Jackstay Transfer (supplying)	2nd.
RAS (supplying)	2nd.
MOW/AOOW Manoeuvres	3rd.
Steering Gear Breakdown	11th. 19th.(2)
Seaboats	11th.
Emergency/Leaving Ship Stations	11th.
Liferaft demonstrations	10th., 11th.

Gunnery.

SUTF	2nd, 20th.
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Clapex	1st, 11th, 12th, 20th, 21st.
HSPX	11th, 12th, 13th, 20th, 21st.
Rel/Vel.	Daily at Sea.

N.B.C.D.

Section Drills	20th (2) 21st (2)
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Exercise Divers	13th, 14th, 20th.
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Communications.

Daily exercise forenoons at sea and harbour.

Engineering.

Complete Economical Steaming trial	1st.
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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JULY, 1966

The 0.22 interpart rifle Sport Shooting competition, began last month, was won by the Wardroom 'B' team.

Basketball, Volleyball and Baddington were again played during the month, mainly while at sea. On return to Sydney the ship defeated H.M.A.S. VENDETTA 29 - 3 at Rugby. During the visit to Brisbane, matches were played against the Army as follows:-

17.7.66	Australian Rules	Army defeated H.M.A.S. SYDNEY	18.6-4.3
18.7.66	Soccer	Army defeated H.M.A.S. SYDNEY	11 - 0
18.7.66	Hockey	Army defeated H.M.A.S. SYDNEY	12 - 2
18.7.66	Rugby	H.M.A.S. SYDNEY defeated Army	9 - 3

The Ordinary Seamen (Various) defeated a similar team from H.M.A.S. VENDETTA 11 -3 at Soccer on 27th July, at Sydney.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JULY, 1966

MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>Date from</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date to</u>	<u>Employment</u>
1 .7.66	Sea	5 .7.66	Passage Hong Kong to Sydney.
5 .7.66	Sydney	11.7.66	Self Maintenance.
11.7.66	Sea/Hervey Bay/ Brisbane	22.7.66	Training.
22.7.66	Sydney	31.7.66	LSM and leave.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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2. The cold move mentioned in paragraph 11 was necessitated by a temporary restriction in the lifting capacity of the crane at North East Cruiser Wharf.

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V.A.T. Smith.
REAR ADMIRAL.

Office of the
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2. The cold move mentioned in paragraph 11 was necessitated by a temporary restriction in the lifting capacity of the crane at North East Cruiser Wharf.

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(Sgd) V. A. T. SMITH

REAR ADMIRAL.

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
at Sydney.

1st September, 1966.

The Flag Officer, Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST
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(All times Zone -10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY under my command for the month of August, 1966.

2. On Monday 1st August, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY was berthed at North East Cruiser Wharf, Sydney, and remained at this berth until moved by tugs to Fitting Out Wharf on Wednesday 31st August. During the month, leave was given and self maintenance progressed.
3. During the last weekend in July, the ship was fumigated, and to date the results seem reasonably satisfactory.
4. Between Friday 5th and Sunday 7th, 25 Sea Cadets were borne for training.
5. On Friday 12th, CAPTAIN SYNNOT proceeded to Melbourne on leave; he returns on 5th September.
6. At 0815 on Monday 15th, Sir, your flag was hoisted onboard in preparation for the visit by the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force Training Squadron, under the command of REAR ADMIRAL Hidesumi MIZUTANI. At 1030, REAR ADMIRAL MIZUTANI called on you in the Flagship and the call was returned at 1200. The Executive Officer and officers of the Japanese flagship were entertained by The President and officers H.M.A.S. SYDNEY in the Wardroom at lunchtime on 15th August. At 1930 on 16th August REAR ADMIRAL MIZUTANI and senior officers of the Japanese Squadron attended a dinner given by you, in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
7. On Friday 19th, the Japanese Squadron left harbour. That evening, 25 Sea Cadets were embarked for a training weekend.
8. On 21st August your flag was struck and transferred to H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.
9. On Monday 22nd, the main storing period commenced, and progressed satisfactorily during the ensuing 10 days, despite some bad weather.
10. On Monday 22nd, 12 Midshipmen (GL)(EN) joined for training, having recently graduated, and during the following

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weekend, a party of 35 R.A.N.R. sailors were borne for training, whilst a team of Ordinary Seamen visited N.A.S. NOWRA for sport on 27th August.

11. On Wednesday 31st August, it became necessary to move the ship to Fitting Out Wharf in order that the shore boiler could be removed, and the move was carried out cold during the forenoon in heavy rain.

12. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

(a) Supersession of Engineer Officer.

COMMANDER A.L.
MILROY, R.A.N., joined the ship on 12th August, 1966, and assumed the duties of Engineer Officer on 18th August, 1966. COMMANDER P.W. COOMBS, R.A.N. left the ship on that date.

(b) Maintenance Period (L.S.M.)

The ship remained alongside during the month, and Dockyard and Ship's Staff refitting work is proceeding to a satisfactory conclusion.

(c) Training.

The ship has been on shore power during the month and no training has been carried out as a result of this and leave and posting arrangements.

13. ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the month leave and self maintenance was progressed with the assistance of the Fleet Maintenance Party who have been most valuable. Dockyard took in all outstanding URDEF's and INDEF's as well as bringing forward some items from the main defect list. Progress on all items taken in has been satisfactory.

14. TRAINING.

(a) Ordinary Seamen (Various).

The training of Ordinary Seamen has progressed satisfactorily during the month within the limitations imposed by mid-winter leave and L.S.M. commitments. An average of 210 Ordinary Seamen were borne during the month.

A group of thirty Ordinary Seamen visited the Australian Atomic Energy Commission, Research Establishment, Lucas Heights, on Friday 12th August and seventy three spent the weekend 27th-28th August at H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.

(b) R.A.N.R.

Recruits of the Sydney Port Division spent the weekends 13th-14th August and 27th-28th August onboard. A comprehensive programme of practical work, conducted tours of departments, instructional films and lectures was carried out on each occasion.

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(c) A.S.C.C.

Twenty five Sea Cadets were borne for training on each of the weekends 6th-7th August and 20th-21st August. A programme similar in context to that laid down for the R.A.N. Reservists was successfully undertaken.

15. The health and moral of the Ship's Company remained satisfactory throughout the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(V.A. PARKER.)
COMMANDER.
for CAPTAIN. (A.O.L.)

APPENDIX A TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR AUGUST, 1966

STEAMING APPENDIX

(a) Distance steamed during the month	Nil
(b) Hours underway during the month	Nil
(c) Total distance steamed since re-commissioning	101,908.2
(d) Total hours underway since re-commissioning	7005
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil

APPENDIX B TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR AUGUST, 1966

EXERCISES

Exercise divers (half necklace ex) 30th-31st August.

APPENDIX C TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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SPORT

Ordinary Seamen under training.

Rugby and Soccer teams were fielded against R.A.N.A.T.E. on 5th August winning both matches. Australian Rules and Hockey matches were played against R.A.N.A.S. NOWRA on 27th August. Both teams were defeated.

Ship's Recreational Activities.

The following results were obtained:-

(a) RIFLE SHOOTING

3rd. August SYDNEY 320 def. PENGUIN AND RUSH-
CUTTER 185.
17th. August SYDNEY 285 def. Destroyers and
Frigates 261.
24th. August ALBATROSS 408 def SYDNEY 280.

(b) GENERAL SPORT

10th. August MELBOURNE 11 def SYDNEY 6.....RUGBY
17th. August SYDNEY 13 def PERTH 11.....RUGBY
22nd. August PERTH 2 def SYDNEY 1.....VOLLEY
BALL
23rd. August PERTH 9 def SYDNEY 6.....RUGBY.

APPENDIX D TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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↑ MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

The ship remained alongside Garden Island, Sydney during August, 1966.

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The Secretary,
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(SGD.) H. H. CARTWRIGHT

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
at Sea,

4th October, 1966.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER,
1966.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
HMAS SYDNEY under my command for the month of September, 1966.

2. On Thursday, 1st September, HMAS SYDNEY was berthed at Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island, nearing the end of the mid-winter leave and long self maintenance period.
3. On Sunday, 4th, a party of 103 new entry Naval Artificer Apprentices accompanied by instructors joined for one weeks training.
4. On Tuesday, 6th, the Commanding Officers of HMAS QUEENBOROUGH, Commander J.P. VAN GELDER, R.A.N., and of HMAS ANZAC, Commander I.W. BROBEN, R.A.N., called to discuss Training Squadron matters.
5. At 1330 on Tuesday, 6th, the SYDNEY shifted berth to No. 2 buoy to embark ammunition. On completion the ship sailed for the Sydney/Jervis Bay exercise areas to exercise in accordance with MULGA BILL Exercise Programme. During the ensuing 3 days, exercises as shown in Appendix B were carried out with H.M.A. Ships QUEENBOROUGH and DUCHESS (Commander H.K. DUNCAN, R.A.N.) acting as consorts. At 1000 on Friday, 9th, the ship entered Sydney Harbour, securing to No. 2 buoy.
6. Later that forenoon I called on the Commander First Division, Major General D. VINCENT, OBE. The forthcoming Exercise BARRAWINGA was among the topics discussed.
7. At 0815 on Monday, 12th, you, Sir, embarked in HMAS SYDNEY. The ship, in company with HMAS MELBOURNE (Captain D.C. WELLS, R.A.N.) and HMAS ANZAC, proceeded to sea at 0900. When clear of the harbour, HMAS SUPPLY (Captain N.E. McDONALD, R.A.N.) and HMAS DUCHESS joined. At 1000 the SYDNEY and escorts refuelled from the SUPPLY. At 1230, HMAS VENDETTA (Commander P.R. BURNETT, R.A.N.) joined, and from 1330 to 1530 manoeuvres were carried out. The SYDNEY and the DUCHESS then proceeded in accordance with GUM STUMP exercise programme. During the following two days, the ships carried out a comprehensive but short work-up.
8. The ship departed from the Jervis Bay exercise areas at 1830 on Wednesday, 14th, and proceeded for Melbourne. Weather remained fine, and at 0930 on Friday, 16th, the SYDNEY entered Port Phillip. After passage via the eastern side of the bay, the ship berthed at Station Pier at 1400.

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That evening a party of 30 Sea Cadets with instructors joined for weekend training.

9. The ship was open to visitors on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th. In spite of wet weather on the first day and other attractions, 2463 and 5273 visitors respectively toured the ship.
10. At 1000 Monday 19th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for Sydney clearing Port Phillip at 1400. The annual full power trial was satisfactorily carried out on passage.
11. On securing at Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island, at 0830 Wednesday 21st, the ship was stored. In the afternoon, the embarkation of Army equipment for Exercise BARRAWINGA commenced. Loading was completed without incident on Friday morning, the 23rd, and that afternoon the PTA Unit was embarked.
12. On Sunday 25th, the ship was open to the public, and 1400 people toured the flight deck and hangars. This was the first time the ship had been open to the public while loaded but the wind and rain kept the crowds away.
13. At 1345 on Monday 26th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY cast off and proceeded for Port Alma. As usually happens with Army personnel embarked, the weather was fine. At 0650 on Thursday 29th the ship entered the approaches to the Fitzroy River and arrived off the New Wharf, Port Alma at 0800. Using the last of the flood stream, the starboard anchor and assisted by two small tugs, the ship was easily swung, to berth port side to on the New (Cold Stores) Wharf.
14. Unloading started immediately, using the NCK crane to off load on to the jetty and the Seaplane crane to load the Army LSM VERNON STURDEE on the outboard side. Unloading was completed by first light Friday 30th September.
15. Whilst at Port Alma sporting fixtures were arranged against local and Army teams. A party of officers visited the field headquarters of First Logistic Support Force and remained to supper.
16. On Thursday 29th I entertained to luncheon the Commander First Division, the Commander Sixth Task Force (Brigadier R.L. HUGHES, DSO.), the Deputy Task Force Commander (Group Captain A.E. MATHER, DFC, AFC, RAAF), the Commander First Logistic Support Force (Colonel K. COLWILL), the Chairman of the Harbour Board (Mr. M. Hinchliffe) and the Harbourmaster (Captain R. Eisen). I later accompanied the Commander First Division ashore on a tour of the exercise area.
17. The following day I entertained to luncheon the Mayor of Rockhampton (Alderman R.B.J. Pilbeam, MLA), the Town Clerk (Mr. G.A. Williams) and the Inspector of Police (Mr. I. Clark).
18. During the month I addressed the Ship's Company on all aspects of security in accordance with the instructions in Memorandum, AF 6/66 of 11th June, 1966.

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19. ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

- (a) Long Self Maintenance Period. A large amount of ship's staff work and Dockyard planned maintenance routines were carried out during the period.
- (b) Training. Training has been resumed and is progressing satisfactorily.
- (c) Annual Full Power Trial. The trial was successfully carried out on 20th September. The ship attained a speed of 25.0 knots.

20. ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Dockyard completed all urgent defects during the Long Self Maintenance period. Work generally in the department has progressed satisfactorily during the month.

21. TRAINING.

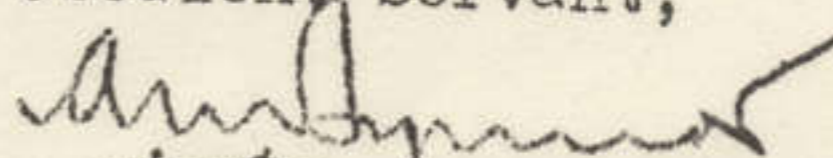
- (a) Ordinary Seamen. An average of 290 ORDS were borne during the month and their training has progressed satisfactorily.
- (b) Australian Sea Cadet Corps. A comprehensive programme including departmental tours, instructional films and lectures was arranged for the Victorian Sea Cadets.
- (c) Reserve Officers. Six officers were borne for training during the month: Three Supply, two Seamen and a Chaplain.
- (d) Character Guidance. Senior Chaplain G.C. SWAIN was lent to HMAS ANZAC for 6 days to carry out Character Guidance training for Ordinary Seamen and Midshipmen (SL).

22. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remained satisfactory throughout the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,


(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX A TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1966.

STEAMING APPENDIX.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	3349.8
(b) Hours underway during the month	265
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	105,258.0
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	7270
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
(1) Number of hours economical speed exceeded	5
(2) Average speed	21.2
(3) Fuel expended for all purposes per hour	15 Tons.
(4) Distance run per hour of fuel	2.08 ^M
(5) Reason and authority - Annual Full Power Trial. (BR 3000)	

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APPENDIX B TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1966.

EXERCISES

SEAMANSHIP

RAS (Receiving)	12th.
RAS (Supplying)	14th.
Jackstay transfer (Receiving)	14th.
OOW Manoeuvres	8th, 12th, 13th, 14th.
Steering Gear breakdown	6th, 12th, 19th, 26th.
Seaboat	6th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 20th, 26th, 27th, 28th.
Tow forward	13th.
Tow aft	8th.
Emergency/Leaving Ship Stations	6th, 19th, 26th.
Liferaft demonstration	5th, 27th.
Helo winching demonstration	7th.
Measured distance runs	6th.
RAS approaches	8th.
Action stations	14th.
Stream splash target	15th.

GUNNERY

SUTF	13th.
AACRF	7th, 14th.
Gun functioning trials	7th.
AATX	7th, 13th, 14th.

TAS

Operation Awkward (Demonstration)	7th.
Diving (Day)	7th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th (2).

NBCD

(Night)	7th, 22nd, 23rd, 29th(2)
Section drills	7th, 8th, 12th.
Minor NBCDX	15th, 20th.
Cleansing station drill	9th, 14th.

ENGINEERING

Annual full power trial	20th.
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AIO

Metra test	12th.
SPX(B)	12th.
REL/VEL	6th.
Clapex	9th.
Internal exercises at sea.	

COMMUNICATIONS

Exercises with ships in company including one NAVCOMEX 501 with the DUCHESS using 3 operators (RANCO 2502).

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APPENDIX C TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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SPORT

1. Intership sport was limited by seetime, however Basketball, Volleyball and Baddington were played regularly at sea.
2. One Tennis player and two Golfers were selected to play in the Inter-Service team.
3. Results: 9th September - Rugby - SYDNEY def MELBOURNE
14 - Nil.(2nd teams)
29th September - Basketball - Rockhampton def
SYDNEY 62 - 45.

Friendly Cricket, Tennis and Golf matches were arranged against Army teams at Rockhampton.

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APPENDIX D TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1966.

MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT.

<u>DATE FROM</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE TO</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1.9.66	SYDNEY	5.9.66	L.S.M.
6.9.66	SEA	9.9.66	Shakedown
10.9.66	SYDNEY	11.9.66	--
12.9.66	SEA	16.9.66	Workup
16.9.66	MELBOURNE	19.9.66	--
19.9.66	SEA	21.9.66	Passage
21.9.66	SYDNEY	26.9.66	Load Army Personnel and Equipment.
26.9.66	SEA	29.9.66	Passage to Port Alma.
29.9.66	PORT ALMA	30.9.66	Unload Army Personnel and Equipment.

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The Secretary,
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V.A.T. Smith.
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY,
at Sea.

4th November, 1966.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1966.
(All times Zone -10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY under my command for the month of October, 1966.

2. At 0900 on Saturday, 1st October, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY sailed from Port Alma having unloaded Army personnel and equipment for Exercise BARRAWINGA. The departure was watched by a comparatively large crowd who had no doubt left Rockhampton at an early hour. After leaving Port Alma course was set for Hervey Bay where it was intended to carry out training. A further requirement was practice in Pilotless Target Aircraft launching and control for Sub Lieutenant (S.D.), (AV), P.A. BRYCE, R.A.N., who was about to relieve Lieutenant Commander (S.D.), (AV), D.W. CHURCHER, R.A.N., as Officer in charge of the P.T.A. Unit.

3. The ship remained at sea on Saturday night and the following day, after divisions and church, three P.T.As were successfully flown. The use of divers from a Zodiac dinghy proved to be the best method of recovery. That evening the ship anchored six miles south of Lady Elliot Island.

4. At 0745 on Monday, 3rd, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for further P.T.A. flying in Area NC in Hervey Bay. During the forenoon a P.T.A. was shot down by the ships' 40/60 armament and later a parachute was sucked in by the forward main circulator. This was cleared in due course by divers. Later in the day whilst proceeding to an anchorage off Bundaberg the ships' company was exercised at general drill.

5. During the afternoon of Tuesday, 4th, whilst at anchor off Bundaberg, the heeling trial at anchor of 10 degrees to port was carried out. At 0730 the following morning the heeling trial to starboard was carried out, and, with 10 degrees of list, the ship weighed and proceeded for underway trials. A major N.B.C.D. exercise was also carried out and action messing exercised. A separate report has been forwarded.

6. On Thursday, 6th October, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY sailed for a further P.T.A. flight and on completion proceeded for Brisbane, berthing port side to at No.2 and No.3 Brett's Wharf, Hamilton Reach, at 1515 on Friday, 7th.

7. Whilst at Brisbane, the ship's band combined with the local Reserve band for the Sea Cadets Ceremonial at New Farm Park. A group of Sea Cadets spent the weekend onboard, and the ship was opened to the public on Saturday (1,292 visitors) and on Sunday (4,350 visitors).

8. On Monday, 10th, I entertained some of the local leaders of the community to luncheon.

9. At 0900 on Tuesday, 11th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY cast off and proceeded down river. Moreton Bay was cleared at 1245 and the ship headed south east to rendezvous with you, Sir, in the flagship, and the remainder of the R.A.N. Task Group proceeding north for Exercise SWORDHILT. By 1940, after some difficulty

in identification, ships being in an unformed state and darkened, the SYDNEY was in station on the port beam of H.M.A.S. SUPPLY (Captain N.E. MacDonald, A.D.C., R.A.N.).

10. During the ensuing 5 days, whilst the R.A.N. Units and H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI (Commander R.H. Silk, R.N.Z.N.) continued northward, exercises were carried out in accordance with RUNUP Exercise Programme. On Friday, 14th, P.T.A. flying was carried out during the forenoon but both P.T.As came down prematurely. The cause of failure was not definitely established. This was disappointing after successful flights in Hervey Bay.

11. At 1730 on Friday, 14th, the force passed through Jomard Entrance and into the Solomon Sea. The following morning, after ships had replenished and photographs of the force in close company had been taken, the SYDNEY detached, accompanied by H.M.A.S. DERWENT (Commander J.D. Stevens, R.A.N.), H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Commander P.R. Burnett, R.A.N.), and H.M.A.S. DUCHESS (Commander H.K. Duncan, R.A.N.), to proceed to initial positions for Phase 1 of Exercise SWORDHILT. Vitiaz Strait was transitted that evening and the following morning escorts were replenished off the north coast of New Britian. The SYDNEY detached and proceeded for Vitiaz Strait, the intention being to remain south of the Strait during the Inter Task Force location, shadowing, and strike exercise.

12. It appeared that the enemy would fly reconnaissance aircraft that evening, and, therefore, I aimed to be in Vitiaz Strait shortly before sunset to enable a detection, but not a daylight attack, to be made. The SYDNEY was disguised as the MELBOURNE in the hope of misleading the enemy. In the event, at 1700, a Sea Vixen closed the ship to 4 miles and it is understood the ruse was successful. The SYDNEY then closed the New Guinea coast, darkened ship, and, at slow speed, continued south close inshore. Late in the evening the ship entered Huon Gulf and anchored early the next morning in Salamau Harbour.

13. Shortly after midday on Monday, 17th, the ship was sighted by a Sea Vixen on reconnaissance. This was followed by a strike by 3 Buccaneers.

14. At about 0600 on Tuesday, 18th October, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY accompanied by H.M.A.S. SUPPLY rendezvoused with R.F.A. Units for Phase 2, inter alia, the passage of a convoy in the face of surface, air and submarine threat. The SYDNEY was Commander of the Convoy Task Unit. The following day the force transitted Jomard Entrance into the Coral Sea.

15. Thursday, 20th, was set aside for Anti-aircraft and Surface firings. The AA firings, after a slow beginning, were all completed. The first two P.T.As from the SYDNEY aborted but later flights were satisfactory. After the last firing all ships took up a close formation for photography, and then the convoy phase resumed.

16. On Friday, 21st, I visited the flagship by helicopter to discuss Phase 3, the Amphibious Assault and Replenishment phase.

17. At 0001 on Monday, 24th October, Phase 3 commenced, and H.M.S. BULWARK (Captain D.B. Law, M.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.) wearing the broad pennant of Commander Amphibious Forces (Commodore D.A. Dunbar-Naismith, D.S.C.) joined. The convoy now became an Amphibious Support Group, and, with escorts, continued towards an anchorage in Pearl Bay on the Clinton Peninsula, to stage a simulated amphibious landing which was to be followed by a replenishment (liquids, ammunition, and solids) of all escorts. In the event, weather conditions were such that the anchorage was

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untenable and the URG remained underway, H.M.S. BULWARK detaching and Royal Fleet Auxiliaries RELIANT, RESURGENT and FORT DUNVEGAN joining.

18. Weather conditions were such that it was possible to replenish only on the southern leg of the beat, leaving the northern leg unproductive. I therefore signalled my intention to shift operations to the sheltered waters of Broad Sound Channel, and to anchor units not required, as an URG of eight heavy units in confined waters was unwieldy. A further advantage was the shallow water which was generally unsuitable for submarine operations. At 2249 the SYDNEY anchored off the Cannibal Islands, whilst the BULWARK, TIDESPRING and TIDEPOOL anchored off Bald Hill. Under the command of SUPPLY, remaining ships of the URG steamed throughout the night, replenishing escorts generally in accordance with the plan.

19. At 1100 on 25th the SYDNEY weighed and proceeded to join the remainder of the URG off Steep Island. TIDESPRING had already joined the Underway Replenishment Group and the BULWARK was fuelling from the TIDEPOOL. As the URG left Broad Sound Channel, BULWARK, TIDESPRING, RELIANT, RESURGENT and FORT DUNVEGAN were detached. The SYDNEY proceeded in company with the SUPPLY, TIDEPOOL and escorts.

20. At 1315, the ship went to the assistance of an 814 Squadron (TIDEPOOL) Wessex some two miles ahead. The Wessex landed onboard safely. It was repaired and flown off during the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th.

21. During the afternoon of Tuesday, 25th, as the URG steamed south east towards the rendezvous with the MELBOURNE, replenishments continued on an ad hoc basis. In due course all were completed with the exception of one ship's fresh provisions. In view of the time taken to move to Broad Sound Channel, and the weather, and the extra requirement to replenish all R.N. units from R.F.A. RELIANT, I considered this a satisfactory result.

22. On completion of Phase 3 at 1800 on Tuesday, 25th, the passage of our task group against submarine opposition was recommenced. On the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th, the ship fuelled from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

23. On completion of Exercise SWORDHILT at 1600, Thursday, 27th, some 120 miles east of Port Stephens, the SYDNEY and the TIDEPOOL continued south until 1800 when course was altered for the morning rendezvous. At 1848 TIDEPOOL was ordered to act independently, and the SYDNEY proceeded north west to join the flagship.

24. At 0800 on Friday, 28th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY took part in the Combined Fleet Entry to Sydney Harbour, and secured to No.2 buoy. That evening I attended a Fleet reception in the flagship.

25. On Monday, 31st October, I attended the SWORDHILT Critique at H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER. Afterwards I lunched with other Commanding Officers in the flagship and remaining officers attending the Critique lunched in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.

26. TECHNICAL.

(a) Electrical Department. The month was uneventful. Maintenance progressed satisfactorily and the department coped well during the exercise period.

(b) Engineering Department. Despite the extra watch-keeping and maintenance burden imposed on the Engineering Department during the exercise, service-

ability has been good. The R.A.N.R. Officer and seventeen sailors borne for training during this period enabled the department to meet its commitment of steaming on four boilers virtually throughout Exercises RUNUP and SWORDHILT. Training has been progressed but the shortage of senior and experienced sailors in the ship makes it difficult to satisfy the watchbill and training requirements in such circumstances.

27. TRAINING.

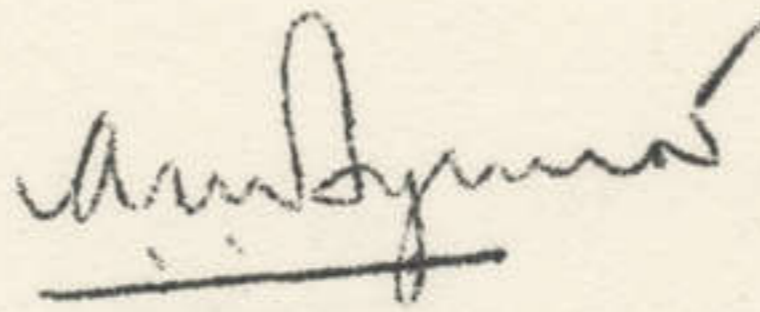
- (a) Ordinary Seamen. The average number of Ordinary Seamen borne during October was 310 and training has progressed satisfactorily. While in Hervey Bay opportunity was taken for Ordinary Seamen to carry out Boatwork Training. A .22 rifle shooting competition in which 246 Ordinary Seamen participated was conducted during the Dog Watches.
- (b) Reserve Sailors. 18 R.A.N.E.R. and 15 R.A.N.R. sailors joined in Brisbane for 20 days' training and participated in all ship's activities. The performance of these sailors while under training was entirely satisfactory and enabled additional exercise commitments in the Engineerroom and Communication departments to be met.
- (c) Higher Ranks' Training. Training for higher rank was progressed during the month. 12 sailors passed for Petty Officer and 13 for Leading rank in Section 1 of the Promotion Board.
- (d) N.B.C.D. Training. 20 Ordinary Ranks qualified for the Able Rank in N.B.C.D. after instruction onboard during October.

28. The health and morale of the ship's company remained satisfactory throughout the month except for 33 cases of German measles among the Ordinary Seamen. The symptoms were mild and the sailors returned to duty after four days' quarantine.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR OCTOBER, 1966.

STEAMING APPENDIX.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	6142.4
(b)	Hours underway during the month	459
(c)	Total distance steamed since recommissioning	111400.4
(d)	Total hours underway since recommissioning	7729
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-	
	(1) Number of hours economical speed exceeded	6
	(2) Average speed	19 knots
	(3) Fuel expended for all purposes per hour	11.75 tons
	(4) Distance run per ton of fuel	2.4 miles
	(5) Reason and authority - Exercise SWORDHILT.	

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR OCTOBER, 1966.

EXERCISES.

Exercise RUNUP 11th - 15th October.
Exercise SWORDHILT 16th - 28th October.

SEAMANSHIP

Seaboat 1st; 2nd; 6th; 14th; 20th.
Steering gear breakdown 7th; 11th; 12th; 15th.
RAS (Supplying) 16th (3).
RAS (Receiving) 12th; 14th; 18th; 26th.
Jackstay (Supplying) 13th; 15th; 20th.
General drills 3rd.
P.T.A. flying 2nd; 3rd; 6th; 14th; 20th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor N.B.C.D.X. 3rd.
Heeling Trial 4th; 5th.
Major N.B.C.D.X. 5th.
Action messing 5th.

GUNNERY.

AACRF 3rd; 20th.
Gun functioning trials 6th.
AATX 20th.

TAS.

Diving (Day) 3rd; 4th; 5th; 17th; 20th;
31st.

AIO.

JASEX 4th; 6th.
Clapex 4th.
Farsex (Synthetic) 4th.
REL/VEL 16th.
SPX(B) 12th

COMMUNICATIONS.

Exercises with ships in company until commencement of
SWORDHILT.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR OCTOBER, 1966.

SPORT.

1. A knockout .22 shooting competition for Ordinary Seamen proved very popular while at sea. The trainees gained worthwhile experience in aiming while coping with the wind, movement of the target and rifles. The winners obtained 177 points out of a possible 300.

2. Volleyball, Baddington and Deck Hockey were played on board while at sea.

3. During the ship's visit to Brisbane the following results were obtained against Army teams:

Tennis - Army defeated SYDNEY 36 - 4.

Cricket - Army (4 for 168) defeated SYDNEY (6 for 119).

Friendly golf matches were played as well.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR OCTOBER, 1966.

MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT.

<u>DATE FROM</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE TO</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
-	PORT ALMA	1.10.66	Unload Army personnel and equipment.
1.10.66	HERVEY BAY	6.10.66	Training.
7.10.66	BRISBANE	11.10.66	-
11.10.66	SEA	28.10.66	Exercises RUNUP and SWORDHILT.
28.10.66	SYDNEY	31.10.66	-

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(HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 dated 3rd December, 1966.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

1. Forwarded.
2. SYDNEY carried out her various tasks during the month very efficiently.

(Sgd) V. A. T. SMITH

REAR ADMIRAL.

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Flag Officer Commanding,
HM Australian Fleet.

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(HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 dated 3rd December, 1966.)

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY,
at Sea.

3rd December, 1966.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1966.
(All times Zone -10)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY under my command for the month of November, 1966.

2. On Tuesday, 1st November, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY was secured to No.2 buoy in Sydney Harbour having completed the Annual Maritime Exercise some three days earlier. I had the honour of lunching at your table on this day.

3. At 0900 on Wednesday 2nd H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for Port Alma to embark Army personnel and equipment for return to Sydney after Exercise BARRAWINGA. The passage was uneventful until the approach to Timandra Bank buoy during the forenoon of Friday, 4th, when ALUSNA Canberra's message DTG 040018Z was intercepted. This signal indicated that USS TIRU was aground and that H.M.A.S. SYDNEY was being instructed to assist. Accordingly, I turned to the north east and shortly after, at 1051, your message 032356Z was received giving the position of the submarine as Frederik Reef and instructing me to proceed with despatch to assist.

4. At 2130 H.M.A.S. SYDNEY arrived off Frederik Reef and relieved the SP2H aircraft on task. I discussed conditions in the vicinity of the submarine with her Commanding Officer and on his advice decided to delay any attempt to board until first light. The ship remained in the vicinity of the TIRU, aground on the southern side of the reef, until early the following morning.

5. At 0030 on the morning of Saturday 5th, the TIRU lost one sailor washed over the reef in an inflatable liferaft. The submarine asked for assistance but I decided to wait until first light when the zodiac and a motor cutter proceeded inside the reef and recovered the man. During the night the swell increased making boarding of the submarine impractical and TIRU stated it was too rough to secure a tow onboard. A small survey to determine depths of water off the stern of the TIRU was carried out.

6. At 0245 on Sunday 6th, a rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Commander P.R. BURNETT, R.A.N.). After replenishing fuel and transferring the U.S.N. sailor and my doctor, Surgeon Lieutenant S. SAKKER, R.A.N., the SYDNEY took departure for Port Alma. Passage to Port Alma was made at high speed in conjunction with a quarterly full power trial in order to arrive off the jetty shortly before high water. The ship berthed port side to at the Cold Stores Wharf at 1550 on Sunday, 6th.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

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7. Loading commenced immediately and all equipment was onboard and stowed by 1400 on the 7th. 94 Army personnel were embarked. The planned load was reduced as with the ship's diversion to Frederik Reef the Army authorities felt obliged to begin moving equipment and troops south by road. In the event, the ship sailed from Port Alma at the planned time of 1630 on Monday, 7th November. Whilst the ship was on passage to Sydney, 10 sailors carried out an initiative test, making their way to Sydney overland.

8. At 0905 on Thursday 10th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY entered Sydney Harbour, and after waiting for H.M.S. VICTORIOUS (Captain I.S. McINTOSH, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. KENT (Captain R.A. BEGG, R.N.) to leave harbour, berthed at Fitting Out Wharf bows north. Unloading was completed early the following morning.

9. At 0900 on Friday, 11th, divisional officers and senior sailors attended a Presentation on Manning and Training at the Garden Island Cinema. That evening, Sir, you and your wife dined onboard and subsequently attended the Ship's Ball at the Trocodero.

10. At 1400 on Monday, 14th, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY proceeded for Melbourne, berthing port side to at Outer East Station Pier at 1400 on Wednesday, 16th. The following day I called on the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor I.F. BEAUREPAIRE, and on the General Officer Commanding Southern Command, Major General R.W. KNIGHTS, C.B.E. On Friday, 18th, I gave a luncheon party for some local authorities, including the Lord Mayor.

11. At 1130 on Saturday, 19th, after embarking 4 reserve officers and 51 reserve sailors, the SYDNEY cast off and proceeded for Tasmanian waters. The ship proceeded west of King Island and down the west coast of Tasmania. The ship's company attended divisions on Sunday, 20th. The ship anchored in Port Arthur at 0900 on Monday, 21st.

12. A successful four day stay in Port Arthur ensued, with all midshipmen and a large proportion of ordinary seamen receiving boatwork training. Privilege leave sailors were able to inspect the convict settlement. Sport and fishing proved popular.

13. At 0630 on Friday, 25th, the ship proceeded for Hobart. Two A.B.C. television reporters were embarked for the short passage and the ship received good coverage that evening on local television. Whilst the ship steamed to Hobart, the two Army LVW6 proceeded by road. The ship berthed port side to at Macquarie Point Oil Wharf at 1015.

14. During the forenoon I called on the Commander, Tasmanian Command (Colonel C.E. WATSON-SMYTH), the Chief Justice of Tasmania (Sir Stanley BURBURY, K.B.E.) and His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania (Sir Charles GAIRDNER, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., C.B.). The Commander Tasmanian Command, the Chief Justice and the Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency returned calls. That evening the ship was "At Home" and afterwards I entertained a number of local dignitaries to buffet dinner.

15. On the evening of Saturday, 26th, accompanied by my Executive Officer, Commander V.A. PARKER, R.A.N., I attended dinner at Government House.

16. At 1100 on Monday, 28th, the ship sailed for Melbourne, this time making the passage via the east coast. An economical steaming trial was successfully conducted during the passage.

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17. At 1400 on Wednesday 30th November, the ship berthed starboard side to at Outer East Station Pier, Port Melbourne, for a further short visit to land and embark reserve personnel.

18. TECHNICAL.

- (a) Electrical Department. Three reserve officers and a number of senior sailors have been borne during the month and have proved of value in undertaking tasks for which effort is not otherwise available. Apart from burning out a turbo-generator voltage regulator, which defect was made good with the assistance of Williamstown Dockyard, all defects occurring were of a routine nature. Further cases of malfunctioning switchgear occurred. Until dockyard maintenance routines are brought up to date main power distribution will continue to be unreliable.
- (b) Engineering Department. The Main and Auxiliary machinery has performed in a satisfactory manner throughout the month. A quarterly full power trial was carried out on 6th November and the final Economical Steaming Trial for the year completed on 29th November, steaming on the two boilers in the forward machinery space. Steam has been on the main engines for 18 days during the month.

19. TRAINING.

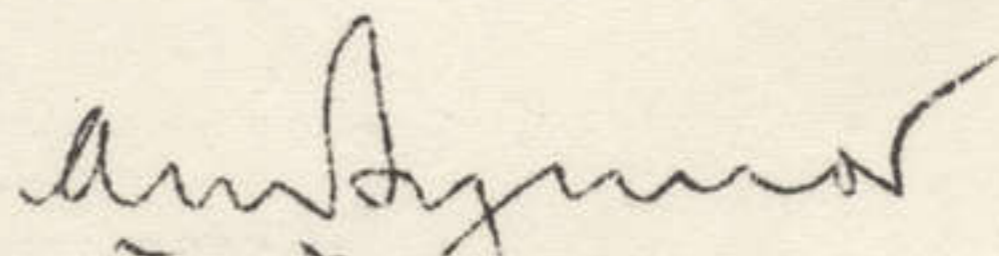
- (a) Ordinary Seamen. Training has progressed satisfactorily with an average of 360 Ordinary Seamen borne during the month. During the visit to Port Arthur an intensive programme of boatwork was carried out and opportunity was taken to exercise Ordinary Seamen at cross country running.
- (b) Higher Ranks Training. 29 sailors were examined in Section 2 of the Promotion Board in November. Results are awaited. 8 petty officers passed Section 1 of the Promotion Board for chief petty officer.
- (c) Reserve Sailors. Annual Continuous Training for 56 R.A.N.E.R. and R.A.N.R. sailors was carried out during the latter half of the month. The progress of these sailors under training was satisfactory.
- (d) Australian Sea Cadet Corps. Two officers, one instructor, and forty cadets were onboard during the week-end 26th/27th November and a comprehensive training programme was carried out.

20. The health of the ship's company has been good. The minor epidemic of German Measles among the Ordinary Seamen petered out early in the month. The morale of the ship's company is generally good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(A.M. SYNNOT)
CAPTAIN.

- Appendices: A. Steaming Appendix.
B. Exercises.
C. Sport.
D. Movement and Employment.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1966

STEAMING APPENDIX

- (a) Distance steamed during the month 4299.5
- (b) Hours underway during the month 325
- (c) Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 115,699.9
- (d) Total hours underway since re-commissioning 8054
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-
- (1) Number of hours economical speed exceeded
(a) 17 hours (b) 3 hours
- (2) Average speed
22.5 knots 19 knots
- (3) Fuel expended for all purposes per hour
(a) 11 tons (b) 7.4 tons
- (4) Distance run per ton of fuel
(a) 2.0 mls (b) 2.5 mls
- (5) Reason and authority: Grounding of U.S.S. TIRU.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1966

EXERCISES

Seamanship

Seaboat 3rd., 4th., 5th., 8th., 9th., 19th.
Steering Gear Breakdown 4th., 21st., 29th.,
30th.
R.A.S. (Supplying) 6th.
Emergency Stations 7th.
Leaving Ship Stations 7th.
Liferaft demonstration 8th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor N.B.C.D.X. 22nd., 29th.

Gunnery

BU 40/60 firings 2nd., 3rd.

T.A.S.

Diving (day) 1st., 5th., 6th., 21st.(2),
23rd., 25th., 26th., 30th.
(night) 6th., 21st., 22nd.
Operation AWKWARD 6th.

A.I.O.

3 Operation Room Officers - 8 days training at
H.M.A.S. WATSON.
JASEX 22nd.
SPX 22nd., 23rd., 29th.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1966

SPORT

1. Sport played onboard this month has been mostly volley ball owing to restriction of deck space.

2. A full sports programme in Rockhampton was cancelled because of the ship's diversion to stand by the stranded U.S. **Submarine**.

3. Sport played in Melbourne

Cricket - LONSDALE-YARRA **103** def. SYDNEY 81

Golf - SYDNEY 41 def. LONSDALE 40

Basketball - SYDNEY 52 def. YARRA-LONSDALE 38

4. Sport played at Port Arthur

Softball, cricket and cross country running.

Cricket - Port Arthur 223 def. SYDNEY 145

5. Sport played at Hobart

Social Golf, Skin Diving (CD's only).

Cricket 1. Tasmanian Cricket Association
2/138 def. SYDNEY 58 and 39.

2. HUON 3/86 def SYDNEY 85.

Ten Pin SYDNEY def. Thursday Night League,
Bowls Moonah.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR NOVEMBER, 1966

MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>DATE FROM</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE TO</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1.11.66	Sydney	2.11.66	-
2.11.66	Sea	6.11.66	Passage to Port Alma and to Fred- erik Reef. Assist U.S.S. TIRU.
6.11.66	Port Alma	7.11.66	Load Army personnel and equipment.
10.11.66	Sydney	14.11.66	Unload Army per- sonnel and equipment 10th/11th).
16.11.66	Melbourne	19.11.66	Embark reserve personnel.
21.11.66	Port Arthur	25.11.66	Training.
25.11.66	Hobart	28.11.66	
30.11.66	Melbourne	-	Disembark/embark reserve personnel.

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(HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 dated 3rd January, 1967)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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V.D.T. Smith.
REAR ADMIRAL

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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 1ST - 19TH DECEMBER
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(HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 dated 19th December, 1966.)

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HMAS SYDNEY.
at Sydney.

3rd January, 1966.7

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 19TH.-31ST. DECEMBER,
1966

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship, SYDNEY, under my command, for the period 19th. to 31st December, 1966. I assumed command from CAPTAIN A.M. SYNNOT, R.A.N. at 1200 Monday 19th December, 1966.

2. The ship has remained berthed at the Oil Wharf, Garden Island throughout the period.

3. Seasonal leave for the Ship's Company is in progress.

4. A children's party for the families of the Ship's Company was held onboard on Thursday 22nd. This provided an extra treat for the children during the festive season.

5. I called on the Flag Officer-in-Charge, EAST AUSTRALIA AREA, REAR ADMIRAL T.K. MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N. at 0930 on Tuesday 20th. REAR ADMIRAL MORRISON returned my call at 1130 on Thursday 22nd.

6. The Captain, Her Majesty's Australian Ship, QUEENBOROUGH, COMMANDER J.P. VAN GELDER, R.A.N. called on me at 1230 Friday 23rd.

7. There have been no exercises carried out during the period.

8. TECHNICAL

(a) Engineering.

Main engines, boilers and auxiliary machinery generally have performed satisfactorily. The R.A.N.E.R. senior sailors embarked for A.C.T. again proved very useful in supplementing the watchkeepers borne. Training of junior sailors, ORDME, and R.A.N.E.R. junior sailors has satisfactorily progressed.

(b) Electrical.

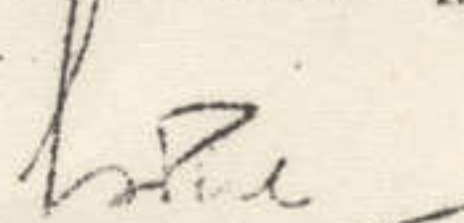
No occurrence of note occurred during the period.

9. The health and morale of the Ship's Company has remained satisfactory for the final days of the year.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(E.J. PEEL.)
CAPTAIN.

The Flag Officer, Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

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APPENDIX "A" TO HMAS SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -
19TH.-31ST. DECEMBER, 1966

STEAMING FIGURES

(a) Distance steamed during the period	Nil
(b) Hours underway during the period	Nil
(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning	117,759.2
(d) Total hours underway since commissioning	8217
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil

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HMAS SYDNEY.
at Sydney.

19th December, 1966.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 1ST-19TH DECEMBER
1966

(All times local)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMAS SYDNEY under my command for the period 1st-19th December, 1966.

2. On Thursday 1st December, HMAS SYDNEY was berthed starboard side to at Outer East Station Pier, Melbourne. During the ensuing two days maintenance was progressed and a limited amount of free freight embarked for passage to Sydney.

3. On Saturday 3rd December, 2 Reserve officers and 14 Reserve sailors embarked for Annual Continuous Training. At 1130 the ship cast off and proceeded for Spencer Gulf. Poor visibility and a strong south easterly wind were predominant throughout the passage. The ship anchored in Spalding Cove in the approaches to Port Lincoln at 0800 on Monday 5th. HMAS ANZAC (COMMANDER I.W. BROBEN, R.A.N.) was already at anchor here.

4. During the day I carried out the Annual Harbour Inspection of HMAS ANZAC. The inspection of the Ship's Company at Divisions was postponed because of inclement weather.

5. On Tuesday 6th, I embarked in HMAS ANZAC to carry out the Annual Sea Inspection, both the SYDNEY and the ANZAC proceeding at 0715. During the day various Seamanship, N.B.C.D., A.I.O., Communication and Weapon drills were carried out.

6. At 1430 that afternoon, the ANZAC berthed at Brennan Jetty East. Then I returned by boat to the SYDNEY to berth the ship port side to at the new Tanker Jetty, Kirton Point. Tugs were not available but no difficulty was experienced. The jetty and dolphins are substantial and the jetty well fendered.

7. In the evening a Squadron reception was held on-board the ANZAC, and on completion I entertained some local residents, including the Mayor of Port Lincoln, Mr. P.L. Puckridge, to buffet supper onboard the SYDNEY.

8. At 0930 on Wednesday 7th, I inspected the Ship's Company of HMAS ANZAC at divisions. This was followed by departmental inspections.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

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9. During the afternoon, the Sydney was open to visitors and a great many local people took the opportunity to tour the ship.
10. On the forenoon of Wednesday 7th, a formal reception for officers of both ships was held in the Council Chambers, and in the evening a Mayoral reception was given in the Tasman Hotel. The Ship's Companies were received enthusiastically by the local people and there was a full programme of sport.
11. At 0830 on Thursday 8th, HMAS ANZAC proceeded for Sydney, and an hour later, HMAS SYDNEY, with a party of Sea Cadets embarked, proceeded. The Sea Cadets were disembarked into the Harbourmaster's launch at 1045. In view of the slow passage speed required, opportunity was taken to carry out an 8 knots consumption trial enroute to Adelaide.
12. At 0900 on Friday 9th, the ship berthed port side to at No 4 Wharf Outer Harbour, Adelaide. During the forenoon I called on the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of Adelaide, Mr. W.L. Bridgland, and the Premier the Honorable F.H. Walsh.
13. On completion of calls I lunched with the Commander Central Command, South Australia, Brigadier S.J. BLEECHMORE, C.B.E. and the Commanding Officer, R.A.A.F. Edinburgh, Air Commodore N. FORD, O.B.E., A.F.C.
14. At 1830 that evening a reception was held onboard for about 100 local dignitaries. After the reception, I entertained some prominent citizens including the Lord Mayor to supper.
15. On Sunday 11th, members of the local branch of the Ex-Navalmen's Association attended church.
16. On Saturday and Sunday the ship was open to visitors, 2364 and 6034 respectively coming onboard.
17. At 1030 on Monday 12th December, HMAS SYDNEY proceeded for Melbourne, anchoring 1 mile south of Gellibrand Light at 2110 on Tuesday 13th. At 0900 on Wednesday 14th, you, Sir, embarked by boat to carry out your Annual Inspection. After divisions the ship proceeded, clearing Port Phillip Heads at 1415. Rendezvous with HMAS DERWENT (COMMANDER G.J.H. WOOLRYCH, R.A.N.) was made at 1445. During the later afternoon, the DERWENT was replenished with 220 tons of furnace fuel oil.
18. The passage to Sydney continued in fine weather while your internal inspections were carried out. At 0700 on Friday 16th, the DERWENT embarked Fleet Staff Officers at Jervis Bay. These officers were then transferred by jackstay to the SYDNEY for departmental inspections.
19. At 1500 on Friday 16th, the Sydney secured starboard side to Oil Wharf, Garden Island, for self maintenance and leave.
20. During the month the Ship's Company was addressed on security in accordance with A.F. Memo 6/66 of 11th June, 1966.

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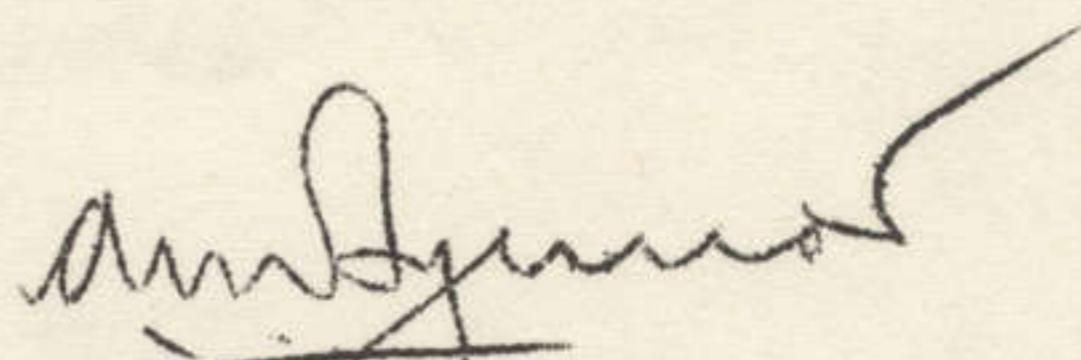
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21. The general state of the ship continues to be satisfactory. The health and morale of the Ship's Company has been good throughout the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(A.M. SYNNOT.)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A" TO HMAS SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
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STEAMING APPENDIX

1.	(a)	Distance steamed during the month	2059.3
	(b)	Hours underway during the month	163
	(c)	Total distance steamed since re-commissioning	117,759.2
	(d)	Total hours underway since re-commissioning	8217
	(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil
2.	(a)	Distance steamed during year	42,261.5
	(b)	Hours underway during year	2932

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APPENDIX "B" TO HMAS SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
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EXERCISES

Seamanship

Seaboat	6th.
Steering Gear Breakdown	13th.
R.A.S. (Supplying)	6th, 14th.
Emergency/Leaving Ship Stations	13th.
Night Action Stations	8th.
Jackstay Transfer (Supplying)	16th.
Jackstay Transfer (Receiving)	6th.

N.B.C.D.

Minor N.B.C.D. Exercise	8th, 13th.
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Gunnery

Landing Party Mustered	7th.
Boarding Party Mustered	7th.

T.A.S.

Exercise Divers	5th, 7th, 9th, 11th.
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A.I.O.

Voice Procedure	15th.
JASEX	6th.
AAGCX	6th, 15th, (2), 16th.
REL/VEL	6th, 15th.
HSPX	16th(2).
SPX(B)	15th(2).
Logging	15th.

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SPORT

The sport played onboard was limited by preparations for public inspection at Port Lincoln and Adelaide, and later for Admiral's inspection. There were however, several competition and non-competition volleyball games played in the lift wells. The "ROUGES" defeated the "BAND" for the interpart volleyball trophy.

2. A busy sporting programme was arranged for Melbourne, Port Lincoln and Adelaide, the results of which are as follows:

<u>MELBOURNE</u>	- <u>Cricket</u>	SYDNEY 95 def. YARRA/LONSDALE 82.
	- <u>Basketball</u>	HMAS CERBERUS 48 def. SYDNEY 28.
<u>PORT LINCOLN</u>	- <u>Cricket</u>	SYDNEY 1st. 129 drew with Port Lincoln 129
		SYDNEY 2nd. 85 lost to Port Lincoln 3/86
		SYDNEY 3rd. 2/113 def. Port Lincoln 90.
	- <u>Basketball</u>	SYDNEY 1st. 40 def. Port Lincoln 29.
	- <u>Hockey</u>	SYDNEY 3 def. Port Lincoln 2.
<u>ADELAIDE.</u>	- <u>Cricket</u>	R.A.A.F. 149 def. SYDNEY 61.
	- <u>Basketball</u>	SYDNEY 58 def. R.A.A.F. 42.

3. Tennis, social golf, rifle shooting and sailing were also organised during the stay in Port Lincoln.

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APPENDIX "D" TO HMAS SYDNEY'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
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MOVEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

<u>DATE FROM</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>DATE TO</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1.12.66	MELBOURNE	3.12.66	Embark Reserve Presonnel.
3.12.66	SEA	5.12.66	Passage to Spencer Gulf.
5.12.66	SPENCER GULF	6.12.66	ANZAC Inspection.
6.12.66	PORT LINCOLN	8.12.66	-
9.12.66	ADELAIDE	12.12.66	-
12.12.66	SEA	13.12.66	Passage to Melbourne.
13.12.66	MELBOURNE	14.12.66	Embark FOCAF. Dis-embark Reserves.
14.12.66	SEA	16.12.66	Annual Inspection
16.12.66	SYDNEY	-	Leave and Maintain.

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EXERCISES

Communications.

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MOVEMENTS

Nil

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CALLS

1. Paid.

0930 Tuesday 20th. - The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA - REAR
ADMIRAL K.T. MORRISON, C.B.E.
D.S.C., R.A.N.

2/ Received.

1130 Thursday 22nd. - The Flag Officer-in-Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA - REAR
ADMIRAL K.T. MORRISON, C.B.E.
D.S.C., R.A.N.

1230 Friday 23rd. - The Captain, HMAS QUEENBOR-
OUGH - COMMANDER J.P. VAN
GELDER, R.A.N.

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