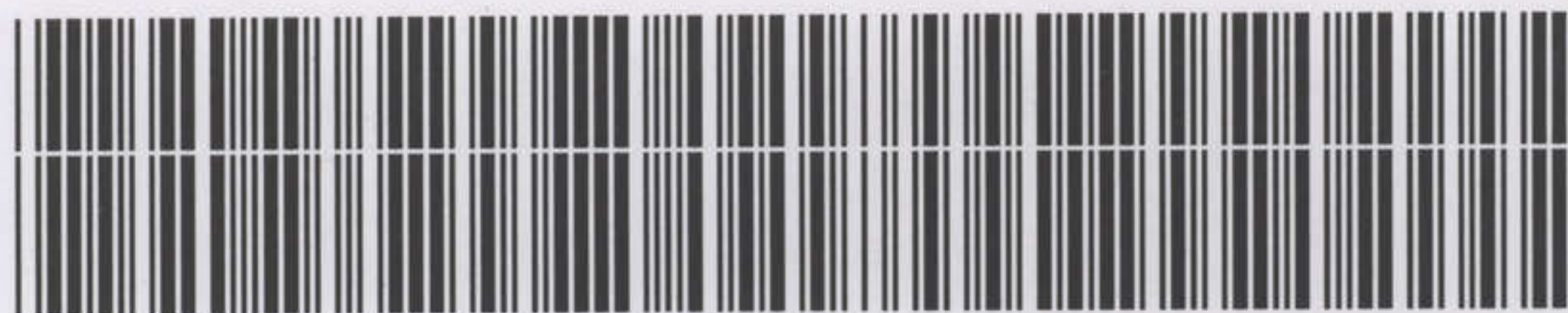


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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

15th January, 1968.

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

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1968

IST TO 15TH JANUARY, 1968

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship, SYDNEY, under my command from 1st to 15th January, 1968. All times are local as indicated.
2. At the beginning of the month the ship was on passage from Christmas Island area to Fremantle.
3. SYDNEY arrived off the entrance to Fremantle at 1130(-8) on Wednesday 3rd and thirty minutes later berthed starboard side to "G" berth, Victoria Quay. This was the first occasion for many months that the ship had berthed without having first to complete a 180 degree turn in the confines of a harbour. I was absolutely delighted.
4. I called on the Naval Officer in Charge, Western Australia, Commodore H.D. STEVENSON, R.A.N., during the forenoon. As the visit to Fremantle was for operational reasons this was the only call paid.
5. On Thursday 4th it was my pleasure to entertain to luncheon the Honorable Mr. Frederick CHANEY, D.F.C., M.P., and Mrs. CHANEY, Commodore H.D. STEVENSON, R.A.N., and Mrs STEVENSON, Commodore W.B.M. MARKS, D.S.C., (retired) and Mrs. MARKS.
6. The ship cast off from Victoria Quay at 1504(-8) that afternoon and proceeded for Sydney. The passage eastward across the Great Australian Bight was uneventful. An annual full power trial was satisfactorily carried out on Tuesday 9th. Later that same day a major Damage Control exercise took place. During the evening at 1732(-10) the four Wessex helicopters comprising 817 Squadron were flown off to proceed to Nowra. The helicopters will remain at Nowra until the completion of embarking cargo in Sydney.
7. SYDNEY entered Sydney Harbour at 0400(-10) on Wednesday 10th and proceeded direct to the D.G. Range. Initially the range was fouled by a merchant ship. This ship was eventually cleared from the area at 0600, six runs having been completed prior to this time. A total of 16 runs over the range were made within a three hour period. On completion SYDNEY secured to No.3 buoy at 0825 and embarkation of Army ammunition cargo began soon after. The ship slipped from the buoy at 1340 and was moved by tugs to the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island, berthing at 1434.
8. The main and auxiliary machinery has performed satisfactorily. In order to reduce the work load in Sydney a number of steam leaks were rectified while at Fremantle, members concerned. of the Engine Room Department working all night. Electrical equipment has also been satisfactory with the exception of teletype units and "A" gyro, both items being undertaken by URDEF action on arrival in Sydney.

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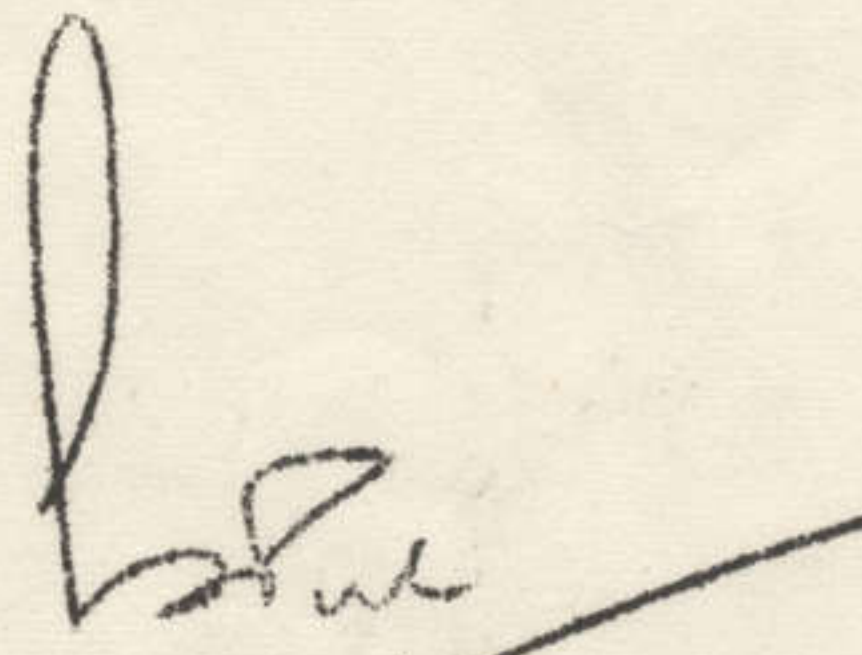
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9. The health of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory for the period although a large number of the Wardroom Officers were afflicted with stomach disorder for a short period. The morale of all onboard remains good. Advantage was taken of the ship's visit to Fremantle to despatch all Western Australians to long leave, all to rejoin the ship at Sydney.

10. At 1030 Monday 15th January, 1968, I handed over command of the ship to Captain D.A.H. CLARKE, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant


(E.J. Peel)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING FIGURES

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- (a) Distance run for the period - 3357.0 miles
- (b) Hours underway for the period - 194 hrs 53 mins
- (c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 153,565.0 miles
- (d) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 10,434 hrs 4 mins
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed - -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED/HR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REASON</u>
1	24 hrs	19	8	2.375	Rover 1
2	24 hrs	19	8	2.375	Rover 1
3	11 hrs	19	8	2.375	Rover 1
4	8 hrs	17	6	2.83	Rover 1
5	24 hrs	17	6	2.83	Rover 1
6	23½ hrs	17	6	2.83	Rover 1
7	23½ hrs	17	6	2.83	Rover 1
8	24 hrs	17.2	6.2	2.774	Rover 1
9	12 hrs	17.7	6.5	2.72	Rover 1
9	2 hrs	21.8	10.2	2.13	Work up/reduct- ion power tria.
9	2 hrs	24.46	14.15	1.73	Annual full power trial

APPENDIX "B" - EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE PERIOD

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER/TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Day flying	17½ hrs	3,4,5,8,9.
Helo direction	14 hrs	5,8.
Damage Control	2 hrs	8
Major damage control exercise	1	9
Man overboard	1	8
Full power trial	1	9

APPENDIX "C" - SPORTING RESULTS

Nil

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sea.

5th February, 1968.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - 15TH TO 31ST JANUARY, 1968

(All times Zone time as indicated)

Sir

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, from 15th to 31st January, 1968.
2. I assumed command of HMAS SYDNEY from Captain E.J. PEEL D.S.C., R.A.N. at 1030 on Monday 15th.
3. Final loading of the ship for the current South Vietnam voyage continued until 1600K Tuesday 16th.
4. At 1130K on the following day the four Wessex Helicopters comprising 817 Squadron rejoined from HMAS ALBATROSS.
5. You Sir, informally visited the ship at 1400K Wednesday 16th and shortly after your arrival the Minister for the Navy The Honorable Mr. D.L. CHIPP M.P. also informally called. You left the ship in the company of the Minister for the Navy at 1510K and 25 minutes later the ship cast off from the Fitting Out Wharf and proceeded for Manus Island. In addition to the embarked cargo and stores for South Vietnam, vehicles and stores were also to be shipped to Thailand for the current SEATO exercise. Miscellaneous companies of Army personnel totalling 320 destined for both terminal ports comprised the troop detachment for individual relief in South Vietnam.
6. The passage to Manus proved to be routine except for the presence of cyclone BRENDA in the Coral Sea. Strong winds and medium seas were experienced as the cyclone was approached but the ship passed well clear to the west of the system without further incident.
7. Gun functioning trials were carried out during the forenoon of Friday 19th. Details of all exercises carried out during the period are listed in Appendix "B".
8. SYDNEY passed through Jomard Passage at 0600K Sunday 21st and later that forenoon the first man overboard trial using a Gemeni instead of a Zodiac was conducted. The Gemeni, being heavier than the Zodiac, recovered the "Man overboard" in 2 minutes and was finally hoisted clear of the water 7 minutes after slipping. Although the times were slower than those attained by the Zodiac they still remain less than the seaboat method. The Gemeni was slipped at a ship's speed of 18 knots.
9. Two helicopters were flown along the New Guinea coast on Monday 22nd. They approached the coast at Dreger Harbour and progressed northward to Sio Island. Later a message was received from the District Commissioner which indicated appreciation for the "flag showing" sortie. "Him fella watchum egg beater belonga Navy fella" will be repeated as opportunity permits.
10. SYDNEY entered Seeadler Harbour at 0710K on Tuesday 23rd and 50 minutes later moored off the fuelling installation at Manus.
11. The Naval Officer in Charge, Papua and New Guinea, called on me immediately after securing.

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12. Due to a hydraulic fault which developed in the starboard after LCM hoisting equipment which would have taken at least 12 hours to make operational, it was decided to leave LCM 761 at Manus in the custody of NOIC, PNG. The ship sailed from Manus at 2030K.

13. At 0900H Sunday 28th HMAS STUART rendezvoused with the ship in Balabac Strait. STUART remained in company for the remainder of the month. The two ships comprised task group 327.6 for the current operation.

14. The Task Group arrived off the new port complex at Sattahip, Thailand at 0730G on Wednesday 31st. SYDNEY entered the new deep water harbour and berthed port side to No. 1 berth while STUART anchored off the port approaches.

15. On finally securing at 0850G I received Brigadier General J. CLARK United States Army and members of the SEATO exercise planning group. Captain R.J. SCRIVENOR R.A.N. was also in attendance. Later during the forenoon, His Excellency the Australian Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. A.H. LOOMES, O.B.E., B.A., LL.B. lunched onboard with me.

16. Unloading at the first terminal port was completed by 1530 and thirty minutes later the Task group proceeded for South Vietnam.

17. Main engines and auxiliary machinery generally have performed satisfactorily during the period. A separate report has been forwarded concerning the starboard after LCM davits and hoisting gear.

18. Electrical equipment in general has also been satisfactory. The URDEF's on "A" gyro and teletype equipment were completed before departure from Sydney.

19. The health of the ship's company remains satisfactory and morale within the ship received a boost when personnel were informed that Xmas leave would soon be taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(D.A.H. Clarke)
(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING FIGURES

- (a) Distance steamed during the period - 5425.0 miles
(b) Hours underway during the period - 318 hrs 28 mins
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 158,990.0 miles
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 10,752 hrs 33 mins
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> <u>(HOURS)</u>	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED/HR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REASON</u>
17	8	18.5	7.75	2.46	ROVER TWO
18	24	18.7	7.9	2.36	"
19	17	17.7	7.1	2.49	"
20	8	17.0	6.6	2.57	"
23	2	18.0	7.5	2.4	"
24	24	18.0	7.5	2.4	"
25	22	18.0	7.5	2.4	"
26	24	18.0	7.5	2.4	"
27	12	18.0	7.5	2.4	"
29	1	19.7	8.75	2.25	"

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APPENDIX "B" - EXERCISES CARRIED OUT
DURING THE PERIOD

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>No./TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>Seamanship/General</u>		
Emergency/Leaving ship Stations	1	17
Lifesaving Equipment display	2	18
LCM training	6 hrs	23
Manoverboard drills	5	21, 22, 24, 25, 30
Steering gear breakdowns	3	19, 25, 27
Ditched helo recovery	1	27
R.A.S.	1	28
Light jackstay transfers	5	28, 29, 30
RAS Leapfrogs	1	29
<u>Damage Control</u>		
Damage control drills	6	18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 29
<u>Air</u>		
Day flying	35 hrs	19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30
<u>A.I.O.</u>		
Plotting exercises	5	24, 25, 26, 29, 30
Helo direction	35 hrs	19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30
<u>Gunnery</u>		
Gun functioning	1	19
CRSUF	2	25, 29
AACRF	1	29
<u>Communications</u>		
Daily Navcomex's carried out including flashing and semaphore drills for Midshipmen.		

APPENDIX "C" - SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
17	1531K	Cast off and proceeded for Manus Island.
23	0800K	Anchored Seeadler Harbour to refuel.
23	2030K	Weighed and proceeded for Sattahip.
31	0850G	Berthed port side to No.1 Berth, Sattahip.
31	1600G	Cast off and proceeded for Vung Tau.

APPENDIX "D" - SPORTING RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
23	Basketball	vs Tarangau	Won
23	Water Polo	vs Tarangau	Lost
23	Volley Ball 1	vs Tarangau	Won
23	Volley Ball 2	vs Tarangau	Lost
28	Volley Ball	vs Army (4 teams each)	Won
	Knock out competition.		
	Total representation - 60		

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(HMAS SYDNEY's 2/4/1 of 5th March, 1968.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

1. Forwarded. The progress made in training for higher rank is very satisfactory.
2. The attention of the Captain, HMAS SYDNEY has been drawn to the need for accuracy, particularly in paragraph 6.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1968.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY under my command, for the month of February, 1968. All times are local as indicated.
2. SYDNEY, with HMAS STUART in company, was on passage from Sattahip Thailand to Vung Tau, South Vietnam at the start of the month.
3. A previously scheduled replenishment at sea of STUART, close range surface firings and transfer of Army personnel to visit the escort, all took place on Thursday 1st. All exercises carried out during the month are listed in Appendix "C".
4. Defence watches were set within the Task Group at 1600(-8) on Friday 2nd and just prior to midnight both ships entered the Market Time area.
5. At 0703(-8) the following day SYDNEY anchored in A12 berth Baie de Gahn Rai. STUART, having been detached to proceed independently at 0530(-8), anchored close northeast of SYDNEY. The disembarkation of troops and the unloading of cargo progressed throughout the forenoon. Due to the CHINOOK helicopters not being available all troops were disembarked to Vung Tau by ship's LCM's. The services of a CH -54A "Skycrane" helicopter were once again available to transport vehicles from the ship to shore and also to return empty sea containers and unserviceable vehicles to the ship. On completion of the task the "Skycrane" crew were claiming a world record for the tonnage lifted by one helicopter in one day.
6. ^{KBE} The Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Allan McNicoll C.B., C.B.E., G.M. and Major General A.L. MacDonald O.B.E., The Commander, Australian Forces Vietnam, visited the ship during unloading operations.
7. Having completed the backloading of unserviceable vehicles SYDNEY weighed anchor at 1200(-8) and shifted berth to a less hostile position south of Cap St Jacques light to complete securing for sea. I entertained my two distinguished visitors to luncheon while anchored in this alternative position.
8. At 1415(-8) my guests left the ship and twelve minutes later the ship weighed anchor and proceeded for the Singapore area, HMAS STUART remaining in company.
9. As R.F.A. GOLD RANGER had been assigned to replenish the Task Group and as SYDNEY required her complete FFO cargo, HMAS STUART was detached late during the evening of Sunday 4th to proceed to Singapore Naval Base to refuel. SYDNEY anchored in the vicinity of the Johore Shoal buoy at 0803(-8) on Monday 5th and by 0945 GOLD RANGER had secured alongside and commenced refuelling the ship. Six and one half hours were required to replenish SYDNEY.
10. While at anchor in the Singapore area I took the opportunity to call on the Commander Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral W.D. O'Brien C.B. D.S.C., and I later lunched with him at his residence.



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11. The ship sailed from the Singapore area at 1657(-8) and as SYDNEY cleared the confines of the Strait STUART rejoined from independent exercises. Course was set for the Darwin area, the ship being routed through Karamata Strait and Wetar Strait. On Tuesday 6th at 1950(-8) STUART was detached to return to her duties on the Malayan Strategic Reserve. Commander R.G. Loosli R.A.N., lunched with me prior to STUART being detached.
12. In the approach to Darwin, at 0700(-9) on Saturday 10th mail was received from HMAS MELVILLE and the ship then continued the passage for Sydney.
13. Opportunity was taken to land Queensland libertymen at 1600(-10) on Tuesday 13th as the ship passed by Townsville. Customs officials were also embarked during the morning of Thursday 15th while in the vicinity of Cape Moreton. Helicopters from 817 Squadron were employed to carry out both of the above transfers.
14. The ship arrived at Sydney at 0800(-10) on Friday 16th and, after anchoring in Athol Bight to embark a small quantity of ammunition SYDNEY, finally berthed at the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island at 0933(-10). 817 Squadron helicopters were despatched to HMAS ALBATROSS for the duration of the current leave period.
15. Your flag Sir, was transferred to SYDNEY at 0800 on Monday 19th.
16. Appreciable progress was made during the month in the training of Ordinary Seamen (Various). This has permitted advancement of the course completion date for the 87 Ordinary Seamen borne, from 30th June to 19th April 1968.
17. Higher Rank training was also satisfactorily progressed. Appendix "E" lists the results of this training.
18. The main and auxiliary machinery have performed satisfactorily during the month. All defects submitted during the month have been accepted for progress during the current leave period. Contractors are investigating the defects in the starboard after LCM davits and hoisting gear.
19. The health of the ship's company has been satisfactory during the period and the advent of the leave period has provided the expected boost to morale. The Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING FIGURES

- (A) Distance steamed during the month - 5,523.4 miles
(B) Hours underway during the month - 346 hrs 37 mins
(C) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 164,513.4 miles
(D) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 11,099 hrs 10 mins
(E) Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME HOURS</u>	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED/HR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REASON</u>
3	3	18	7.5	2.4	To clear Market Time Area.
5	7	18.1	7.5	2.4	Rover 3
6	24	18	7.5	2.4	" "
7	24	18	7.5	2.4	" "
8	12	17.3	6.6	2.6	" "
10	16	18	7.5	2.4	" "
11	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	7.5	2.4	" "
12	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	7.5	2.4	" "
13	19	18.9	7.35	2.5	" "
14	20	19	7.35	2.4	" "
15	7	20	8.1	2.4	" "

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 APPENDIX "B" SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
Saturday 3rd	0702(-8)	Anchored A12 berth Vung Tau
	1200-1254	Shifted berth to anchorage south of cap St. Jacques
	1427	Weighed and proceeded for Singapore Area, STUART in company.
Sunday 4th	2355(-8)	Detached STUART for Singapore Naval Base to refuel
Monday 5th	0803(-8)	Anchored Singapore Strait to refuel
	1657	Weighed anchor and proceeded for Darwin Area
	1800	STUART joined from detached duties
Tuesday 6th	1950 (-8)	STUART detached from Task Group 327.6
Saturday 10th	0700(-9)	Mail transfer in approaches to Darwin
Sunday 11th	2125(-9)	Torres Strait area
Tuesday 13th	0815(-10)	Anchored off cape Sandwich to clean ship
	1330	Weighed and proceeded
	1630	Landed Queensland libertymen at Townsville
Thursday 15th	0800(-10)	Embarked 5 Customs officials from Brisbane
Friday 16th	0831(-10) to 0900	Anchored in Athol Bight to embark ammunition
	0933	Berthed at Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island.

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APPENDIX "C" - EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER/TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
CRSUF	1	1.
Defence stations	26 hours	2, 3.
Pistol & SLR firings	4	2, 8, 10, 11.
<u>AIO</u>		
Helo direction	34 hours	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16.
<u>AIR</u>		
Day flying	35 hrs 39 mins	1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16.
<u>GENERAL</u>		
R.A.S STUART	1	1.
Light Jackstay transfers	3	1, 6.
Gemeni/Zodiac personnel transfers	3	4, 6.
LCM training	1 week	23rd onwards.
<u>NBCD</u>		
Section drills	5	1, 8, 9, 12, 13.
Communications drill	1	6
Shoring	2	6, 7.
Control exercise	1	14.
<u>DIVING</u>		
General diving	8 hrs	3, 13.

APPENDIX "D" - SPORTING RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
21st	Volley ball	MELBOURNE	Draw

APPENDIX "E"

	<u>FOR PETTY OFFICER</u>			<u>FOR LEADING HAND</u>		
	<u>SAT</u>	<u>PASSED</u>	<u>FAILED</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>PASSED</u>	<u>FAILED</u>
SECT I PT I	20	20	-	24	24	-
SECT I PT II	21	21	-	21	21	-
SECT II	NIL	-	-	26	Results not yet received.	

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of March, 1968. All times are Zone (-10).

2. The ship remained alongside at Garden Island until Wednesday 27th. During this period long leave was given to the ship's company and the opportunity was taken to progress outstanding defects. Two fumigations of the ship were also conducted during the leave period.
3. In order to progress ship maintenance, Apprentices from the Apprentice training establishment, HMAS NIRIMBA, and junior sailors from HMAS ALBATROSS supplemented the ship's company. The loan of these sailors from their parent establishments proved to be invaluable.
4. At 1000 on Monday 18th the change over ceremony of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet took place on the flight deck. Representative numbers from all ships in port attended the ceremony.
5. On Tuesday 19th; at 1130, the Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Alan McNICOLL, K.B.E., C.B., G.M., made a farewell visit to the Fleet on the occasion of his retirement.
6. Successful basin trials were carried out on Friday 22nd and on the following day, at 0800, special security measures were implemented for the ship's forthcoming departure to South Vietnam. Unit stores of the 1st battalion R.A.R. and a small number of vehicles constituted the cargo for the voyage. All cargo was embarked on Monday 25th.
7. 516 troops joined the ship during the forenoon on Wednesday 27th. The troops were permitted to farewell their families and friends on the wharf before sailing and at 1500 SYDNEY cast off and proceeded to sea. The helicopters of 817 Squadron rejoined from HMAS ALBATROSS at 1130, several hours before the ships departure for Manus. Concentrated helicopter flying took place during the passage north along the eastern seaboard and in the Coral Sea.
8. The current ASAC course took passage in the ship from Sydney to Manus to gain practical helicopter control experience.
9. A soldier from 1 R.A.R. was injured during the forenoon of Sunday 31st. In order to land the patient at suitable hospital facilities the ship's planned passage via Vitiáz Strait was altered via St Georges Channel in order to land the patient at Rabaul. My messages DTG 310245Z and DTG 310259Z refer.
10. As the month came to a close the ship was steaming northward off the east coast of New Britain to be in position to transfer the patient ashore by helicopter on the following morning.
11. All Marine engineering and Electrical machinery and equipment has performed satisfactorily during the month.



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12. An exceptionally large amount of work was carried out at the self maintenance availability with valuable assistance rendered from the Fleet Maintenance party.

13. All outstanding URDEF's were completed by the dockyard and the LCM 6 hoisting and lowering equipment defects were remedied by the contractors. Engineering training has resumed and is progressing at a satisfactory rate.

14. During the month the ship's company was warned on security in accordance with AFGO 1168.

15. The health of the ship's company has been satisfactory and as a result of the leave taken during the month, morale is greatly improved. The Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

D.A.H. Clarke

(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A"

CONFIDENTIALSTEAMING FIGURES

- (A) Distance steamed during the month - 1,801.6 miles
 (B) Hours underway during the month - 105 hours
 (C) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 166,315.0 miles
 (D) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 11,204 hrs 10 mins
 (E) Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME HOURS</u>	<u>AV SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED/HR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
27	7	18	10.1	1.53	Rover 4
28	24	17.9	7.16	2.5	"
29	24	17.5	7.16	2.42	"
30	19	17.5	6.83	2.32	"
31	24	17.1	6.54	2.46	"

APPENDIX "B"SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
27	1500	Cast off and proceeded from Sydney.

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APPENDIX "C" -- EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER/TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>GENERAL</u>		
Emergency and leaving ship stations	1	27.
Steering Gear Breakdown	2	27, 28.
Man overboard drills (day and night)	5	27, 28, 29, 31.
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
Gun functioning trials	1	29.
<u>AIO</u>		
Helicopter Control	55 hours	28, 29, 30, 31.
<u>AIR</u>		
Day flying	56 hours	27, 28, 29, 30, 31.
<u>NBCD</u>		
Section Base drills	2	28, 29.

APPENDIX "D" -- SPORTING RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VERSUS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
2nd	Volley Ball	MELBOURNE	WON
5th	Rugby	KIMBLA	WON
20th	Golf	WATSON/RUSHCUTTER	WON
20th	Rugby	WATSON/RUSHCUTTER	DREW

TOTAL REPRESENTATION ... 60

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(HMAS SYDNEY's 2.4.1 of 6th May, 1968.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

1. Forwarded. SYDNEY carried out her troop transport role most efficiently on this voyage.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

6th May, 1968.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of April, 1968. All times are local time as indicated.

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was steaming north through the St. Georges Channel between New Britain and New Ireland having diverted to Rabaul to land an injured soldier of the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. At 0600(-10) on Monday 1st the patient was landed at Rabaul by helicopter and the ship continued on passage for Manus.
3. Force 7 winds from the west were experienced as the ship approached Manus. The conditions dictated that it would be prudent not to Mediteranean Moor to a lee shore so at 0741(-10) on Tuesday 2nd SYDNEY anchored 5 cables to the east of Lombrum Point. Refuelling was accomplished from the Oil Fuel Lighter. 100 tons of ADD was also embarked from the lighter to make up the total burnable fuel required for the next passage. Two LCM's were used to assist movement of the OFL.
4. Her Majesty's Ships CAMBRIAN (Commander W.R. Canning) and ZEST (Commander P.L. Poland) were berthed at the TARANGAU jetty during SYDNEY's visit.
5. LCM 761 which has been left at TARANGAU during the previous South Vietnam voyage was returned to the ship.
6. At 1439(-10) the ship sailed from Manus.
7. The passage to the Philippine Area was uneventful. The strong westerly winds persisted for two days. This was caused by the northerly movement of the Intertropical convergence zone toward a stationary Low pressure system and the resultant increase in the isobar gradient. SYDNEY transitted Basilan Strait at 1100(-9) on Saturday 6th and at 0600(-8) on the following morning the ship cleared through Balabac Strait.
8. HMAS PARRAMATTA rendezvoused with SYDNEY at 0745(-8) on Sunday 7th. Chaplains were transferred to PARRAMATTA by helicopter soon after the rendezvous was effected. Later in the forenoon PARRAMATTA was refuelled and at the same time the chaplains were returned to the ship.
9. Jackstay transfers, Surface and AA firings and helicopter screening were conducted on passage to Vung Tau. A list of all exercises carried out during the month are shown in Appendix "B".



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10. An aircraft emergency was declared by Helicopter 814 at 1410(-8) on Monday 8th. A defect had occurred in the engine fuel system and the resultant engine overspeeding caused the aircraft to climb. Marginal Control was eventually regained and after a period the helicopter was safely landed on. Two crew members were recovered by PARRAMATTA after they had ditched into the sea for safety reasons.

11. Defence stations were closed up in the Task Group at 1600(-8) on Monday 8th and the remainder of the passage to Vung Tau was uneventful.

12. At 0700(-8) on Tuesday 9th, SYDNEY anchored in Baie de Ganh Rai. PARRAMATTA had been detached at 0530(-8) to sweep ahead and proceed direct to her assigned berth. After anchoring it was learnt that the Chinook helicopters and the "Skycrane" helicopter would not be available to assist in the disembarkation of personnel and stores nor the backloading of the relieved battalion. The alternate plan employing lighterage from the Alaska Barge Company and the ship's LCM's was therefore implemented. The landing of 1 RAR and the embarkation of 7 RAR and the battalion Unit Stores progressed satisfactorily. Because of the non availability of the "Skycrane" backloading of some non goer vehicles was cancelled. During the forenoon my Executive Officer and the Fleet Aviation Officer visited the RAN HFV at "Blackhorse". Concurrently some of the RAN aircrew from the HFV visited the ship. At 1400(-8) SYDNEY weighed anchor and proceeded for Sattahip, Thailand.

13. It is with pleasure that I report that the Midshipmen GLEX who crewed the LCM's proved themselves to be very competent coxswains. Their manner in handling the craft was commendable and the initiative they displayed in beaching their craft despite several bow door failures was of a high order. The bow door failures were overcome by good seamanship.

14. As the ship sailed from the anchorage reports were received from the harbour patrol craft that swimmer activity was suspected in the area.

15. The passage to Sattahip was without incident and opportunity was taken to progress Officer of the Watch training during the period. PARRAMATTA was also replenished with FFO during the passage.

16. SYDNEY arrived off the channel entrance to Sattahip at 0630(-7) on Friday 12th. PARRAMATTA was detached to proceed to an anchorage close west of the entrance channel. It was not until 0800(-7) that activity within the harbour indicated that tugs and personnel were ready to receive the ship alongside. The ship berthed port side to No.1 berth at 0908(-7). Immediately after securing the embarkation of "SNOWGUM" freight and vehicles began. A defect in the floating crane prevented the crane from backloading the 15 ton "wrecker" vehicle. This vehicle was partially dismantled by ship's staff and then embarked by the NCK and 15 ton cranes.

17. At 0930(-7) I called on Rear Admiral JINAWAT WONGPENSRI, Royal Thai Navy, at the Sattahip Naval Base. He returned my call later in the forenoon.

18. Immediately all cargo had been embarked the ship cast off and at 1615(-7) course was set for the Singapore area. PARRAMATTA rejoined SYDNEY as she cleared the harbour channel.

19. Early in the morning watch on Sunday 14th, the medical officer reported that a serious case of peritonitis has developed and that the soldier concerned would require immediate surgical treatment. The patient was operated on at 0700(-7) and at 0930(-7) he was transferred to PARRAMATTA for transfer to BNH Singapore. SYDNEY then proceeded to effect the scheduled fresh provision replenishment with R.F.A. RESURGENT. On completion of the transfer at 1354(-7) course was set to rendezvous with R.F.A. *Tide surge* at the Singapore Exercise areas.

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20. At 0730(-7) on Monday 15th TIDESURGE was met to the east of Pulau Aur and SYDNEY approached the tanker to replenish F.F.O. During the replenishment two Russian Hydrographic survey vessels ALEXSEY CHIRIKOV and FEDORLITKE were overtaken. The former kept station one mile on SYDNEY's port quarter for approximately one hour and then moved ahead to the port bow for a short period before turning away to rejoin her sister ship further to the east. U.S.S. TICONDEROGA and three escorts were also met during the replenishment. The American group had just completed an Easter period R & R visit to Singapore.
21. HMAS PARRAMATTA rejoined as the Replenishment completed at 1115(-7) and after disengaging TIDESURGE returned to Singapore while SYDNEY and her escort proceeded for the Darwin Area.
22. PARRAMATTA was detached to return to duties with the Strategic Reserve at 0830(-7) on Tuesday 16th.
23. The return passage to Sydney was without incident. Mail was received and landed off Darwin on Saturday 20th and at 1400(-10) on Tuesday 23rd six Customs officials, 2 Quarantine officers and 2 Army personnel joined the ship from Townsville by helicopter.
24. Before the ship's entrance into Sydney harbour at 0700(-10) on Friday 26th 817 Squadron was flown off to remain at HMAS ALBATROSS during the ship's period in port. The ship finally berthed at the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island at 0801(-10).
25. A contingent of 200 of the Ship's Company joined 7 R.A.R., the Ship's Company of HMAS PERTH and a R.A.A.F. detachment for a march through the streets of Sydney at 1220 that same day. The ship's band supplemented by HMAS PENGUIN's band led the naval contingent.
26. The ship remained in Sydney for the remainder of the month. On Sunday 28th SYDNEY was opened to the public for inspection.
27. Training has progressed satisfactorily during the month. 81 Ordinary Seamen borne in the ship have now completed their Common Sea Training.
28. All main and auxiliary machinery including Weapons Electrical equipment has operated satisfactorily for the month. Present progress indicates that all outstanding URDEFS will be completed during the present period in harbour.
29. The health of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory and morale remains good. Credit is due to the victualling and galley personnel for the high standard of meals that was maintained throughout the last voyage to South Vietnam.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant

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D.A.H. Clarke
(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING FIGURES

- (A) Distance steamed during the month - 9,245.5 miles.
(B) Hours underway during the month - 585 hrs 56 mins.
(C) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 175,560.5 miles.
(D) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 11,790 hrs 6 mins.
(E) Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME HOURS</u>	<u>AV SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED/HR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2	6	18 kts	6.19	3.331	Rover 4
3	24	18 kts	7.5	2.38	"
4	25	17.6	7.32	2.39	"
5	19	18	7.58	2.31	"
7	14	17	6.62	2.41	"
8	15	17	6.41	2.44	"
9	4	18	7.47	1.87	"
16	16	17	6.86	2.49	"
17	24	17	6.16	2.69	"
18	14	17	6.45	2.40	"
20	14	18.5	5.87	2.77	"
21	24	17.2	7.91	2.30	"
22	23	19.1	7.79	2.40	"
23	22	19.1	7.58	2.32	"
24	18	19.0	7.65	2.30	"

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APPENDIX "B" - SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
Tues 2	0741	Anchored Seeadler Harbour.
	1439	Sailed from Manus.
Tues 9	0700	Anchored Vung Tau.
	1400	Sailed from Vung Tau.
Fri 12	0908	Berthed at Sattahip, Thailand.
	1613	Sailed from Sattahip, Thailand.
Sun 14	1257-	Replenishment with R.F.A. RESURGENT
	1354	
Mon 15	0750-	Replenishment with R.F.A. TIDESURGE
	1115	
Sat 20	0730	Mail transfer, Darwin Area.
Tues 23	1000	Anchored west of Orpheus Island.
	1156	Proceeded from Orpheus Island area.
	1400	Personnel helicopter transfer from Townsville.
Fri 26	0801	Berthed at Garden Island, Sydney

APPENDIX "C" - EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. <u>GENERAL</u>		
Action Stations	1	8.
Defence Stations	26 hrs.	8, 9.
Emergency Stations	2	9, 18.
Leaving Ship Stations	1	9.
Man overboard	6	1, 4, 7, 11, 15, 18.
Steering breakdowns	3	4, 8, 18.
Light jackstay transfers	2	7, 11.
R.A.S. Supplying	2	7, 11.
R.A.S. Receiving	1	15.
Seaboats drills	2	11, 13.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres	4	1, 10, 11.
R.A.S. Leap frogs.	3	8, 10, 13.
2. <u>GUNNERY</u>		
SUCRF	2	3, 8.
AACRF	1	8.

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APPENDIX "C" - EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH Continued:-

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER/TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
3. <u>AIG</u>		
Helicopter Direction	67 hrs	1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 20, 22, 23, 24.
Operation Awkward SPx (B)	1	10.
4. <u>NBCD</u>		
Section drills	3	3, 4, 5.
Major NBCDX	1	18.
5. <u>AIR</u>		
Day Flying	67 hrs	1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 20, 22, 23, 24.
6. <u>DIVING</u>		
Anchor and Anchor Buoy searches, Free Area aft searches, Vung Tau.	101 mins	9.
Sattahip - Jackstay swim and surface swim.	825 mins	12.
Clean screws in preparation packing Steam gland.	70 mins	29.
Pack stern gland.	90 mins	30.
	Number of days dived	- 4.
	Total time	- 1,086 mins (18 hrs. 6 mins).

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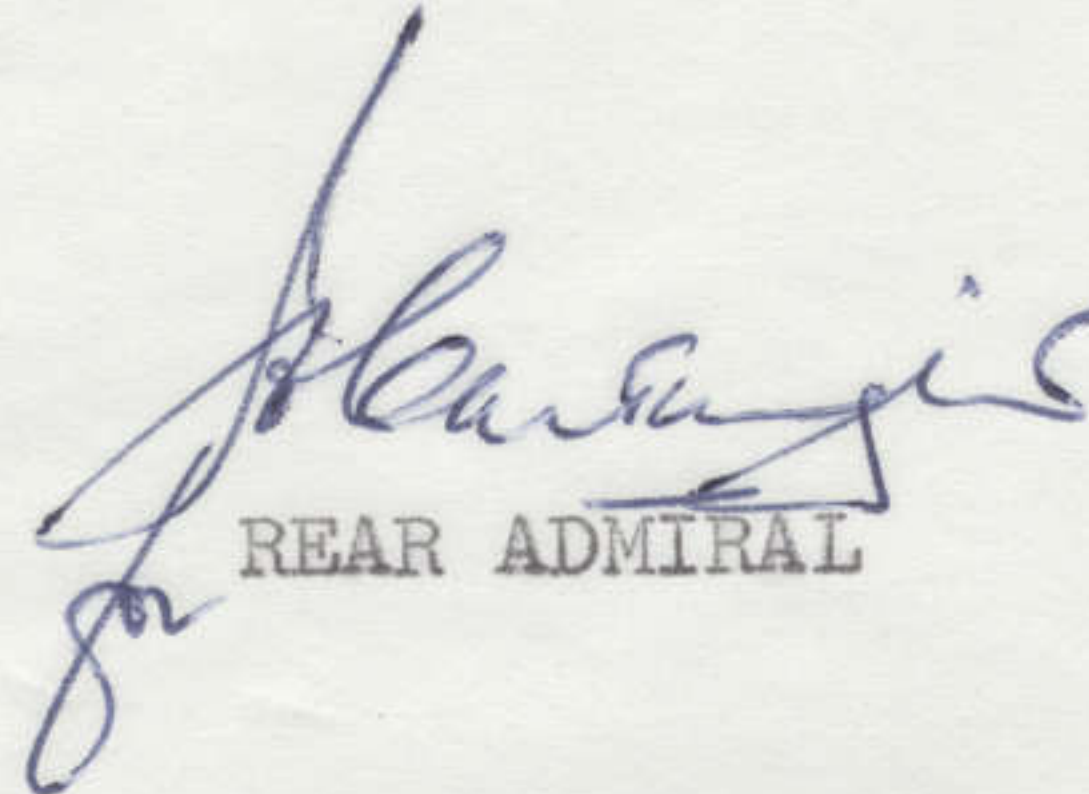
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of May, 1968. All times are local - Kilo unless otherwise indicated.

2. The first seventeen days of the month were spent alongside the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island.
3. On Thursday 9th May two Wessex helicopters were embarked for 24 hours in preparation for my sea inspection of HMAS QUEENBOROUGH, conducted on Friday 10th May. The QUEENBOROUGH's harbour inspection was conducted on Friday 17th May.
4. During the week ending Friday 17th May all final preparations and embarkation of cargo were completed before sailing Saturday, 18th May on voyage ROVER SIX.
5. At 0859 on Saturday 18th May the ship cast off and proceeded on passage to Brisbane. A delay in sailing of half an hour eventuated when one of the tugs scheduled for the movement broke down, and had to be replaced. At 1540, one of the ship's helicopters lifted the crew of three from the yacht YATANI, after an unsuccessful rescue attempt by a merchant vessel. The yacht's crew reported that they had been dismasted four days earlier and had spent that period adrift; without food or water for some of the time. Although looking worse for wear on arrival on board, a hot shower, some food, clothing and a cold drink worked wonders and at 1640 they were delivered ashore at Forster, N.S.W., apparently none the worse for their experiences.
6. On arrival at Caloundra Head at 1130 on Sunday 19th May winds of 35-40 knots were experienced. Local advice was requested from the pilot as to the advisability of a passage up the Brisbane River in those conditions. The pilot stated that the passage could safely be made, but I considered it prudent to request the services of a pilot. The ship proceeded up Moreton Bay and anchored off Pile Light to await the pilot cutter. The pilot did not get out into Moreton Bay before advising me that the passage would be hazardous, and he then returned back up the river.
7. Eventually the ship weighed and proceeded, with a pilot embarked at 0515 on Monday 20th May, and arrived off the BHP Wharf, Hamilton at 0700. The ship had to be held off against the wind for about 20 minutes while the berthing party completed positioning the catamarans. The after catamaran had become wedged between two piles, and was sticking out from the wharf, thus creating a danger of holing the side if I had allowed the ship to swing onto this catamaran. Unit stores were embarked during this day.
8. At 0800 on Monday 20th May your flag, sir, was shifted to the SYDNEY, and hoisted in this ship.
9. At 1000 on Tuesday 21st May the personnel of the 4th RAR commenced embarking. At 1255 the SYDNEY cast off and, after turning in the turning basin, proceeded down the river, and on clearing Caloundra Head at 1630, proceeded on passage for Manus Island.
10. At 0100 on Wednesday 22nd May HMAS ANZAC joined for escort duties. Whilst on passage to Manus Island you carried out your inspection of this ship, sir, and your staff officers completed their departmental inspections.




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11. During the afternoon of Thursday 23rd May you transferred to HMAS PALUMA, via Lunn Island, and your flag shifted to PALUMA and back to SYDNEY on your return at 1730.
12. At 0759 on Saturday 25th May the ship, with ANZAC in company, anchored off Lombrum Point in order that you could inspect HMAS TARANGAU. . . Your inspection completed, the ship weighed at 1610, and proceeded to rendezvous and refuel from HMAS SUPPLY. The refuelling was completed by 1915, and the Task Group proceeded on passage to Vung Tau. Whilst on passage numerous exercises were carried out, and the breakdown of exercises completed during the month is contained at Appendix 'C'. The ship transitted Basilan Strait during the forenoon watch on Wednesday 29th May and Balabac Strait during the middle and morning watches on Thursday 30th May.
13. Defence watches were closed up in the Task Group at 1600 (-8) on Friday 31st May in preparation to the ship's arrival at Vung Tau the following day.
14. Training has progressed satisfactorily. Eighty one Ordinary Seamen have left the ship on completion of Common Sea Training and seventy nine Junior Recruits have joined. Section 1 of the Promotion Board was passed by 11 candidates for Leading Seaman, 11 for Petty Officer and 8 for Chief Petty Officer. Results are not yet available for the thirty seven candidates who sat for the B.T.T. this month.
15. Weapon and electrical equipment has operated satisfactorily with the exception of the DGMM coil. A survey of this equipment was carried out by representatives of GMGID. The result of the investigation is not yet to hand.
16. All machinery has operated satisfactorily during the month of May. All URDEF's and INDEF's taken in hand by GMGID were completed. The hydraulic cooler for LCM 6 hoisting equipment has been fitted by ship's staff and further trials are progressing.
17. During the month the ship's company was addressed on security in accordance with AFGO 1168.
18. The health and conduct of the ship's company is satisfactory and morale is good.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient servant


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A' - STEAMING FIGURES

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- (A) Distance steamed during the month - 4,824.7 miles
- (B) Hours underway during the month - 281 hours
- (C) Total distance steamed since recommissioning - 180,384.2 miles
- (D) Total hours underway since recommissioning - 12,071 hours
- (E) Occasions of exceeding economical speed -

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME HOURS</u>	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED PER HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
18	13	20.0	8.1	2.47	ROVER SIX
19	11	20.2	8.1	2.5	" "
21	10	20.8	9.0	2.31	" "
22	24	21.1	9.1	2.32	" "
23	24	19.0	8.0	2.38	" "
24	23	18.7	7.75	2.4	" "
25	4	18.0	7.5	2.4	" "
26	24	17.9	7.5	2.39	" "
27	23	18.2	7.6	2.4	" "
28	16	17.8	7.4	2.4	" "
29	2	17	6.6	2.57	" "

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APPENDIX 'B' - SHIP MOVEMENTS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
Sat 18	0859	Sailed Sydney.
Sun 19	1350	Anchored Moreton Bay.
Mon 20	0515 0725	Weighed Moreton Bay. Berthed Brisbane.
Tue 21	1250	Sailed Brisbane.
Sat 25	0800 1610	Anchored Manus Island. Sailed Manus Island.

APPENDIX 'C' - EXERCISES

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>1. GENERAL</u>		
Action Stations	4	27 (2) 28 & 31
Defence Stations	1	31
Emergency Stations	2	18 & 21
Leaving Ship Stations	2	18 & 21
RAS Supplying	3	23, 28 & 31
RAS Receiving	1	25
RAS Leapfrog	1	23
<u>GUNNERY</u>		
SUCRF	3	23, 30 & 31
<u>A.I.O. & AIR</u>		
Helicopter Direction and day flying	74 5/60 hours	18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 & 31
<u>DIVING</u>		
Poker guage tests	28 mins.	10
Clean hull & propellers	949 mins	14
Diving drills	474 mins	15
Night searches, half necklace	416 mins	16
(Total 31 hours 7 minutes)		
<u>N.B.C.D.</u>		
Section Drills	3	18, 24 & 26
Major N.B.C.D.X.	1	28

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APPENDIX 'D' - SPORTING RESULTS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VERSUS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
1	Rugby	Destroyers/Frigates	won 20 - 3
1	"	MELBOURNE/KUTTABUL	won 6 - 3
1	Aust. Rules	NIRIMBA	won
1	Soccer	Destroyers/Frigates	won 7 - 3
2	Volley Ball	MELBOURNE	won 2 - 1
8	Rugby	ALBATROSS	lost 3 - 12
8	Aust. Rules	Destroyers/Frigates	lost 14 - 20
8	Golf	STALWART/PERTH	won
14	Rugby	DUCHESS	won 25 - 0
16	Rugby	MELBOURNE	won 6 - 3
20	Rugby	1st Field Regiment	won 13 - 10
20	Soccer	" " "	won 11 - 3
20	Aust. Rules	" " "	lost 16 - 30
20	Basketball	" " "	won 42 - 26
25	Volley Ball	Wardroom, ANZAC	won 3 - 0
25	" "	Cadets, "	won 3 - 0
25	" "	C & POs, "	won 3 - 0
25	" "	Ship's Co. 1 ANZAC	won 3 - 1
25	" "	" " 2 "	won 3 - 0

Total Representation: 242.

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(HMAS SYDNEY's 2/4/1 of 5th July, 1968.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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Office of the
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HMAS *Sydney*

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

5th July, 1968.

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

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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS = JUNE, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of June, 1968. All times are local - Kilo unless otherwise indicated.

2. At 0001H on Saturday, 1st June the ship had entered the MARKET TIME area on passage to Vung Tau in company was HMAS ANZAC. Both ships were at Defence Stations. At 0500H ANZAC was detached to proceed ahead into Vung Tau. In order to avoid being delayed on arrival at the anchor berth speed was increased to make the channel ahead of two merchant vessels, and accordingly the ship came to anchor at 0647H. The 4th RAR commenced disembarking by LCM at 0730H, and, after being delayed by grounding, the first lighter secured alongside at 0740H. At 0910H the 2nd RAR commenced embarking. At 1030H you, sir, departed from SYDNEY, and your flag was lowered. The ship weighed and proceeded with ANZAC in company for the Singapore area at 1305H on Saturday, 1st June.

3. At 0800H on Monday, 3rd June the first line was passed to RFA TIDEFLOW, and SYDNEY and ANZAC replenished from that ship. When ANZAC's replenishment was completed the ship was detached to proceed down the track in order to conserve fuel. SYDNEY completed replenishing at 1110H and proceeded to an anchorage in the vicinity of the Johore Shoal Bay to embark practice mines from HMS BARBAIN. The mines embarked, the ship weighed and proceeded at 1620H on Monday, 3rd June.

4. The rendezvous with HMAS ANZAC was effected at 1400H on Tuesday, 4th June, at 1730H ANZAC closed SYDNEY to refuel. At 1835H, on completion of the refuelling, ANZAC was detached to proceed ahead in order to arrive at Darwin for the Annual Darwin Festival.

5. At 0825I on Saturday 8th June SYDNEY stopped off the entrance to Darwin harbour to transfer mail and personnel by workboat. On completion of the transfer passage to Brisbane was resumed.

6. Torres Strait was transitted during the Middle Watch on Monday 10th June, and at 0647 on Tuesday 11th June the ship anchored off Fitzroy Island in order to clean the port side for the arrival at Brisbane. The Customs officers were embarked by helicopter from Cairns while the ship was at anchor. At 0855 the ship weighed and proceeded on passage to Brisbane.

7. For the last two days of this passage winds of force 4 - 6 were experienced and accordingly I considered it prudent to request N.O.I.C. Queensland to ask for the services of a pilot from the Pile Light if strong winds were forecast for the morning of the ship's arrival at Brisbane. Unfortunately a firm forecast could not be given so N.O.I.C. Queensland arranged for a pilot at Caloundra Head.

8. The pilot was subsequently embarked off Caloundra Head at 0350 on Thursday 13th June, and the ship proceeded on passage across Moreton Bay and up river. After turning up river of the berth SYDNEY berthed port side to on B.H.P. Wharf in Hamilton Reach at 0830. By 1005 all personnel and cargo of the 2nd RAR had been disembarked.

9. At 0900 on Saturday 15th June, the ship cast off and proceeded on passage to Sydney. At 1330 the ashes of the late LEMWR B. BLACKBURN and ME B.E. THOMAS were scattered in position 26°56'S, 153°33'E. At 1400 the ship commenced working up for the quarterly full power trial which was completed at 1520. At 1600 on Sunday 16th June, the ship secured starboard side to at the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island.



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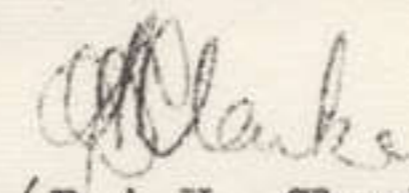
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10. Your flag, sir, was rehoisted in HMAS SYDNEY at 0800 on 21st June.
11. The remainder of the month was spent at Garden Island, preparing for the mid cycle docking in July and August. Long leave was granted to the ship's company.
12. Weapons and electrical equipment continued to function well. Sixteen listed items and four indefs have been submitted for dockyard attention during the mid cycle docking period.
13. All main and auxiliary machinery has operated satisfactorily during the month. A successful quarterly full power trial was carried out. Ship's staff commenced cleaning thirty FFO tanks which are required to be gas free for the mid cycle docking. Good progress has been made towards awarding auxiliary machinery watchkeeping certificates to ME2s.
14. Training has progressed satisfactorily. Fifteen Ordinary Seamen joined during the month for Common Sea Training. On Monday 17th June all Midshipmen attended a court martial at Naval Headquarters as part of their training. On Wednesday 26th June all Midshipmen undertook their Fleet Board Examination and creditable results were obtained. Eight officers achieved a first class pass, and the others second class passes.
15. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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(A)	Distance steamed during the month	-	5309.2 miles
(B)	Hours underway during the month	-	321 hours
(C)	Total distance steamed since recommissioning	-	185,693.4 miles
(D)	Total hours underway since recommissioning	-	12,392 hours
(E)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	-	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> (HOURS)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> <u>PER HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
3 June	9	21.45	10.4	2.6	ROVER SIX
4 "	20	20.88	10	2.88	" "
5 "	9	18.2	7.75	2.35	" "
8 "	14	18.5	7.3	2.53	" "
9 "	21	18.4	7.2	2.55	" "
10 "	22	19.12	7.5	2.55	" "
11 "	20	20.0	8.9	2.25	" "
12 "	16	20.9	9.4	2.22	" "
15 "	14	19.94	8.6	2.32	" "
16 "	6	20.0	8.5	2.35	" "

APPENDIX 'B' - SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
1 June	0647 1312	Anchored Vung Tau Sailed Vung Tau
3 June	1413 1618	Anchored Singapore Strait Sailed Singapore Strait
11 June	0647 0855	Anchored off Cairns Sailed Cairns area
13 June	0830	Berthed B.H.P. Wharf, Brisbane
15 June	0901	Sailed Brisbane
16 June	1600	Berthed Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island

APPENDIX 'C' - EXERCISES

<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1. <u>General</u>		
Action Stations	1	12
Defence Stations	1	1
Emergency Stations	1	1
Leaving Ship Stations	1	1
RAS Leapfrog (XO in Command)	1	3
RAS Receiving(" " ")	1	3
RAS Supplying	1	4
OOW Manoeuvres	1	2 (1 $\frac{3}{4}$ hours)

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<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>2. Diving</u>		
Bottom, anchor cable and buoy search	134 minutes	1
Poker guage test and clean screws	530 minutes	14
Night and day compass swims	370 minutes	20
Endurance swims	120 minutes	26

Total time: 19 hours 14 minutes

3. N.B.C.D.

Major N.B.C.D. Exercise	1	12
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APPENDIX 'D' - SPORTS RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Versus</u>	<u>Result</u>
10 June	Athletics	Army	won 135 to 68
10	Table tennis	Army	won 8 to 1
13	Rugby	Water Transport Command, Brisbane	won 19 to 3
13	Soccer	= " =	won 7 to 3
14	Golf	Ship - Stableford	won by CPOMUSN Lincoln 25 points
19	Rugby	MELBOURNE/KUTTABUL	lost 11 to 8 points
19	Golf	NIRIMBA	won by forfeit
20	Volleyball	SUPPLY	won 2 to 1
21	Volleyball	YARRA	won 3 to nil
25	Australian Rules	MELBOURNE	lost 26 to 16
26	Rugby	ANZAC	won 15 to 8

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(HMAS SYDNEY's 2/4/1 of 6th August, 1968.)



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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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2. The necessity to use the facilities of an adjacent school indicates the deplorable state to which Naval recreational facilities in the Sydney area have been permitted to decline.

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Office of the
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FOOT's para 2 indicates the urgency to get the Randwick playing field ready by

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Request this was lost in my office for 2 1/2 months

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Slow program is being made on the Randwick fields - 9Tons is growing on the Rugby field and it should be usable by the winter. Work is due to start shortly on the dressing shed 9/11/68

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

6th August, 1968.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1968.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY for the month of July, 1968. All times are local Kilo.

2. During the month the ship was undergoing its mid-cycle docking period. The first half of the month was spent at the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island.
3. At 0835 on Monday 15th July, the ship cast off and was moved cold to No 3 buoy to de-ammunition. At 1145 the ship slipped and was moved cold to Sutherland Wharf at Cockatoo Island. After 24 hours delay owing to very strong winds, the ship was moved into Sutherland Dock on the morning of Wednesday 24th July. The remainder of the month was spent in Sutherland Dock.
4. Hull work is progressing satisfactorily. Dockyard planned maintenance and ship's staff machinery refitting is progressing satisfactorily. Engineroom branch training has almost stopped owing to the requirement for a large number of FFO tanks to be cleaned for hull work to progress.
5. Most of the weapons and electrical items of dockyard work are being done and work is progressing satisfactorily. Repair of the M degaussing coil is almost complete.
6. An average of 190 Ordinary Seamen have been borne for training during the month. Instruction has progressed satisfactorily within the limits imposed by the docking period. The Rector of St Ignatius College, Riverview, has kindly made sporting facilities available for Common Sea Trainees each Wednesday afternoon. About 60 Ordinary Seamen travel to Riverview by LCM and participate in Rugby, Softball and tennis.
7. The health and morale of the ship's company is good. Considering the isolation of Cockatoo Island, the conduct of the sailors has remained quite satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(G. McC. Judo)
COMMANDER R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER

APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING FIGURES

(a) Distance steamed during the month	-	Nil
(b) Hours underway during the month	-	Nil
(c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning	-	185,693.4
(d) Total hours underway since recommissioning	-	12,392
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	-	Nil

APPENDIX "B" - SPORTING RESULTS

- 9.7.68 Australian Rules Sydney Ords Vs Melbourne Ords
Won 8.8.72 to 3.3.21
- 10.7.68 10 Players attended I/S Australian Rules selection
match - 6 Sydney players selected in squad.
- 17.7.68 Australian Rules Big Ships Vs Small Ships,
Won 8.3.51 to 4.8.32.
Soccer Big Ships Vs North Shore Establishments,
Won 5 to 0.
Golf Big Ships Vs Albatross,
Lost on forfeit.
- 24.7.68 Inter-Service Soccer Trials - 5 chosen from "Sydney".
Rugby Union Perth/Syd/Supply Vs Albatross,
Lost 20 - 0.
Golf Sydney/Smallships Vs "Melbourne",
Lost 203 - 182.
- 31.7.68 Rugby Union Sydney Vs Harman,
Won on forfeit.
Golf Sydney Vs Watson,
Won 282 - 277.
Australian Rules Sydney Vs Albatross,
Lost 6.6.42 - 6.5.41.

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GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W. 2000

26 SEP 1968

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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Reference: HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 of 10th September, 1968.

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 of 10th September, 1968.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

10th September, 1968.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of August, 1968. All times are local (Kilo).

2. HMAS SYDNEY was docked down in Sutherland Dock, Cockatoo Island for the mid cycle docking period for the whole of August.


3. Some reduction in training in August was brought about by the requirements of the main leave period. Section 1 of the Promotion Board was passed by 2 candidates for Leading Seaman and 3 for Petty Officer. Common Sea Trainees continue to visit Riverview College each Wednesday afternoon to participate in organised sport. Twelve Ordinary Seamen were posted to HMAS QUEENBOROUGH during the month.

4. Machinery maintenance has progressed very satisfactorily and all items taken in hand by Cockatoo Island Dockyard will be completed by the undocking date. Hull repairs have fallen behind schedule which has necessitated in putting back the undocking date to 5th September when it is expected that all work, including air pressure testing of compartments will be completed, leaving only some compartments requiring cleaning out and painting.

5. Most dockyard Weapons Electrical maintenance has been completed. Some items removed by sub-contractors are well behind schedule for return, but it is expected that all items will be completed by the undocking date. Unexpected maintenance on No. 2 Turbogenerator has necessitated the programming of trials after return to Garden Island Dockyard.

6. Conduct, health and morale remain satisfactory.

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


(D.A.H. Clarke)
Captain

ANNEX 'A'
STEAMING FIGURES

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	-	Nil.
(b)	Hours underway during the month	-	Nil.
(c)	Total distance steamed since recommissioning	-	185,693.4.
(d)	Total hours underway since recommissioning	-	12,392.
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed	-	Nil.

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ANNEX 'B'
SPORTING RESULTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Participants</u>	<u>Result</u>
7th August 1968	Rugby Union	Perth, Sydney & Supply v. Nirimba	Lost 26 - 0
	Aust. Rules	Big Ships v. Watson	Won on forfeit
	Golf	Ship's Stableford Comp.	
14th	Rugby Union	Perth, Sydney & Supply v. Stalwart	Lost 16 - 9
	Aust. Rules	Big Ships v. Penguin Platypus & Waterhen	Lost 58 - 38
	Soccer	Sydney & Melbourne v. Nirimba	Won 8 - 3
	Golf	Sydney & Small Ships v. Albatross	Lost 151 - 138
21st	Rugby Union	Perth, Sydney & Supply v. Penguin, Platypus & Waterhen	Won 23 - 20
	Aust. Rules	Big Ships v. Nirimba	Lost 60 - 40
	Golf	Sydney v. Melbourne	Won 205 - 197
	Soccer	Sydney & Melbourne v. Nirimba	Won 6 - 2
28th	Rugby Union	Perth, Sydney & Supply v. Watson	Won 6 - 3
	Soccer (final)	Sydney & Melbourne v. Albatross	Lost 3 - 2
	Golf	Sydney v. Kuttabal	Won 177 - 141

TOTAL REPRESENTATION IN INTER-SHIP SPORT: 133

ANNEX 'C'

EXERCISES

Exercise: Diving.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Number of Divers</u>	<u>Time</u>
6th August, 1968	Monthly dips/ Lost stores search	9	233 minutes
13th	Ship's bottom searches	11	300 "
21st	Lost stores search	4	93 "
27th	Blast trials	11	685 "

TOTAL DIVING TIME: 21 hours 51 minutes.

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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1968

Reference: HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 of 7th October, 1968.

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2. SYDNEY was programmed for a three week shakedown but industrial troubles at Cockatoo and Garden Island Dockyards reduced the period available to an extent that is not acceptable in future.



Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 2/4/1 of 7th October, 1968.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM AUSTRALIAN FLEET.HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command for the month of September, 1968. All times are local (Kilo).

2. The first week was spent in Sutherland Dock at Cockatoo Island, and at 1450 on Sunday 8th September flooding of the dock commenced. At 0930 on Monday 9th September the ship was undocked and moved by tugs to the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island.

3. At 1100 on Thursday 12th September the ship was cast off and moved by tugs to No.3 Buoy to ammunition. At 1600 HMAS SYDNEY slipped and sailed for a 48 hour shakedown.

4. At 0730 on Friday 13th September, the ship anchored in Jervis Bay and the day was spent cleaning ship after the Long Self Maintenance and Mid Cycle Docking period, and MF/DF calibrations were successfully completed. At 2050 the ship weighed and proceeded on passage to Port Jackson, and berthed at the Fitting Out Wharf at 0815 on Saturday 14th September.

5. At 0800 on Monday 16th September, your flag, sir, was hoisted in HMAS SYDNEY.

6. On Tuesday 17th September and Operation Awkward and associated DC exercises were carried out from 1600 till 2200.

7. On Sunday 22nd September the ship was open to visitors and 1014 people visited the ship.

8. At 0940 on Monday 23rd September the ship was cast off and proceeded to sea for Exercise SHADOW. The remainder of the month was spent on passage to the Solomon Sea in CORALEX, the work-up phase of Exercise SHADOW, and conducted by you, sir.

ENGINEERING

9. Machinery trials, on completion of the Mid Cycle Docking period, were successfully completed between 9-13 September. B1 boiler furnace floor was rebricked between the 16th and 23rd September.

10. Cockatoo Dockyard did not completely finish painting and remove staging from the Port Heeling and Port Sullage tanks until PM Saturday 21st September. This was partly due to strikes and stop work meetings both at Garden Island and Cockatoo Island.

11. Machinery has satisfactorily performed up to 210 revolutions since completion of the Mid Cycle Docking period.

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ELECTRICAL

12. Apart from minor faults the electrical equipment has functioned well. URDEF action to overcome loss of vacuum in B Gyro Compass appears to have been successful. All dockyard work was completed albeit the last item a few hours before sailing for Exercise SHADOW.

TRAINING

13. Training has continued satisfactorily throughout the month. 156 Ordinary Seamen are borne.

SHAKEDOWN AND WORK-UP PERIOD

14. The two day shakedown period was inadequate. Owing to large personnel turnovers, particularly amongst Ordinary Seamen, at each Mid Cycle Docking and Refit, all drills and evolutions should be carried out in the work-up period. The ship carried out Emergency and Leaving Ship Stations, Action Stations and tested some NBCD communication circuits. There was insufficient time to lay out gear for RAS, and no NBCD exercises were attempted. When the ship proceeded on Exercise SHADOW our many drill errors were discovered during actual evolutions which could be dangerous. Thus, I consider that in future planning this ship should have the three week shakedown and work-up period which was allocated this year, but owing to slippages was reduced to 8 days. This three week period should be evenly split between sea and alongside at Garden Island.

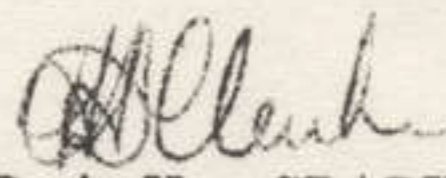
15. During the month the ship's company was addressed on security in accordance with AFGO 1168.

16. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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CONFIDENTIALANNEX ASTEAMING FIGURES

a. Distance steamed during month	2,754.8 miles
b. Hours underway during month	219
c. Total distance steamed since recommissioning	188,448.2 miles
d. Total hours underway since recommissioning	12,611
e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> (hours)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> <u>PER HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
23 Sept	2	20.0	8.9	2.25	CORALEX
26 Sept	2	20.8	9	2.31	"
27 Sept	1	22.2	11	2.0	"
29 Sept	2	17.8	7.4	2.4	"

ANNEX BSHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
9 Sept	0930	Cold move - Cockatoo Island to Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island.
12 Sept	1100 1600	Cold move to No. 3 buoy. Sailed Port Jackson.
13 Sept	0730 2050	Anchored Jervis Bay. Sailed Jervis Bay.
14 Sept	0815	Berthed Garden Island.
23 Sept	0940	Sailed Port Jackson.

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<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
<u>General</u>		
Action Stations	1	24
Defence Stations	3	26, 27, 30
RAS(L) Supplying	3	25(2), 26(N)
RAS(L) Receiving	2	25, 26
Jackstray Transfer	8	23, 27, 29(6)
OOW Manoeuvres	1	26
Emergency Stations	2	12, 23
Leaving Ship Stations	1	23
Gun Functioning Trials	1	26
Splash Target Streamed	1	30
NBCD Minor Exercises	5	17, 24, 25, 26, 27
Tested AGR's	1	18
Operation Awkward	1	17
Closing Down Drills	1	24

DIVING

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>	<u>No. OF DIVERS</u>	<u>TIME</u>
3 Sept	Initial Dips, Compressions	16	986 mins.
10 Sept	Night Search, Half Necklace	14	710 mins.
13 Sept	Night Search, Half Necklace	17	427 mins.
17 Sept	Operation Awkward	20	864 mins.
			<u>Total 2987 mins.</u>

Number of Divers Borne: 22

Total Diving Time: 49 hours 47 minutes

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
4 Sept	Golf	'SYDNEY' defeated 'WATSON' by 216 to 205.
11 Sept	Volleyball	'SYDNEY' defeated 'WAITAKO' 3 nil
	Volleyball	'SYDNEY' defeated 'STALWART' 2 - 1.
	Basketball	'SYDNEY'/'STALWART' defeated 'MELBOURNE' 34 - 24.
	Golf	Open day at Moore Park won by POWTR Gent.
18 Sept	Rugby	'SYDNEY' defeated 'CARPRICE' 12 - 3
	Basketball	'SYDNEY' defeated 'FIFE' 35 - 10
	Golf	'SYDNEY' defeated R.N. Ships
	Australian Rules	'DERWENT' defeated 'SYDNEY' 71 - 41.
	Squash	'FIFE' defeated 'SYDNEY' 5 - 0.
	Volleyball	'DERWENT' defeated 'SYDNEY' 2 - 1.

TOTAL HMAS SYDNEY REPRESENTATION: 140.**CONFIDENTIAL**

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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1968

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command for the month of October, 1968. All times are local.

2. At the beginning of the month the ship, with your flag aboard, Sir, was entering the final stages of Phase I, Exercise Shadow. At 0455 Phase I ended, and both Orange and Blue marine forces were subsequently joined in Formation 60 for the RAS Phase. On completion of the RAS Phase the force steamed south and this ship transitted Jomard Strait at 0640 on Wednesday 2nd October.

3. From the 2nd to 6th October the ship participated in Exercise Coral Sands, and the force steamed south through the Coral Sea, entering the Barrier Reef through the Capricorn Channel. On the evening of Saturday 5th October a sailor was discovered to have appendicitis, and he was subsequently transferred to HMS ALBION for an operation in the early hours of Sunday 6th October.

4. At 1522 on Sunday 6th October the ship was detached from exercise Coral Sands and proceeded on passage south through the Barrier Reef to Lady Elliott Island, and thence on passage to Wellington, N.Z.

5. On Tuesday 8th October the ship steamed close alongside the N.E. coast of Lord Howe Island in order for the majority of the ship's company to see this island for the first time. At 0200 on Friday 11th October the ship anchored in Queen Charlotte Sound to clean the ship's side, and remove the effects of eighteen days at sea.

6. At 0625 on Saturday 12th October the ship weighed and proceeded to Wellington. A pilot was embarked south of Barrett Reef and the ship berthed port side to at AOTEA Quay at 1004.

7. On Monday 14th October I called on Mr B.A. Barton Ginger, Chairman of the Wellington Harbour Board, Sir Francis Kitts, Mayor of Wellington, Sir Edmund Hicks, CBE, the Australian High Commissioner and Rear Admiral J. O'C. Ross, CB, CBE. Chief of Naval Staff. The above gentlemen returned my calls at 1215 on the same day, and I entertained them at luncheon. On Sunday 13th October the ship was open to public inspection and 4300 visitors were received.

8. During the ships stay in Wellington 105 common sea trainees, in groups of 35, accompanied by members of the training staff, proceeded on three day local tours of Wellington and the Marlborough Sounds. Each group followed the same itinerary, by coach to Wellington Airport, thence by air to Blenheim, South Island, overnight stay in that town, by coach to Picton, ferry to the Portage on Kenneperu Sound arriving at approximately 1000 on the second day. The Portage Hotel provided charter fishing trips,



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ter skiing, horse riding and bush walks, during the day. Trainees remained overnight at the Portage and returned to Wellington on the third day via Picton and the Cook Strait Ferry. Although relaxing in plain clothes at the Portage, trainees travelled in uniform and were the subject of much favourable comment from hotel and launch proprietors, prominent citizens of Blenheim and officers of the Cook Strait Ferry. Arrangements for the tour were initiated in Sydney prior to sailing and bookings made through the New Zealand Government Tourist Bureau in that city. A feature of the tour which was thoroughly enjoyed by the trainees, was the very reasonable cost involved. Each sailor paid an all inclusive charge of \$A30 which was collected by the training staff on an instalment basis over three pay periods.

9. At 0900 on Friday 18th October the ship cast off and proceeded to Sydney, where the ship anchored off Neilson Park at 1130 on Monday 21st October. The Customs Officers embarked at anchor, and after some delay ammunition was embarked. At 1428 the ship weighed and proceeded to the Fitting Out Wharf, and was secured at 1525. The following week was spent loading cargo and carrying out planned maintenance.

10. At 0800 on Tuesday 22nd October your flag was hoisted in HMAS SYDNEY.

11. At 1045 on Monday 28th October the ship cast off, and in company with HMA Ships STALWART, VAMPIRE, ANZAC and QUEENBOROUGH proceeded on passage to Melbourne. At 1635 two helicopters were embarked from RAN Air Station, Nowra.

12. The ships transitted The Rip, and entered Port Phillip through the South Channel, during the Middle Watch on Wednesday, 30th October, anchoring off Schnapper Point at 0425. At 0936 all ships weighed and proceeded up Port Phillip and the SYDNEY berthed starboard side to at Station Pier at 1135. The remainder of the month was spent at this berth.

13. An average of 156 ORD's various were borne during the month. Training has progressed satisfactorily. All candidates sitting for Part 1 and 2 of Section 1 of Higher Ranks Training were successful. Section 1 Part 1 - 1 for CPO, 2 for PO, 20 for confirmation as PO and 19 for Leading Rank. Section 1 Part 2 - 1 for CPO, 5 for PO, 22 for confirmation as PO and 17 for Leading Rank.

14. All machinery has operated satisfactorily during October. A quarterly full power work-up was conducted on passage to Wellington. Two separate economical steaming trials were also conducted on this passage using one boiler in each space. Trials were carried out at 120 and 130 revolutions ($14\frac{1}{2}$ and $15\frac{1}{2}$ knots). The result of these trials were satisfactory and have been the subject of a separate report.

15. Electrical equipment has operated satisfactorily throughout the month. A further drop in insulation in the MM degaussing coil has been investigated by Garden Island dockyard engineers. On their recommendation two complete cable loops are being bypassed.

16. The announcement of the introduction of Group Pay was not well received by a large portion of the ship's company. The main cause of dissatisfaction was the apparently haphazard classification of the various branches. The majority of personnel in the lower groups felt that their worth to the Service had not been fully recognised and could not understand why others had been placed in higher groups. In almost all these cases the pride of the sailor was hurt, and it was this rather than any monetary consideration which was the basis of the dissatisfaction.

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17. The timely visit of the Navy Office team to explain the new system was most valuable as no one onboard could answer the many questions posed.

18. The personal attention given by Mr R. Martin of H.P.B. was most appreciated by all concerned. His efforts to satisfy the sailor's queries did much to lower the temperature.

19. On reflection it is considered that information concerning the system of grouping and classification should have been disseminated before the bald announcement of the scheme.

20. There is still dissatisfaction with the scheme and this will continue until such time as it is possible to inform sailors of the civil classifications with which they have been aligned.


21. Individual representations are being forwarded separately.

22. The health and conduct of the ship's company has been good. Subject to the dissatisfaction reported on the Group Pay system, the morale has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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(a)	Distance steamed during the month	5470.1 miles
(b)	Hours underway during the month	373 hours
(c)	Total distance steamed since re-commissioning	193918.3 miles
(d)	Total hours underway since re-commissioning	12984 hours
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed:	

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>Av SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> (PerHour)	<u>DIST/TON</u> FUEL	<u>REMARKS</u>
6OCT	7	17.0	5.5	3.1	CORAL SANDS
7OCT	11	18.1	4.2	4.3	Weather avoidance and FULL POWER WORK-UP.
18OCT	14	20.4	7.2	2.8	Passage and weather avoidance
19OCT	16	19.2	7.3	2.6	Passage and weather avoidance.
28OCT	8	17.42	5.8	3.0	Passage to Melbourne.
29OCT	5	17.4	5.8	3.0	Passage to Melbourne.

ANNEX BSHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
11OCT	0900	Anchored Queen Charlotte Sound.
12OCT	0625	Weighed and proceeded.
12OCT	1004	Berthed Wellington.
18OCT	0900	Sailed Wellington.
21OCT	1130	Anchored Sydney Harbour.
21OCT	1428	Weighed and proceeded.
21OCT	1525	Berthed Fitting Out Wharf.
28OCT	1045	Sailed Sydney.
30OCT	0425	Anchored Port Phillip Bay.
30OCT	0936	Weighed and proceeded.
30OCT	1135	Berthed Station Pier, Melbourne.

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ANNEX C

EXERCISES

Diving.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>No. Divers</u>	<u>Time</u>
11 Oct	Remove pitometer log	3	20
14 Oct	Poker guage tests	2	40
30 Oct	Clean screw	2	40
	Total	7	100

General.

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Jackstay transfer	7	1 (7)
RAS (L) receiving	3	1,4,5
Helo operations	20	1-6 and 28-30
Man overboard	1	7
Gun functioning trials	1	19

ANNEX D

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Nos. Represented</u>
13 Oct	Soccer	Wellington Navy Office defeated SYDNEY	6 - 3	16
14 Oct	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated EAGLE	3 - 1	8
15 Oct	Softball	Prison Cadet Wardens defeated SYDNEY A and B teams	17-15 42-24	24
16 Oct	Soccer	Melrose College defeated SYDNEY	3-1	15
16 Oct	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated Wellington YMCA	3-2	8
17 Oct	Squash	SYDNEY Officers defeated Army Officers	4-0	4
" "	Basketball	SYDNEY defeated Wellington YMCA	58-53	10
" "	Soccer	Police Cadets defeated SYDNEY	8-3	13
31 Oct	Volleyball Round Robin	1 ANZAC 2 STALWART 3 SYDNEY 4 VAMPIRE	3 wins 1 loss	9

Total Representation: 107

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of November 1968. All times are local.

2. The ship spent the first six days in November at Station Pier (West) in Melbourne during 'Melbourne Cup' week. On Friday 1st November I, in company with the Captains of HMA Ships STALWART, VAMPIRE, ANZAC and QUEENBOROUGH ~~and~~, called on His Excellency Governor of Victoria, Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, KCMG, KBC, CB, DSO. Your call sir, was subsequently repaid at 1125 on the same day. During the afternoon I attended the ceremony entailed in the presentation of the Queen's Colours to HMA Fleet and the RAN.

3. On Monday 4th November 101 underprivileged children visited the ship.

4. At 1142 on Thursday 7th November HMAS SYDNEY cast off and in company with HMAS ANZAC proceeded to Adelaide. I carried out HMAS ANZAC's Sea Inspection on Friday 8th November.

5. At 0730 on Saturday 9th November the ship berthed port side to at No. 4 berth Outer Harbour, Adelaide. During the forenoon the unit stores and personnel of the 9th Battalion RAR were embarked, and fuel was also taken in view of the threatened general strike in West Australia. The ship sailed at 1300 the same day, on passage to Fremantle.

6. HMAS ACUTE, who was also proceeding to Fremantle was told to remain within 120 miles of the SYDNEY's position. Rough weather during the passage across the bight reduced the patrol boat's speed to as low as 7 knots at one stage, but despite a most uncomfortable passage she made Albany on the 12th November. She was sighted by the SYDNEY's helos ~~off~~ during the afternoon of 11th November, and the sight of the two helicopters evidently did much for the morale of the rather battered ship's company of the patrol boat.

7. At 1100 on Wednesday 13th November the SYDNEY berthed starboard side to at the Overseas Terminal at Fremantle Harbour. On completion of fuelling the ship cast off at 1500 and proceeded on passage to Vung Tau.

8. During the evening on Saturday 16th November the ship passed close west of Christmas Island, and the passage through Sunda Strait was completed at 1400 on Sunday 17th November. The Gaspar Strait transit was carried out during the Middle Watch on 18th November, and at 2300 that night HMAS DUCHESS joined for escort duties.

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At 0700 on Wednesday 20th November the SYDNEY came to port anchor in berth B12 off Vung Tau. All loading and unloading operations were completed during the forenoon and the ship weighed and proceeded at 1200. The DUCHESS and two helicopters from the ship's flight exercised a departure screen until 1430 when passage to Singapore was continued.

10. At 0900 on Friday 22nd November the ship anchored off Johore Shoal Buoy in Singapore Strait to refuel from RFA GOLD RANGER who berthed alongside the port side at 1010. Victualling stores were embarked from a TRV. At 1500 the DUCHESS was detached and the SYDNEY weighed and proceeded.

11. Gaspar Strait was transitted during the forenoon and Sunda Strait during the afternoon on Saturday 23rd November. At 1200 on Sunday 24th November the ship passed close north and east of Christmas Island and proceeded to Fremantle.

12. At 0800 the ship berthed port side to at Hotel berth in Fremantle Harbour. Fifty four army personnel were disembarked and thirty five naval personnel proceeded on long leave. On completion of refuelling the ship cast off at 1600 and proceeded on passage to Adelaide.

13. The remainder of the month was spent at sea on passage to Adelaide.

TRAINING.

14. Training progressed satisfactorily during the month with the eighty eight ordinary seamen completing their sea training. These sailors, the majority of whom post out to the training establishments during January 1969, were all given, on a denominational basis, three lectures on Character Guidance by the ship's Chaplains.

15. One officer, two petty officers and forty seven sailors of the A.S.C.C. were embarked in Melbourne on 6th November and took passage to Adelaide where they disembarked on 9th November. During their period onboard they were given tours of all departments and integrated with communal working parties and Watch-on-Deck.

16. Classes in Higher Rank, Power of Command were held during the month. On 26th November all Section 1 candidates successfully passed the test. For Part 1 they numbered 5 for CPO, 4 for PO, 16 for Leading Rank. For Part 2, 4 for CPO, 4 for PO and 12 for Leading Rank.

17. The B.T.T. examination held during the month was attempted by 10 for CPO, 9 for PO and 32 for Leading Rank. Results are not yet known.

MACHINERY.

18. Machinery has operated satisfactorily during the period. Trouble was experienced on passage to Vietnam, with particulate matter in the AVCAT system. The system was flushed through and both streamline filter packs renewed. No further trouble has been experienced SAMR's message 120704Z and SYDNEY message 161010Z refer.

19. Despite much uncertainty, among officers and sailors, as to the eventual outcome of the Group Pay System morale has been satisfactory. No further unrest is envisaged on this subject at the moment. The health and conduct of the ships company is satisfactory.

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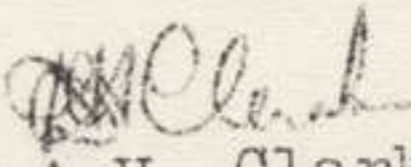
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Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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ANNEX 'A'

STEAMING FIGURES

- a. Distance steamed during the month 8557.7 miles
b. Hours underway during the month 537.0 hours
c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 202,476.0 miles
d. Total hours underway since re-commissioning 13,521.0 hours
e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> (Hours)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> <u>PER HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
13 Nov	8	19.7	7.28	2.7	TRUDGE 1
14 "	24	18.8	6.46	2.66	"
15 "	24	18.8	6.46	2.66	"
16 "	24	16.9	6.46	2.63	"
19 "	24	18.5	8.3	2.22	"
22 "	8	19.2	7.27	2.64	"
23 "	24	19.2	7.28	2.64	"
24 "	8	19.2	7.27	2.64	"
28 "	7	20.5	8.08	2.53	"
29 "	8	20.5	8.08	2.53	"

ANNEX 'B'

SHIPS MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
7 Nov	1142	Sailed Melbourne.
8 "	0730	Arrived Adelaide.
9 "	1300	Sailed Adelaide.
13 "	1100	Arrived Fremantle.
13 "	1500	Sailed Fremantle.
20 "	0700	Arrived Vung Tau.
20 "	1200	Sailed Vung Tau.
22 "	0900	Arrived Singapore Strait.
22 "	1500	Sailed Singapore Strait.
28 "	0800	Arrived Fremantle.
28 "	1600	Sailed Fremantle

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ANNEX 'C'

EXERCISES

DIVING.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>No. of Divers</u>	<u>Time</u>
5/6 Nov	Station Pier Melbourne. Investigate bubbles under hull - half necklace searches; emergency drills.	13	661 mins.
6 Nov	Surface swim.	18	540 mins.
9 Nov	Outer harbour Adelaide. half necklace searches, initial dips. Surface swim.	16 17	411 mins. 510 "
13 Nov	Half necklace searches. Fremantle, W.A.	11	420 mins.
20 Nov	Vung Tau. Anchor, Anchor buoy and free area aft searches.	7	60 mins.
22 Nov	Johore Shoal Singapore. Helo winching	5	300 mins.
28 Nov	Fremantle. Outboard/Gemini trials	4	240 mins.

Total number of days diving - 6 days.

Total number of divers involved - 21 divers.

Total time overall - 3,142 minutes - 52 hours 22 minutes.

AIR.

Forty seven sorties totalling 69 hours.

GENERAL.

<u>Exercise</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Jackstay Transfer	5	7, 8(2), 19(2).
RAS (L) Supplying	1	8.
W Manoeuvres	4	8, 19, 21(2).
Emergency Stations	1	9.
Leaving Ship Stations	3	9, 13, 20.
Man Overboard	3	9, 13, 20.
Major NBCD	1	14.
SUF	1	15.
SUF Defence Stations	1	15.
Screenex	4	19, 20, 21(2).
Defence Stations	40 hours	19, 20.

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ANNEX 'D'

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Numbers Represented</u>
17 Nov	Volleyball	Sailors 1 defeated Troops A 3 nil.	6
		Sailors 2 defeated Troops B 3 nil.	6
		Sailors 3 defeated Troops C 2 to 1.	6
		Sailors 4 defeated Troops D 3 nil.	6
		Petty Officers defeated Sergeants 3 nil.	6
		Chief Petty Officers defeated Warrant Officer 2 to 1	6
		Wardroom defeated Army Officers 3 nil	6

Total Representation: 42

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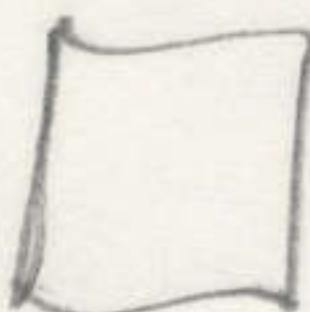
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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(SGD) I. M. BURNSIDE

Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3 of 31st January, 1969.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1968

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of December 1968. All times are local.

2. On Sunday 1st December the ship was on passage from Fremantle to Adelaide, where HMAS SYDNEY berthed port side to No. 1 berth at 0745 on Monday 2nd December. During the forenoon the returning battalion was disembarked, and the ship cast off and proceeded to Sydney at 1600.
3. A successful quarterly full power trial was carried out on Tuesday 3rd December and the ship secured starboard side to the Cruiser Wharf at Garden Island at 0900 on Thursday 5th December.
4. At 1000 on Friday 6th December the ship cast off, with, families embarked, for Families Day. The ship returned to the Cruiser Wharf and secured starboard side to at 1430. A large number of representatives of the press were embarked for the day, and very favourable publicity was given to the ship on television and in the papers.
5. The remainder of the month was spent at Garden Island and self maintenance was carried out and leave granted over the Christmas period.
6. Formal training of the Ordinary Seamen borne was completed by 5th December, and no further training was undertaken during the Christmas period.
7. The forward machinery space main feed pump was refitted by HMAS STALWART. The F.M.P. re-bricked the floor of B2 boiler furnace. Little work other than lagging and external boiler cleaning was carried out, owing to the long leave and holiday period.
8. All electrical machinery worked well during the month. The degaussing system continues to cause concern and a separate report has been raised. Little electrical maintenance was carried out owing to leave commitments.
9. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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PAGE 2 OF ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO A.F. 17/55/3 OF
STEAMING FIGURES

14 FEB 1969

- a. Distance steamed during the month 1,488.9 miles
b. Hours underway during the month 101 hours
c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 203,964.9 miles
d. Total hours underway since re-commissioning 13,622 hours
e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> (hours)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> <u>PER HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2 Dec	8	19.95	7.28	2.74	Weather avoidance
3 Dec	10	17.85	7.4	2.41	Weather avoidance and full power trial

ANNEX 'B'

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
2 Dec	0745	Arrived Adelaide
2 Dec	1600	Sailed Adelaide
5 Dec	0900	Arrived Sydney
6 Dec	1030	Sailed Sydney
6 Dec	1430	Arrived Sydney

ANNEX 'C'

SPORT RESULTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
11 Dec	Cricket	STALWART/SUPPLY/SYDNEY 2 for 94 defeated DESTROYERS/FRIGATES all out 93.
18 Dec	Cricket	STALWART/SUPPLY/SYDNEY 140 defeated NIRIMBA 74.
18 Dec	Volley Ball	MELBOURNE defeated SYDNEY 3 - 2.
24 Dec	Volley Ball	MELBOURNE defeated SYDNEY 3 - 2.

TOTAL REPRESENTATION: 40.

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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1969

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Rear Admiral

✓ Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3 (II) undated.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sea.

Ref. No. 1/16/3 (II)

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of January, 1969. All times are local.

2. The ship remained alongside the Oil Wharf at Garden Island until 7th January.
3. At 1130 on Tuesday 7th January the SYDNEY slipped and proceeded to R/V with HMA S/M OXLEY for a CASEX A17 before proceeding on passage to Adelaide. HMAS QUEENBOROUGH, who had been delayed in sailing from Sydney, joined on passage south and at 1020 on Wednesday 8th January both ships stopped for a personnel transfer by boat. The two ships swept SE from Gabo Island, in search of a yacht which was missing, before turning west to continue the passage to Adelaide.
4. At 1030 on Thursday 9th January I gave a quarterly security address to the ship's company.
5. The two ships arrived in Adelaide on Friday 10th January, and the SYDNEY turned prior to berthing port side to No. 4 berth Outer Harbour at 0900. I called on the Lord Mayor, Mr. R.E. Porter, the acting Premier, the Hon. R.C. DeGaris MP, and the Chief Justice, Dr. J.J. Bray.
6. At 0900 on Monday 13th January the SYDNEY cast off and proceeded west with HMAS QUEENBOROUGH in company. The QUEENBOROUGH was refuelled and a jackstay transfer and two prolonged periods of OOW manoeuvres were carried out during the daylight hours. At 1800 the QUEENBOROUGH was again topped up with fuel and detached. The SYDNEY reversed course and steamed east in order to anchor to the NE of Kangaroo Island at 0030 on Tuesday 14th January. After weighing anchor at 1600 the ship proceeded to anchor off Portland at 1030 on Wednesday 15th January. These two periods at anchor in isolated anchorages proved valuable in permitting a good clean-up between decks. The opportunity was also used for such evolutions as Midshipmen's LCM training.
7. At 1545 the ship weighed and proceeded on passage to Melbourne. The passage through the Rip was commenced at 0520 on Thursday 16th January and the ship berthed starboard side to Outer East Station Pier at 0900.



At 0900 on Monday 20th January the ship cast off and proceeded on passage to Sydney. At 0855 on Wednesday 22nd January the ship secured to No. 2 buoy, and remained at this buoy until 1030 on Friday 24th January when a cold move to the Fitting Out Wharf was carried out. The ship remained at this berth for the remainder of the month.

9. Electrical machinery operated satisfactorily. Over the past month there have been several "blowouts" of cables supplying important machinery. There is no apparent reason for this spate of failures and the number averaged over six months is not excessively high.

10. Machinery has operated satisfactorily during the month, particularly the F.M.S. Main Feed pump which had been removed from the ship during December for overhaul. Training has been somewhat curtailed for PNF sailors due to the relatively large number of Reserve sailors carried whilst steaming.

11. Of the 88 ordinary seamen borne, 84 proceeded on leave and posting before 7th January and 86 Common Sea Trainees ex HMAS LEEUWING and HMAS HOBART joined between 30th December, 1968 and 7th January, 1969.

12. Training commenced on 7th January and proceeded satisfactorily during the ship's absence from Sydney town. On return it became necessary owing to labour requirements to temporarily cease instruction with the exception of a small number of trainees working in the Engineering Department.

13. Considerable difficulty has been experienced with the new trainees during the settling down period. A number of applications for 'FREE' discharge have been received from ex-LEEUWIN Junior Recruits citing a dislike of the Navy as the reason for seeking discharge. These applications are being processed.

14. A series of incidents involving trainees, arising from excessive indulgence in alcohol and rejection of service discipline occurred during the latter days of the month. This problem in the main concerned Common Sea Trainees who joined this ship from HMAS HOBART. It is considered that the attitude of these young sailors will improve during SYDNEY's forthcoming period at sea.

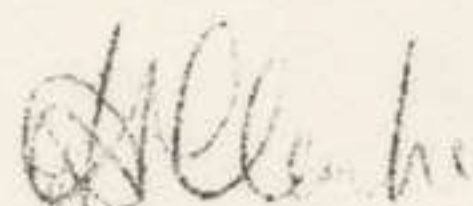
15. 3 Officers, 2 Petty Officers (instructors) and 47 Cadets of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps were embarked on 6th January 1969 for passage to Adelaide. They were disembarked at that port on 12th January. On 13th January, 2 Officers, 1 Chief Petty Officer, 1 Petty Officer (instructors) and 30 Cadets were embarked in Adelaide for passage to Sydney town, being joined by 1 Officer and 1 Petty Officer (instructor) with an additional 12 cadets in Melbourne town.

16. During their period in HMAS SYDNEY, cadets were taken on Departmental tours and integrated wherever possible with the ship's company in the day to day running of the ship in accordance with the programmes attached.

17. 98 sailors of the RANER and RANR were embarked on 6th January for 18 days continuous training. Each sailor was employed within his own department and all impressed with their keenness and reliability. In particular the more experienced members of the RANER displayed a readiness and ability to quickly absorb the responsibilities and duties of their rank and category, thereby merging with the ship's company, and proving by the discharge of their duties to be assets to the ship and service in general.

18. The health, conduct and morale of the officers and ships company has been satisfactory.

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


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

ANNEX 'A'

STEAMING FIGURES

- a. Distance steamed during the month 2,484.4 miles.
- b. Hours underway during the month 173 hours.
- c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 206,449.3 miles.
- d. Total hours underway since re-commissioning 13,795 hours
- e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u> (hours)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> (per ton)	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
7-8 Jan	29	18.5	8.3	2.22	Yacht search.
9-10 Jan	20	18.0	7.3	2.47	Yacht search.
13 Jan	2	17.8	7.28	2.74	00W Manoeuvres.

ANNEX 'B'

SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
7 Jan	1130	Sailed Sydney.
10 Jan	0900	Berthed Adelaide.
13 Jan	0900	Sailed Adelaide.
14 Jan	0630	Anchored Kangaroo Island.
14 Jan	1600	Sailed Kangaroo Island.
15 Jan	1030	Anchored Portland.
15 Jan	1545	Sailed Portland.
16 Jan	0900	Berthed Melbourne.
20 Jan	0900	Sailed Melbourne.
22 Jan	0855	Secured No. 2 buoy Sydney.
24 Jan	1030	Berthed Sydney.

ANNEX 'C'

DIVING

All divers were brought "in date" for medical examination and the diving equipment was brought "in date" for testing.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
10 Jan	Cleared screws of rope.
17th Jan	Clean screws and midshipmen diving familiarisation.
28th 29th 31st Jan	Ships bottom searches.
31st Jan	Bomb hoax - Sydney.

ANNEX 'D'

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
11th Jan	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated ENCOUNTER	5 to 4.
12th	Cricket	SYDNEY defeated RAAF EDINBURGH	148 to 80 (1st Ins).
12th	Cricket	SYDNEY defeated I.C.I. Adelaide	85 to 78 (1st Ins).
17th	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated ANZAC	2 to 1.
17th	Cricket	ANZAC defeated SYDNEY	111 to 92 (1st Ins).
17th	Basketball	SYDNEY defeated ANZAC	38 to 20.
22nd	Cricket	SYDNEY defeated WATSON/KUTTABUL	91 to 46 (1st Ins).
22nd	Water Polo	SYDNEY defeated PENGUIN	Forfeit.
28th	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated PARRAMATTA	2 to 1.
29th	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated MORESBY	3 to nil.
29th	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated HOBART	Forfeit.
29th	Water Polo	NIRIMBA defeated SYDNEY	9 to 1.

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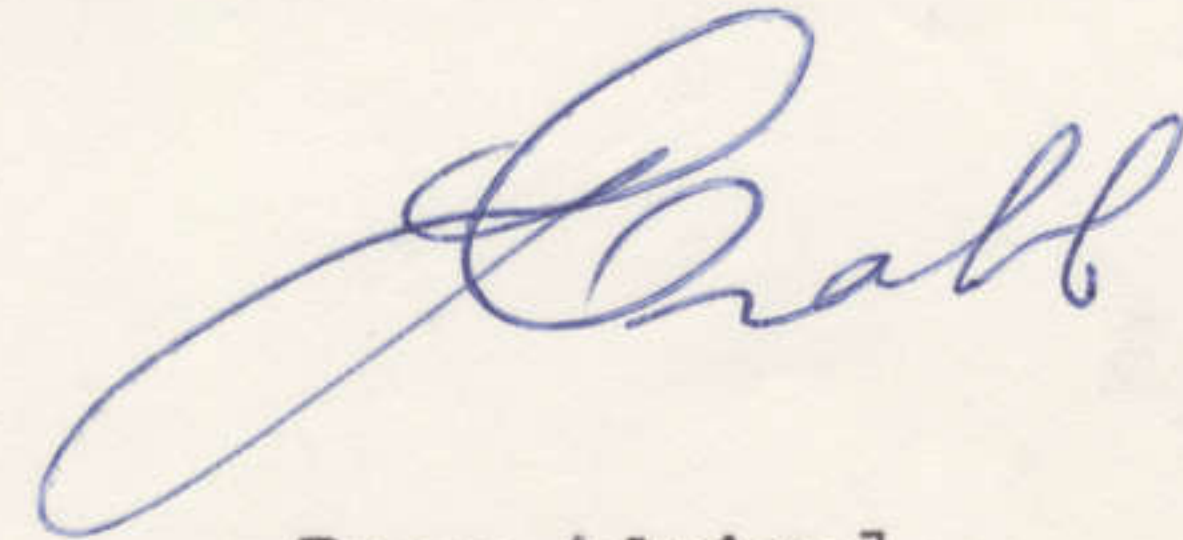
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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(11) of 3rd April, 1969.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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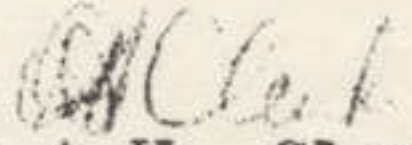
Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of February 1969. All times are local.
2. Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd February were spent alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island.
3. At 1200 on Monday 3rd February with the 5th Battalion 5 RAR embarked the ship cast off and proceeded on passage to Fremantle. Emergency and leaving ship stations were exercised on departing Sydney Harbour, and the ship proceeded quickly down the N.S.W. coast in order to reduce the speed required to be made good across the Great Australian Bight.
4. After a comfortable passage across the Bight the ETA at Fremantle was advanced to 1130 on Saturday 8th February and the SYDNEY berthed at this time. Refuelling was completed by 1515 and at 1530 the ship cast off and proceeded on passage to Vung Tau.
5. At 110930Z the ship passed close up the Eastern side of Christmas Island, and then proceeded towards the rendezvous with HMAS DERWENT (Cmdr I.K. Wilson, RAN).
6. At 1200 on Wednesday 12th February the DERWENT joined. A jackstay transfer was carried out between 1300 and 1500 and Sunda Strait entered at 1530. Gasper Strait was transitted between 0300 and 0500 on Thursday 13th February, and at 0700 rendezvous was effected with HMS HERMES and 3 helo transfers of DERWENT personnel carried out. At 0740 course was altered to the north for passage to Vung Tau.
7. On Thursday 13th and Friday 14th February two jackstay transfers and two periods of OOW manoeuvres were carried out with HMAS DERWENT. In addition the DERWENT was refuelled and that ship carried out a 4.5 inch gun, rocket, machine gun and mortar demonstration for the embarked Army personnel who were suitably impressed.
8. At 0700 on Saturday 15th February the ship came to starboard anchor in B12 berth at Vung Tau. The changeover of stores and personnel completed uneventfully, the ship weighed and proceeded at 1225.



9. Two hours OOW manoeuvres with HMAS DERWENT were conducted during the forenoon of Sunday 16th February and at 0815 on Monday 17th February the SYDNEY commenced refuelling from RFA TIDEFLOW. On completion of refuelling a jackstay transfer was carried out with HMAS DERWENT and she was then detached at 1205 to proceed to Singapore Naval Base. The SYDNEY commenced to passage through the Indonesian Archipeligo towards Wetar Strait and Darwin.
10. At 1240 on Friday 21st February a boat transfer of mail was carried out with HMAS ASSAIL to the east of Melville Island.
11. Torres Strait was transitted during the morning watch on Sunday 23rd February, and with time in hand the ship anchored to the west of Lizard Island at 0630 on Monday 24th February. At 1420 the ship weighed and proceeded to Townsville. A close inspection of the Magnetic Island environs was made, with future operations in view, before anchoring off Townsville at 0955 on Tuesday 25th February. With customs officers embarked the SYDNEY weighed and proceeded on passage to Sydney at 1115.
12. At 0830 on Friday 28th February the ship berthed starboard side to at the Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island.
13. An average of 87 Junior Recruits and Ordinary Seamen were borne during the month and training proceeded satisfactorily. The attitude and behaviour of these sailors showed a gradual improvement during the period at sea. All trainees attended character guidance lectures delivered by the ship's Chaplains on an inter-denominational basis.
14. Higher ranks training was progressed and Section 2 of the Promotion Board was attempted by 33 candidates for Leading Rank and 7 for Petty Officer. Results have not yet been received. Section 1 was attempted by a total of 22 candidates. Of 15 Able Ranks, 13 passed Part 1 and 11 Part 2. 2 of 3 Leading Ranks were successful in Parts 1 and 2. 4 Petty Officers were examined, 2 passed Part 1 and 3 Part 2.
15. Diving was successfully carried out on 13th February in Vung Tau and demolition exercises carried out in the Barrier Reef on 24th February. Ship's movements prevented further exercises. The morale of divers has improved.
16. Machinery has run very satisfactorily during the month.
17. The main electrical equipment has functioned well. After considerable effort by Garden Island Dockyard the chilled water extraction pump from the forward plant is working satisfactorily. An unexplained rise in output voltage from K3 turbo generator is still under investigation.
18. Health and conduct has been good. Morale is satisfactory although questions of pay are still being discussed by officers and sailors.

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


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

STEAMING FIGURES

- a. Distance steamed during the month 9,495.9 miles
- b. Hours underway during the month 579 hours
- c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 215,945.2 miles
- d. Total hours underway since re-commissioning 13,687.6 hours
- e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

<u>DATE</u> <u>(FEB)</u>	<u>TIME</u> <u>(Hours)</u>	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> <u>(per ton)</u>	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
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4	24	21.5	4.6	4.7	" "
5	11	21.5	5.2	4.1	" "
8	7	18.8	3.6	5.3	" "
9	19	18.5	3.4	5.5	" "
10	24	18.5	3.6	5.2	" "
11	19	18.5	3.6	5.2	" "
12	8	19.5	4.1	4.7	" "
13	7	19.5	4.1	4.7	" "
15	11	18.5	3.6	5.2	" "
16	12	18.5	3.6	5.2	" "
25	10	22.0	5.7	3.9	" "
26	7	21.7	5.6	3.9	" "

ANNEX 'B'

SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u> <u>(FEB)</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENT</u>
3	1200	Sailed Sydney.
8	1130	Arrived Fremantle.
8	1530	Sailed Fremantle.
15	0700	Arrived Vung Tau.
15	1225	Sailed Vung Tau.
25	0955	Anchored off Townsville.
25	1115	Sailed Townsville.
28	0820	Arrived Sydney.

ANNEX 'C'

PAGE 4 OF ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO A.F. 17/5574. OF 17 APR 1969
EXERCISES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISE</u>
3 & 15 Feb	Emergency stations.
3 & 15 Feb	Leaving ship stations.
10 Feb	Major NBCD exerc se.
11 & 12 Feb (Action & defence crews)	SUCRF.
12 Feb (2)	Man overboard.
12, 13, 14 & 17 Feb	Jackstay transfer.
13 Feb (3)	Helo land/launch.
13 Feb (1½ hrs), 14 Feb (2 hrs) & 16 Feb (1¾ hrs)	OOW manoeuvres.
14 Feb	RAS(L) supplying.
17 Feb	RAS(L) receiving.
14/15 Feb	Defence stations.

ANNEX 'D'

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>
23 Feb	Athletic meeting Navy versus Army. Won by Navy 86 to 50 points.

Numbers represented: 50

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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1969

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1969.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of March 1969. All times are local.

2. From Saturday 1st March to Monday 10th March the ship was alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at Garden Island.

3. At 1008 on Tuesday 11th March the SYDNEY cast off and proceeded on passage to the Bay of Islands where the ship anchored at 1000 on Friday 14th March. Four profitable days were spent here and much ship cleaning and ship husbandry was achieved. The recreational fishing was excellent.

4. At 2250 on Monday 17th March the ship weighed and proceeded on passage to Auckland, berthing starboard side to the Wynyard Wharf at 0900 on Tuesday 18th March. At 1030 I called on Commodore, Auckland (Commodore J.P.S. VALLANT CBE), and the Mayor of Auckland. These calls were returned at midday at a luncheon in the SYDNEY.

5. At 1000 on Saturday 22nd March the SYDNEY cast off and proceeded on passage to Suva, Fiji. The entrance between the reefs was transitted on Tuesday 25th March at 0700 and the ship berthed port side to at Kings Wharf at 0800. Calls were paid, and returned at luncheon, on the Australian High Commissioner, Mayor of Suva and the Commander Fiji Military Forces. That evening an official cocktail party was held for 150 guests, and the ceremony of Beat Retreat was conducted on completion of this function.

6. The visit to Suva proved to be a most popular one with my ship's company who behaved excellently. From the inordinately large volume of personal correspondence I have received from local dignitaries, hotel managers and merchants, I have been assured of the success of the visit.

7. HMAS SYDNEY sailed from Suva at 0600 on Sunday 30th March and the last two days of the month were spent on passage to Sydney.

8. Training proceeded satisfactorily during the month. One group of 37 ordinary seamen proceeded from Auckland on a 3 day tour to Rotorua. The loan of a bus from HMAS WATERHEN was greatly appreciated. Bus tours were organised in both Auckland and Suva and resulted in each member of the ship's company travelling an average distance of 200 miles.

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9. All machinery has run satisfactory. A successful Quarterly Full Power work up was carried out on 31st March. Training of engineering personnel has progressed satisfactorily.


10. Electrical machinery has operated satisfactorily.

11. Morale is satisfactory despite the actions of a small number of malcontents. As the various anomalies of group pay are resolved, the reactions of the affected sailors are beginning to indicate acceptance of this new system. The situation of junior officers is causing concern as reflected in my separate letters. That numbers of these young men in responsible positions are receiving less pay than their sailors is an unpalatable fact which I have been unable to deny or offer any speedy change. Health and conduct has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

PAGE 3 OF ENCLOSURE NO. 7 TO A.F. 17/55/4 OF

- a. Distance steamed during the month 3,124.6 miles
b. Hours underway during the month 194 hours
c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 219,069.8 miles
d. Total hours underway since re-commissioning 13,881.6 hours
e. Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

<u>DATE</u> (MAR)	<u>TIME</u> (HOURS)	<u>AV. SPEED</u>	<u>FUEL USED</u> (per ton)	<u>DIST/TON</u> <u>FUEL</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
11	11	19.5	4.1	4.7	Weather avoidance.
12	11	19.5	4.1	4.7	Weather avoidance.
13/14	21	18.8	3.6	5.3	Speed used to reduce to 2 boilers economical steaming.
30/31	30	21.4	4.6	4.7	Full power trial plus reason given above for 13/14 Mar.

ANNEX B

SHIP MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u> (MAR)	<u>TIME</u>	<u>MOVEMENTS</u>
11	1008	Sailed Sydney.
14	1000	Anchored Bay of Islands.
17	2250	Sailed Bay of Islands.
18	0900	Arrived Auckland.
22	1000	Sailed Auckland.
25	0800	Berthed Suva.
30	0600	Sailed Suva.

ANNEX C

EXERCISES

<u>DATE</u> (MAR)	<u>EXERCISE</u>
12, 14	OOW shiphandling practice.
	<u>DIVING EXERCISE</u>
16	Poker gauge readings and cathodic protection plate inspection at the Bay of Islands.
17	General exercise at Bay of Islands.
19 and 21	Clearance divers exercised in helmet diving with R.N.Z.N. Diving Team at Auckland.

ANNEX D

PAGE 4 OF ENCLOSURE NO. 1 TO A.F. 17/5574 OF 12 MAY 1969

SPORT

<u>DATE</u> <u>(MAR)</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>Nos.</u>
3	Volleyball	PARRAMATTA defeated SYDNEY	3 - 0	6
4	Rugby	VAMPIRE defeated SYDNEY	12 - 0	24
5	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated PLATYPUS	3 - 2	6
5	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated PENGUIN	2 - 1	6
6	Basketball	SYDNEY defeated HMNZS OTAGO	33 - 31	10
10	Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated HOBART	3 - 0	6
19	Cricket	HMNZS PHILOMEL defeated SYDNEY	128 - 8 (1st Ins)	12
19	Golf	SYDNEY defeated PHILOMEL		18
19	Squash	PHILOMEL defeated SYDNEY	5 - 0	6
20	Soccer	PHILOMEL defeated SYDNEY	8 - 1	12
21	Basketball	NZ Police defeated SYDNEY	62 - 49	8
26	Tennis	Social versus Suva Tennis Club		5
27	Tennis	Suva defeated SYDNEY	5 - 0	5
28	Tennis	Suva Tennis Club defeated SYDNEY	4 - 0	4
28	Basketball	China Club defeated SYDNEY	42 - 39	10
28	Rugby	Fijian Military defeated SYDNEY	24 - 6	24
29	Soccer	Combined Banks defeated SYDNEY	4 - 3	12
29	Tennis	Suva Tennis Club defeated SYDNEY	3 - 0	3
29	Aust. Rules	SYDNEY defeated Combined Banks	58 - 41	26
29	Squash	Fiji Club defeated SYDNEY	6 - 0	6

Combined Numbers Represented: 209

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HMAS SYDNEY

Report of Proceedings: APRIL 69

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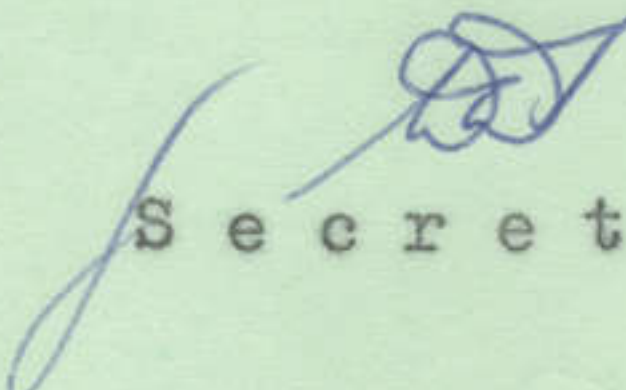
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The Flag Officer Commanding, HM Australian Fleet

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

Reference: Your AF 17/55/4 of 10th June, 1969.

1. It is noted that HMAS SYDNEY's Report of Proceedings for April, 1969 (forwarded under cover of the Reference) is dated 25th May, 1969.
2. It is requested that HMAS SYDNEY's attention be drawn to R.I. Appendix 29A Paragraph 4, which directs that "Reports" should be forwarded not later than the fifth day of the following month.


Secretary.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1969

Forwarded.

James Beames
Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(II) of 25th May, 1969.

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

In reply quote: 1/16/3(II)

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of April, 1969. All times are local.

2. At the beginning of the month SYDNEY was on passage from SUVA to SYDNEY where the ship was to spend Easter. The ship berthed at the Oil Wharf at 1000 on Thursday 3rd April, and remained at this berth over the long weekend.

3. At 1130 on Tuesday 8th April, the ship cast off and with QUEENBOROUGH in company proceeded north. At 2000 on Wednesday 9th April the QUEENBOROUGH was detached to proceed to Brisbane and the SYDNEY proceeded to Hervey Bay where the ship was anchored at 0830 on Thursday 10th April.

4. At 0720 on Monday 14th April, the SYDNEY weighed and proceeded to rendezvous with QUEENBOROUGH at 1800 for passage to Sydney. At 0900 on Wednesday 16th April the SYDNEY berthed at the Fitting Out Wharf, where the ship remained until 1330 on Tuesday 29th April when the ship was moved by tugs to the Oil Wharf, and remained there for the remainder of the month.

5. On Monday 21st April, 128 SYDNEY personnel participated in the parade for the HOBART presentation. This ship was then the venue for your reception for Rear Admiral Baumburger and the many dignitaries who attended the parade.

6. On Thursday 24th April you carried out your annual inspection of this ship and her ship's company, sir.

The machinery and electrical equipment has run satisfactorily and the two weeks self maintenance period in the month proved valuable for the rectifying of minor defects.

8. Training has proceeded satisfactorily. 114 fifth term apprentices joined from NIRIMBA for sea familiarisation for the period 7th - 19th April. Training was concentrated on specialisations within their own departments, however each apprentice spent 2 - 3 days on ship husbandry and communal duties.



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9. The health, conduct and morale of the officers and
ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.A.H. Clarke
(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

a.	Distance steamed during the month	2239.9 miles
b.	Hours underway during the month	160 hours
c.	Total distance steamed since re-commissioning	221308.7 miles
d.	Total hours underway since re-commissioning	14041.6 hours
e.	Hours exceeded economical speed.	NIL

ANNEX B

EXERCISES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXERCISES</u>
<u>APRIL</u>	
9 (3/4 hours)	COO Manoeuvres
15 (3 hours)	COO Manoeuvres
9 (1 hour)	RAS Approaches
9 (QUEENBOROUGH)	RAS(L) Supplying
14	Jackstay transfer

21	Hull Search	Diving	2239.9 miles
30	Day and night exercises	Diving	160 hours
c.	Total distance steamed since re-commissioning		221308.7 miles
d.	Total hours underway since re-commissioning		14041.6 hours
e.	Hours exceeded economical speed.		NIL

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EXERCISES

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9 (1 hour)	RAS Approaches
9 (QUEENBOROUGH)	RAS(L) Supplying

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SPORT

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SPORT

1	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
3	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
9	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
10	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
11	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
12	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
13	Social Volley Ball Inter-part		
	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
15	Physical Training/Circuits/Volley Ball		
23	Rugby SYDNEY defeated STALWART	<u>SCORES</u> 8-3	<u>Nos</u> 16
23	Basketball 3 members chosen for Inter-service trials		
24	Basketball 1 member chosen for Inter-service sports		
24	Squash 1 member chosen for Inter-service trials		
30	Rugby BIG SHIPS defeated WATERHEN/PLATYPUS	14-5	12
30	Soccer BIG SHIPS defeated PERTH/HOBART	4-3	7
30	Golf BIG SHIPS defeated WATSON	193-180	4
30	Aust.Rules BIG SHIPS defeated WATERHEN/PLATYPUS/ PENGUIN	75-36	5

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HMAS SYDNEY

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1969

1. Forwarded.
2. The attention of the Captain, HMAS SYDNEY is being drawn to RI Appendix 29A paragraph 4 in regard to the date by which Reports of Proceedings should be forwarded.



Rear Admiral

AS(NS)
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On Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(II) of 13th June, 1969.

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

In reply quote: 1/16/3(II)

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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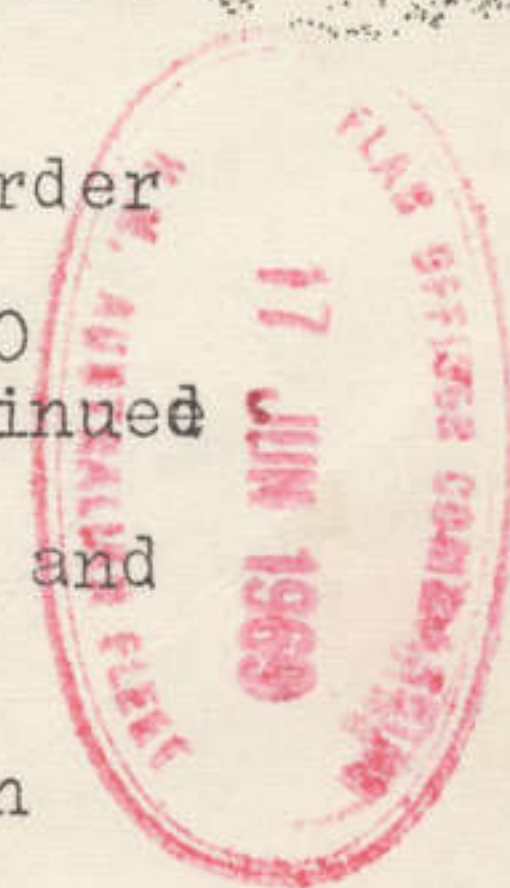
HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of May, 1969. All times local.

2. From Thursday 1st May to Monday 5th May the ship was alongside the Oil Wharf at Garden Island.
3. At 0825 on Monday 5th May the ship was cast off and in company with HMA Ships MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA, proceeded to sea. You, sir, had embarked in this ship prior to sailing and the Secretary, Department of Defence Sir Henry Bland CBE and the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral V.A.T. SMITH CB, CBE, DSC, joined the ship by helicopter immediately before the ship sailed. During the forenoon three patrol boats carried out a high speed run down the side of the ship, and the MELBOURNE embarked three Tracker aircraft from NAS Nowra, after each had carried out two 'touch and goes'. At approximately 1200 two helicopters from the MELBOURNE landed and the Chief of Naval Staff, Secretary, Department of Defence and you and your Flag Lieutenant were transferred to the MELBOURNE. Your Flag, which had been transferred to this ship from Fleet Headquarters at 0800 that morning, was transferred to the MELBOURNE at this time. At 1206 the SYDNEY was detached and proceeded on passage to Townsville, where the ship anchored at 0500 on Thursday 8th May.
4. By 1630 on Thursday 8th May the unit stores and personnel of 6th RAR were embarked from Townsville. A separate report on this evolution has been forwarded. At 1630 the ship weighed and proceeded on passage to Vung Tau. You, sir, and your Flag Lieutenant had joined the ship whilst at anchor at Townsville and your flag was broken at 0800 that morning.
5. At 1755 on Friday 9th May the ship stopped in order that you could visit HMAS PALUMA, and bread was passed to that ship. The two ships proceeded in company until 1830 when you again returned to this ship and the passage continued.
6. The monotony of the passage up the Barrier Reef and west to Sunda Strait was broken only by the mail transfer with HMAS ASSAIL, carried out north of Melville Island at 1530 on Sunday 11th May and you spent three quarters of an hour in that ship.

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7. After six days of hot, humid conditions with a following wind it was a refreshing change to eventually turn north towards Sunda Strait and thereby obtain a relative wind in the ahead semi-circle. At 1200 on Friday 16th May, in the approaches to Sunda Strait, the rendezvous with HMAS VAMPIRE was effected and a jackstay transfer was carried out. You, sir, transferred to that ship and your flag was changed. The chinese trader and his goods were also transferred at this time. OOW manoeuvres were carried out in the afternoon and Sunda Strait was left astern at 1750.
8. The transit through Gasper Strait was carried out during the morning watch on Saturday 17th May, and OOW manoeuvres were again exercised during the forenoon on this day. At 1400 HMAS STUART joined and you, sir, transferred to that ship. At 1550, having embarked a token amount of fuel from the SYDNEY, the STUART detached and proceeded to Manila. The VAMPIRE was then fuelled, and the passage north to VUNG TAU continued.
9. Very heavy rain and as a consequence low visibility precluded the exercising of OOW manoeuvres on Sunday morning 18th May. The two ships closed up at Defence Watches at 1600 on this day, and, having detached the VAMPIRE to proceed ahead at 0500, the SYDNEY anchored in B12 berth at Vung Tau at 0655 on Monday 19th May.
10. The disembarkation of the 6th RAR and the embarkation of the 4th RAR, and each units accompanying stores, was completed without incident at 1220 and at 1225 the SYDNEY sailed. The VAMPIRE had preceded the SYDNEY out of harbour, and both ships now made a fast passage to the SSW where a rendezvous with RFA's TIDEREACH and TARBATNESS was effected at 1300 on Tuesday 20th May, in the vicinity of Pulau Aur.
11. Having restocked with provisions, and refuelled, the SYDNEY proceeded on passage towards Gasper Strait at 1630, with VAMPIRE in company.
12. Gasper Strait was transitted early in the forenoon on Wednesday 21st May, and at 1145 the chinese trader and his goods, and sea mail from the STUART and VAMPIRE were transferred by boat. The passage south continued and the SYDNEY cleared Sunda Strait at 1840, and in order to conserve the VAMPIRE's fuel on passage to Manila she was detached at 1900.
13. The SYDNEY proceeded on passage to Brisbane. At 1500 on Sunday 25th May the ship stopped north of Melville Island, and customs officers and mail were embarked from HMAS ADVANCE. The ship cleared Torres Strait at 0300 on Tuesday 27th May and at 1000 the ship stopped to transfer bread to HMAS PALUMA, alongside at Portland Roads.
14. At 1215 on Wednesday 28th May a helicopter transfer was carried out off Townsville and Major General F.G. HASSETT, CBE, DSO, MVO, General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, joined for passage to Brisbane.
15. A pilot was embarked off Caloundra Head at 0415 on Friday 30th May, and the ship secured port side to at the BHP Wharf Brisbane at 0828 on that morning. The 4th RAR disembarked and on completion of the march through Brisbane the ship's band returned to the ship which immediately cast off and by 1225 the ship was proceeding on passage to Sydney.

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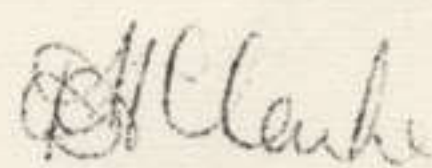
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16. An uneventful passage south was terminated with the berthing starboard side to at the Fitting Out Wharf at 1530 on Saturday 31st May.
17. Diving practice was carried out on 2nd May, involving 19 divers. Of these, two were initial dips, resulting in their being recommended for C.A.B.A. courses. Diving was successfully carried out in Vung Tau on 19th May.
18. The machinery and electrical equipment has been functioning very satisfactorily. The annual full power trial was completed on the 29th May. A total of 9 Furnace Fuel Oil tanks were emptied and cleaned prior to the return to Sydney.
19. Training proceeded satisfactorily. All Ordinary Seamen except four Ord CD's (who recently joined) have completed their formal Common Sea Training. All Ord's of the Seamen categories have been awarded their Helmsman's Certificate. Higher Rank Training culminated in the May Branch Technical Test. A breakdown of numbers who attended this training is given at Appendix D.
20. The health, conduct and morale of the officers and ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX A
STEAMING FIGURES

- a. Distance steamed during the month. 10,584.3 miles
- b. Hours underway during the month. 612 hours
- c. Total distance steamed since re-commissioning 231,892.0 miles
- d. Total hours underway. 14,653.6 hours
- e. Hours exceeded economical speed:-

Economical speed was exceeded for 384 hours during the month of May and was caused by the high passage speed required for TRUDGE
3. Speeds in excess of economical speeds varied between 18 and 24 knots.

APPENDIX B
EXERCISES

Helo Transfers - 5, 28.
SUCRF - 10, 13, 26.
Jackstay Transfer - 16, 18.
RAS (L) Supplying - 17 (Stuart), 17 (Vampire).
RAS(L) Receiving - 20 (Tidereach).
OOW Manoeuvres - 16, 17.

APPENDIX C
HIGHER RANKS TRAINING

MAY 1969 B.T.T. SECTION I PART I

	<u>ATTEMPTED</u>	<u>PASSED</u>	<u>FAILED</u>
P.O. for C.P.O.	10	10	NIL
ERA for Conf.	3	3	NIL
L.H. for P.O.	8	8	NIL
ABLE RANK for L.H.	14	14	NIL

SECTION I PART II

P.O. for C.P.O.	10	10	NIL
ERA for Conf.	3	3	NIL
L.H. for P.O.	8	8	NIL
A.B. for L.H.	15	15	NIL

SECTION II

P.O. for C.P.O.	7
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ERA for Conf.	3
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A.B. for L.H.	16

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HMAS SYLNEY SPORT REPORT FOR MAY 1969

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
1.5.69	BASKETBALL	SYDNEY def. Chinese Navy	51.36	9
6.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
	P.T.	MID'S "		15
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		50
7.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
	P.T.	MID'S "		14
	P.T.	Circuit Training		45
9.5.69	P.T.	VolleyBall & Baddington Social		50
	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
	P.T.	MID'S "		14
10.5.69	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		48
	P.T.	Baddington "		12
	P.T.	MID'S Daily Exercises		14
11.5.69	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		124
	P.T.	Baddington "		54
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		40
12.5.69	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		124
	P.T.	Baddington "		20
	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
13.5.69	P.T.	MID'S "		12
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		42
	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		72
14.5.69	P.T.	Baddington "		24
	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
	P.T.	MID'S "		14
15.5.69	P.T.	Circuit Training		50
	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		36
	P.T.	Baddington "		16
		Volleyball Dan's Dies Def. Buster's (Challenge Game)	2.1.	12
15.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70
	P.T.	MID'S "		12
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		50
15.5.69	P.T.	Volleyball Competition		48
	P.T.	Baddington "		16
	P.T.	Volleyball Buster's Gang def. Dan's Dies 2.1. (Challenge Game).		12

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HMAS SYDNEY SPORT REPORT FOR MAY 1969

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>NO.</u>	
16.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S Daily Exercises		70	
	P.T.	MID'S Daily Exercises		12	
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		50	
	VOLLEYBALL	COMPETITION		24	
	BADDINGTON	"		16	
17.5.69	P.T.	MID'S		1	
	VOLLEYBALL	Band I def. 3A P.O.'s	3.1	12	
	FINALS				
	LOSERS				
	PLATE	SAINT'S def. BEAGLES	3.0	12	
18.5.69	BADDINGTON	Gilbert & Harrold def.			
	FINAL	Luke & Hine			
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		25	
	VOLLEYBALL	Social Games		60	
	BADDINGTON	Social Games		40	
20.5.69	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		30	
	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		82	
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		45	
	VOLLEYBALL	Social Games		72	
	BADDINGTON	"		48	
21.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		80	
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		40	
	VOLLEYBALL	Competition		96	
	BADDINGTON	Social		84	
	22.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		80
P.T.		Circuit & Weight Training		30	
VOLLEYBALL		COMPETITION		96	
BADDINGTON		Social		48	
23.5.69		P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		72
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		25	
	VOLLEYBALL	Competition		96	
	BADDINGTON	Social		48	
	24.5.69	P.T.	MID'S		13
P.T.		Circuit & Weight Training		35	
VOLLEYBALL		Competition		72	
"		Social		68	
25.5.69		P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		8
	VOLLEYBALL	Competition		48	
	BADDINGTON	Social		72	
	26.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		81
		P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		35
VOLLEYBALL		Competition		24	
"		Social		72	
27.5.69		P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		75
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		25	
	VOLLEYBALL	Cheats Def.	3.0	12	
	FINAL	Clowns			
	BADDINGTON	Social		48	
28.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		70	
	P.T.	Circuit & Weight Training		25	
	VOLLEYBALL	Social		48	
	BADDINGTON	"		60	
	29.5.69	P.T.	ORD'S & MID'S		80

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HMAS SYDNEY

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The Secretary,
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1969

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Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(II) of 22nd July, 1969.

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

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In reply quote: 1/16/3(II).

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1969.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of June, 1969.

2. The ship remained alongside Garden Island from Sunday, 1st June, to Tuesday, 17th June.

3. On Tuesday, 17th June, the ship was moved by tugs to deammunition at No.2 buoy prior to being moved up to Cockatoo Island Dockyard where she was immediately berthed in dry dock. The ship was docked down that day.

4. The remainder of the month was spent in dry dock at Cockatoo Island.

5. Ship's divers were exercised and diving course candidates given acceptance dips in the vicinity of Spectacle Island on Wednesday, 25th June.

6. All major items on the Electrical Defect List have been accepted by the Dockyard and most have been started. Ship's Staff maintenance is being progressed, but at a low rate because of the number of personnel on leave.

7. Pre-refit trials and tank cleaning alongside at Garden Island in the first half of the month progressed satisfactorily. All items in the Docking section of the Main Defect List have been taken in hand, with one exception - the sheathing of the Port stern tube with g.r.p. It is not expected that any defects will stop the ship undocking on 10th July.

8. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is satisfactory. Long leave is currently being taken by the Ship's Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Kayama

(K.A. YOUNG)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN (AOL)



APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

- a. Distance steamed during the month. Nil
 b. Hours underway during the month. Nil
 c. Total distance steamed since recommissioning 231,892.0 miles
 d. Total hours underway since recommissioning 14,653.6 hours.

APPENDIX B

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>No.</u>
4.6.69	Rugby	SYDNEY drew NIRIMBA	9-9	15
	Soccer	ALBATROSS def SYDNEY	4-0	11
	A/Rules	ALBATROSS def SYDNEY		14
	Volleyball	SYDNEY def WATSON	Forfeit	6
11.6.69	RUGBY	SYDNEY def ALBATROSS	21-8	22
25.6.69	RUGBY	SYDNEY def MORESBY	14-5	20

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HMAS SYDNEY

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Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(II) of 5th August, 1969.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
At Cockatoo Island.
5th August, 1969.

In reply quote: 1/16/3(II)

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command for the month of July, 1969. All times are local (-10 Hours).

2. From Tuesday 1st July to Thursday 10th July the ship was in dry dock at Cockatoo Island. On Thursday 10th July the dock was flooded and the SYDNEY moved alongside Cruiser Wharf at Cockatoo Island. The remainder of the month was spent at this berth, and the refit progressed.

3. The refit has progressed satisfactorily. The only major items of the refit which give cause for concern at the present time, are the completion date of the relaying of the Main Galley Deck and what work it is intended to carry out on the insulation of the main Cold and Cool Rooms consequent on the survey of this insulation.

4. Work on all electrical items accepted for Dockyard maintenance is progressing satisfactorily.

5. 89 Ordinary Seamen and Junior Recruits joined SYDNEY from CERBERUS and LEEUWIN, between 3rd and 14th July, having had all leave due to correspond with the Ship's leave cycle.

After having completed a 7 days settling in period, in which time their Post-in Kit musters were carried out, 37 have been employed in Ship's Husbandry and Communal Duties. In addition, 32 have been required for duty as Ship's Fire Sentries whilst at CODOCK, and 20 have been employed by various departments and on watchkeeping duties.

Due to the additional duties imposed upon the trainees during the refit period, Seamanship instruction was commenced on 29th July for Seamen ORD's and JR's; one hour lectures being given in both practical and theory seamanship. Depending on the progress made with these lectures, and the demand on these sailors for other duties, it may be necessary to introduce dogwatch instruction. It is hoped however, that this will not be necessary as the Seamanship instruction presently devolves upon two Petty Officers on the training staff.

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6. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is satisfactory. Long leave is currently being taken by the Ship's Company.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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d.	Total hours underway since recommissioning	14,653.6 hours
e.	Hours exceeded economical speed	Nil

APPENDIX B

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>No</u>
18.6.69	Rugby	SYDNEY def ALBATROSS	21-8	22
25.6.69	Rugby	SYDNEY def MORESBY	14-5	20
2.7.69	Rugby	SYDNEY def PERTH/HOBART	21-3	40
16.7.69	Rugby	BIG SHIPS def WATERHEN/PLATYPUS	36-0	15
23.7.69	Rugby	ALBATROSS def BIG SHIPS	13-12	15
23.7.69	Aust. Rules	Inter Service Training		2

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19 SEP 1969

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1969

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(II) of 4th
September, 1969.

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H.M.A.S. SYDNEY,
At Cockatoo Island,
4th September, 1969.

In reply quote: 1/16/3(II)

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of August 1969. All times are local (-10).

2. The SYDNEY was alongside Cruiser Wharf, at Cockatoo Island for the entire month, undergoing refit.

3. You, sir, paid an informal visit to the ship on Thursday 28th August, and walked round to view the progress of the refit.

4. During the fumigation weekends the Ordinary Seamen were accommodated at Schnapper Island. Whilst there they were kept occupied with sailing, races, table tennis tournaments, tag team wrestling matches, fishing, volleyball and films. A canteen selling soft drinks and pies was open on each Saturday. Meals were prepared by the Ordinary Seamen, and except for breakfast a barbeque was utilised for all meals. A total of 44 Ordinary Seamen used these facilities, and appear to have enjoyed themselves.

5. In general the refit is progressing satisfactorily, however a large number of Hull items undertaken are behind planned completion dates, however it would appear that all items will be completed by the refit completion date, 20 October. Most engineering items will meet planned completion dates however repairs to the Forward Main Fuel Tank have held up replacement of No 3T/D Fire and Bilge Pump and the Forward Drain Cooler, which in turn will delay trials in the Forward Machinery Space. It is expected that trial dates listed in HMAS SYDNEY's letter 20/20/12 dated 19 August 1969 will be out approximately 10 days.

6. Electrical work being carried out by the Dockyard is in general, proceeding satisfactorily, and should be completed on time. Rewiring to be carried out in renovated wash and bathrooms will require concentrated effort to complete.

7. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is satisfactory. Long leave is currently being taken.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.A.H. Clarke

(D.A.H. Clarke)
CAPTAIN



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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

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d.	Total hours underway since recommissioning	14,653.6 hours
e.	Hours exceeded economical speed	NIL

APPENDIX B

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>NO's</u>
6.8.69	Rugby	Big Ships defeated Destroyers/Frigates/Forfeit		
13.8.69	Rugby	Big Ships drew Penguin	11 - 11	16
20.8.69	Rugby	Sydney defeated Melbourne	18 - 3	19
27.8.69	Rugby	Big Ships drew DDG's	11 - 11	12
6.8.69	Rules	Big Ships trials		12
13.8.69	Rules	Big Ships defeated Waterhen/Penguin		
			17-12 to 11-12	14
20.8.69	Rules	Big Ships defeated Nirimba	13-5 to 8-9	12
27.8.69	Rules	Albatross defeated Big Ships	19-11 to 9-13	12
6.8.69	V/Ball	Waterhen defeated Sydney	3 - 0	7
20.8.69	Soccer	Nirimba defeated Big Ships	8 - 2	4
20.8.69	Rifle	Melbourne defeated Sydney	430 to 313	10
27.8.69	Shooting	Sydney defeated Waterhen/ Penguin/Kuttabul	337 to 283	9
6.8.69	Pistol	Naval Pistol Club		6
13.8.69	Shooting	Naval Pistol Club		6
20.8.69		Naval Pistol Club		6
27.8.69		Naval Pistol Club		6

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DCNS Amending separate report by the SYDNEY 15/12

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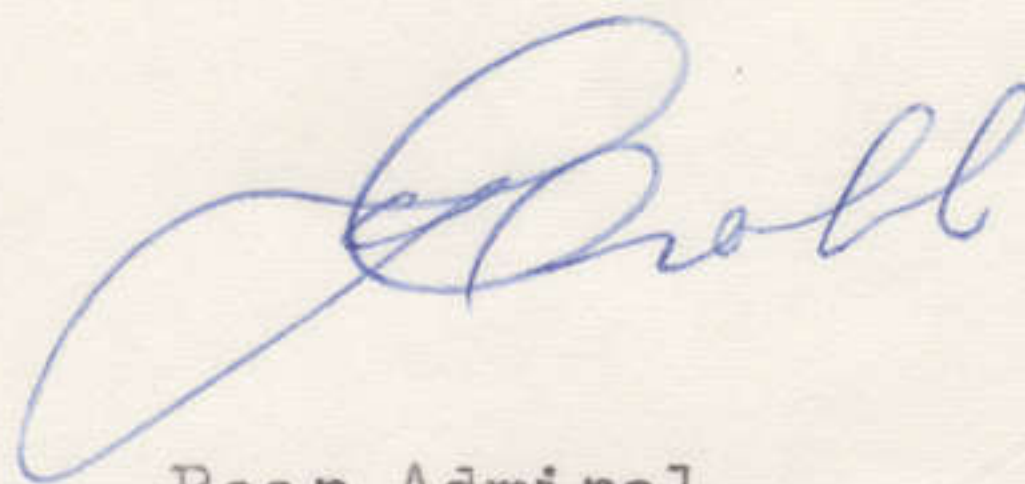
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HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969

Reference: A.F. 1/16/55 of 10th November, 1969.

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(11) of 17th November, 1969.



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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney.

17 NOV 1969

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969.

1. It is requested that the following additions be made to my Report of Proceedings of the month of September, 1969, as paragraph 9 :-

The health and conduct of the Ship's Company is satisfactory. Living conditions on board are appalling. A separate letter will be forwarded.



(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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HMAS SYDNEY Report of Proceedings SEPT. 69

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SYDNEY did not include remarks on the health, welfare and conduct required by RI Appendix 29A.4(f).

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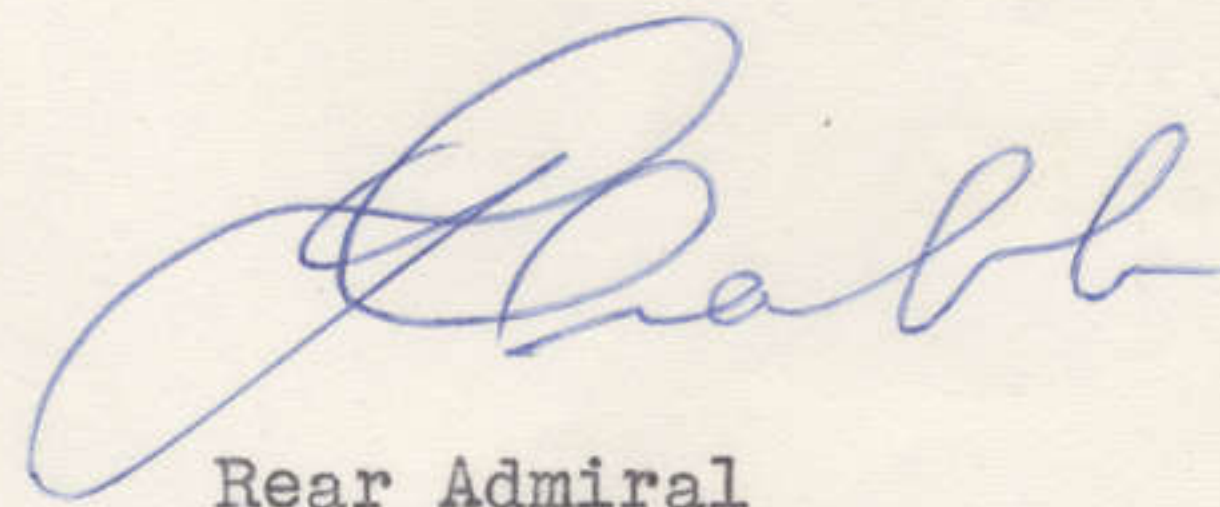
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Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(11) of 16th October, 1969.

Reply Quote: 1/16/3(11)

1/16/55
HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sydney

16th October, 1969.

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

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1969.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of September, 1969. All times local (- 10 hours)

2. The SYDNEY has been alongside the Cruiser Wharf at Cockatoo Island for the entire month, undergoing refit.

3. The gunners party has been employed on general maintenance, and the painting of magazines. One Officer and 13 sailors completed a 9mm Pistol and F1 Sub-Machine Gun course held at Long Bay Rifle Range. Branch training has commenced for all ordinary seamen of the gunnery specialization. During the refit it has only been possible to give class-room instruction. The Gunnery Officer was lent to the auxillary craft BRONZEWING to assist in target towing activities and several sailors have been lent to other units of the fleet to gain practical experience for Branch Technical Tests.

4. Planned maintenance of electrical equipment is being satisfactorily progressed by Ship's Staff. Dockyard maintenance of some items is slow and completion of No. 3 turbogenerator and some important motor generators will be extremely tight.

5. Machinery progress is now satisfactory, with the exception of No. 3 turbogenerator which is not expected to commence trials until 27th October, 1969.

Basin trials will be carried out week commencing 20th October, 1969 and on completion, all lagging will be finished off.

Hull defects are completed with the exception of Mast work and the forward aircraft lift, however work in Heads and Bathrooms will extend into November and it is expected that work in the Wardroom Galley will continue into late October.

6. Branch training has progressed satisfactorily in all branches and is proceeding according to schedule.

Sports grounds have graciously been made available by Riverview College, to enable Ord's and JR's to participate in various sporting activities including Rugby, Soccer and Volley Ball, under the supervision of the Training staff and PT sailors.

7. No diving was carried out during the month.

8. Extensive renovations to the Main Galley were completed on 15th September, and one week later the changeover from the mobile galley was completed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



D.A.H. Clarke
(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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e.	Hours exceeded economical speed	NIL

APPENDIX B

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>NO's</u>
3.9.69	RUGBY	NIRIMBA defeated BIG SHIPS	11-9	14
3.9.69	RUGBY	SYDNEY defeated NIRIMBA	28-6	16
3.9.69	PISTOL SHOOT	Navy Pistol Club		8
3.9.69	RIFLE SHOOT	NIRIMBA defeated SYDNEY	730-360	9
10.9.69	RUGBY	KUTTABUL defeated BIG SHIPS	16-3	14
10.9.69	PISTOL SHOOT	Navy Pistol Club		8
10.9.69	RIFLE SHOOT	WATSON defeated SYDNEY	512-392	9
17.9.69	PISTOL SHOOT	Navy Pistol Club		8
17.9.69	RIFLE SHOOT	PENGUIN defeated SYDNEY	420-368	9
24.9.69	RUGBY	NIRIMBA under 20's defeated SYDNEY under 20's	21-0	17
24.9.69	PISTOL SHOOT	Navy Pistol Club		8

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28 NOV 1969


The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1969.

1. Forwarded.
2. Reference paragraphs 3 and 4. Industrial troubles at Garden Island have precluded full load trials on K3 generator to date.



Rear Admiral

 Enclosure: HMAS SYDNEY letter 1/16/3(11) of 5th November, 1969.

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In Reply Quote: 1/16/3(11)

HMAS SYDNEY
at Sea.

5th November, 1969.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HM Australian Fleet.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1969

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of October, 1969. All times are local (-10 hours).

2. The SYDNEY has been refitting alongside the cruiser wharf at Cockatoo Island for the entire month.

3. Machinery trials progressed satisfactorily throughout the month. Although work on main refrigeration and K3 Turbo-generator has progressed, trials have been very late. Main refrigeration is now satisfactory. However full load trials of K3 generator will not take place until after the ship's work-up period. Basin trials were successfully completed on 23rd October and the Port Main Thrust Block opened up satisfactorily on completion. Lagging in machinery spaces will not be completed prior to proceeding for the work-up but no trouble is envisaged in having this work completed prior to the ship becoming operational. Hull work has been slow in completing, but the only outstanding work at the end of October is work in modernisation of Heads and Bathrooms and testing of some lifting appliances.

4. Ship's staff maintenance of electrical equipment has progressed satisfactorily. Almost all dockyard work has been completed despite very slow progress in some instances. K3 Turbo-generator is re-assembled, but has not yet been tried.

5. The Gunner's Party has been employed on general maintenance and the painting of magazines and gun sponsons. Two sailors were lent to HMAS YARRA to complete Branch Technical Tests. Classroom instruction has continued for Ordinary Seamen of the gunnery specialisation and 36 Ordinary Seamen have been trained for Ceremonial and Colour Guards.

All Gunwharf Stores have been embarked. 40/60 Bofors have been returned from Dockyard, several defects were found during fitting and guns are still under maintenance. Ship's staff have fitted new racks for 9mm small arms. An inspection was carried out for renewal of Magazine Lighting Certificate and the Gunnery Trials team inspected magazines.

6. Diving excersises were carried out by day on 13th, 15th, 16th, and 20th October and by night on 28th October.

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7. 40 Ordinary Seamen and Junior Recruits joined ex PARRAMATTA and PERTH from 20th October for continuation of Common Sea Training, and 67 Apprentices from HMAS NIRIMBA joined for 14 days sea experience.


Practical Instruction in Fire Fighting was given in Cockatoo Dockyard by the Training Staff, to all Ordinary Seamen and Junior Recruits borne, except for the 40 just joined. Branch Instruction continued during the month.

8. The health conduct and morale of Ship's Company has been good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

a.	Distance steamed during the month	NIL
b.	Hours underway during the month	NIL
c.	Total distance steamed since recommissioning	231,892.0miles
d.	Total hours underway since recommissioning	14,653.6 hours
e.	Hours exceeded economical speed	NIL

APPENDIX B

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>NO's</u>
1/10/69	RUGBY	SYDNEY Crds def. Q'BEE Ords	8-3	15
1/10/69	RUGBY	MELB. Comms def SYDNEY Comms	18-5	15
1/10/69	TENNIS	Tennis Team Trials		8
1/10/69	SQUASH	SYDNEY def MELB. on forfeit		
15/10/69	RIFLE SHOOT	ALBATROSS def SYDNEY	612-438	9
15/10/69	TENNIS	Tennis Team Trials		8
15/10/69	SQUASH	Team Trials		6
22/10/69	CRICKET	NIRIMBA def SYDNEY	74-52	13
22/10/69	CRICKET	Q'BEE def SYDNEY Ords	120-26	12
22/10/69	TENNIS	Q'BEE def SYDNEY	8-4	6
22/10/69	V'BALL	SYDNEY def Q'BEE	3-0	8
22/10/69	GOLF	SYDNEY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP		18
22/10/69	SAILING	Q'BEE def SYDNEY		4
22/10/69	WATER POLO	BIG SHIPS def DDG's	9-3	9
29/10/69	V'BALL	KUTTABUL def SYDNEY	3-2	7
29/10/69	WATER POLO	BIG SHIPS def WATSON	9-2	7
29/10/69	RIFLE SHOOT	SYDNEY def WATERHEN	386-228	8

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The Secretary,
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For *Greenburn*
REAR ADMIRAL.

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS SYDNEY.

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HMAS SYDNEY,
at Sea.

3rd December, 1969.

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1969.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of November 1969.
2. On Saturday and Sunday 1st/2nd November the ship was alongside at Cockatoo Island at the end of the refit.
3. At 0910 the ship was cast off and moved cold from Cockatoo Island to No2 buoy. On completion of ammunitioning the SYDNEY slipped and proceeded to sea at 1340. The ship remained at sea for 48 hours to prove machinery after the refit, carry out gun functioning trials, full power trial and seamanship evolutions. No major defects were found and the ship berthed starboard side to at the Fitting Out Wharf at 1400 on Wednesday 5th November.
- Rear Admiral W.D.H. GRAHAM, C.B.E., the Fourth Naval Member visited the ship on Monday 10th November, and walked around the ship.
5. By Friday afternoon the ship had stored and loaded in preparation for the departure on Saturday 15th November, and the ship cast off and proceeded at 1006, after a short delay while a merchantman was to clear the Heads.
6. An uneventful passage north preceded the ship's berthing at No3 B.H.P. wharf, Hamilton Reach, Brisbane, at 1416 on Sunday 16th November.
7. At 1230 on Monday 17th November, with the 8th RAR embarked for passage to Vung Tau, the ship cast off and proceeded north via the Barrier Reef inner route.
8. In order to conserve fuel the DUCHESS was routed north in advance of the SYDNEY, and by 1500 on Tuesday 18th November this ship had caught up, and the two ships proceeded in company. Torres Strait was cleared by 0900 on Thursday 20th November and the DUCHESS refuelled at 1000. At 1205, on completion of refuelling the DUCHESS was detached to proceed to the approaches to Darwin, and the two ships again joined company at 1045 on Saturday 22nd November, to the west of Melville Island.
9. The passage continued, and Sunda Strait was transitted on 25th November, and the ships passed through Gaspar Strait late that night.
10. At 1200 on Wednesday 26th November the SYDNEY and DUCHESS refuelled from RFA TIDEPOOL, and the evolution was completed at 1522. A jackstay transfer was then carried out with the DUCHESS and the passage continued towards VUNG TAU.
11. After crossing a sheer line stretching across the centre of the South China Sea the weather turned very nasty and rain and a NNE wind of Force 5-7 had whipped up an 8-10 foot swell with 3-5 feet of sea. In this weather, on Thursday 27th November, the cargo party did well to pre-stow all cargo for disembarkation, with the exception of twenty pallets containing cardboard containers of Xmas presents and cakes. In view of the damage which would have been done to this cargo by the driving rain I decided to anchor at VUNG TAU at

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0600 on Friday 28th November. The advancement of the ETA by one hour was approved by the local harbour authorities, and after arrival the cardboard boxes were stowed on deck in preparation for off loading.

12. The unloading commenced at 0700, as usual, and went very smoothly. All troops were embarked/disembarked and cargo loaded/off loaded by 1148 and at 1200 on Friday 28th November the SYDNEY weighed and proceeded out of VUNG TAU to join the DUCHESS, who had weighed and proceeded at 1150. The two ships proceeded south through the very uncomfortable weather described in para. 11. A few glancing hits on the bottom of the LCM's by waves again emphasised the vulnerability of these LCM's, in their stowages in the SYDNEY, particularly from a rough sea on the quarter.

13. On Saturday 29th November the DUCHESS detached to proceed to SINGAPORE, and the DERVENT joined from SINGAPORE.

14. On Sunday 30th November, the ships passed through first Gaspar and then Sunda Strait on passage to FREMANTLE.

15. During the period of work up members of the Fleet Trials unit were embarked to carry out Gun Functioning trials. Many minor defects were found on all four mountings during these trials and these defects were not rectified until the evening before sailing for Vietnam.

16. On Tuesday 11th November the Gunnery Officer and one Midshipman visited HMAS ALBATROSS to carry out a recognition course.

17. The ships company have twice been exercised at Action Station and Defence Stations and in addition guns crews, lookouts and communication numbers have been exercised. One surface shoot has been carried out against smoke floats laid by HMAS DUCHESS.

18. The Boarding Party, LCM and Boats crews and sentries have been instructed in the use of small arms. Small arms competition have been held against the Army contingent and parts of ship.

19. The Higher Rates training class has been given frequent instruction in squad drill by the Petty Officer in charge of Gunner's Party.

20. An aircraft recognition course has been started with volunteer Dog Watch instruction. This has met with limited success.

21. Satisfactory progress has been made in the cleaning of the various air magazines and other compartments no longer in use.

22. During the month numerous sporting activities have been held. The ship's company have responded willingly to the various competitions and it is considered that both morale and fitness have increased as a result. Volleyball still appears to be the predominant sport with up to 40 teams competing in various competitions. Games have also been played against the Army personnel.

23. P.T. has been held every morning (except Sunday) for all Ordinary Seamen and Midshipmen off watch. A number of volunteers from other parts of ship have also attended.

24. The Band has given several concerts to the ship's company and troops embarked for Vietnam. These have been particularly well received especially when the mood changes from classical to modern. The Band have integrated themselves well into the ship's routine.

25. Training of Ordinary Seamen and Junior Recruits has progressed satisfactorily during the month. It is considered that the trip north has been most beneficial, particularly to the young sailors of the Seamen category who will all be qualified helmsmen before arrival in Sydney town. A noticeable rise in morale amongst these young men was evident once the ship proceeded to sea.

26. Training for Section One Part One of the Higher Ranks Promotion Board was carried out during the month for the 54 candidates

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on board.

27. In the interests of creating a worked up diving team for Vung Tau a night diving exercise was carried out on 10th November and daylight exercises carried out on the 11th, 12th and 14th November. A demonstration operation awkward was carried out for all ship's divers operation awkward sentries and boats and LCM crews on AM 12th. A semi-realistic daylight attack was carried out on PM 12th by CDT 2 to exercise ship's divers and operation awkward sentries.

28. The ship's diving team carried out U/W defence operation in Vung Tau on 28th November.

29. Most electrical machinery has performed well, there having been no major failures. The self-contained air-conditioning unit in 4N Dental Surgery has proved ineffective. This is probably because of an inadequate flow of cooling air around the machine.

30. Despite the mounting just having completed a dockyard biennial planned maintenance routine, the breech block of G3 40/60 mounting was so badly worn as to render the gun unoperative. A breech block was borrowed from HMAS DUCHESS and returned before she detached.

31. Trials of K3 Turbo-generator were not carried out before sailing for this trip as no load tank could be made available by Garden Island Dockyard. A 'heat' run only was carried out by ship's staff. A post-refit full power trial was carried out on 5th Nov. with satisfactory results and all machinery has settled down well after a lengthy refit. Minor problems were experienced with refrigeration, air-conditioning and water-coolers but these have now been overcome.

32. Air-conditioning units have now been fitted in 4K CPC's mess and the Wardroom Anteroom; both these units have considerably improved conditions in the tropics in these spaces. All modernised bathrooms and heads are now in use. A considerable number of minor defects have had to be remedied by ship's staff in every modernised compartment.

33. Due to industrial disputes whilst the ship was alongside at Cockatoo Island and the completion date for work on refrigerated spaces, storing of the ship in readiness for the trooping passage had to be undertaken at extremely short notice and was only completed on 14th November, the day prior to sailing. Due to the speed with which the Victualling Stores in particular had to be embarked, little or no opportunity existed to inspect the stores on delivery. A close inspection, however, did take place as soon as possible after the ship's departure from Sydney and it was revealed that certain stocks of fresh provisions either had been supplied in poor condition or had been supplied in a manner contrary to the expressed wishes of the ship - e.g. lettuce and cabbage in an unwrapped state. My letter 46/10/15 of 27th November, 1969, is relevant and emphasises the point that, during trooping passages under sweltering conditions, it is absolutely vital to the physical well-being of all onboard and in particular the Army personnel, for the standard of all food stocks supplied to the ship to be of the highest possible standard.

34. On departure from Sydney the General Mess balance stood at \$5446.84 credit. As at 30th November, this balance had been reduced to \$3383.09 credit, and it appears that the ship will arrive Sydney on completion of the current trooping commitment with a credit balance of approximately \$1000.00. It is clear that, once again, the General Mess has had to accrue and sail with a very substantial credit balance to offset the considerable over-expenditure of the victualling allowance during a trooping run. My submission for a Supplementary Victualling Allowance as contained in HMAS SYDNEY's letter 77/95/1 of 12th November, 1969 sets out the history of the consistent over-expenditure during the ship's trooping passages over the 1968/69 period.

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35. Both the Main Galley and the Wardroom Galley have functioned well during the present trooping commitment. The new grilling plate which was installed in the Main Galley during the recent refit has proved to be worth its weight in gold, and the structural and ventilation alterations made to the Wardroom Galley have made life more bearable in that particular compartment. There still remains room for a great deal of improvement in the functional layout of the Chief and Petty Officers' Galley and it is to be hoped that something can be done in that direction during 1970.

36. The replacement of fan trunking and the fitting of larger fans during the last refit has improved the living conditions. When all the programmed fan trunking has been replaced the living conditions will have improved greatly.

37. The health, conduct and morale of the officers and ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX A.

STEAMING FIGURES.

a) Distance steamed during the month.	6,801.5 miles
b) Hours underway during the month.	414.0 hours
c) Total distance steamed since recommissioning.	238,693.5 miles
d) Total hours underway since recommissioning.	15,067.6 hours
e) Hours exceeded economical speed.	

Economical speed was exceeded for 289 hours during the month. Three hours on 4th November while doing a full power trial and the remainder was caused by the high passage speed required for this trip.

APPENDIX B.

SPORTS PLAYED ASHORE.

			<u>No's</u>
Volleyball	SYDNEY defeated KUTTABUL	3-2	6
Cricket	NIRIMBA defeated BIG SHIPS	125-28	12

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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2. It is believed that the second mentioned past Captain of HMAS SYDNEY included in paragraph 7 should be Captain E.J. Peel, D.S.C., R.A.N. (Retired).



Rear Admiral

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HMAS SYDNEY's Report of Proceedings for December, 1969.

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The Commanding Officer, HMAS SYDNEY.

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HMAS SYDNEY
at Sydney

2nd January, 1970

Flag Officer Commanding
HM Australian Fleet.

HMAS SYDNEY - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1969

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship SYDNEY, under my command, for the month of December, 1969. All times are local.
2. The middle watch on Monday 1st December found the ship, with DERWENT in company, on passage from Sunda Strait to Fremantle, and at 0325 Christmas Island was raised on radar. After passing close along the northern and eastern coasts of Christmas Island, in order for the embarked 9th Battalion and the ship's company to see the island, course was set for Fremantle.
3. By the evening of Wednesday 3rd December the weather had deteriorated and a force 6 wind and 8 foot swell from the SSW were making conditions unpleasant. During the following day the swell increased to 12-15 feet and some anxiety was felt about the prospects of berthing at Fremantle. However at 0813 on Friday, 5th December, the ship berthed starboard side to at 'Hotel' berth Fremantle in perfect weather conditions. The DERWENT was berthed astern of the SYDNEY and both ships refuelled. In view of the weather forecast for the Great Australian Bight the DERWENT was sailed at 1215 to proceed along the track.
4. At 1400 on Friday 5th December, the SYDNEY was cast off and proceeded on passage to Adelaide. By midnight the SYDNEY was 15 miles astern of the DERWENT and maintained this station for the passage across the Bight in case DERWENT's speed was reduced by bad weather. However an uneventful passage eventuated and by 0900 on Monday 8th December, the DERWENT had dropped back to rejoin, and she was refuelled at this time. At 1010 the DERWENT was detached to proceed to Sydney, and the SYDNEY proceeded independently on passage to Adelaide.
5. At 0730 on Tuesday, 9th December, the SYDNEY berthed port side to at Outer Harbour, Port Adelaide. The 9th Battalion and stores were disembarked during the forenoon and at 1530 the ship was cast off and proceeded on passage to Sydney.
6. At 0800 on Friday 12th December, the SYDNEY berthed starboard side to at the Oil Wharf, Garden Island.
7. At 1200 on this day a 21st Birthday Party was held for HMAS SYDNEY, which you, Sir, attended, in company with Rear Admirals Harries, Peel, Oldham and Mesley, all retired, but past Captains of this vessel.
8. The remainder of the month was spent alongside, whilst long leave was taken.
9. All machinery has performed satisfactorily during the month. The output of the evaporators has been such that only one main set was required in operation for most of the recent trooping voyage to Vietnam.

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Re-lagging of boilers and Steam systems in the machinery spaces started on 17th December and will progress as far as possible until 20th January, 1970.

10. Electrical equipment has functioned satisfactorily. The delayed trial of K3 turbogenerator was conducted on 16th December, with satisfactory results.

11. Training proceeded satisfactorily during the first two weeks of the month, when all Ordinary Seamen and Junior Recruits borne for common sea training were given their final examinations. Results of these examinations were extremely satisfactory, and all trainees who were posted to various establishments for able rank courses have now proceeded on leave and posting.

12. Whilst on passage from Vung Tau to Fremantle a 40/60 S.U. shoot was carried out by Defence Stations gun crews and smoke floats laid by HMAS DERWENT. Another shoot programmed for a later date had to be cancelled because of inclement weather conditions. All four P.N.G. Midshipmen onboard have been instructed in maintenance and firings of Mk. 7 Bofors.

Higher Rates Training classes have been instructed in Squad Drill and later in the month were examined for Section 1 of Higher Ranks Training by the Gunnery Officer.

Guard training has continued for Ordinary Seamen and members of the Ship's Company have been similarly instructed in order that an adequate colour guard may be paraded over the leave period.

The Boarding Party has been exercised in 9m.m. small arms firings. An aircraft recognition course was continued with limited success.

Whilst in Fremantle smoke floats and certain non explosive stores were embarked ex Armament Depot, Byford, W.A. for Armament Depot, Sydney.

The Gunner's Party has continued general maintenance, all mountings and ready use lockers have been painted. On 12th December all members of the Gunner's Party excepting one proceeded on leave.

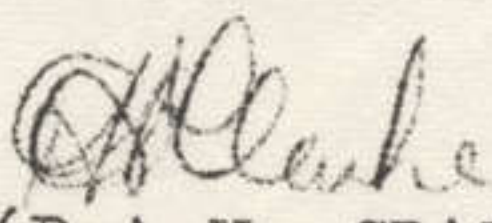
13. Diving took place on one day only this month, 16th December. On this date poker gauge tests were taken and all inlets checked. Also, three sailors were given an initial dip to assess their suitability for SAR diver and one officer for Diver course.

14 The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(D.A.H. CLARKE)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX A

STEAMING FIGURES

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| a) | Distance steamed during the month | 4042.1 | miles |
| b) | Hours underway during this month | 266 | hours |
| c) | Total distance steamed since re-commissioning | 242,735.6 | miles |
| d) | Total hours underway since re-commissioning | 15,333.6 | hours |

Economical speed was exceeded for 29 hours during the month, owing to the high passage speed required for this trip.

APPENDIX B

SPORT

No organised sport other than inter-part competitions have been played during this month. Morning P.T. has been carried out by all Ordinary Seamen and Midshipmen.

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