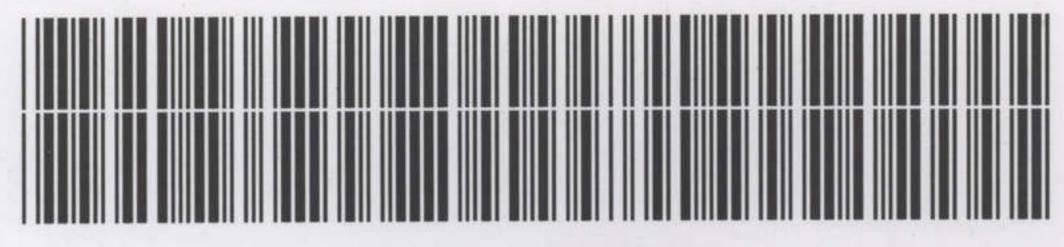
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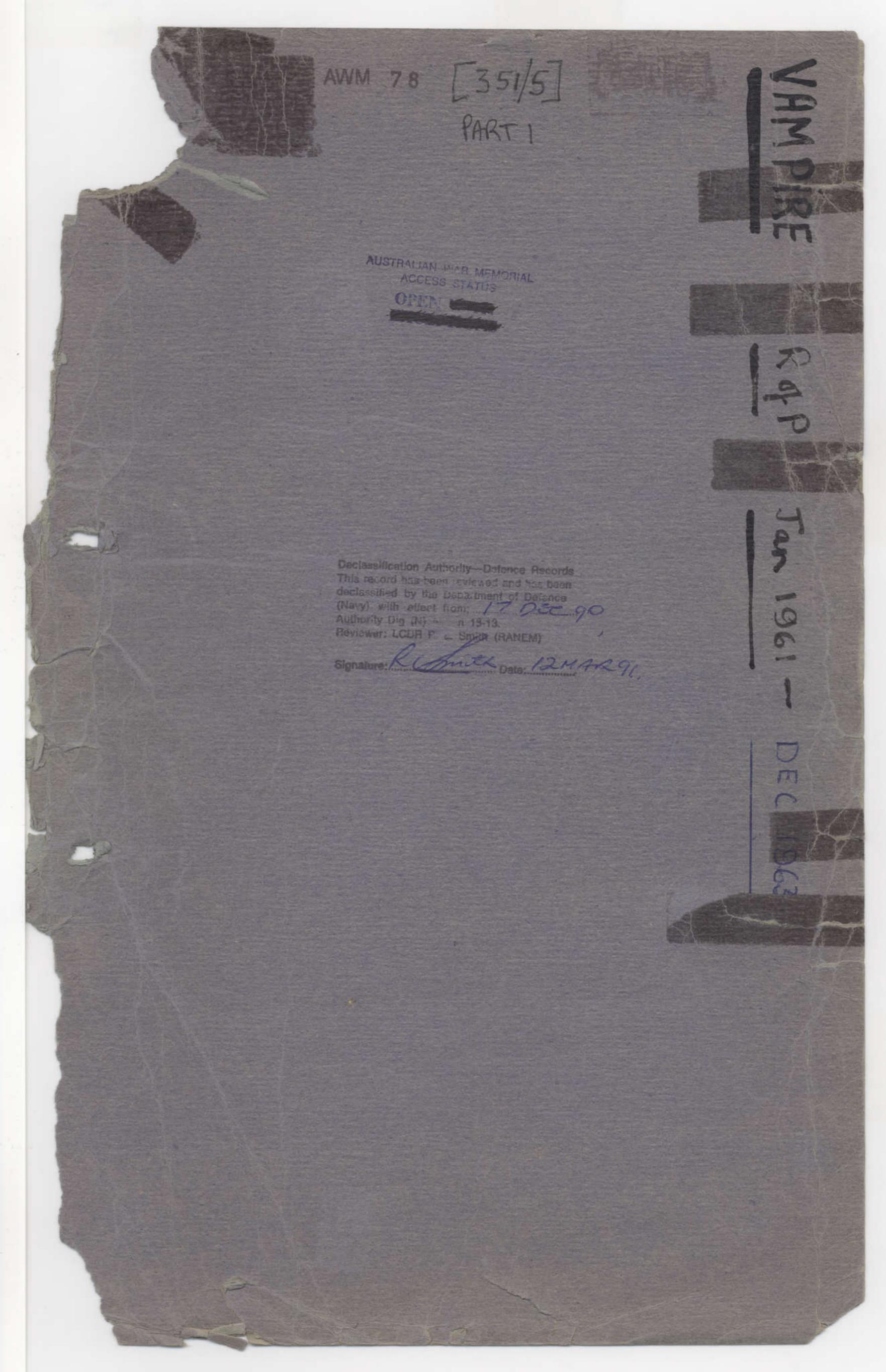
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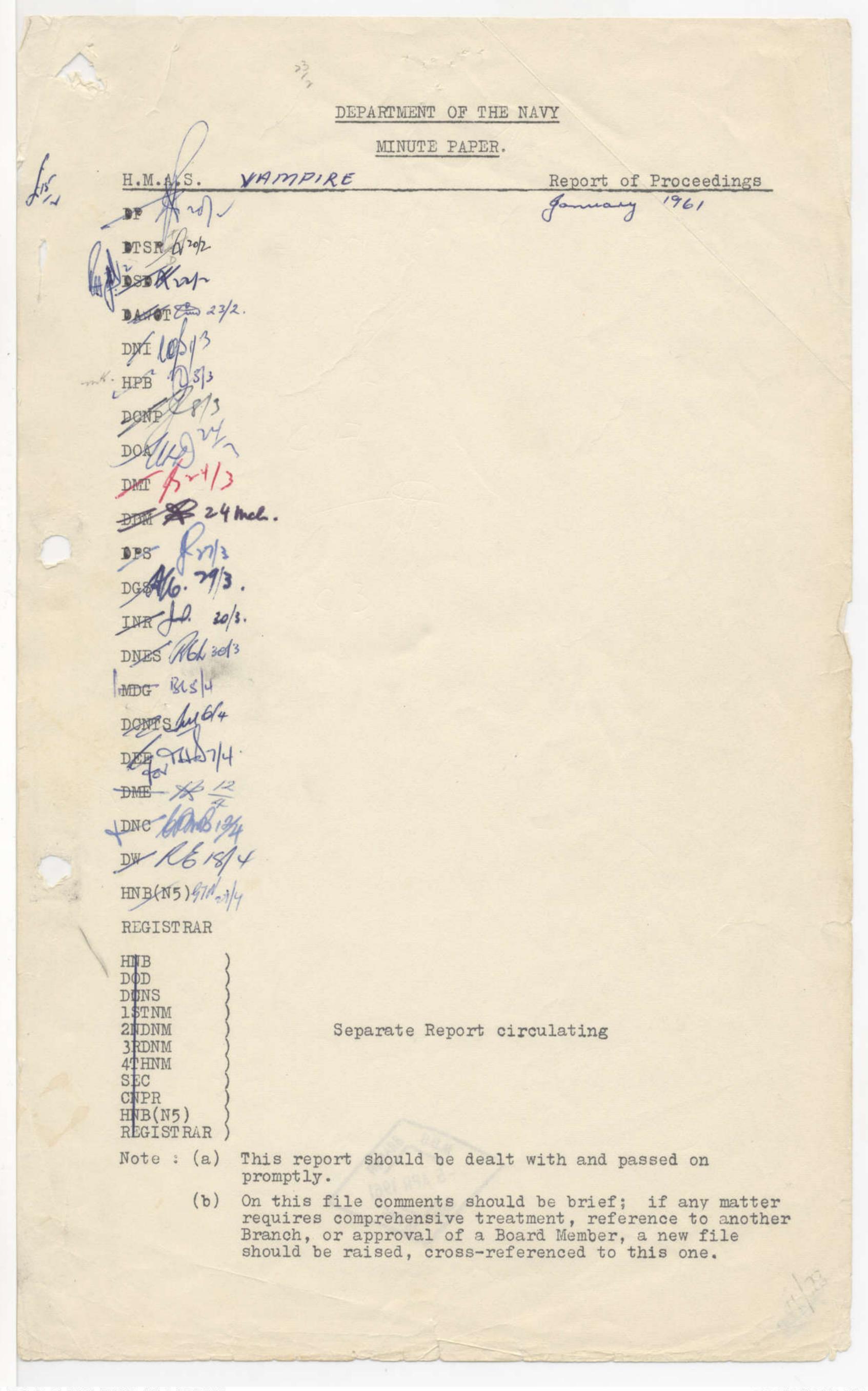
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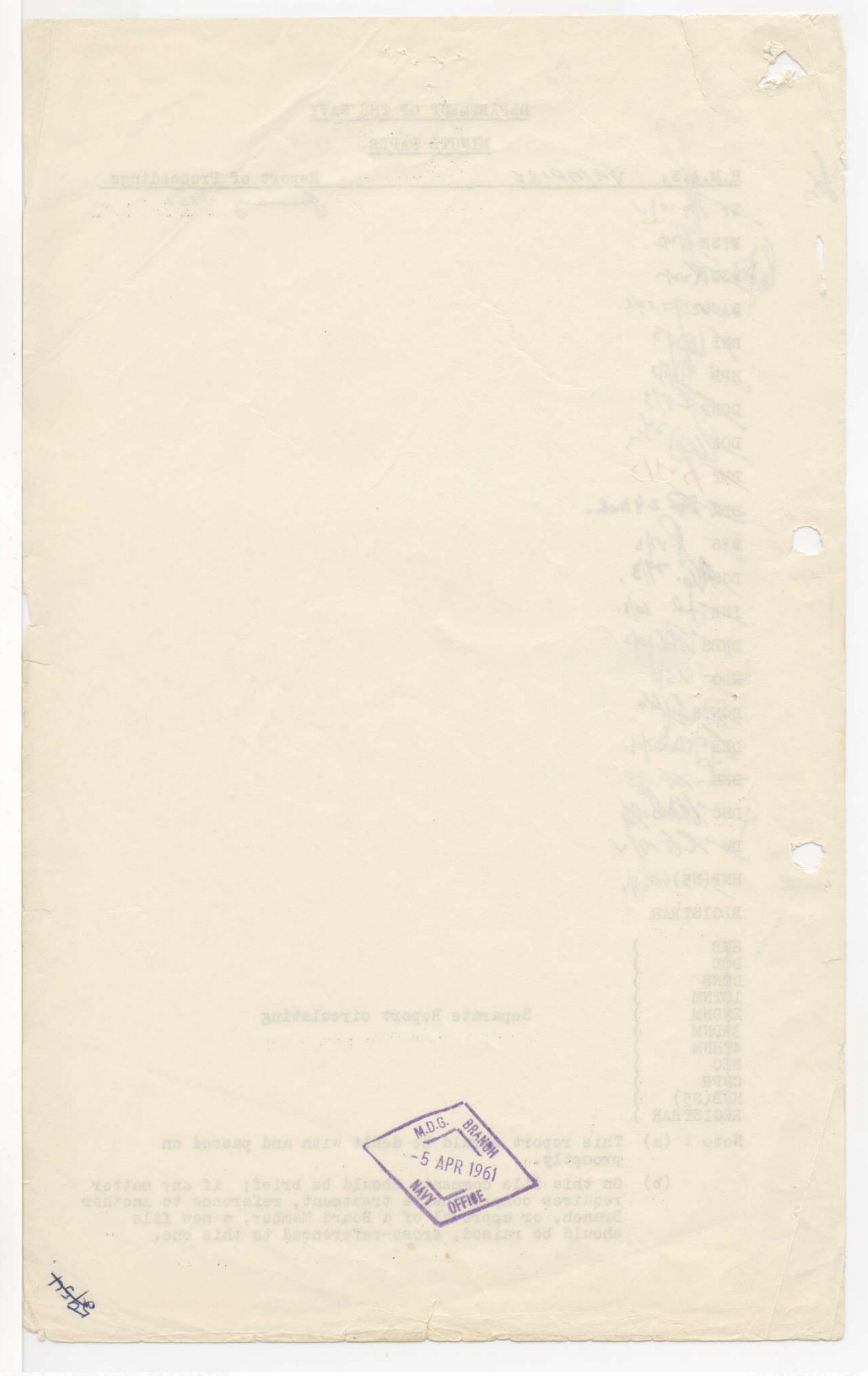
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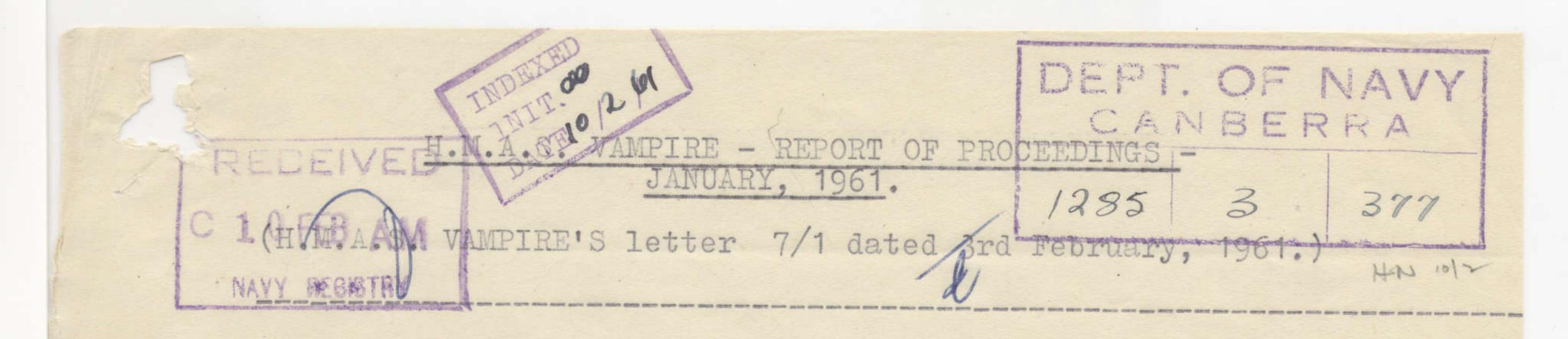
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I. Appendix 29A.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

6th February, 1961

(W.H. HARRINGTON) REAR ADMIRAL

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

No. 7/1.

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

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of January, 1961, having assumed command from Captain E.J. PEEL D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N. on 4th. January, 1961.

- During the month H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE has been undergoing annual refit at Garden Island Dockyard, Sydney. On 9th. January berth was shifted by tugs from North East Cruiser Wharf to Captain Cook Dock and on 10th. January the ship was docked down. Satisfactory progress has been maintained during the refit and the structural work involved in the U.H.F. conversion has been completed.
- I attended the Action Speed Tactical Teacher at H.M.A.S. WATSON with my operations team during the Fleet Tactical period 4th. 6th. January. Drafting and leave commitments have precluded organised training onboard, but Communication ratings have undergone training in H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.
- 4. On 24th. January a trade union ban was made on overtime dockyard work. This ban was lifted at the end of the month. It is not possible to tell at this stage if this loss of overtime will affect the completion date.
- I waited upon you, Sir, at 1100 on 10th. January, the call being returned at 1145 on that day. At 1045 on 11th. January I waited upon the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australian Area, Rear Admiral G.C. OLDHAM, D.S.C., A.D.C. I was absent from the port on leave from 18th. 25th. January. I called on the Captain H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, Captain V.A.T. SMITH, D.S.C., R.A.N. at 1145 on 26th. January and attended the meeting of Captains in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE on the following day. I called on the Captain H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, Captain J.M. RAMSAY, D.S.C., R.A.N. that afternoon.
- Notwithstanding the uncomfortable living conditions during refit, the conduct and health of the Ship's Company have been satisfactory during the month. The ship has contributed to representative teams in local competitions.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

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APPENDIX "A" to report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for month of January, 1961.

Nil report.

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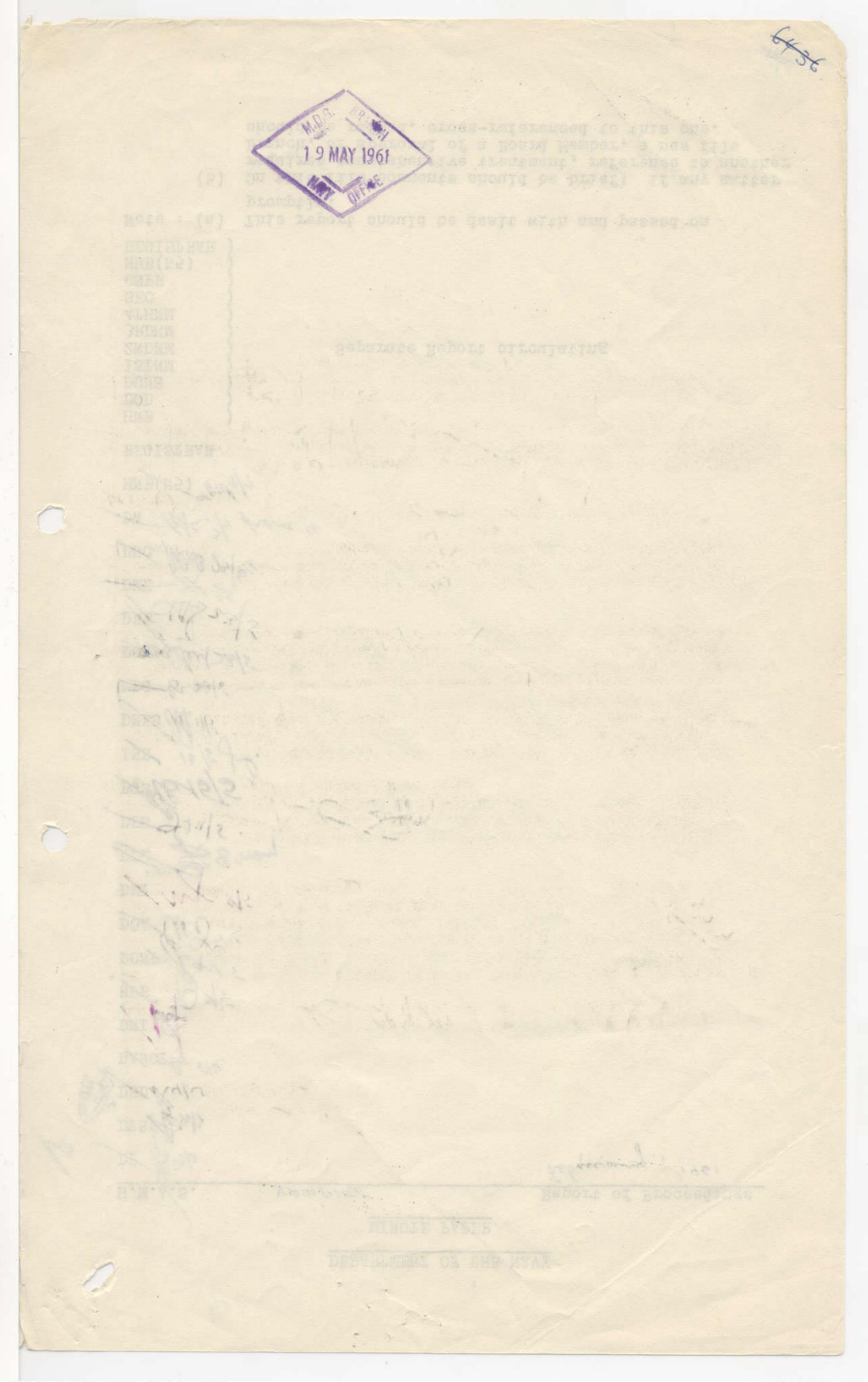
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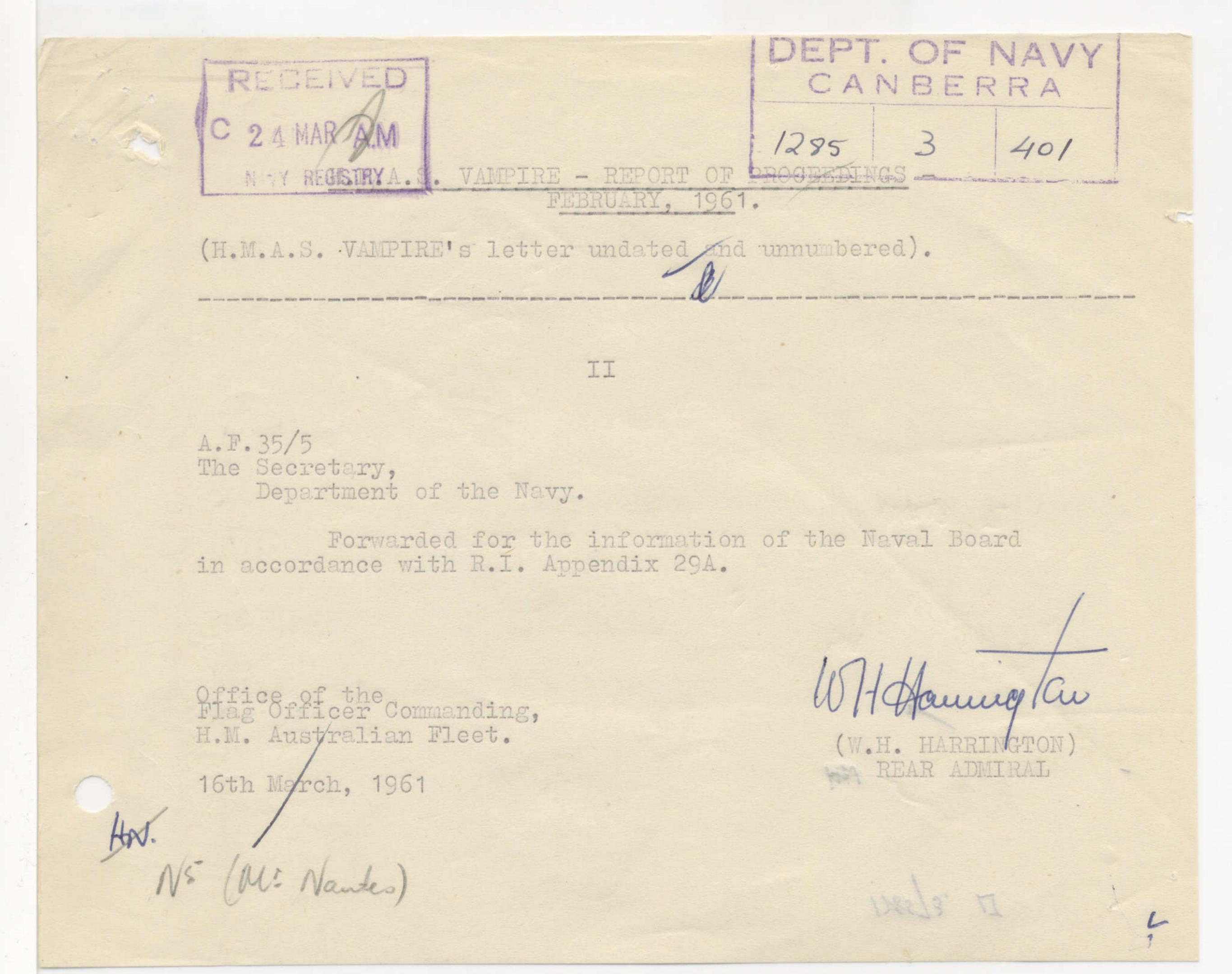
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, At Sydney.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of February, 1961.

- The ship's annual refit has been progressed at Garden Island Dockyard during the month. Sandblasting and subsequent VINYL treatment of the hull was completed by 17th February, on which date the dock was flooded and Tilt Tests carried out. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE undocked on 20th February and shifted berth by tugs to North East Cruiser Wharf. Progress of the refit at this stage indicates that the completion date of 13th March will be met.
- 3. On 6th February you, sir, formally presented to the ship the OTRANTO Shield for Gunnery during 1960. On the 21st February His Excellency the High Commissioner for Pakistan, Mr. J.G. Kharas, presented the Pakistan Shield for Sport during 1960.
- The Flag Officer in Charge, East Australian Area, Rear Admiral G.C. OLDHAM, D.S.C., A.D.C., paid a return call at 1200 on 1st February. I called His Excellency the Govenor of New South Wales, Lieutenant General SIR ERIC WOODWARD, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., K.St.J., at 1130 on 9th February, and on His Worship the Mayor of Sydney Alderman H.F. JENSEN immediately afterwards. I called on the General Officer Commanding Eastern Command Lieut-General H.G. EDGAR, C.B., C.B.E., at 1130 on 14th February, this call being returned by Colonel G.F.T. RICHARDSON, A.R.A., at 1200 on 15th February.
- 5.(a) I attended a short tactical course at H.M.A.S. WATSON during the week commencing Monday 20th February, and a Senior Officer's A.B.C.D. course at H.M.A.S. PENGUIN during the week commencing Monday 27th February.
- (b) A party of Sea Cadets were embarked for the weekend of 25th-26th February.
- '6.(a) It has been necessary to use a mobile galley on the dockside which has added to the uncomfortable living conditions while in dockyard hands. Nevertheless the conduct and health of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory.
- (b) During the month the Ship's Company has taken part in some sporting activities and the Ship's cricket team was defeated narrowly by H.M.A.S. QUIBERON for the Small Ships Cricket Cup.
 - (c) Details of training carried out during the month are attached.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

(A.M.Symnot) CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A" to report of proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for month of February, 1961.

Nil report.

APPENDIX "B" to report of proceedings of

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for month of February, 1961.

TRAINING CARRIED OUT.

- (a) One officer completed a C.A.B.A. diving course during the month.
- (b) One T.O. and three R.O.'s have completed one months Communication Refresher Training at the Signal Training Centre.
- (c) One P.O. Writer completed a course in Crypto at Kuttabul, preparatory to joining the ship.
- (d) Two Officers carried out a 5 day Tactical Course.
- (e) Two Officers carried out a 5 day A.B.C.D. Course.

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The Secretary,
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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board, in accordance with Regulations and Instructions Appendix 29 A.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding

H.M. Australian Fleet.

12th April, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON.)
REAR ADMIRAL

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

4th April, 1961.

The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

Sir.

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of March, 1961.

- Garden Island refitting. The Dockyard completed work on Main and Supplementary Defect List items on 13th March and the ship came to 8 hours notice for steam. In general the refit was well planned and all items, with the exception of some planned maintenance, were undertaken. The U.H.F. conversion was virtually completed on time but setting to work continued for the remainder of the month. Considerable effort has been expended in dockyard setting to work of B turret, which has an unexplained hunt in training.
- The ship was fumigated on 4th March and Basin Trials were carried out on 10th, 21st and 30th March. Ship was shifted by tugs to Number 4 buoy on 28th March to embark ammunition, and shifted back to Cruiser Wharf on completion.
- 4. On 13th March the ship recommissioned. In the new commission forty seven per cent of the old 3hpps' Company remain but this is not evenly spread by branches.
- 5. On 13th March ships staff, with some assistance from the Trials teams, started the Post Refit Trials and the ship's company commenced three weeks pre-work up training.
- 6. On 29th and 30th March sixteen Ordinary Seamen from H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE were examined for the Able Rate. The standard indicated that much effort had been put into their training, the only weakness being in rigging.
- 7. On 10th March the Captain of H.M. Submarine ANCHORITE Lieutenant Commander G.G.W.Hayhoe, R.N. called. That evening I attended the R.A.N.R. Officers Dinner to mark the retirement of Captain S. Darling, O.B.E., D.S.C.**, R.A.N.R. Serving and retired Officers of the R.A.N. and R.A.N.R. attended in force.
 - (b) On 14th March I called on the Commander, Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron, Captain E.T.G. Madgwick, D.S.C., C.D., R.C.N., in H.M.C.S. SUSSEXVALE. On 20th March I entertained him to luncheon onboard, together with the Captain H.M.C.S. BEACON HILL, Lieutenant Commander A.G. Kilpatrick C.D., R.C.N., and the Captain H.M.A.S. GASCOYNE, Lieutenant Commander R.G. Loosli, R.A.N.

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(c) On 16th March I attended a Dinner at the Mess of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australia Regiment, the Battalion carrying out the pre-work up training of the ship's landing party. On 25rd I visited Holsworthy to view an exercise in which the ship's platoon was taking part.

The health and conduct of the ship's company during the month has been satisfactory. There have been few opportunities for sport. Details of training carried out are attached. The state of the ship is good but further effort is required to restore the pre-refit standard of appearance and cleanliness.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) A. M. Synnot

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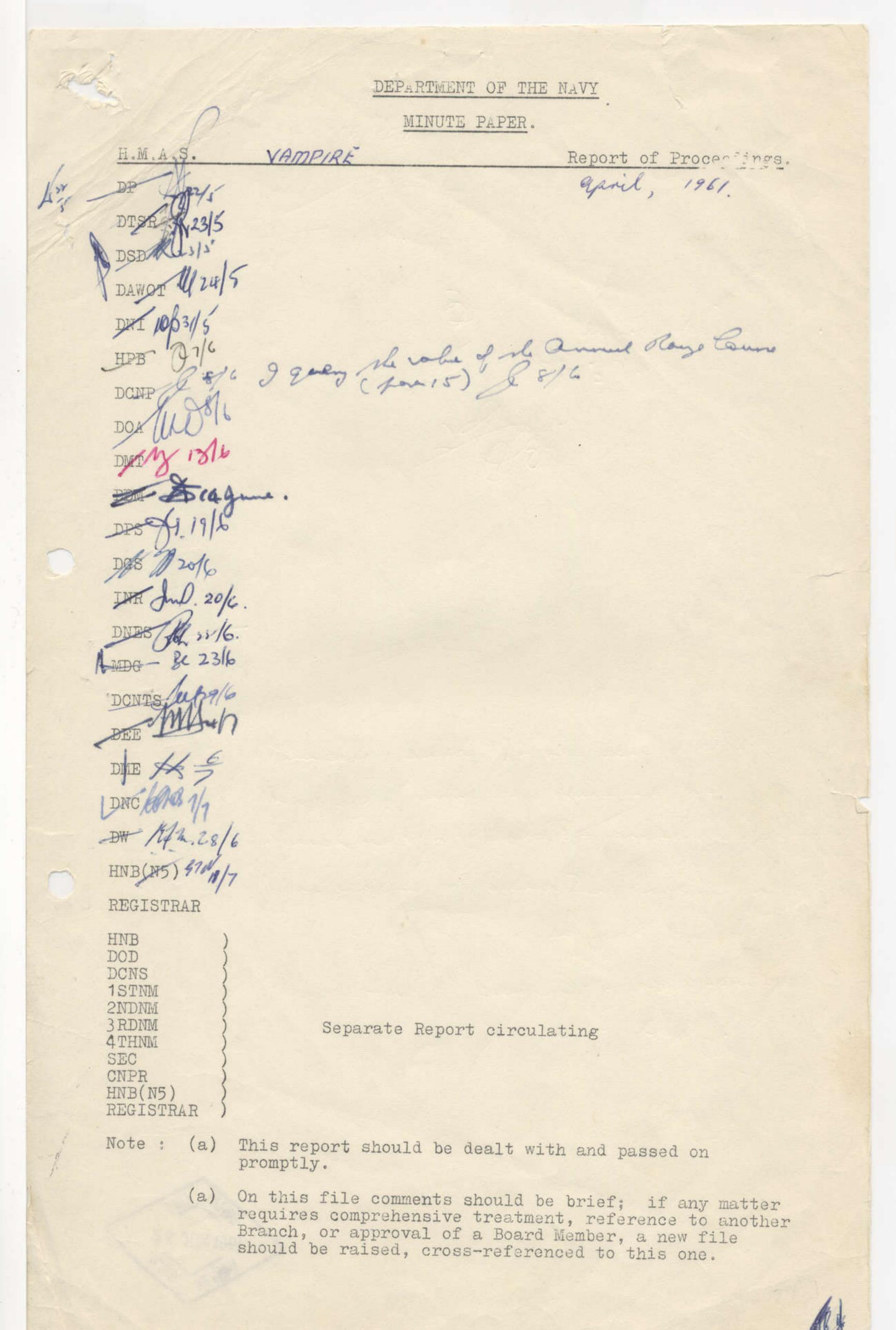
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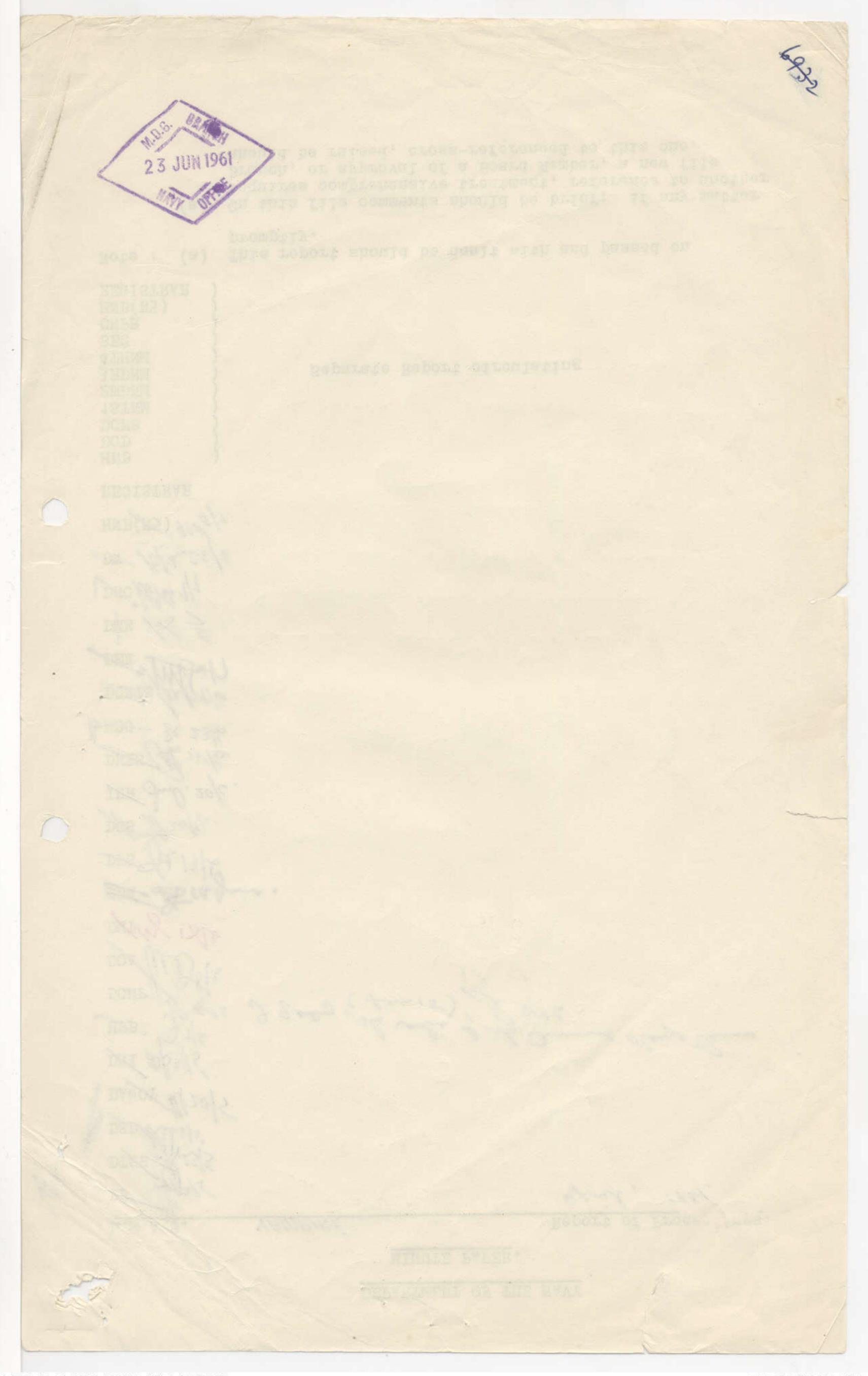
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SUMMARY OF TRAINING

The training programme contained in H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's harbour work up programme dated 15th February, 1961 was duly completed. In addition the following training was carried out during the month:

- (a) Two Sub Lieutenants completed a Combat Survival Course at Canungra.
- (b) Key T.A.S. ratings received instruction on Asdic Type 170 in H.M.A.S. WATSON.
- (c) 4 R.O's. and 1 T.O. completed two weeks Refresher Courses at the Signal Training Centre.
- (d) Two ratings completed a C.A.B.A. Diving Course.





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The Captain,
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

Your Report of Proceedings for April, 1961, is incomplete in that the following appendices have not been enclosed.

- (a) Report of occasions of exceeding economical speed.
- (b) Movements of officers.
- (c) Report of Sporting activities.
- 2. You are to compile these appendices forwarding two copies direct to Navy Office and one copy to this office.
- A.F. 236/1/1 dated 23rd June, 1960 (not to Navy Office) refers.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

11th May, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON)

III

A.F. 35/5
The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I. Appendix 29A.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

11th May, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON)
REAR ADMIRAL

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sea. 2nd May, 1961.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of April, 1961.

2. At the beginning of the month the ship was alongside at Garden Island, granting Easter leave and making final preparations for sea.

Wednesday 5th to Sunday 9th April.

- 3. During this period, post refit sea trials, performance checks and D/F calibrations were carried out. Good results were obtained with the new UHF equipment and by the end of the week, all equipment was operating satisfactorily except for a small hunt in B turret training, which could not be isolated by the dockyard. This has been reported separately and is now eliminated. The weekend was spent at anchor in Jervis Bay, during which HFDF calibrations were carried out and the diving team was exercised.
- 4. On Thursday 8th, after a short service, the ashes of three deceased ratings were scattered at sea by Chaplain G.C. SWAIN, R.A.N., who was accompanied by the Rev. W.J. BATES.
- On Saturday 8th, I called informally on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Jervis Bay, Captain E.J. PEEL D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N. On Sunday 9th, a party of Western Australian Headmasters, who were visiting the R.A.N. College, were shown round the ship.
- 6. On the night of Saturday 8th, number one motor cutter was improperly taken by two ratings and was later found beached near Hyam Point. The ratings have not been seen since and have been declared deserters. This incident has been reported separately.
- 7. H.M.A.S. SWAN anchored in Jervis Bay at noon on Sunday 9th, to make final preparations for annual inspection. Divers from the SWAN joined in our diving exercise.

Monday 10th to Friday 21st April.

I sailed from Jervis Bay late p.m. on Sunday 9th April and was joined by H.M.A.S. QUIBERON off Sydney the following morning. A full day's exercises were carried out including two Casex 43 with H.M. Submarine ANCHORITE and Number 11 Squadron, R.A.A.F. The second Casex was spoilt by aircraft unserviceability. On completion of a night encounter exercise, the QUIBERON and the ANCHORITE departed for New Zealand.

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- 9. During the remainder of the week, work-up practices were carried out off Sydney. Radar Type 275 auto follow equipment was tuned by dockyard staff and 4.5 inch guns were calibrated by radio doppler.
- 10. The ship remained at anchor in Jervis Bay from late p.m. Friday 14th to early a.m. Tuesday 18th, carrying out harbour drills and A.B.C.D. training on Monday 17th.
- 11. On Tuesday 18th, the mortar sea check firing was not carried out as there was an inaccuracy in the paper speed of the bearing recorder, which could not be corrected at the time. This error has since been eliminated and a sea check firing will be arranged later. In the event, sea check firings were practised using light projectiles only.
- 12. On Wednesday 19th, Radar type 275 auto follow trials were carried out by the Gunnery Trials Team. In the forenoon H.M.A.S. SWAN acted as consort, proceeding to Brisbane on completion.
- 13. During the remainder of the week, the work-up continued in accordance with the programme. On Friday afternoon, after a successful quarterly full power trial, the ship secured at Fitting-out Wharf, Garden Island, to prepare for deperming.

Saturday 22nd to Sunday 30th April.

- 14. During this period, the ship remained in Sydney for deperming. On Wednesday 26th, the ship was shifted by tugs to Kirribilli Dolphins where the deperming was carried out. On Friday 28th, the ship was shifted back to Fitting-out Wharf by tugs.
- 15. During this week, the majority of the ships company carried out an annual Range Course at Long Bay Rifle Range. Unfortunately this was marred by wet weather.
- 16. From 24th to 28th April, I attended a Joint Unit lecture period at the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School with my A/S Command Team. This was also attended by Gannet, Neptune and Lincoln aircrews, with whom exercises will be carried out in May.
- 17. K. DARWIS Esq., the Indonesian Consul for Cultural Affairs paid an informal visit to H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE on 25th April. He was accompanied by Mrs. Darwis and members of his staff.

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18. The ships company made the most of the rather limited opportunities for sport at Jervis Bay. The health and morale of the ships company is good. There has been a slight increase in leave breaking offences since completing the refit.

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19. The material state of the ship is good although defects continue to develop in the weapons systems. The appearance of the ship is gradually improving but it is difficult to devote much effort to this during an intensive work-up period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot) CAPTAIN



Appendix 'A' to the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for April, 1961.

Distance steamed during the month

Hours underway during the month

Average distance per ton of fuel

Distance steamed since commissioning

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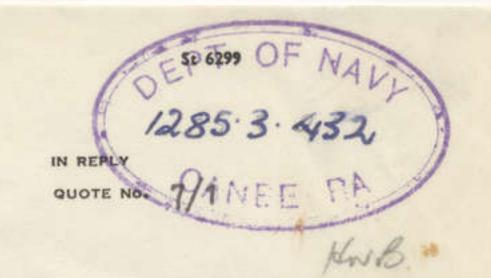
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, At Brisbane.

2nd June, 1961.

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

(Copy to:- Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.)

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1961.

Reference:- A.F. 35/5 dated 11th May, 1961.

Submitted for the consideration of the Naval Board the attached appendices, florwarded in accordance with the reference. Paragraph 3 of the report of proceedings should be amended to read 'HFDF' instead of 'VHFDF'.

(A.M. Synnot.) CAPTAIN.

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(Appendix 'B' to H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for April, 1961.)

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

Economical speed was exceeded as necessary for exercise requirements during work-up and for quarterly Full Power Trial on 21st April.

Not exceeded on any other occasions.

(Appendix 'C' to H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for April, 1961.) MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS. NIL.

(Appendix 'D' to H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for April, 1961.)

SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

8th April: Rugby versus H.M.A.S. CRESWELL lost 2-5
Softball versus H.M.A.S. CRESWELL lost 9-12

Basketball versus R.A.N.C. lost 18-30

15th April: Rugby versus H.M.A.S. CRESWELL lost 2-9

Softball versus H.M.A.S. CRESWELL lost 16-29

26th April: Soccer versus H.M.A.S. PENGUIN lost 2-10

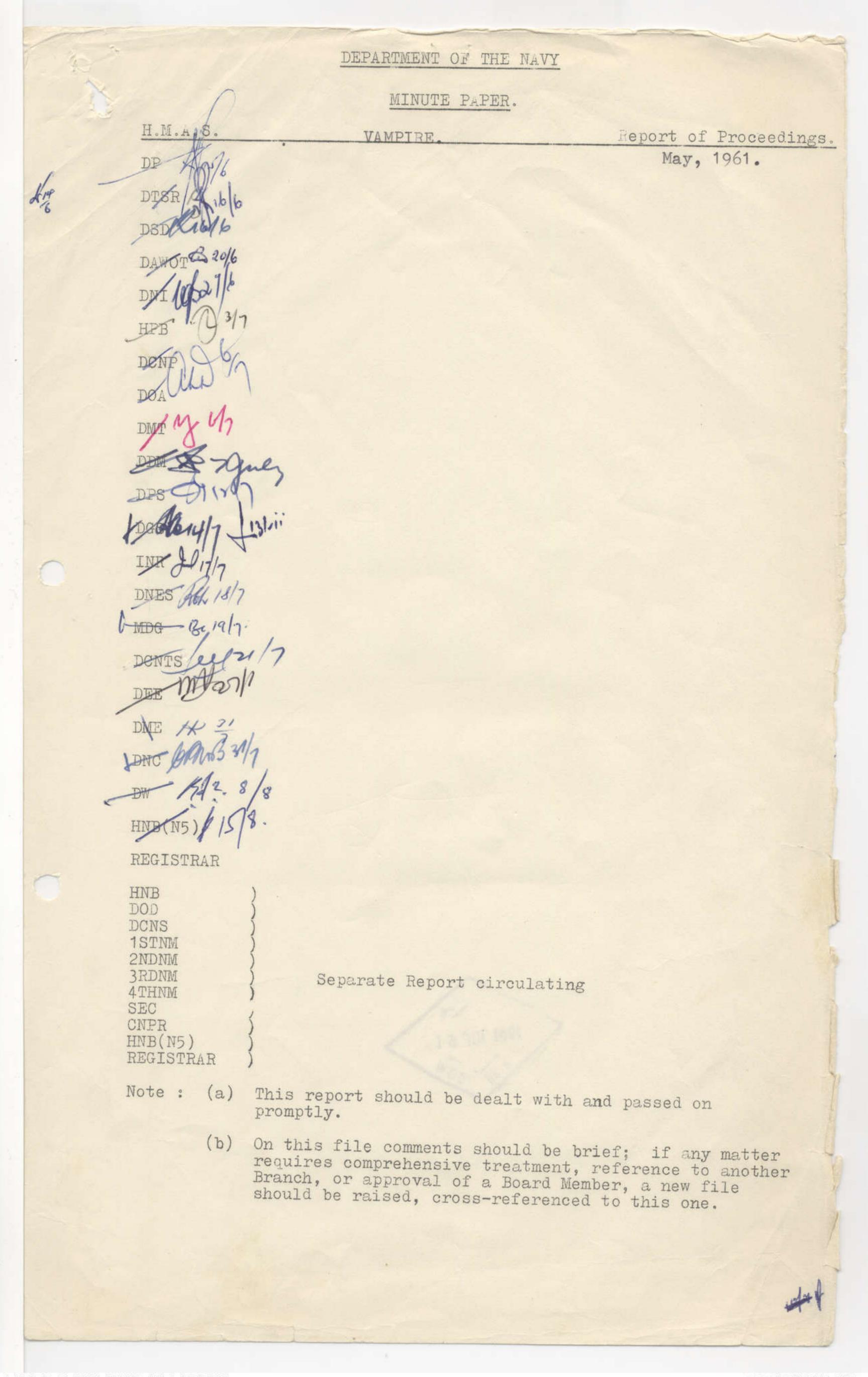
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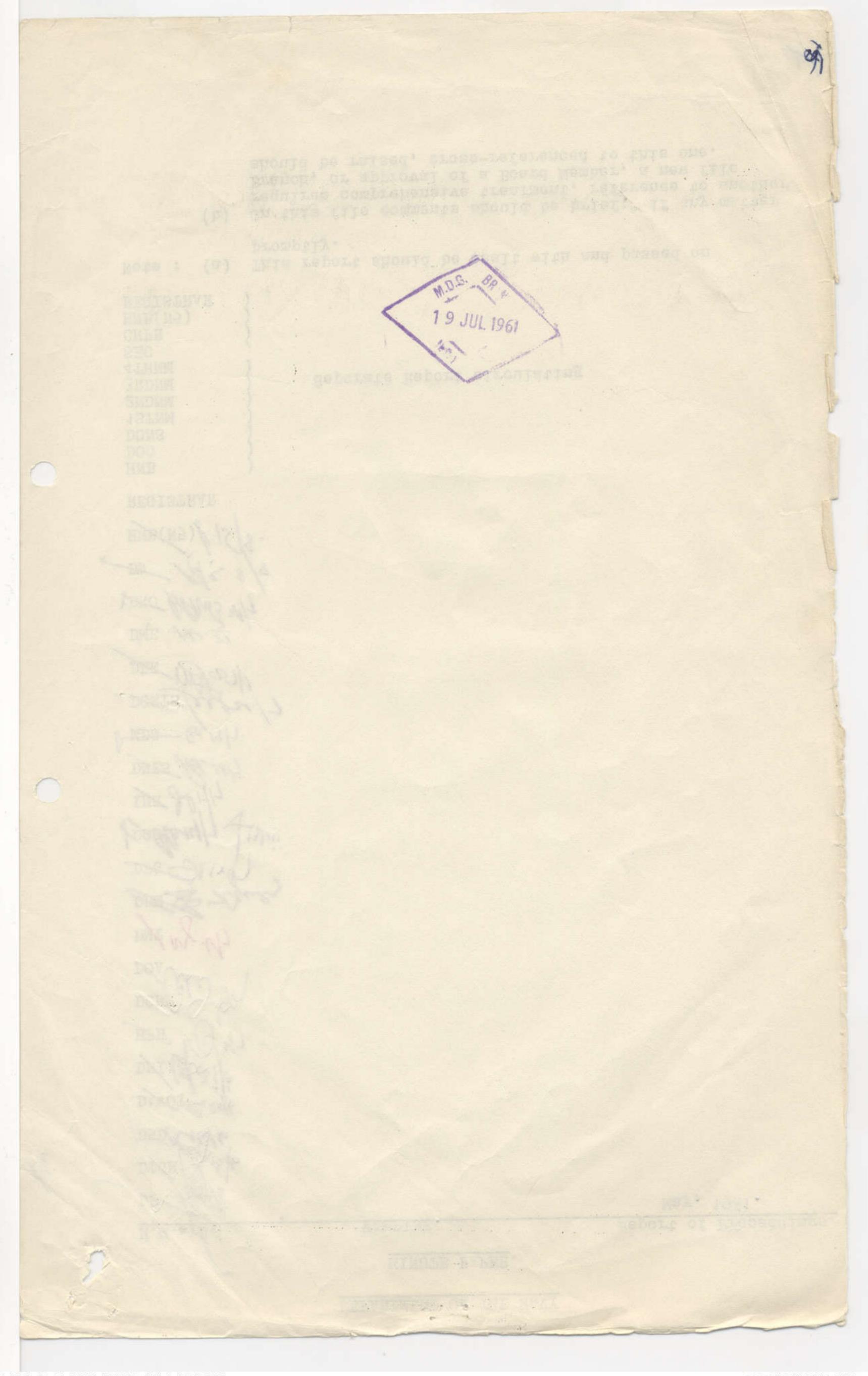
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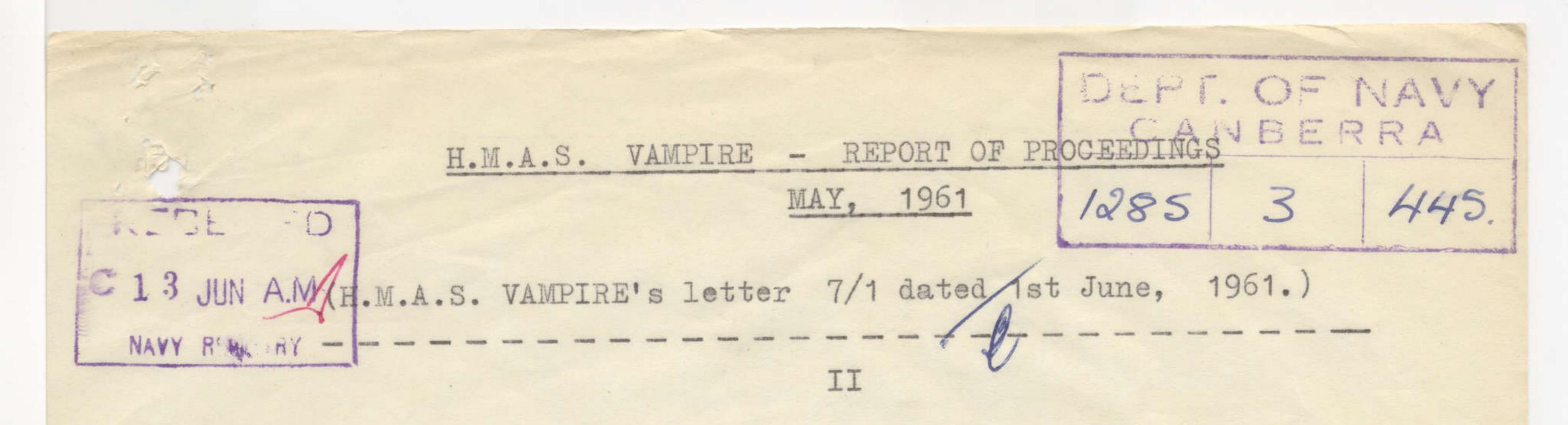
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy

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Office of the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet.

10th June, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON.) REAR ADMIRAL

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sea. 1st June, 1961.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, MAY 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of May, 1961.

Monday 1st to Sunday 7th May.

- 2. This period covers the last week of the ship's general work-up. At the beginning of it the ship was secured alongside Garden Island.
- Having carried out D.G. Ranging and embarked torpedoes during the forencen of Monday 1st, I proceeded to sea from Port Jackson to carry out the scheduled week's practices with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH as consort. This week provided much-needed opportunity for two-ship Seamanship drills, Officer of the Watch manoeuvers and competitive inter-ship exercises.
- A twenty-four hour economical steaming trial was carried out from 1030K on Tuesday 2nd, with the Fleet Engineer Officer's Assistant, Lieutenant Commander G. LAING SCHOFIELD, R.A.N., embarked as observer. This trial was satisfactory and results have been reported separately by the observer.
- on Wednesday 3rd I anchored in company with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in Jervis Bay. On proceeding to sea on Thursday 4th very heavy weather was encountered. This caused small splits in numbers eight and nine furnace fuel oil tanks. As the weather was unsuitable for exercising and to avoid further damage, ships returned to their anchorage in Jervis Bay. The incident was reported in my signal D.T.G. 040758Z. Inter-ship A.I.O. and Communications exercises took place on return to harbour. The weather abated during the day and I proceeded from Jervis Bay with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in company at 2100.
- I anchored in Watson's Bay, Port Jackson at 0730 on Friday 5th to embark the Base Gunnery Officer for the surface and A.A. Competition Shoots which were to take place that day. While at anchor a Scribe Mark Alignment of gunnery system was carried out. The ship proceeded at 0830, securing to Number two buoy at 1530 on completion of the the day's practice s.

Monday 8th - Sunday 21st May.

7. This period covers the ship's Joint Anti-Submarine Work-up with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, 725 Squadron R.A.N., Ten and Eleven Squadrons R.A.A.F. and H.M. Submarine TAPIR.

- T.A.S. Training Classes from H.M.A.S. WATSON were embarked for 8. each week of this period and the programme was arranged to allow maximum time in contact with the submarine without prejudice to the Joint Unit Course.
- My time of sailing on Monday 8th was delayed until repairs to number eight and nine fuel tanks had been completed. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH sailed independently to commence the exercises during the forenoon and I proceeded from Port Jackson at 1200. Two observers from the A.J.A.S.S. staff were embarked on this and the following three days.
- This week was marked by further bad weather which prevented a 10. sea check firing of the Mortar Mark 10, and hindered ship husbandry.
- On completion of the week's exercises off Jervis Bay, in company with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH I proceeded to the Sydney area to exercise with the United States Nuclear Submarine SARGO. On Saturday 13th ships entered Watson's Bay where I embarked the Captain and First Lieutenant designate of H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS D.S.C., R.A.N., and Lieutenant Commander A.G. CORDELL R.A.N., for the purpose of observing the day's exercises. At the same time photographers were embarked in the QUICKMATCH to film sequences for the Fiftieth Anniversary Year documentary film. A most interesting day's exercises ensued, with SARGO being most co-operative. These will be reported on separately. Film sequences taken during the day consisted of U.S.S. SARGO diving and surfacing, and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE steaming past H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH at high speed. Ships returned to Sydney on completion, securing alongside Fitting Out Wharf at 1735. U.S. Submarine SARGO set course for Honolulu.
- Having embarked new T.A.S. Training Classes at 1030 Monday 15th H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH proceeded in company to the Jervis Bay area for the second week of the Joint Unit Course. Advantage was taken of a quiet period during the forenoon of Tuesday 16th to carry out Gunnery practices.
- On Thursday 18th after attending the post exercise discussion at the Joint Anti-Submarine School, I proceeded to the Sydney area with the QUICKMATCH in company. The final exercises of this period took place on passage.
- On Friday 19th after carrying out A/S exercises for the training classes it was necessary to retake the film sequences of the VAMPIRE steaming past the QUICKMATCH as the earlier attempt had been unsatisfactory owing to poor light conditions. A photographer had re-embarked in the QUICKMATCH before proceeding from Jervis Bay on the previous day. Ships returned to Sydney on completion, the VAMPIRE securing alongside North East Cruiser Wharf at 1515.
- On Saturday 20th a very successful Families Day was held at sea with approximately three hundred members of the families of the Ship's Company embarked. I proceeded from North East Cruiser Wharf at 0915 and the day's programme included a live mortar firing, bofors firing, a flag hoisting display, exercise man overboard and a diving display in Botany Bay where the ship anchored for lunch. I returned alongside North East Cruiser Wharf at 1500.

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 31st May	-
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During this period tactical investigations and anti-submarine training was carried out by Task Group 327.3, consisting of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH and H.M. Submarine TAPIR, on passage from Sydney to Hervey Bay and in the Hervey Bay area.

- 17. On Menday 22nd H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH remained alongside Garden Island for maintenance and storing. At 0815 on Tuesday 23rd H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE shifted berth by tugs to Number Four Buoy where two terpedo warheads were embarked and the ship replenished with ammunition. During the forenoon H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH proceeded to sea to search for a crashed aircraft off Newcastle. I proceeded to sea at 1315 to carry out Simulated Anti-Aircraft Burst equipment reliability trials in area N.T. before proceeding Northward. These trials were not carried out because of equipment difficulties in the aircraft. A medium range sleeve firing was carried out in lieu at a target towed by a standby aircraft.
- 18. General drills were exercised during the dog watches and at 1830 rendezvous with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH was effected off Newcastle. Officers of the Watch were exercised in replenishment approach procedure at this time.
- 19. On Wednesday 24th I conducted 0.0.W. manoeuvres during the forencon, with A.I.O. and Communications exercises taking place concurrently. Joint Anti-Submarine exercises commenced during the afternoon and continued on passage North until P.M. on Friday 26th when the QUICKMATCH and the TAPIR were detached to proceed to Brisbane. I anchored in Platypus Bay anchorage, Hervey Bay at 0700 on Saturday 27th. Ship husbandry and general maintenance were progressed over the weekend. On Monday 29th H.M.A.S. SWAN exercised with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH while on passage from Brisbane to the Hervey Bay area.
- I proceeded from Platypus Bay at 0700 on Tuesday 30th to rendezvous with the QUICKMATCH and the TAPIR. Further A/S exercises were carried out during the day and I returned to Platypus Bay anchorage at 2100, to conserve fuel. H.M.A.S. SWAN spent the night in company with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, and H.M. Submarine TAPIR exercised independently.
- At 0600 on Wednesday 31st May I sailed from Platypus Bay anchorage. A.A. Tracking and a Gun Direction exercise were carried out during the forenoon with eight Canberra aircraft. In the afternoon Joint Anti-Submarine exercises were continued with the SWAN acting as a convoy.

GENERAL.

- 22. The ship is now worked up to a satisfactory overall standard. A high standard of training has been reached in anti-submarine work and a large number of hours have been spent in contact with a submarine. A/S operating conditions have been good.
- 23. During the month three small groups of Naval Artificer Apprentices were embarked for short periods of sea training.
- Even though there has been much hard work and little leave during the month, the health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been good. The material condition of the ship is generally good, although much of the time the weather has hampered ship husbandry.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(A.M. Synnot.)
CAPTAIN.



(Appendix 'A' to the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for May, 1961.)

(a) Distance steamed during the month:

5,062.6 miles.

(b) Hours underway during the month:

386 55/60 hours.

(c) Total distance steamed since commissioning:

57,404.1 miles.

(d) Total hours underway since commissioning:

4202 12/60 hours.

(e) Average distance per ton of fuel:

7.66 miles.

(f) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

(i) As necessary for exercises during work up and Hervey Bay tactical investigation period.

(ii) (1) 1 37/60 hours.

(2) 25 kmots.

(3) 34 tons of fuel expended.

(4) Distance per ton of fuel: 1.19 miles.

(5) Family Day 20th May, 1961.

(Appendix 'B' to the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for May, 1961.)

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

22nd May, 1961:

Lieutenant Commander J.E. HARRINGTON, R.A.N. assumed the duties of Gunnery Officer.

Lieutenant Commander D.E.C. BARRATT relinquished the duties of Gunnery Officer, having been appointed for passage to the United Kingdom. (Appendix 'C' to the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE for May, 1961.)

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

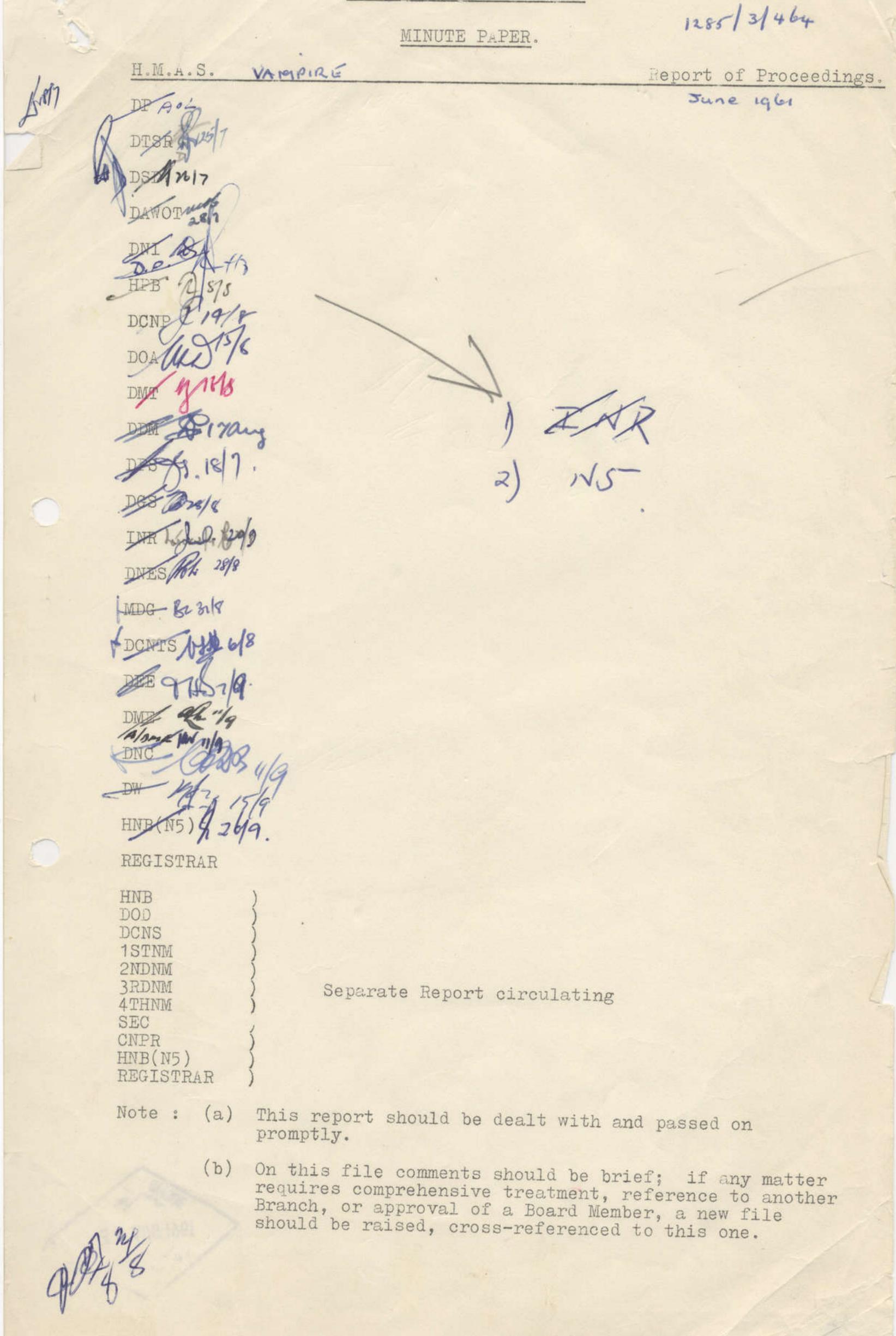
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29th May, 1961: Recreational party of 30 landed at Fraser Island,
Hervey Bay

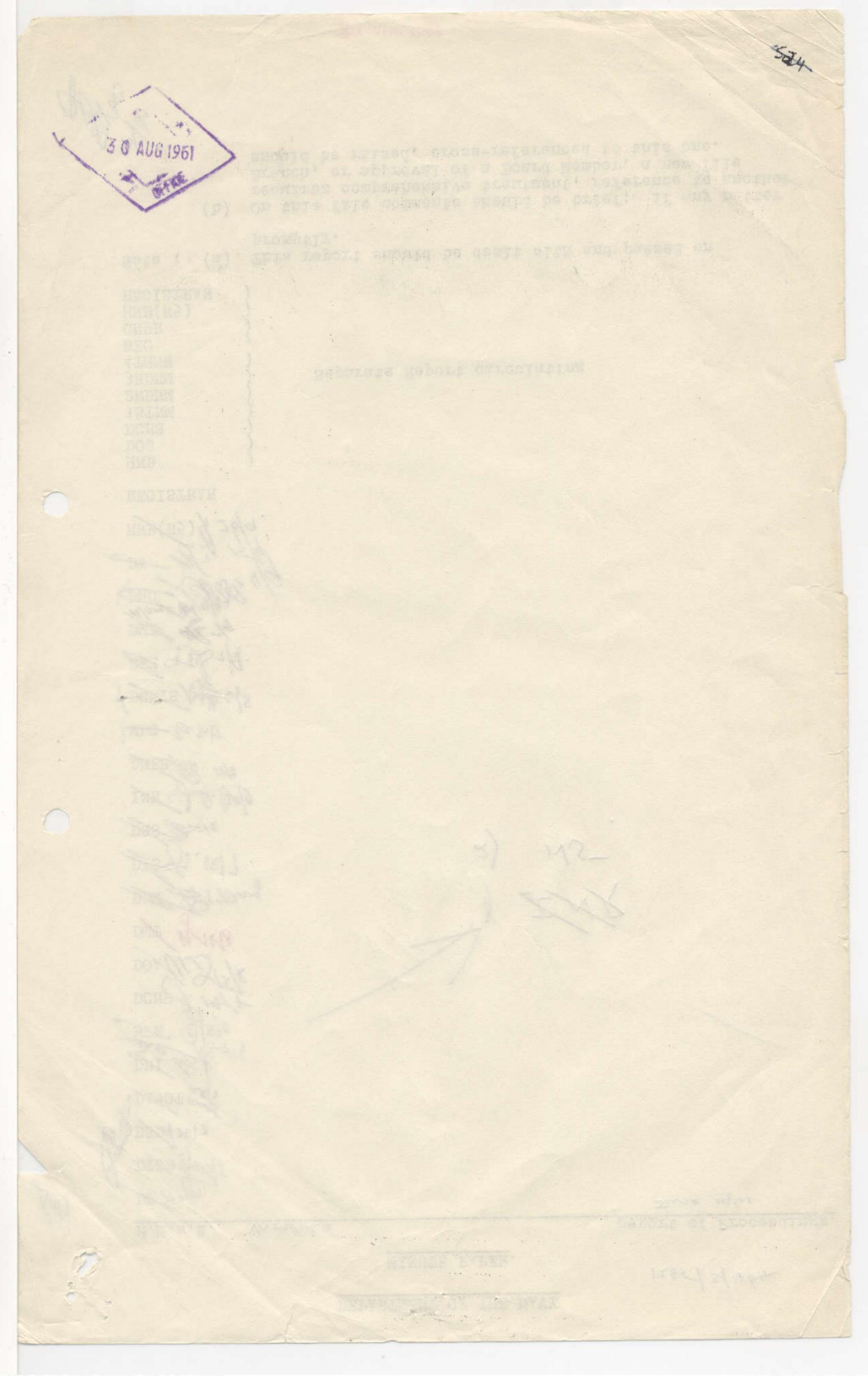
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE 1961 H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE

(H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's letter 7/1 dated 5th July, 1961.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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11th July, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON) REAR ADMIRAL

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QUOTE No. 7/1

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sydney. 5th July, 1961.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, JUNE 1961.

Sir,

I have the henour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of June, 1961.

Thursday 1st to Wednesday 7th.

- 2. This period covers the completion of tactical investigations and anti-submarine training carried out by Task Group 327.3 in the Hervey Bay Moreton Bay area, and includes an operational visit to Brisbane from 2nd 6th June.
- At the beginning of the month Task Group 327.3 was exercising on passage from Hervey Bay to Brisbane. Maritime aircraft of 11 Squadron R.A.A.F. took part in exercises held during the afternoon of 1st June. The days' programme was completed at 2359 on 1st June at which time the TAPIR was detailed to proceed to Brisbane independently and I proceeded to Brisbane with the QUICKMATCH in company.
- I entered Moreton Bay at 0700 on 2nd June and secured alongside the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Wharf, Brisbane River, at 1130 for fuel. At 1530, berth was shifted to the Eastern end of Bretts Wharf. Owing to doubts concerning the quality of fuel supplied to the QUICKMATCH during the previous weekend, her fuelling was delayed until Tuesday 6th June while the matter was investigated. The QUICKMATCH berthed alongside Shell Wharf, Newstead, the TAPIR berthing alongside.
- Despite the operational aspect of the visit an adequate programme of entertainment and recreation was arranged for the Ships' Companies, the usual generous facilities being offered by clubs and organisations.
- As the eastern end of Bretts Wharf was required for commercial purposes, it was necessary for me to shift berth to the Western end at 1715 on 3rd June. That evening officers attended functions arranged by the Navy League and Royal Commonwealth Society, while Ships' Companies attended a cabaret evening arranged by the Queensland Irish Association.
- 7. On 4th June visits to ships of the Task Group were arranged. 35 members of the Returned Servicemen's League visited the VAMPIRE, 24 Boy Scouts visited the TAPIR and 25 members of the Naval Association visited the QUICKMATCH and the TAPIR.

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- 8. On 5th June a Fleet Board was convened in the QUICKMATCH to examine 1 Leading Seaman for Petty Officer, 5 Able Seaman for Leading Seaman and 9 Engineering Mechanics First Class in Part One of the examination for Leading Engineering Mechanic. Results were satisfactory and have been reported separately.
- 9. I called on the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, Major General R.E. Wade, C.B.E. at 1200 on 5th June, and afterwards attended a luncheon at the Royal Queensland Yacht Club with the Captains of the QUICKMATCH and the TAPIR. That evening officers attended a cocktail party given by the Victoria League.
- 10. TAPIR sailed from Brisbane during the forenoon of 6th June. When she had cleared the berth, QUICKMATCH shifted to the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Wharf to fuel. I proceeded, with QUICKMATCH in company, at 1330 to rendezvous with the TAPIR off Moreton Bay for A/S exercises which took place later in the day.
- 11. On 7th June, as the weather was unsuitable for torpedo recovery, a torpedo firing exercise by the TAPIR was concelled. At 1000 the QUICKMATCH was detached to proceed to Port Alma and after a heaving line transfer, the TAPIR to her rendezvous for an aircraft submarine co-operation exercise and thence to Sydney. I proceeded into Moreton Bay and anchored in Brisbane Road at 1550.

Thursday 8th - Monday 12th June.

- 12. This period covers the annual inspection and passage from Brisbane to Sydney.
- 13. The VAMPIRE remained at anchor in Brisbane Road making final preparations for the annual inspection until p.m. on Saturday 10th June, when berth was shifted to the inspection anchorage in position 167 Caloundra Light 6.7 miles.
- The ship was inspected by you, Sir, on 11th June and the Diving Section of the T.A.S. efficiency test took place in the afternoon. At 1825 the VAMPIRE proceeded in company with H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE, wearing your flag, and VOYAGER. The QUICKMATCH joined at 1900.
- 15. At 0810 on 12th June an attempt to transfer Staff Officers for Departmental Inspections was abandoned because of weather conditions. At 1230, by which time the weather had moderated, Staff Officers were transferred by jackstay. Those who had completed their inspections were transferred back to the Flagship at 1700. The remainder remained on board for the night because of the unsuitable weather conditions. The Ship's T.A.S. Efficiency Test was postponed and I transferred by jackstay a Towed Asdic Repeater Target to the VOYAGER.
- 16. At 1710 I was ordered to proceed indepently with the QUICKMATCH in company and course was set for Sydney.

Tuesday 13th - Friday 16th June.

17. During this period pro-submarine exercises were carried out for the work-up of H.M. Submarine TRUMP, and the Fleet Entry into Port Jackson was made.

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- 18. At 0830 on 13th June I entered Port Jackson with the QUICKMATCH in company, securing to Number One Buoy. The QUICKMATCH secured to Number Four Buoy.
- 19. At 0810 on 14th June I slipped and proceeded with the QUICKMATCH in company to rendezvous with with H.M. Submarine TRUMP off Sydney Heads for a day's pro-submarine exercises. On return to harbour at 1730 I secured to Number One Buoy.
- On 15th June I took H.M.A. Ships QUICKMATCH, PARRAMATTA, WARREGO, BARCOO and KIMBLA under my orders and proceeded to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing your Flag, in position 026 Macquarie Light 8 miles for the Fleet Entry into Sydney to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the R.A.N. H.M.A.S. SWAN joined the formation when clear of the Heads and Ships were formed in the reverse order of sequence numbers to facilitate forming up astern of the MELBOURNE. During the Fleet Entry the following retired list officers were embarked: Rear Admiral H.B. Farncomb C.B., D.S.O., M.V.O.; Rear Admiral A.B. Doyle C.B.E.; Rear Admiral H.A. Showers C.B.E.; Rear Admiral C. Farquhar-Smith.
- On completion of the Fleet Entry I landed to wait upon you, Sir, and the VAMPIRE proceeded in company with the QUICKMATCH to carry out further pro-submarine exercises with the TRUMP conducted by my Second-in-Command, Lieutenant Commander J.E. Harrington, R.A.N. During these exercises two torpedoes were fired by the TRUMP and recovered by the VAMPIRE. The ship berthed alongside North End Fitting Out Wharf on completion, at 1800.
- At 1140 on 16th June, I proceeded to sea with the QUICKMATCH in company for the final day's pro-submarine exercises with the TRUMP. The late time of sailing for these exercises was due to defects in the Submarine. Four torpedoes were fired during the afternoon, two being recovered by each ship. On completion of a series of night attacks ships returned to harbour, the VAMPIRE securing alongside North End Fitting Out Wharf at 2300 and the QUICKMATCH alongside the VAMPIRE at 2315.

Saturday 17th - Friday 30th June.

23. During this period the ship remained alongside at Garden Island, commencing a long Self Maintenance Period on 19th June on which date the ship reverted to 24 hours notice for steam. Ten day's mid-winter leave was granted. I was absent from the port on leave from 17th - 29th June.

General.

Although the ship has now been alongside for two weeks with a limited number of personnel on board, her satisfactory appearance has been maintained and the material condition remains good. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company have been equally good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

10 JUL 1961

(A.M. Synnot) CAPTAIN Distance steamed during the month

1,643.2 miles

Hours underway during the month

133 5/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning

59,047.3 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning

4,335 17/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel

5.07 miles

Occasions of exceeding economical speed :-

- (i) As requisite for A/S exercises on 1st June.
- (ii) As requisite for stationing and replenishment on 11th and 12th June while in company with the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M.A. Fleet.
- (iii) As requisite for pro-submarine exercises on 14th, 15th and 16th June during H.M. Submarine TRUMP work-up.

Not exceeded on any other occasions.

OFFICER'S MOVEMENTS.

14th June	Lieutenant R.T.M. CHANDLER, R.A.N. joined to take over the duties of Ordnance Engineer Officer.
19th June	Lieutenant B.M. KERR, R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Ordnance Engineer Officer and took up his appointment to Flinders Naval Depot.
22nd June	Engineer Lieutenant D.C. BRETT, R.A.N. joined to take over the duties of Deputy Engineer Officer.
26th June	Acting Sub Lieutenant R.B. GILES, R.A.N. was discharged to H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN for discharge to shore, his appointment haveing been terminated.
30th June	Engineer Lieutenant W.J. BIRCH, R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Deputy Engineer Officer and took up his appointment to H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

3rd June	Rugby versus H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH. (Small Ships Championship)	Won	23 - 6
4th June	Hockey versus H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Won	5 - 2
	Australian Rules versus Brisbane Western Districts.	Lost	8-13 to 25-21
4th June	VAMPIRE, QUICKMATCH, TAPIR combined soccer versus Third R.A. Regiment	Won	3 - 2
21st June	Destroyers and Frigates Rugby Union versus KUTTABUL. (Dempster Cup - VAMPIRE provided 9 representatives).	Lost	10 - 16
28th June	Destroyers and Frigates Rugby Union versus WATSON. (Dempster Cup - VAMPIRE provided 13 representatives).	Lost	11 - 25

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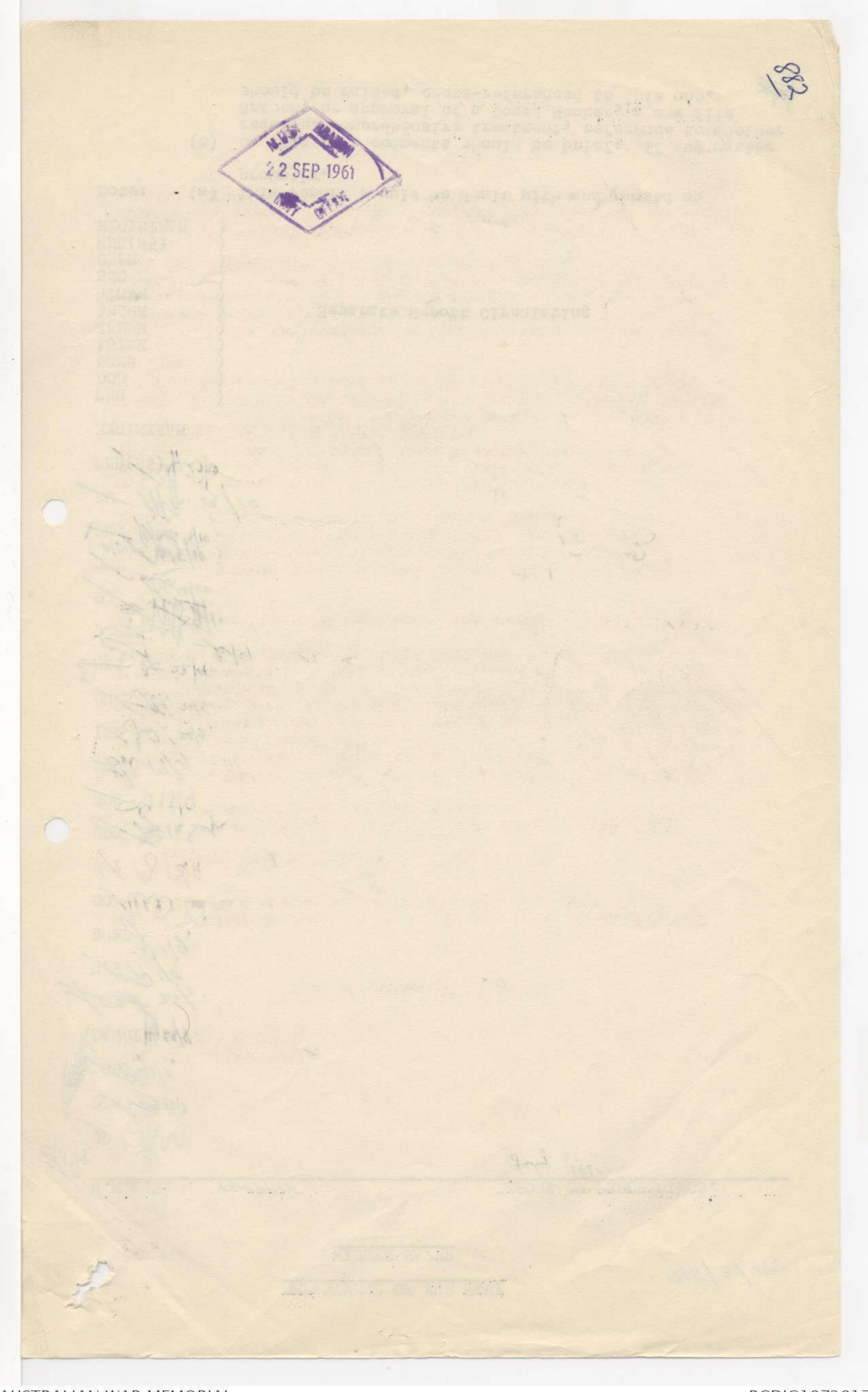
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(H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S letter 7/1 dated 1st August, 1961.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I: Appendix 29A.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

1st August, 1961.

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(W.H. HARRINGTON) REAR ADMIRAL

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, At Hervey Bay.

1st August, 1961.

Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, JULY, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of July, 1961.

Saturday 1st July to Monday 17th July.

- 2. During this period H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE was completing a Long Self Maintenance and Leave period at Sydney.
- At 0930 on 4th July the ship was shifted by tugs from Fitting Out Wharf, Garden Island, to Cruiser Wharf, Cockatoo Island in preparation for docking in Sutherland Dock for the purpose of replacing the Asdic Dome. Unfavourable wind conditions prevented the ship from being docked on 6th July. Because of political issues at Cockatoo Docks which appeared likely to delay work on the ship, and as Captain Cook Dock became available on 7th July, the ship was shifted back to Garden Island by tugs on that day, securing alongside Outer Captain Cook Dock, West Wall at 1445.
- 4. The ship entered Captain Cook Dock on 10th July and commenced docking down at 0910.
- J. I attended the Action Speed Tactical Teacher in H.M.A.S. WATSON with my operations team during the Fleet Tactical Period of 10th 12th July. Other harbour training was carried out during the period to settle in new members of the ship's company.
- 6. The ship was refloated on 14th July and undocked on 17th July, shifting berth to No.2 Buoy by tugs where fresh and feed water were embarked. At 1645 I slipped and proceeded to the Jervis Bay area.
- Tuesday 18th July to Sunday 23rd July.

 7. During this period exercises were carried out in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing your flag. The exercises included a Mortar Sea Check Firing but a Torpedo Firing was cancelled because of unsuitable weather.
- 8. Before proceeding to sea on 20th July, six Army officers were transferred from the MELBOURNE for a day at sea in the VAMPIRE. On return to Jervis Bay at 1325, I landed to conduct in H.M.A.S. CRESWELL a Board of Inquiry into the death of the late Leading Seaman A.J. MOORE of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. This has been reported separately.
- 9. The VAMPIRE proceeded from Jervis Bay in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing your flag, at 2230 on 20th July for passage to Sydney. A performance check on D/F equipment was carried out on passage.

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PACE 2 H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1961.

10. The ship secured alongside H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH at South End Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, at 0735 on 21st July, where fuel was embarked and final preparations made for passage to Hervey Bay area.

Monday 24th July to Monday 31st July.

- 11. During this period exercises were carried out on passage to the Hervey Bay area in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing your flag.
- 12. The VAMPIRE slipped and proceeded from Sydney at 0915 on 24th July and after carrying out A/S and Gunnery exercises in the Sydney exercise area proceeded Northward to rendezvous that evening with the MELBOURNE. Various A/S, Gunnery, A.I.O. and seamanship exercises were carried out on passage Northwards.
- 13. At 0205 on 29th July H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE anchored in Hervey Bay in company with the MELBOURNE, the VAMPIRE anchoring in position 124 South Head Light 5 miles.
- 14. For the remainder of the month the ship remained at anchor, progressing ship husbandry and general maintenance, and conducting harbour training.

General.

- The material condition of the ship has continued to be maintained at a satisfactory standard, but bad weather in the Jervis Bay area from 17th to 20th July caused a temporary deterioration in appearance.
- 16. From 7th to 10th July ten Sea Cadets were embarked for weekend harbour training. From 17th to 23rd July a further party of five Sea Cadets were embarked for training at sea.
- 17. More emphasis is now being placed on training for advancement. In the Seaman Branch 4 ratings are preparing for Petty Officer's Board and 24 for Leading Seaman's Board.
- The conduct and health of the Ship's Company remain good. The material state of the ship and equipment is good, except for a defect in X Turret which has been reported separately. During the self-maintenance period the forward Gun's Crew shelter was converted to a small two berth cabin.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot.)

CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1961.

Distance steamed during the month 1917.7 miles

Hours underway during the month 159 10/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning 60,965.0 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 4,494 27/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel 5.83 miles

Occasions of exceeding economical speed :-

(i) As requisite for exercises with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. 18th - 21st July.

(ii) As order ed by F.O.C.A.F. when returning to Jervis Bay 20th July.

(iii) As requisite for exercises and night flying with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE 24th - 29th July.

Not exceeded on any other occasions.

OFFICERS' MOVEMENTS.

Nil Report.

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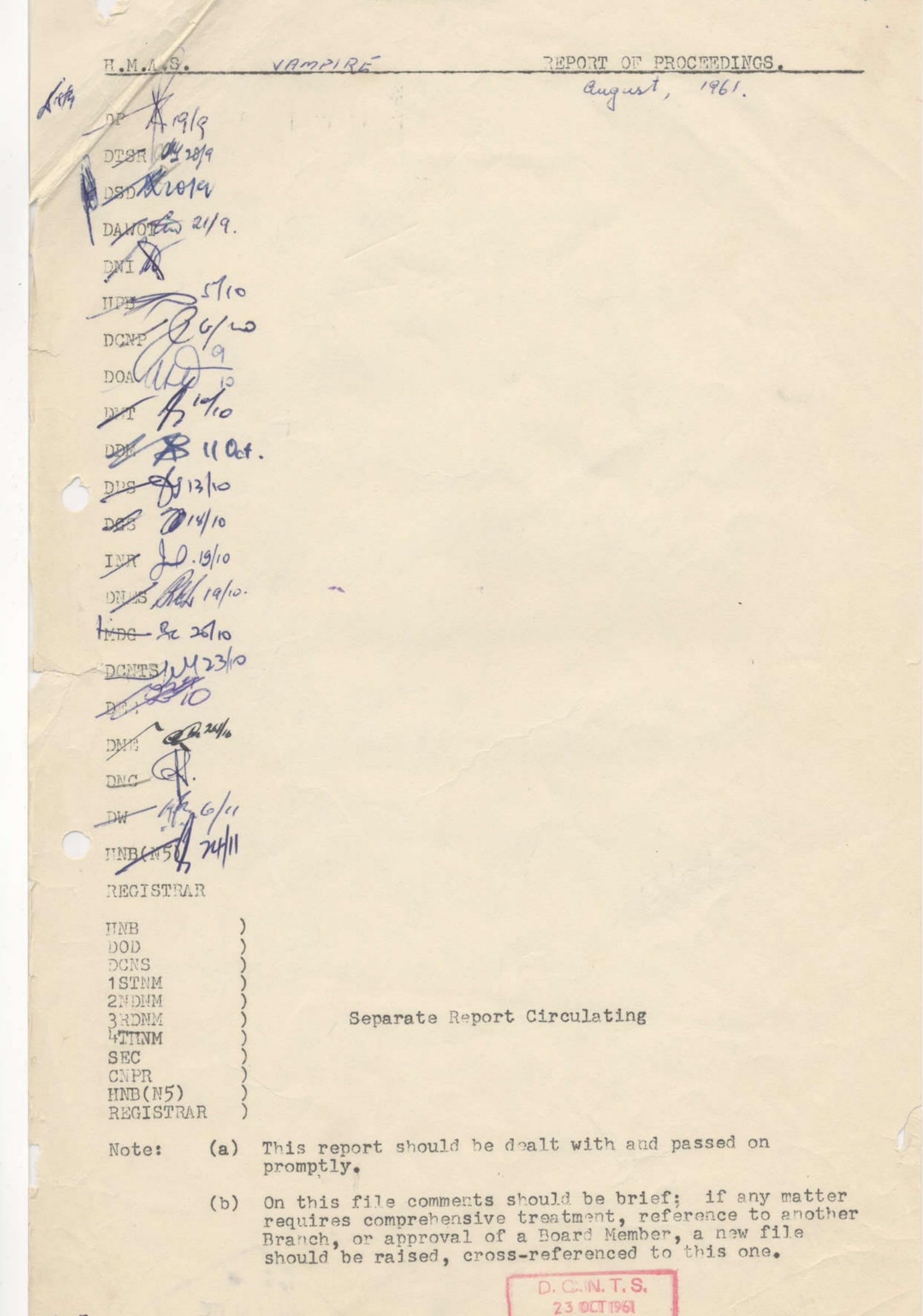
7th July	Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. WARREGO (Small ships championship)	Won 14 - 6
12th July	Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Fleet championship)	Lost 9 - 8
24th July) to) 29th July)	Voluntary dog watch P.T. on passage to Hervey Bay.	
29th July) to 31st July)	Daily whaler pulling practice in Hervey Bay.	
30th July) 31st July)	Inter-Part Tug-O-War competition.	

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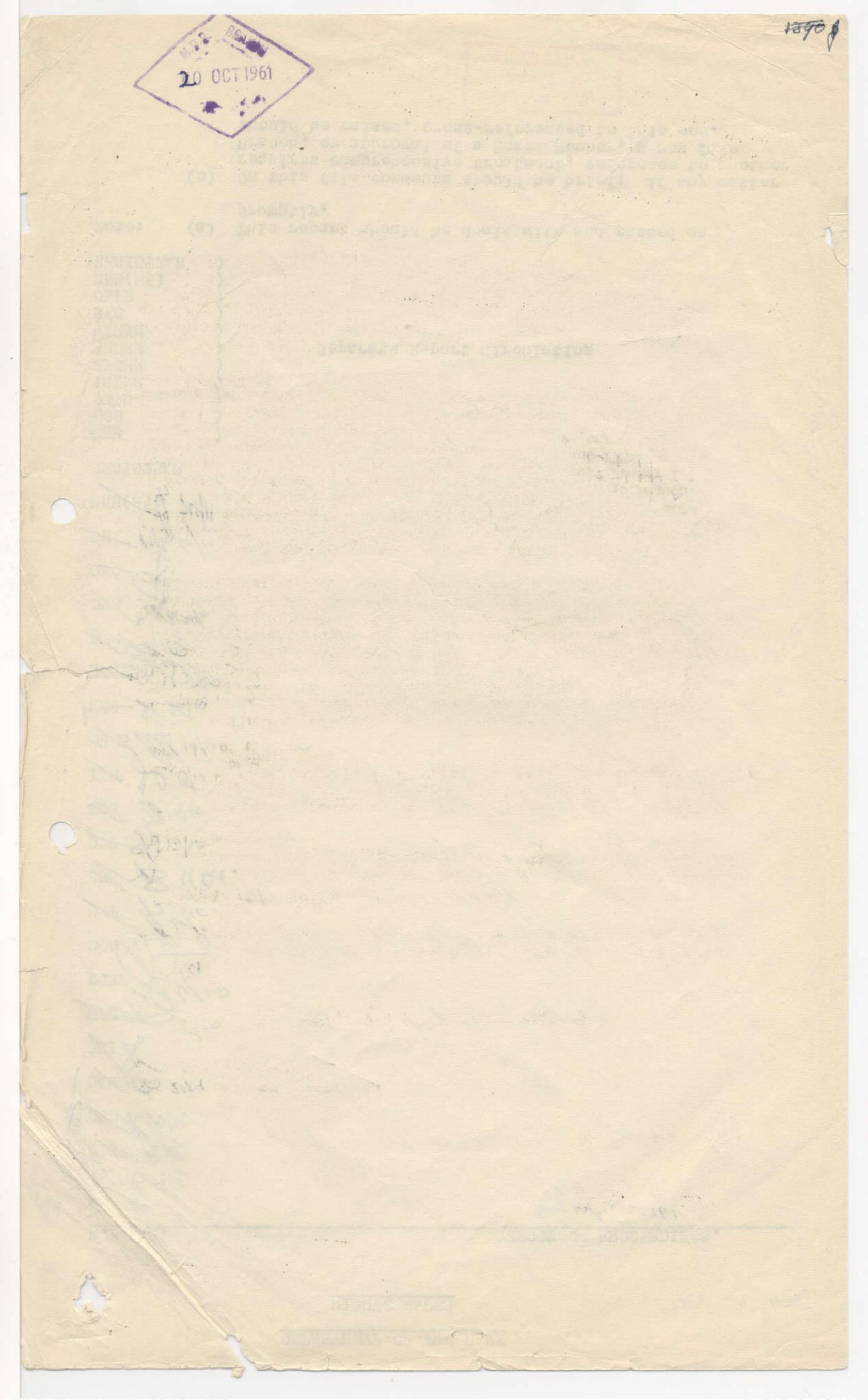
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(H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's letter 7/1 dated 1st September, 1961.)

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A.F. 35/5 The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

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Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

9th September, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON)

REAR ADMIRAL

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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, At Sea.

1st September, 1961.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of August, 1961.

Tuesday 1st August to Tuesday 8th August.

- During this period exercises were carried out in the Hervey
 Bay area and on passage to Brisbane in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE,
 wearing your flag.
- 3. At the beginning of the month the VAMPIRE was at anchor off Bundaberg in position 124 South Head Light 5 miles, and you Sir, arrived on board at 0900K on 1st August to carry out an impromptu inspection of the ship.
- 4. The ship proceeded from the anchorage at 0600 on 2nd August to carry out a T.A.S. efficiency test in the vicinity of Breaksea Spit Lightvessel. During the forenoon A/S exercises were conducted with H.M. Submarine TAPIR and during the afternoon a torpedo firing exercise took place with H.M.A.S. SWAN as the target. During recovery of the torpedoes I overran one torpedo which sank in position 2960 Breaksea Spit Lightvessel 10.2 miles. This incident has been reported separately. The VAMPIRE returned to the anchorage off Bundaberg that evening having searched until sunset without result.
- The VAMPIRE proceeded to sea at 0805 on 3rd August with H.M.A.S. SWAN in company, and carried out two days' exercises which included seamanship drills, A.B.C.D. exercises and a Night Encounter exercise. Having transferred mail to the MELBOURNE by boat off Bundaberg at midday on 4th August, the ship proceeded to Lagoon Anchorage for the weekend, anchoring in position 285° Fraser Island Spit 12.5 cables at 1525. H.M. Submarines TAPIR and TRUMP arrived in the anchorage that evening. Recreational leave was granted during the weekend, which the Ship's Company greatly enjoyed. My boats were also used to take libertymen from the submarines to and from the beach.
- The VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded at 0515 on 7th August to rendezvous at 0800 with the MELBOURNE and the ANZAC off Bundaberg for passage to Brisbane. Various exercises took place on passage and the ship was fuelled by the MELBOURNE during the afternoon of 8th August. At 2315 on 8th August I was detached to proceed to Brisbane with H.M.A.S. ANZAC in company.

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Wednesday 9th August to Thursday 17th August.

- 7. This period covers the Fleet visit to Brisbane and departure thence to rendezvous with the MELBOURNE at the commencement of Exercise TUCKER BOX.
- 8. The VAMPIRE entered Moreton Bay at 0415 on 9th August with H.M.A.S. ANZAC in company. The ship secured alongside No. 2 Berth, Hamilton Wharf, at 0830, the ANZAC proceeding upriver and securing alongside Dalgety's Wharf.
- Ouring the forenoon of 9th August, in company with you, Sir, and other Captains I called on His Worship the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Alderman C. Jones, and the General Officer Commanding, Northern Command, Major General R.E. Wade, C.B.E. I waited on you for the return call of Major General Wade in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE that afternoon.
- 10. At 1730 Thursday 10th August I attended the Fleet At Home in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and I was honoured to attend a dinner party given by you afterwards.
- 11. During the period in Brisbane a generous programme of entertainment and recreation was arranged for the whole ship's company and advantage was taken of the facilities kindly offered by various clubs and organisations.
- 12. The ship's landing party gave a short display as part of the Naval tableau at the Exhibition Ground during the evenings of 11th and 12th August, the latter of which I attended. The ship was open to visitors on the afternoons of 12th and 13th August.
- 13. Commander N.P. DATTA, I.N., joined the ship on 13th August to witness exercise TUCKER BOX.
- At 1015 on 15th August, having embarked approximately 250 ship's company guests, the VAMPIRE proceeded from No.2 Wharf, Hamilton, with H.M.A.S. ANZAC in company, for the Fleet Families Day in Moreton Bay. After clearing Pile Light I awaited the arrival of H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. Ships formed up at 1240 and the normal programme of seamanship and weapon drills was carried out for the spectators. On completion of a successful day the VAMPIRE and the ANZAC closed the MELBOURNE to transfer the Flagship's guests to the destroyers by boat. You, Sir, transferred to the VAMPIRE at approximately 1445. The VAMPIRE proceeded up river independently, securing alongside the Broken Hill Proprietary Company Wharf, Brisbame, at 1705 where the ship replenished with fuel. The ANZAC berthed on the VAMPIRE at 1720.
- 15. That evening Surgeon Lieutenant Commander A.A. REID, R.A.N.R., joined for transfer to the MELBOURNE and Midshipmen K.J.M. AYRES, R.N., and I.R. PITWOOD, R.N., for transfer to H.M.S. CRANE.
- 16. As the fuelling berth was required for commercial purposes on 16th August, the VAMPIRE and the ANZAC shifted berth to Hamilton Wharf at 0615, securing alongside numbers 2 and 3 berths respectively.
- 17. At 0900 on 16th August The Captain, H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO (Commander M.J. McDOWELL, R.N.Z.N.) called, and I returned the call at 1000 the same day.

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- 18. On completion of the official opening ceremony of the Brisbane Exhibition on 16th August, personnel from the MELBOURNE who had taken part were embarked in the ANZAC. At 1330 H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, with H.M.A.S. ANZAC and H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO in company, proceeded from Brisbane. Non-delaying exercises were conducted on passage and rendezvous with the MELBOURNE was effected at 1640 in position 21°40' South 154°40' East. Mail and personnel were transferred from the VAMPIRE and the ANZAC to the MELBOURNE by boat at the rendezvous.
- 19. Having completed the transfer I was ordered to screen the MELBOURNE with the VAMPIRE, OTAGO and ANZAC. Exercise TUCKER BOX started at 0001K on 18th August.

Friday 18th August to Thursday 24th August.

- 20. This period covers Exercise TUCKER BOX and the Post Exercise Discussion in Hervey Bay. My comments on this exercise have been forwarded separately. Phase 1 consisted of a convoy exercise and phase 2 of a bombardment exercise.
- At 0600 on 18th August Royal Naval units taking part and the Australian and New Zealand ships joined forces in position 19°30' South 154°50' East under the command of C.T.G. 327.5 in the MEIBOURNE. The two midshipmen embarked were transferred to the CRANE by jackstay before the VAMPIRE took her station on the screen. The early part of phase one of the exercise was a period of relative inactivity for the VAMPIRE, all anti-submarine action occurring on the opposite side of the screen. The ship played anincreasing part as the exercise progressed and I acted as Screen Commander for the latter part of this phase.
- The VAMPIRE was refuelled by R.F.A. WAVE MASTER on 19th and 22nd August, and during the forenoon of the latter day the ship received a torpedo which had been fired at the convoy by one of the attacking submarines.
- Phase one of TUCKER BOX ended at 1200K on 22nd August. This was the first major A.S.W. exercise for the ship since recommissioning and it proved very beneficial. When all escorts had completed refuelling a destroyer formation was assumed on H.M.S. BELFAST for passage to the vicinity of Fairfax Island for phase two.
- 24. Having carried out satisfactory Naval Gunfire Support firings in phase two of the exercise, the VAMPIRE proceeded to Hervey Bay anchoring at 1650 in the fleet anchorage for the Post Exercise Discussion, in position 123° South Head Light 6.2 miles.
- During the forencon of 24th August I attended the Post Exercise Discussion in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. The holding of the discussion so soon after the exercise added to its value. On completion the exercise observers, M.H.Q. Staff and L.R.M.P. aircrew who attended were embarked in the VAMPIRE for transfer to shore. The ship proceeded from the anchorage in the VAMPIRE for transfer to shore. The ship proceeded from the anchorage at 1405 to the mouth of the Burnett River, anchoring in position 105° South Head Light 1.3 miles at 1425 where the observers were disembarked and transferred to shore by ship's boats.
- Thursday 24th August to Thursday 31st August.

 26. At 1740, having completed the disembarkation of observers, the VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded to Sydney. An economical steaming trial at 16 knots was commenced at 0800 on 25th August, but because of head seas the trial had to be abandoned after 8 hours and speed reduced. Seas the trial had to be abandoned after 8 hours and speed reduced. After an otherwise uneventful passage the ship secured alongside South End Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, at 1210 on 26th August.

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- 27. On 28th August the ship was stowed and fuelled, and maintenance was progressed.
- 28. The VAMPIRE proceeded to sea at 0805 on 29th August with T.A.S. training classes embarked from H.M.A.S. WATSON. A/S training was carried out with H.M. Submarine TRUMP off Sydney, returning to Garden Island on 31st August to change classes.

General.

- 29. Despite the limited opportunities for maintenance during the second half of the month the general material condition and appearance of the ship remain at a satisfactory standard. There is a defect in 'X' Turret which will require dockyard assistance during the coming self maintenance period in Sydney. This has been reported separately.
- Advancement training has been progressed during the month and as a result of a dummy board held on 30th August, 4 candidates for Petty Officer and eleven for Leading Seaman will go before the Fleet Board in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER during September. Training for the coming A.B.C.D., A.I.O. and Communications Efficiency Tests has also been conducted regularly. One officer and two ratings qualified diver during the month.
- 31. Lieutenant D.M. KESTEL, R.A.N.V.R., was embarked for three days navigation training from 29th to 31st August.
- 32. The conduct and health of the Ship's Company remain at a high standard. The incidence of leave breaking has been low.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot.) CAPTAIN.



Distance steamed during the month.

Hours underway during the month.

Total distance steamed since commissioning.

Total hours underway since commissioning.

Average distance per ton of fuel.

Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

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374 43/60 hours.

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6.95 miles.

- (i) As requisite for exercises 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th and 17th August.
- (ii) As requisite for combined Families Day at Brisbane 15th August.
- (iii) As requisite for Exercise TUCKER BOX 18th 23rd August.

Not exceeded on any other occasions.

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Commander N.P. DATTA, I.N., embarked to observe exercise

TUCKER BOX.

26th August Midshipmen H.G. PAGE, R.A.N., I.A. NOBLE, R.A.N.,

and H.W. THOMSETT, R.A.N., joined for training.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

1st August	Inter-part pulling competition in Hervey Bay. Best time: Wardroom	
9th August	Rugby Union - VAMPIRE 'A' versus VAMPIRE 'B' at Brisbane	Practice match.
	(Hockey versus Army Northern Command (at Brisbane.	Lost 1 - 9
10th August	(Soccer versus Army Northern Command (at Brisbane.	Lost 1 - 6
	(Inter-part Rugby Union	Engineroom 12 Electrical 5
	(Whaler pulling versus H.M.A.S. ANZAC. (Fleet Championship)	Lost 2 - 3
11th August	(Australian Rules versus H.M.A.S. ANZAC. (Soccer versus H.M.S. TRUMP and H.M.S. TAPIR.	Won 9-6 to 3-10 Lost 1 - 5
13th August	Australian Rules versus Brisbane Western Districts	Lost 9-6 to 11-3
14th August	Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Fleet Championship)	Won 20 - 5
	Hockey versus H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.	Lost 1 - 6

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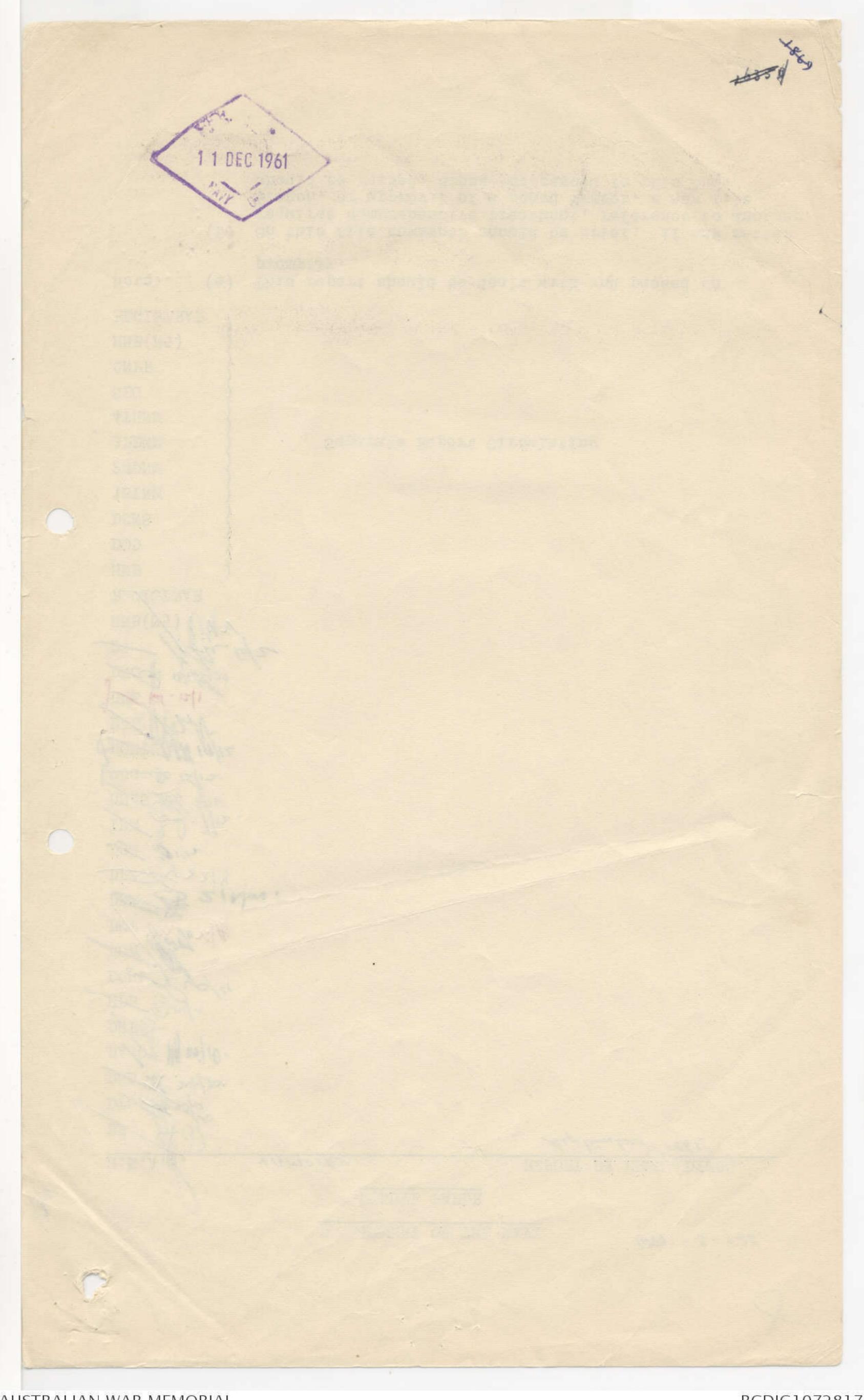
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I. Appendix 29A.

Office of the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet.

10 October, 1961.

(W.H. HARRINGTON.)
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sea.

1st October, 1961.

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

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, SEPTEMBER, 1961.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of September, 1961.

Friday 1st to Wednesday 6th September.

- 2. During this period the VAMPIRE continued a programme of sea training off Sydney with H.M. Submarine TRUMP for TAS classes from H.M.A.S. WATSON. Each day's programme commenced with a pro-submarine exercise and during each night the submarine was given approximately six hours to charge batteries.
- The ship slipped from South End Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, at 0805 on 1st September and proceeded to rendezvous with the TRUMP 5 miles off Sydney Heads.
- The VAMPIRE returned to Sydney at 1540 on 2nd September to change classes, securing alongside H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA at South End Cruiser Wharf. The ship proceeded to sea for the final period of TAS training at 0805 on 4th September. On leaving harbour, H.M.S. BELFAST (Captain M.C. Giles, D.S.O., O.B.E., G.M., R.N.) with R.F.A. WAVE MASTER in company, was sighted. TAS training was completed on 5th September, the VAMPIRE returning to Sydney and securing to Number 4 Buoy at 1615.
- During the forence of 6th September, torpedo warheads were embarked and ammunition was replenished. On completion of ammunitioning the ship was shifted by tugs to South End Cruiser Wharf to commence a self maintenance period. Notice for steam was extended to 24 hours.

Thursday 7th to Tuesday 19th September.

- Between these dates H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE carried out a self maintenance and storing period in Sydney. "G" Turbo Generator which had failed during trials in 1959, was refitted by the Dockyard. In addition, three of the annual efficiency tests took place and a Seamanship Board for Higher Rating was held in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.
- 7. At 1055 on 7th September, the Captain, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER (Captain D.C. Wells, R.A.N.) paid a return call.
- 8. On Friday 8th September, H.M.S. CAESAR (Captain D8, Captain H.A. Corbett D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. CARYSFORT (Commander P.H. Jackson-Sytner D.S.C., R.N.) entered Port Jackson, both ships securing alongside the VAMPIRE. I called on Captain D8 shortly after his arrival.

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- 9. At 1245 on 11th September, I called on the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen C.B.) in H.M.S. BELFAST, and I was honoured to have luncheon with him afterwards.
- 10. On 14th September the annual A.B.C.D. efficiency test was conducted by the Fleet Engineer Officer, the Fleet Electrical Officer, the Fleet A.B.C.D. Officer and their assistants. H.M.S. BEIFAST wearing the flag of Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, with H.M.S. CAESAR in company, sailed from Sydney at 1000 that day. H.M.S. CARYSFORT was delayed for four hours by defective steering gear.
- 11. The annual communications efficiency test took place on 15th September, followed by the A.I.O. efficiency test on 18th September.
- 12. On 19th September the ship came to 8 hours notice for steam, by which time storing had been completed and the Turbo Generator accepted from the Dockyard.

Wednesday 20th September to Saturday 30th September.

- 13. At 0920 on 20th September you, Sir, came onboard to address and farewell the ship's company, it being the last occasion that this ship would be in company with your Flag. At 0945 the VAMPIRE slipped from South End Cruiser Wharf and formed column on H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, wearing your flag, for leaving harbour. H.M.A.S. ANZAC formed astern of the VAMPIRE.
- 14. After clearing Sydney Heads, the VAMPIRE was detached and steamed past the Flagship at high speed as a farewell salute and as a prelude to Exercise SHOP WINDOW, being carried out by the MELBOURNE and ANZAC. AA firings were then carried out in area NT, and course was set for Cairns on passage to the Far East Station.
- 15. On 21st September light mortar firings were carried out and the projectiles were recovered by the Officer of the Watch handling the ship. On 22nd September an AA Tracking Exercise, followed by a Gun Direction Exercise, was held in Hervey Bay area with Canberra aircraft from R.A.A.F. Amberley. Seaboats were also exercised while on passage.
- The ship entered the Barrier Reef during the afternoon of 22nd September. While approaching the Whitsunday Passage during the morning watch, of 23rd September identities were exchanged with A.R.A. IA ARGENTINA on passage to Sydney. After an otherwise eneventful passage I anchored in the lee of Fitzroy Island at 2356 on 23rd September.
- 17. At 0645 on 24th September, the VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded to Cairns, securing alongside Number 10 wharf at 0830. I presented the Volunteer Reserve Officers Decoration to Lieutenant Commander R. McKauge D.S.C., R.A.N.V.R. immediately before ship's company prayers.
- 18. Having completed fuelling the ship slipped and proceeded from Number 10 wharf at 1030 on 24th September. This wharf is not well suited to a Daring Class Destroyer as there is an overhang of approximative 60 feet at either end. However in the existing conditions it proved quite satisfactory.
- 19. Passage through the Barrier Reef was continued until 25th September, the ship proceeding through the Prince of Wales channel that afternoon and taking departure from the Carpentaria Light Vessel at 2245. Surprisingly little shipping was encountered in the Inner Route while on passage through the reef.

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- 20. A successful annual Full Power Trial was carried out on 26th September while on passage across the Gulf of Carpentaria. This has been reported separately. A light mortar firing took place that afternoon, but was marred by a defect in the firing circuit of one barrel. During the dog watches a liferaft was inflated for demonstration purposes. Clocks were put back 30 minutes to zone $-9\frac{1}{2}$ at 1815.
- 21. The VAMPIRE proceeded through the Dundas and Clarence Straits during the forence of 27th September. When clear of the Straits a further light mortar firing was successfully carried out. After recovery of the projectiles by the Officer of the Watch, opportunity was taken to adjust the Grade 4 magnetic compass on the E.C.P. Subsequent observations for deviation showed that this compass in now correctly adjusted.
- During the dog watches of 27th September man overboard was exercised with Officers of the Watch handling the ship to recover the lifebuoy. On completion the ship anchored in position 015° Charles Point Light 2.7 miles at 1905.
- 23. At 0700 on 28th September the VAMPIRE weighed and proceeded to Darwin, the Officer of the Guard boarding off Channel Rock Buoy. The ship secured alongside Outer Stokes Hill Wharf at 0815.
- At 1030 I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, North Australian Area, Captain A.H. Cooper R.A.N. He returned my call at 1200.
- As the berth was required for commercial purposes it was necessary for the ship to sail at 0700 on 29th September instead of 0830 as originally planned. An AA Tracking exercise was carried out during the forenoon with a R.A.A.F. Dakota. Clocks were put back 30 minutes to zone -9 that evening. Action stations with action messing supper was exercised. Windfinding by REW shell and a Pre Action Calibration were carried out. On falling out from action stations, defence watches were exercised.
- 26. The passage continued neventfully on 30th September, clocks being put back 30 minutes to zone -8½ at 1815. That night the ship passed some miles to the south of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA returning to Australia after Strategic Reserve service. A rendezvous was not made as Turnover notes had already been received and stores had been left for collection in Singapore.

27. GENERAL.

The refitting and requirement of steam for trials of "G" Turbo Generator limited the amount of Engine Room maintenance that could be achieved during the self maintenance period. Similarly, the heavy storing programme limited the amount of work done on ship husbandry. However, the ship is in a satisfactory material state and trials on "G" Turbo Generator show that it is now functioning correctly. Parallelling trials on this Turbo Generator have not yet been carried out. Advantage has been taken of the good weather on passage to progress ship husbandry and the appearance of the ship is satisfactory.

28. In the Fleet Seamanship Board for higher rating two Leading Seaman passed for Petty Officer, a further candidate requiring re-examination in one subject in Part 2. Of the ten Able Seaman who sat the board, seven passed Part 1 of the examination. Three of these failed Part 2, the remainder requiring re-examination in one or two subjects. One officer and three ratings attended Standard A.B.C. and D.C. Courses during the month and one rating completed the Junior A.B.C.D. Course.

29. The morale of the ship's company is high. Their health and conduct remain at a satisfactory standard. It was very heartening on departure for Strategic Reserve Service to have no absentees and no last | minute compassionate cases.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot) CAPTAIN



Distance Steamed during the month

4,016.9 miles

Hours underway during the month

276 20/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning

69,95**9**.9 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 5,145 30/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel

6.75 miles

Occasions of exceeding economical speed :--

- As requisite for pro-submarine exercises 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th September.
- (ii) As requisite to steam past H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, 20th September.
- (iii) As requisite for Gun Direction Exercise 22nd September.
- (iv) As requisite for Annual Full Power Trial 26th September.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

Officer's Movements.

9th September.

Lieutenant (X) (G+) G.A. HALL R.N. joined and assumed the duties of Gunnery Officer.

10th September.

Sub Lieutenant (SD)(TAS) R.A. RICH R.N. joined and assumed the duties of Assistant TAS Officer and Explosives Accounting Officer.

17th September.

Lieutenant (SD)(TAS) D.C.S. SMITH R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Assistant TAS Officer and Explosives Accounting Officer and took up his appointment in H.M.A.S. WATSON.

Report of Sporting Activities.

7th September. Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. KIMBIA Won 14 - 5 Australian Rules versus H.M.A.S. Lost 3-6 - 5-3 13th September VOYAGER (Fleet Championship) Rugby Union verses H.M.A.S. VOYAGER Won 8 - 3 18th September. (Fleet Championship) 28th September Cricket verses R.A.A.F. Darwin Lost 92 - 5-151 2 - 2 Tennis verses ARMY Darwin. Drawn Softball verses H.M.A.S. MELVILLE Won Soccer VAMPIRE A Verses VAMPIRE B VAMPIRE A VAMPIRE B

21st - 30th September. Inter-mess .22 rifle competition.

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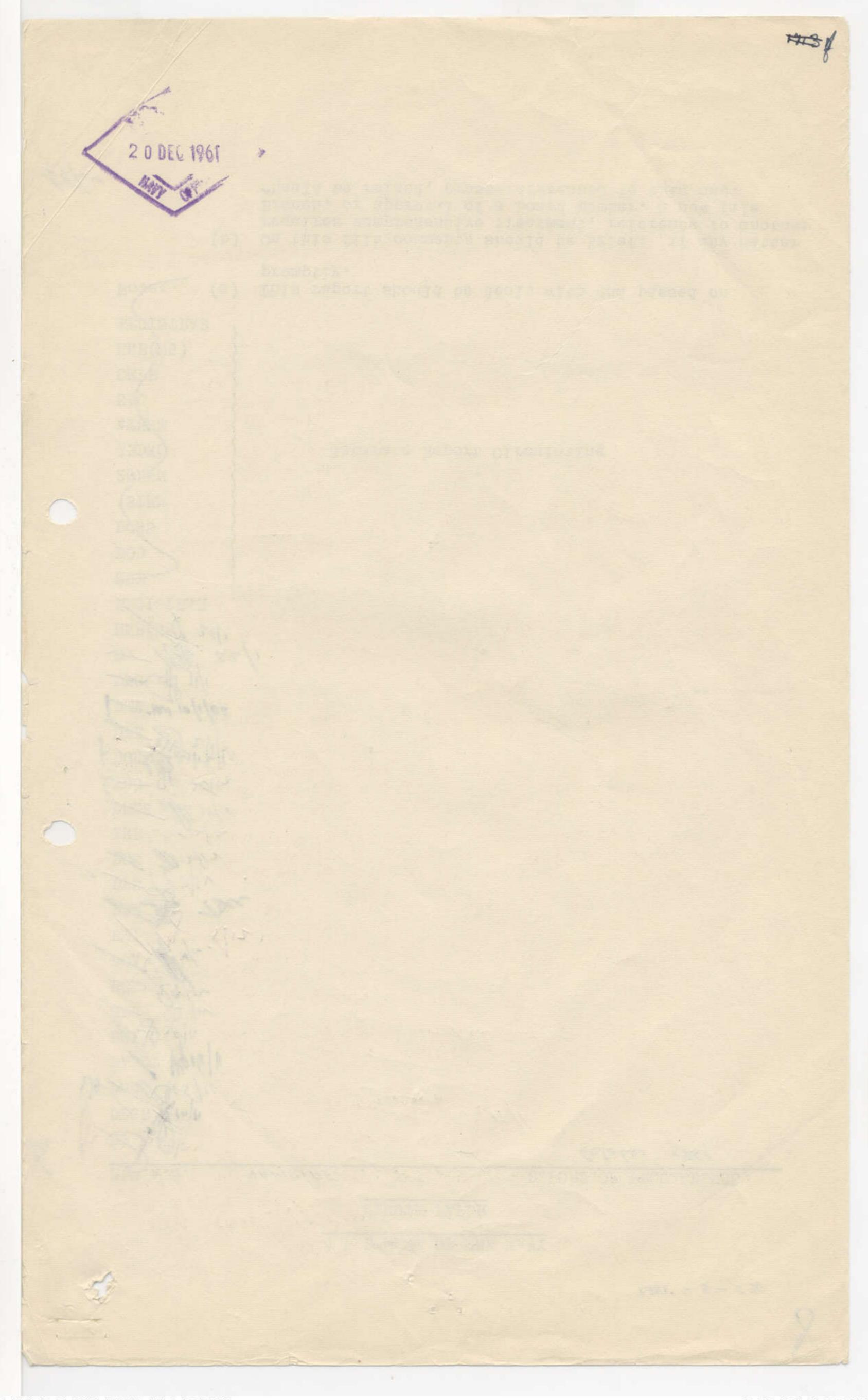
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE,
at Sea,
2nd November, 1961.

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

(Copies to : The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.)

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of October, 1961.

Sunday 1st to Wednesday 4th.

- During this period the VAMPIRE continued on passage to Singapore. As I was required to attend a briefing for Exercise FOTEX at 1100 on Wednesday 4th October it was necessary to make an E.T.A. at the Naval Base of 1030. The speed required to be made good prevented delaying exercises from taking place, but it was possible to exercise the seaboat on one occasion.
- During the dog watches on 1st October the ship proceeded through the Lombok Strait, proceeding through the Sapudi Strait the following morning. The route followed thence was via Carimata Strait and East of Palau Birtan.
- At 1815 of 1st October clocks were put back 30 minutes to rone (-8) and at 1815 on 3rd October they were put back 30 minutes to zone $(-7\frac{1}{2})$. The ship crossed the equator during the dog watches of 3rd October, and a crossing-the-line ceremony was held.
- At 0900 on 4th October, after an otherwise uneventful passage, the VAMPIRE entered the Johore Strait, arriving at Singapore Naval Base at 1030 and secured alongside Number 5 berth in the Naval Stores Basin.
- At 1100 on 4th October I attended a briefing for Exercise FOTEX in the Naval Base, followed by a buffet luncheon in H.M.S. BELFAST, wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen C.B.)

Thursday 5th to Friday 20th October.

- 7. This period covers the preparations for Exercise FOTEX at Singapore and the Exercise itself until returning to Singapore on 20th October.
- 8. On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October maintenance was carried out and the ship was stored for the forthcoming exercise.
- 9. On 6th October I signed the books of Senior Army and Royal Air Force Officers. I also called on the Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Rear Admiral B.C. Durant, D.S.O., D.S.C.

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PAGE 2 OF THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S LETTER NO. 7/1/2 DATED 2ND NOVEMBER, 1961.

- 10. At 0900 on 7th October the VAMPIRE sailed from Singapore to rendezvous with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS in the Singapore exercise area for plane-guard duties during night flying operations. While on passage steering gear breakdown and man overboard were exercised, and a single ship FARSEX was conducted. The rendezt us was made at 1745, and the VAMPIRE was detached to proceed to Pulau Tiomin on completion of night flying at 2200.
- 11. At 0700 on 8th October, the ship anchored in Telok Tekek anchorage, Pulau Tiomam, where the remainder of the ships taking part in Exercise FOTEX were already at anchor. The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station called informally at 1900 that evening.
- 12. At 0400 on 9th October, the Fleet weighed and proceeded in company for the first week of Exercise FOTEX, which consisted of weapon training, A/S exercised and relemishment at sea. Poor visibility throughout the whole period prevented full benefit being gained from Gunnery Practices but favourable water conditions enabled good results to be obtained in A/S exercises. Many minor exercises carried out during FOTEX are not mentioned in this report.
- 13. At 1120 on 10th October the Flag office Second-inCharge, Far East Station was transferred by jackstay from H.M.N.Z. PUKAKI to witness exercises.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command was transferred by jackstay to H.M.A.S. QUIBERON at 1440.

- 14. At 1400 on 11th October two torpedoes were fired with H.M.S. BELFAST as the target. Both torpedoes ran satisfactorily and were recovered.
- During the middle watch of 12th October the VAMPIRE refuelled from R.F.A. WAVE MASTER. At 1030 that day the VAMPIRE took part in a combined surfactiring and torpedo attack with the Eighth Destroyer Squadron at a High Speed Target towed by H.M.A.S. QUIBERON. The VAMPIRE fired two torpedoes, but one failed to run correctly. Both torpedoes were recovered.
- 16. This week of Exercise FOTEX finished with the A/S defence of an Underway Replénishment Group and the formation of an entry screen at the approaches to Pulau Tioman. I acted as Screen Commander for this serial in which helicopters also took part. On completion ships proceeded to Telok Tekek anchorage and moored in pre-arranged berths.
- 17. At 0700 on 14th October officers of the Fleet assembled on the Quarter deck of H.M.S. BELFAST for an address by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command on the role of the Navy in the Far East. At 1030 I attended a Commanding Officer Meeting in the Flagship and was honoured to have lunch with the Flag Officer Second-in-Command afterwards.
- During the middle watch of 15th October the ship's diving team was exercised in bottom search for limpet wines placed by the Fleet Clearance Divir Team. The Flag Officer Second-in-Command inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions that day.

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- 19. At 0615 on 16th October, having unmoored, the VAMPIRE proceeded for the second week of Exercise FOTEX. This consisted of two 36-hour tactical exercises divided in various phases and interspersed with further weapon training practices. The first phase was a departure screen to escort the Underway Replenishment Group from Palau Tioman. H.M.S. YARMOUTH (Captain F.6, Captain H.R. Hewlett, Royal Navy) with H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUIBERON formed the preliminary search force.
- At 0815 on 16th October, the VAMPIRE fuelled from R.F.A. WAVE MASTER and carried out a token replenishment from R.F.A. FORT DUNVEGAN. I was acting as Screen Commander at this time. On completion of the token replenishment the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station (Admiral Sir David Luce, K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.) was transferred by jackstay from the FORT DUNVEGAN. The phase of the exercise being carried out at this time consisted of A/S and surface defence of an Underway Replenishment Group against submarine and F.P.B. attack. The Commander-in-Chief was transferred to H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI at 1430.
- On 18th October, on completion of individual serials, destroyers and frigates taking part in the exercise were formed in column to steam past H.M.S. ALERT (wearing the Flag of the Commander-in-Chief).
- On 19th October ships were exercised in air and submarine defence while steaming through a nuclear fallout area. Hands remained at Shelter Stations for two hours during this phase, which included an Action Messing dinner. At 1530 that day the VAMPIRE fuelled from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER. On completion of fuelling the ship closed H.M.S. BELFAST to transfer the Flag Officer Second-inCommand for a short discussion on the ship's programme. Having transferred the Flag Officer Second-in-Command back to the Flagship, I was detached and remained in the Singapore exercise areas in preparation for an AA competition firing the following day.
- On 20th October because of bad weather at the Royal Air Force Base, Changi, the AA competition firing was cancelled and course was set for Singapore. At 1435 the VAMPIRE secured to "A" Buoy in Dockyard Reach to replenish with ammunition. At 1605 the ship shifted to Number 6 Berth, Naval Stores Basin.

Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th October.

- During this period the ship remained alongside at Singapore for storing and maintenance. A planned visit to Saigon was cancelled because of heavy flooding in the Mekong River Delta.
- At 0930 on 23rd October, I attended the wash up of Exercise FOTEX with my command team. That afternoon the ship was shifted by tugs across the Naval Stores Basin to Number 2 Berth so that shore power could be obtained.
- At 1000 on 26th October I called on the Australian Commissioner for Singapore, Mr. G.A. Jockel. At 1430 that afternoon I called on the Commodore Superintendent Singapore, Commodore J.L. Blackham.

Monday 30th to Tuesday 31st.

At 0845 on 30th October the VAMPIRE slipped and proceeded from the Naval Stores Basin and followed H.M.S. BELFAST (wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command) down the Johore Strait on passage to Hong Kong. A further attempt at the AA Competition firing, which had been arranged for that afternoom, was cancelled once again because of bad weather at the Base.

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- 28. On 31st October H.M.S. CAESAR (Captain H.A. Corbett D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. CASSANDRA (Commander S.H. Drummond D.S.C. Royal Navy) joined the formation for passage in company. Day and night Officer of the Watch manoeuvres were exercised that day.
- 29. At 2345 on 30th and 31st October, clocks were advanced 30 minutes to zones (-8) and $(-8\frac{1}{2})$ respectively.
- 30. Training for higher rating was suspended during Exercise FOTEX and resumed later as opportunity permitted. A.B.C.D. training classes for non-seaman ratings have also been conducted. Midshipman N.R. Hodgson R.N. was ombarked for gunnery training during the passage to Hong Kong.
- The ship's appearance and material state remain at a satisfactory standard. These should be further improved during the forthcoming maintenance period at Hong Kong.
- Results achieved during Exercise FOTEX have maintained the morale of the Ship's Company at a high level. Their health and conduct continue to be satisfactory but there has been a slight increase in the number of minor offences since the ship's arrival on the Far East Station.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

APPENDIX 'A' TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S LETTER 7/1/2 DATED 2ND NOVEMBER, 1961

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

- (i) As requisite for Exercise FOTEX 7th to 20th October.
- (ii) As ordered by Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station during passage to Hong Kong 30th and 31st October.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Nil report.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

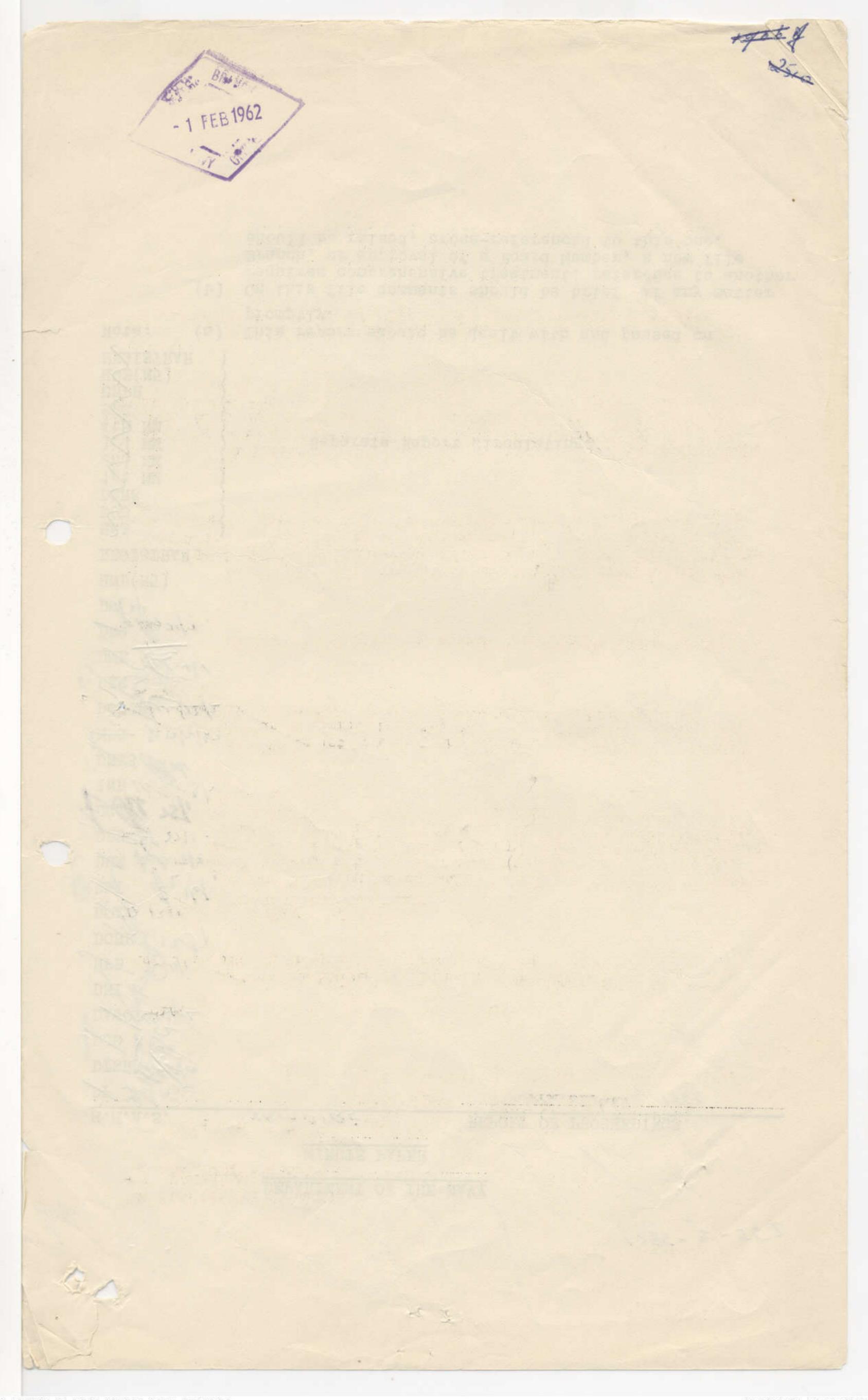
2.10.61.	Interpart Boxing. Five bouts of three two m	ninute rounds.
3,10,61,	trossing-the-line ceremony.	
4.10.61.	Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. QUIBERON (Fleet Championship)	Won 6 - 0
15.10.61.	Fleet Sailing Regatta at Palau Tioman (whal	Montague Whalers VAMPIRE 1st. (S/Lt. Bowra)
16.10.61.	Fleet Sailing Regatta at Palau Tioman (whal	Montague whale VAMPIRE 1st (S/Lt. Bowra)
24.10.61.	Interpart cricket	Wardroom 155 Senior C.P.O.:
25 10.61.	Interpart Rugby Union	Seamen 6 Stokers 3
	Hockey versus H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI	Lost 1 - 10
28.10.61.	Basketball versus H.M.S. BELFAST	Lost 9 - 42.

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

Sth December 11 1 DFC The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

5th December, 1961.

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(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, FAR EAST STATION.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST STATION.)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command during the month of November, 1961.

Wednesday 1st to Friday 3rd November.

- At the beginning of the month the ship was proceeding on passage to Hong Kong in company with H.M.S. BELFAST, (Captain M.C. Giles D.S.O., O.B.E., G.M., R.N.), wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen, C.B.), H.M.S. CAESAR (Captain H.A. Corbett D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. CASSANDRA (Commander S.H. Drummond D.S.C., R.N.).
- At 0915 on 1st November, the VAMPIRE was detached to carry out a twenty-four hour Economical Steaming Trial. An officer was embarked from H.M.S. BELFAST as observer. Results of this trial have been reported separately.
- 4. At 2345 on 1st November, clocks were advanced thirty minutes to zone (-9).
- On 2nd November, after completing the Economical Steaming Trial, the VAMPIRE proceeded to rendezvous with R.F.A. WAVE MASTER for fuelling in position 18° 47'N 112° 08'E. The rendezvous was effected at 1600 and the ship replenished with fuel. The VAMPIRE then continued on passage to Hong Kong.
- During the morning watch of 3rd November the ship joined H.M.S. BELFAST (wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command), H.M.S. CAESAR, H.M.S. CASSANDRA and H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI (Commander P.L. Bardwell, R.N.Z.N.) for entry into Hong Kong harbour. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE secured along-side South Wall in Victoria Basin at 0845.

7. At 1500 on 3rd November, ships dressed overall on the occasion of the arrival in Hong Kong of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra.

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Saturday 4th to Friday 17th November.

- 8. During this period the ship remained alongside to carry out self maintenance, reverting to twenty-four hours notice for steam on 6th November.
- 9. At 1200 on 4th November, I called on the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore A.R.L. Butler D.S.C.
- 10. At 0330 on 5th November clocks were put back one hour to zone (-8) to conform with Hong Kong Winter time.
- 11. On 6th November I signed the books of the Governor of Hong Kong, The Commander British Forces and the Air Officer Commanding. At 1145 on that day I called on the Captain, Inshore Flotilla, Captain D.L. Davenport O.B.E., Royal Navy in H.M.S. WOODBRIDGE HAVEN.
- 12. On 7th November ships were dressed overall for a review of the Fleet by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. I was presented to Her Royal Highness on completion of the review.
- 13. At 1130 on 8th November the Captain, Inshore Flotilla paid a return call. At 1630 on the following day I attended a Garden Party at Government House in honour of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra. At 1145 on 10th November the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong paid a return call, after which I entertained the Senior Australian Trade Commissioner (Mr. G.R.B. Patterson, O.B.E.) and his assistant to luncheon.
- 14. On Sunday 12th November I attended a Remembrance Day Parade at the Cenotaph in Hong Kong. One officer and nineteen ratings from the ship took part in the parade. The remainder of the Ship's Company joined in a Remembrance Day Service on the wharf with the Ship's Companies of the 120th Minesweeping Squadron.
- 15. On 13th November I was honoured to have dinner with the Flag Officer Second-in-Command in H.M.S. BELFAST.
- On 14th November, ships were dressed overall until 1200 on the occasion of the departure of Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra from Hong Kong. The following evening I attended an At Home in the Flagship and on 16th November I attended an At Home given by the General Officer Commanding and Officers of the Land Forces, Hong Kong at Flagstaff House. On 17th November I was honoured to have luncheon with the Governor of Hong Kong at Government House. That evening I entertained officials of the Australian Association to dinner.
- 17. During the forenoon of 16th November the VAMPIRE carried out Basin Trials and came to four hours notice for steam. At 1100 on 17th November the ship shifted berth to Number Three Buoy.

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Saturday 18th to Thursday 30th November.

- 18. During this period the ship proceeded to sea for daily exercises in the Hong Kong Exercise Area, spending the weekends and Mondays in harbour for maintenance and recreational purposes.
- At 0800 on 21st November the VAMPIRE slipped from Number Three Buoy and followed H.M.S. CAESAR out of harbour. Exercises carried out during this week included anti-submarine exercises with H.M. Submarine TEREDO, mortar firings, replenishment at sea, A.A. firings, Naval Gunfire Support firings and two torpedo firing exercises. In the first torpedo firing exercise both torpedoes ran correctly and were recovered. In the second, however, neither torpedo ran correctly. One was recovered near the firing position while the second was not found. An extensive search of the area was unsuccesful. The loss of this torpedo is being reported separately. An attempt was made to carry out an A.A. Competition Shoot during this week at a Pilotless Target Aircraft but the target could not be launched because of unfavourable weather.
- 20. The ship anchored on completion of each days' exercises, returning to harbour and securing to Number Three Buoy at 1645 on 24th November.
- At 0900 on 28th November the VAMPIRE slipped from Number Three Buoy and proceeded to sea independently. That afternoon H.M.S. CAESAR, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI and four helicopters from H.M.S. BULWARK (Captain J.S. Dalglish C.V.O., R.N.) wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, formed a departure screen for the BULWARK. Two of the helicopters were directed by the VAMPIRE. On completion of a further screening exercise, the VAMPIRE and the PUKAKI were detached to carry out a Night Encounter Exercise. After this both ships remained at sea in company for the night.
- 22. At 0800 on 29th November the VAMPIRE and the PUKAKI joined the BULWARK and the CAESAR. Preparations had again been made for an A.A. competition firing that day but it was terminated before this ship's turn to fire. Later in the forenoon the VAMPIRE was replenished with fuel from the BULWARK and was then detached to anchor independently. A diving exercise was conducted on anchoring.
- During the forenoon of 30th November the VAMPIRE carried out measured distance runs in the East Lamma Channel, South of Hong Kong. A towing exercise, taking the PUKAKI in tow, took place during the afternoon. The VAMPIRE then proceeded independently to anchor, and that evening the ship's diving team was practised in night diving.

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Harbour training was progressed during the month as opportunity and facilities permitted. Five officers and thirty-nine ratings completed the annual musketry course, one day's demolition training was carried out at Stonecutters Island demolition range and the ship's diving team were practised on two occasions while the ship was alongside. In addition, harbour A.I.O. and Communications exercises were carried out and the Ship's Naval Gunfire Support Control Team was exercised on the Naval Gunfire Support Miniature Range.

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- 25. Four communications ratings completed one week's communications training with Number 3 Amphibious Observation Troop, Royal Artillery, and three communications ratings carried out two days training with Number 367 Signals Unit. Acting Sub Lieutenant I.A. Noble R.A.N. took part in a one week Field Infantry Training Exercise with the First Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
- 26. Training of Seaman candidates for higher rating has been continued during the month and further A.B.C.D. training classes for non-seaman ratings have also been conducted. One training expedition for two officers and 17 ratings was made to Lantao Island.
- 27. The ship's appearance and material state are at a satisfactory standard. Ship husbandry and planned maintenance were progressed during the self-maintenance period, and opportunity was taken to employ a local firm in removing all paint from the ship's side and repainting.
- 28. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company are satisfactory but there has been a further slight increase of minor offences during the month. This is attributed to the ship's first visit of the commission to Hong Kong, and to the restriction of leave to 2330 for young ratings which does not apply in Australian Capital cities.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot)

CAPTAIN

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

- (i) As ordered by F.O.2, F.E.S. on passage to Hong Kong, 1st November.
- (ii) As requisite on 2nd and 3rd November to make ordered rendezvous off Hong Kong a.m. 3rd November.
- (iii) As requisite for exercises off Hong Kong 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th and 29th November.
- (iv) As requisite for measured distance runs 30th November.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

25th November.

Lieutenant Commander R.G. Matthews joined to take over the duties of Supply Officer.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

5.11.61.	Australian Rules football versus H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.	Won	88 – 37		
6.11.61.	Basketball versus Hong Kong Fire Dept.	Lost	38 - 43		
	Rugby Union - a H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI Team versus The Fleet Team	Lost	9 - 21		
8.11.61.	Bowling versus H.M.S. BELFAST	Lost	by 150 pins		
9.11.61.	Hockey versus Royal Northumberland Fusiliers	Drew	1 - 1		
	Basketball versus 56 R.A.S.C. Coy.	Lost	30 - 72		
10.11.61.	Sailing versus H.M.A.S. QUIBERON (Fleet Championship)	Lost	4 - 5		
11.11.61.	Fleet Sailing Regatta - Round the Island race for whalers.	Montague Whalers 1st VAMPIRE.			
10.11.61.	Rujby Union versus 34 L.A.A.	Won	22 - 3		
12.11.61.	Basketball versus Airport Staff Kai Tak	Lost	18 - 38		
13.11.61.	Rugby Union versus H.M.A.S. QUIBERON (Fleet Championship)	Won	6 - 3		
	Soccer versus H.M.S. WOODBRIDGE HAVEN	Lost	2 - 13		
15.11.61.	Soccer versus H.M.S. BELFAST	Lost	0 - 6		
	Interpart Australian Rules Football	Afterpart and Electrical Dept. 12-7 defeated Forepart 10-4.			
16.11.61.	Hockey versus H.M.S. BELFAST	Lost	2 - 3		
	Waterpolo versus H.M.S. BELFAST	Lost	1 - 6		
19.11.61.	Basketball versus Airport Staff Kai Tak	Won	40 - 38		
20.11.61.	Hockey versus 6th Gurkha Regiment	Lost	1-3		
	Rugby Union Interpart	Seaman Engine	3 defeated Room 6		
25.11.61.	Rugby Union H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI versus H.M.S. BULWARK	Won	22 - 3		
26.11.61.	Basketball versus Airport Staff Kai Tak	Lost	18 - 38		
27.11.61.	Rugby Union versus H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI	Lost	6 - 11		
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE provided the following for Fleet teams during the month :-					

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2nd XV Rugby Union 3 players
Hockey 1 player
Squash 1 player

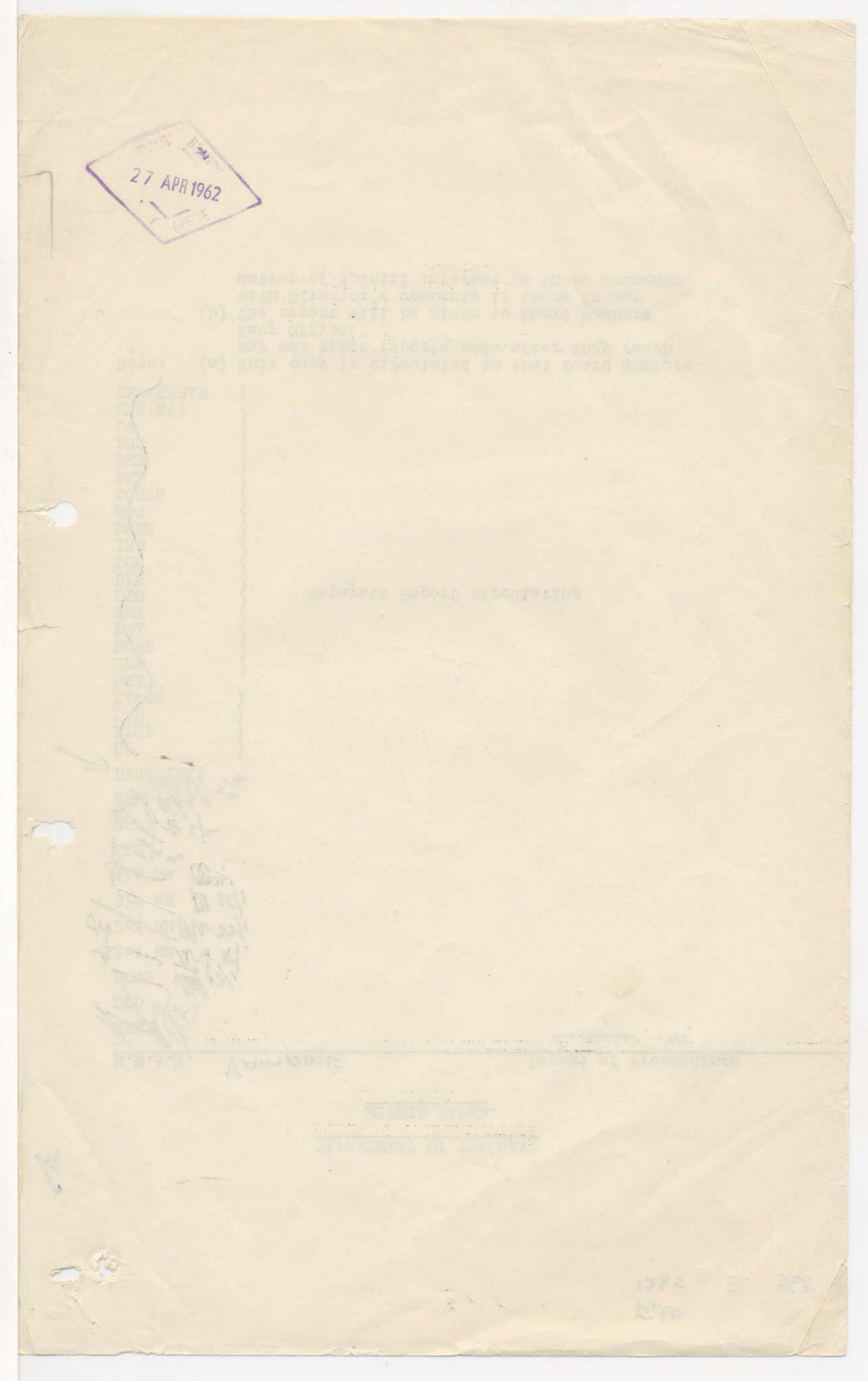
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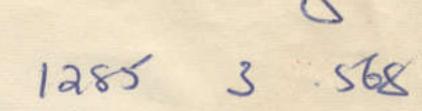
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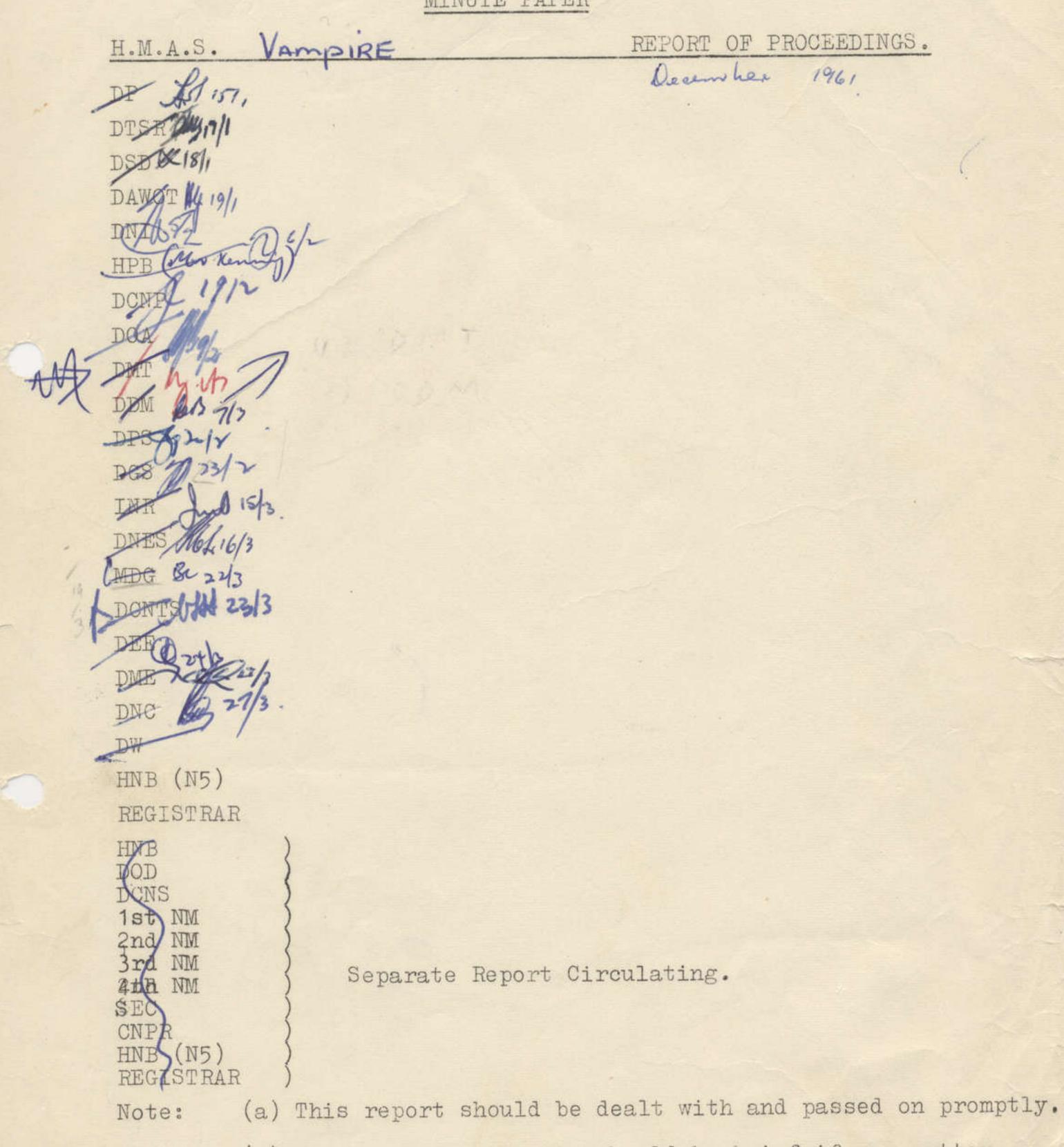
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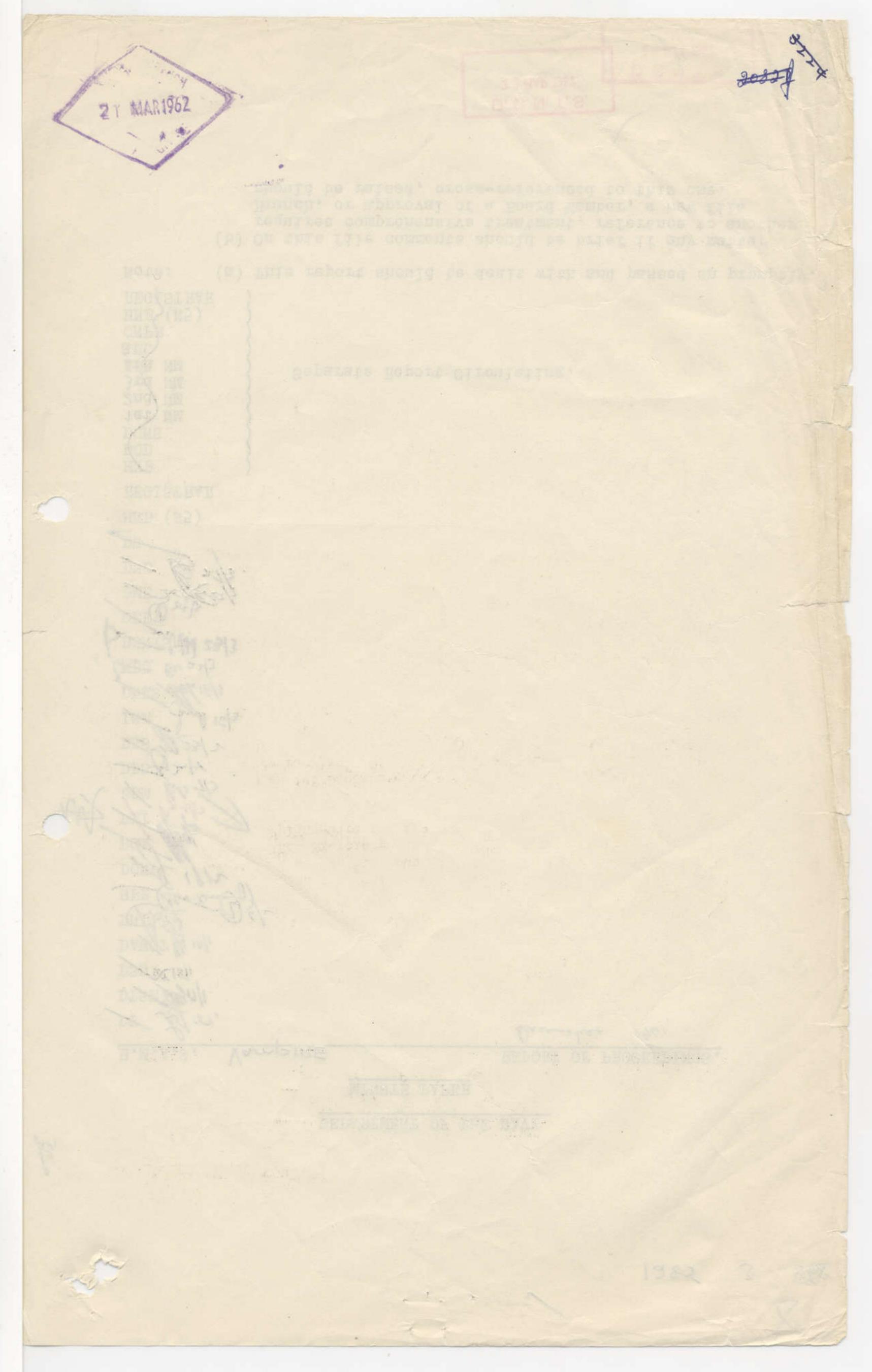
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE). OF NAVY
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4th January 852 3 5 68.

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

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of December, 1961.

- Throughout the month the ship has remained in the Hong Kong area carrying out local exercises. On 1st December the VAMPIRE was exercising at sea with H.M.S. BULWARK (Captain J.S. Dalglish C.V.O., Royal Navy) and a competition A.A. shoot was carried out against a Pilotless Target Aircraft launched by the BULWARK. Exercises also included Helicopter Direction and the VAMPIRE acted as planeguard for the BULWARK during night flying.
- At 1715 on 1st December the death of Electrical Artificer Third Class Bryon Edward Plint, Official Number R54324, occurred on board. This tragic incident has been reported separately. Electrical Artificer Plint's body was landed for examination on return to harbour and the ship secured to Number three buoy at 2345.
- At 0900 on 4th December the VAMPIRE proceeded to sea with H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI (Commander P.L. Bardwell, Royal New Zealand Navy) and H.M.S. CASSANDRA (Commander S.H. Drummond D.S.C., Royal Navy) in company. An A.A. tracking exercise was carried out on passage to the exercise area, on completion of which ships replenished with Furnace Fuel Oil from R.F.A. WAVE MASTER. A Surface firing against a High Speed Target was carried out during the afternoon, the VAMPIRE returning to Hong Kong to land one rating prior to anchoring for the night.
- During the forenoon of 5th December the VAMPIRE and the PUKAKI provided A/S and A.A. defence for the BULWARK during a Commando Landing Exercise. Simulated Naval Gunfire Support was also provided by the VAMPIRE. On completion of this exercise the VAMPIRE assisted in the direction of a bottom sweep by two Inshore Minesweepers in an attempt to locate the torpedo lost on 23rd November, but the sweep was unsuccessful. A competition Surface shoot took place that afternoon.

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- At 1905 on 5th December the VAMPIRE returned to Hong Kong to embark the body of the late Electrical Artificer Plint, proceeding to sea on completion. On clearing the harbour the ship closed H.M.S. BULWARK at anchor in the approaches to Port Shelter, to embark the Free Church Chaplain, The Reverend P.J. Moffett, who conducted the burial service.
- At0700 on 6th December, Electrical Artificer Plint's body was buried at sea in position 21° 34' N 114° 49' E. The ship returned to harbour on completion, securing to Number Three Buoy at 1200. I entertained the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen C.B.) and Mrs. Frewen to lunch after securing. Berth was shifted to the South Wall, Victoria Basin, on H.M.S. CAESAR, at 1500.
- 8. From 7th to 11th December the ship remained alongside at Hong Kong for the Far East Fleet Sport and Recreation period. At 1245 on 7th December I waited upon the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station (Admiral Sir David Luce K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.) flying his Flag in H.M.S. ALERT (Commander G.Y. Temple, Royal Navy) and I was honoured to have lunch with the Commander-in-Chief afterwards.
- 9. During the dog watches of 7th December a fire broke out in the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Association Exhibition opposite Victoria Basin. Together with ships of the Royal Navy berthed in the vicinity, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's fire party, backed up by thirty volunteers from the ship's company, assisted in bringing the fire under control.
- At 1100 on 12th December the VAMPIRE proceeded to sea to rendezvous with H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI in the local exercise areas: A.A. tracking and a Rapid Open Fire Exercise were carried out, on completion of which the VAMPIRE and the PUKAKI joined the BULWARK in preparation for Exercise "SECOND FLIGHT". The exercise consisted of an opposed landing by 42 commando from H.M.S. BULWARK in the face of enemy air and simulated A/S threats, the VAMPIRE also being called upon to provide Naval Gunfire Support. Remarks on this exercise have been forwarded separately. As the escorts were released for the night 13th/14th December, opportunity was taken to exercise Operation Awkward in Junk Bay, both the VAMPIRE and the PUKAKI being attacked by the Fleet Clearance Diving Team. Exercise "SECOND FLIGHT" continued on 14th December until 1000. At 1015 I was transferred to H.M.S. BULWARK by helicopter to attend an exercise "wash-up" on the beach. The ship returned to harbour and secured to Number Three Buoy at 1200, shifting berth to North Wall in the Victoria Basin at 1330, with the Executive Officer in command.
- 11. On 15th December I attended a briefing and tour of the Hong Kong Defence Force dispositions with some of my officers.
- 12. On 18th December an official cocktail party was held on board. This was also an attempt to repay some of the generous private hospitality that has been received during the ship's stay at Hong Kong.

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13. At 1100 on 19th December the ship proceeded to sea to rendezvous with H.M.S. CAESAR in the Hong Kong exercise areas. A Surface Plotting exercise and a Range and Inclination exercise were carried out, but thick fog rendered a Dummy Torpedo Firing exercise abortive. Both ships anchored in Junk Bay for the night, proceeding to sea for further exercises the following day. On completion of a Sub-calibre shoot, an A.B.C.D. exercise and Measured Distance Runs, the VAMPIRE returned to Hong Kong for the Christmas period, securing alongside the North Wall in

the Victoria Basin at 1730.

- 14. At 1030 on 22nd December the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH (Commander P.H. Doyle, Royal Australian Navy) called, the QUICKMATCH having just arrived at Hong Kong. At 1300 that day I attended a luncheon party given by the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong (Commodore A.R.L. Butler D.S.C.) in honour of the Commander, First Cruiser Division, (Rear Admiral E.A. Ruckner) flying his Flag in U.S.S. LOS ANGELES.
- 15. At 1000 on 23rd December I returned the call of the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH and carried out messdeck and upper deck rounds of the QUICKMATCH on completion.
- 16. Christmas was celebrated in the traditional service manner on board and the Ship's Company made the best of having to spend the Festive Season away from their homes and families. It was disappointing that very few ratings received private invitations at Christmas time.
- 17. At 1145 on 29th December the Captain, H.M.S. CHICHESTER (Commander R.A. Gilchrist, Royal Navy) called, and at 1240 that day I entertained the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong and the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH to luncheon.
- 18. On 22nd and 23rd December a Fleet Board for Engine Room branch ratings was held in this ship and on 27th and 28th December a Fleet Board was convened in H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH to examine seaman candidates for higher rating. Results of these boards are being reported separately.
- 19. The ship's appearance and material state are at a high standard. Planned Maintenance and harbour training was progressed during the month.
- 20. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company are satisfactory, but the number of minor offences, occasioned by the Ship's long period at Hong Kong, has been higher than usual.

I have the honour to be

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Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot) CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DECEMBER, 1961.

Distance steamed during the month 1,379.6 miles

Hours underway during the month 119 56/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning 78,664.8 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 5,762 26/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel 4.7 miles

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

As requisite for exercises on 1st, 4th, 5th, 13th and 20th December.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

2nd December.

Lieutenant Commander A.H. Brown R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Supply Officer and took up his appointment in H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

Lieutenant D.A. Harries, R.A.N. relinquished the duties of C.B. Officer and took up his appointment to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN for leave.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

2.12.61.	Basketball v. Hong Kong Preventative service	Lost 26 - 42
3.12.61.	Basketball v. Airport staff Kai Tak	Lost 18 - 32
	Boatswain's Cup sailing regatta for whalers	Won by VAMPIRE
8.12.61.	Soccer v. H.M.S. CAESAR	Lost 0 - 5
	Basketball v. U.S.S. WHITFIELD COUNTY	Lost 14 - 42
	Basketball v. Hong Kong Police vice squad	Won 46 - 42
	Fleet sailing regatta for whalers	Won by VAMPIRE
16.12.61.	Rugby Union. Combined ANZAC XV v. Hong Kong Football Club.	Lost 3 - 6
18.12.61.	Hockey v. H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI	Lost 1 - 7
	Soccer H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE 'A' v. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE 'B'.	'A' 3 - 'B' 1
	Basketball v. H.M.S. TAMAR.	Won 34 - 28
22.12.61.	Hockey. Wardroom v. Ship's Company	W/R 3 - S/C 1
	Australian Rules. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE 'A' v. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE 'B'.	'A' 76 - 'B' 37
28.12.61.	Basketball v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.	Won 16 - 9

The Fleet Individual Golf Championships were won by representatives from H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE provided the following for Fleet Teams during the month :

Rugby Union - 6 players (4 of whom played for Combined Services).

Hockey - 2 players

Squash - 1 player

Sailing - 3 crews

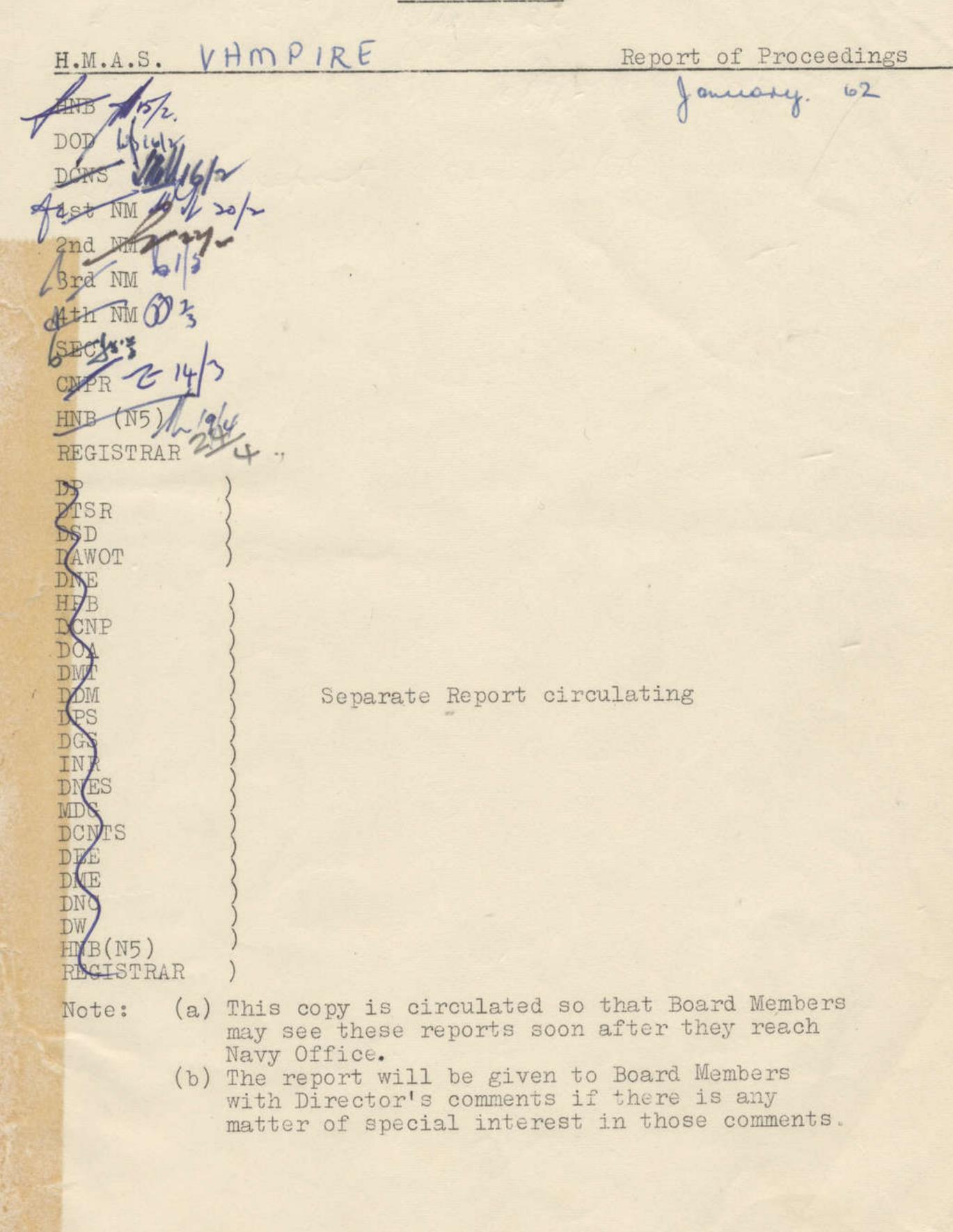
Golf - 10 players

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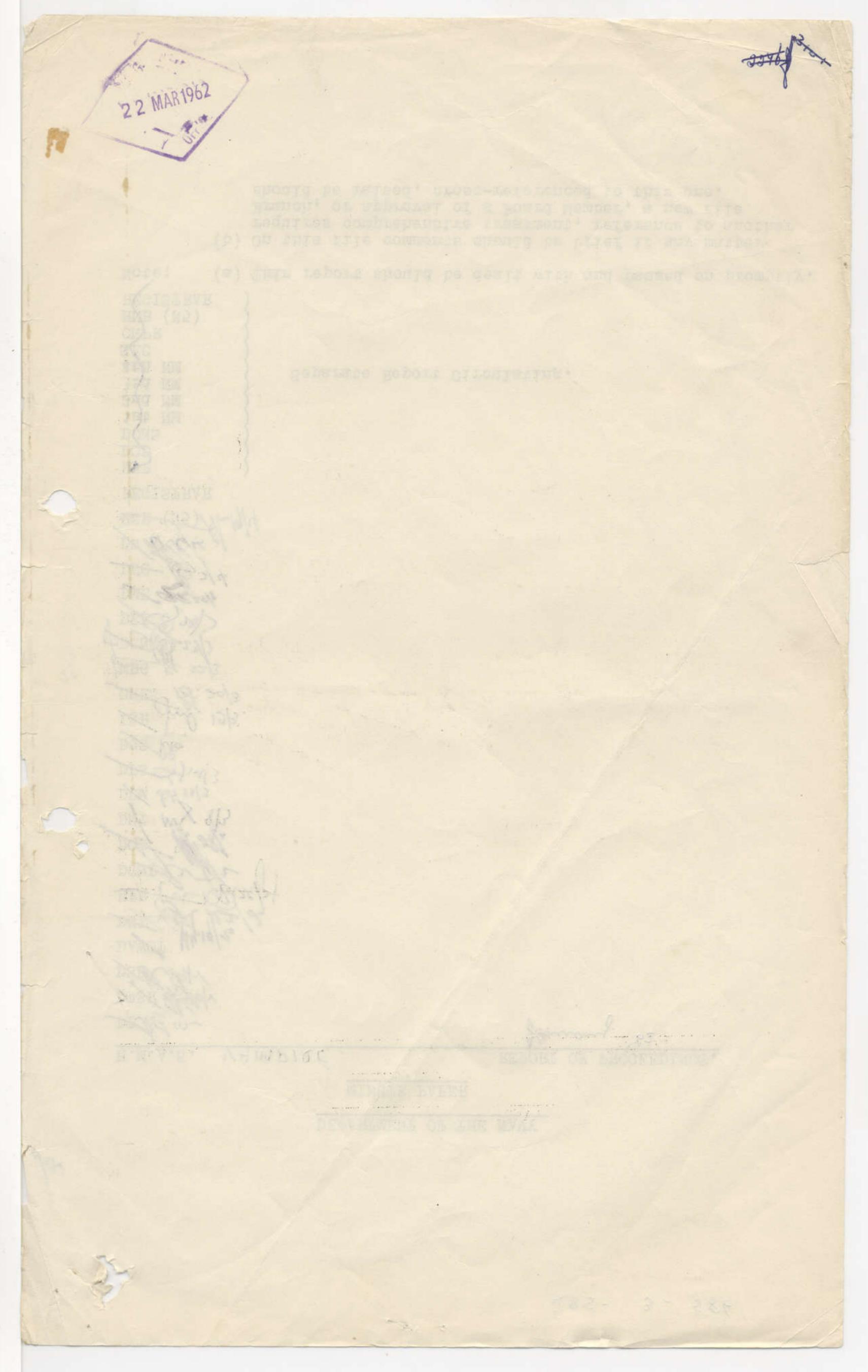
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, R.A.

at Singapore.

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6th February, 1962.

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

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of January, 1962.

Monday 1st to Monday 8th January.

- During this period H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE remained alongside at Hong Kong progressing general maintenance and ship husbandry. Sea training with H.M. Submarine ANDREW planned for 4th and 5th was cancelled because of engine defects in the ANDREW.
- On 3rd January I was honoured to attend a luncheon party given by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong (the Hon. Sir Michael Hogan, C.M.G.). At 1145 on 5th January I paid a return call on the Captain, H.M.S. CHICHESTER (Commander R.A. Gilchrist, Royal Navy). I entertained the Captain, H.M.S. CHICHESTER, The Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, The Captain, H.M. Submarine ANDREW (Lieutenant Commander K.D. Frewer, Royal Navy), The Captain, R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN (Captain H.W. Lawford) and the Captain, R.F.A. FORT CHARLOTTE (Captain A.E. Curtain, O.B.E., R.D.) to luncheon on board afterwards.
- 4. On 5th January a seamanship board to examine thirty-five candidates from H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH for Able Seaman was conducted in the QUICKMATCH. Results of this board have been reported separately.
- 5. At 1130 on 7th January I called on the Captain (F), Third Frigate Squadron (Captain M.F. Fell, D.S.O., D.S.C. and Bar, Royal Navy) in H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT. This call was returned at 1215.

Tuesday 9th to Friday 19th January.

This period covers the passage to the Philippines, the visit to the United States Naval Base, Subic Bay, and subsequent passage to Singapore.

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- 7. At 0805 on 9th January the VAMPIRE slipped from North Wall, Victoria Basin to proceed to sea for exercises to work-up H.M. Submarine ANDREW. R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN, screened by the VAMPIRE, the CHICHESTER and the QUICKMATCH acted as target for these exercises. Gunnery practices took place concurrently. After the pro-submarine exercises, the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH carried out a Casex 6/7 with the ANDREW, while the CHICHESTER and the WAVE SOVEREIGN detached.
- 8. Passage to Subic Bay commenced at 1900 that evening with the QUICKMATCH in company. While on passage unfavourable weather limited what exercises could be carried out.
- 9. At 0630 on 11th January a rendezvous was made with H.M.S. BELFAST (Captain M.C. Giles, D.S.O., O.B.E., G.M., Royal Navy) wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen C.B.) and H.M.S. LINCOLN (Commander D.W. Napper M.B.E., Royal Navy) in position 14° 35' North, 119° 50' East. American destroyers joined in the Gunnery and Anti-Submarine exercises which took place in the Subic Bay Exercise Areas that day. Ships replenished from R.F.A.'s WAVE SOVEREIGN and FORT CHARLOTTE during the dog watches.
- During the forenoon of 12th January, H.M.S. BELFAST, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, H.M.S. LINCOLN and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH entered Subic Bay in company. At the entrance to the Bay the Squadron passed U.S.S. CORAL SEA, wearing the Flag of Rear Admiral Booth, United States Navy, and four destroyer escorts, which were proceeding to sea. At 0930 I secured alongside the Alova Wharf astern of the BELFAST, the QUICKMATCH securing on the VAMPIRE and the LINCOLN on the QUICKMATCH. The Australian Services Attache, Manila (Commander G.A. Beange D.S.C., Royal Australian Navy) called on arrival.
- At 1100 on 12th January I waited upon the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station in the Flagship for the return call of the Commander, United States Naval Base, Subic Bay (Rear Admiral C.K. Duncan). At 1800 that evening I attended a reception for officers of the visiting ships at the Officers' Club followed by a dinner party. His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. A.T. Stirling C.B.E. was present.
- 12. At 1830 on 13th January I attended the combined ships' cocktail party in H.M.S. BELFAST and entertained the Captain, U.S.S. NOBLE (Captain A.H. Higgs, United States Navy), the Captain, U.S.S. PRINCETON (Captain T.H. Davie, United States Navy) and Mrs. Davie and the Base Supply Officer (Captain W.E. Frampton, United States Navy) and Mrs. Frampton to dinner on board afterwards.
- Much generous hospitality was received from the United States Navy during the visit to Subic Bay, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the entire Ship's Company.
- At 0815 on 15th January the Squadron sailed from Subic Bay to carry out a day's practices in the area. The VAMPIRE carried out a Naval Gunfire Support Firing followed by A.A. Firings and an Air Defence Exercise. On completion, H.M.S. BELFAST, with H.M.A.Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH in company proceeded to Singapore, while H.M.S. LINCOLN was detached to proceed to Hong Kong.

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- Exercises carried out on passage included 0.0.W. Manoeuvres, A.I.O. and Communications exercises, a Night Encounter Exercise, Rapid Open Fire Exercises and Synthetic A/S exercises in which light Mortar projectiles were fired. At 1815 on 18th January clocks were put back thirty minutes to zone $(-7\frac{1}{2})$.
- On 19th January the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH acted as consorts for H.M.S. BELFAST's sea inspection in the Singapore Practice Areas. On completion the VAMPIRE proceeded to Singapore Naval Base. Shortly after entering the narrows of Hohore Strait, 'B' Unit was shut down to prevent wire-drawing of the main steam line strainer cover joint which had blown. This necessitated berthing on one engine. The ship secured alongside Number 8 berth in the Naval Base at 1936 and the QUICKMATCH berthed alongside shortly afterwards.

Saturday 20th to Wednesday 31st January.

- 17. This period covers the passage to and from Saigon and the visit there.
- 18. At 1535 on 22nd January, having completed repairs and embarked stores, the VAMPIRE slipped and proceeded to sea with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in company.
- 19. The two ships remained in the Singapore Practice Areas overnight and carried out A.A. Firings and a Casex 32 before taking departure for Saigon on 23rd January. The North East Monsoon was blowing strongly throughout the passage and non-delaying exercises were conducted. Clocks were advanced thirty minutes to zone (-8) that evening.
- At 0330 on 25th January, the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH anchored off Cape St. Jacques at the entrance to the Saigon River where the Australian Services Attache (Lieutenant Colonel L.I. Hopton M.B.E.), Vietnamese Navy Liaison Officers and Pilots were embarked. Ships weighed at 0410 for passage up river and entered the Port of Saigon at 0815. The passage was uneventful but nevertheless armed patrol boats and a light reconnaissance aircraft had been provided as escorts. A National Salute was fired by the VAMPIRE, the Salute being returned by a Naval Saluting Battery ashore. Having turned in the river above the port, the VAMPIRE berthed alongside Tu Do Pier at 0835 and the QUICKMATCH berthed outboard.
- During the forencon of 25th January in company with the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH I called on His Excellency The Australian Ambassador (Mr. B.C. Hill), signed the Golden Book at the Independence Palace and called on the Assistant Secretary of State for Defence (His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Dinh Thuan) and the Chief of the Vietnamese Joint Services General Staff (Lieutenant General Le Van Ty). I was honoured to have luncheon with His Excellency The Australian Ambassador at the Embassy. During the afternoon calls were made on the Commander, Vietnamese Navy (Commander Ho Tan Quyen), The Prefect of Saigon (Mr. Tu Tien Huan) and the British Charge d 'Affaires (Mr. R.A. Burrows). At 1830 that evening I attended a reception given by the Vietnamese Navy in honour of the visiting ships.

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- 22. At 1030 on 26th January I met local and foreign press correspondents in the Wardroom of the VAMPIRE. Return calls were made by all the personages on whom I had called the previous day. These personages were entertained to luncheon, some in each ship, and appropriate gun salutes were fired on their departure.
- During the afternoon of 26th January ships were open to visitors. That evening I called on His Excellency The British Ambassador (Mr. H.A.F. Hohler C.M.G.) who had just returned to Saigon. At 1800 I attended a reception given by the Consul General for India (Mr. M.S. Sait). This was followed by an Australia Day reception given by His Excellency The Australian Ambassador.
- During the forenoon of 27th January Vietnamese Naval Officers with their families and Senior Naval ratings were shown over the ships. That evening an official cocktail party was held on board, and I was honoured to be a guest of His Excellency The Australian Ambassador at a buffet dinner afterwards.
- 25. On the evening of 28th January the Officers of both ships were entertained by His Excellency The British Ambassador. Later I entertained Their Excellencies The British and Australian Ambassadors, The Commander, Vietnamese Navy and their wives to dinner on board.
- The social programme in Saigon was active for the officers and ratings of both ships. Entertainments ranged from swimming and water skiing to dinner and cocktail parties. The attractive city and the generosity of the local communities combined to make the visit a memorable one for all.
- 27. At 0835 on 29th January the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH slipped from Tu Do Pier for passage down river. After an uneventful passage the two ships arrived off Cape St. Jacques at 1215 where personnel were disembarked. Course was then set for Singapore.
- 28. Exercises carried out on passage included light mortar firings, A.I.O. and Communications exercises, Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres and a synthetic Anti-Submarine exercise. At 1815 on 29th January clocks were put back thirty minutes to zone $(-7\frac{1}{2})$
- 29. At 1700 on 30th January, having made a rendezvous with R.F.A. TIDESURGE in position 04° 10' North, 105° 20' East, both ships replenished with oil fuel.
- At 0800 on 31st January a surface firing was carried out at a High Speed Target towed by H.M.T. ENIGMA. After an A.A. Tracking exercise the QUICKMATCH was detached to proceed to the D.G. Range, while the VAMPIRE remained in the Exercise Area to carry out A.A. firings. At 1540 the ship secured alongside Number 12 Berth in the Naval Base, Singapore, for a self-maintenance period.

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General.

- 31. Training of Seamen candidates for higher rating has been continued during the month and the ship's diving team have been exercised when in harbour. Harbour A.I.O. and Communications exercises were also carried out.
- 32. The ship's appearance and material state remain satisfactory. Dockyard assistance is being obtained to refit the Main Feed Pump of 'B' Unit which had developed a vibration. This has been reported separately.
- The health and conduct of the Ship's Company are satisfactory. There has been a small reduction in the number of leave breaking offences, half of which occurred during the visit to Subic Bay where leave expired on board at 0100.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot)

CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1962.

Distance steamed during the month 4,415.5 miles

Hours underway during the month 301 28/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning 83,076.0 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 6,063 54/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel 5.5 miles

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

- (i) As requisite for exercises on 9th, 10th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 29th, and 30th January.
- (ii) As requisite to rendezvous with the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station on 11th January.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Nil report.

APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1962.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES

2.1.62. Hong Kong Area Naval Rifle Competition. VAMPIRE 'A' 1st - "Beat the Butts". VAMPIRE 'B' 2nd - "Team Tiles". VAMPIRE 'A' 3rd - "Team Snap". Junior Individual Championship won by E.M. P	redl (VAMPIRE).	
THUT BILL DOGGOT	VAMPIRE 'A' 3 - VAMPIRE 'B' 1	
3.1.62. Hockey v. H.M.S. CHICHESTER/H.M.A.S. QUICKMA Basketball v. H.M.S. CHICHESTER	TCH Lost 0 - 1 Won 28 - 16	
4.1.62. 2nd XV Rugby versus H.M.S. CHICHESTER Soccer v. H.M.S. CHICHESTER	Won 22 - 6 Lost 2 - 5	
13.1.62. Soccer. Combined H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH v. H.M.S. BELFAST Softball v. U.S.S. NOBLE	Lost 0 - 6 Lost 0 - 10	
14.1.62. Rugby Union v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH Boxing R.N./R.A.N. v. U.S.N. (2 representatives from H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE) Basketball v. U.S.S. BLUEGILL	Won 11 - 0 Won by R.N./R.A.N. Lost 38 - 68	
26.1.62. Australian Rules v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Won 10-5 to 5-8.	

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27.1.62. Basketball. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH v. Lost 28 - 58 Vietnamese Air Force Softball. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH v. Lost 9 - 14 M.A.A.G. Saigon. Soccer. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH v. Lost 1 - 3 Vietnamese Navy. Swimming. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH v. 28.1.62. Lost Vietnamese Navy. Water Polo. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE/H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH Lost 3 - 8 v. Vietnamese Navy. Lost 6 - 12 Rugby Union. v. Cercle Sportif

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE provided 6 Fleet Rugby Union players and 4 Combined Service Rugby Union players during the month.

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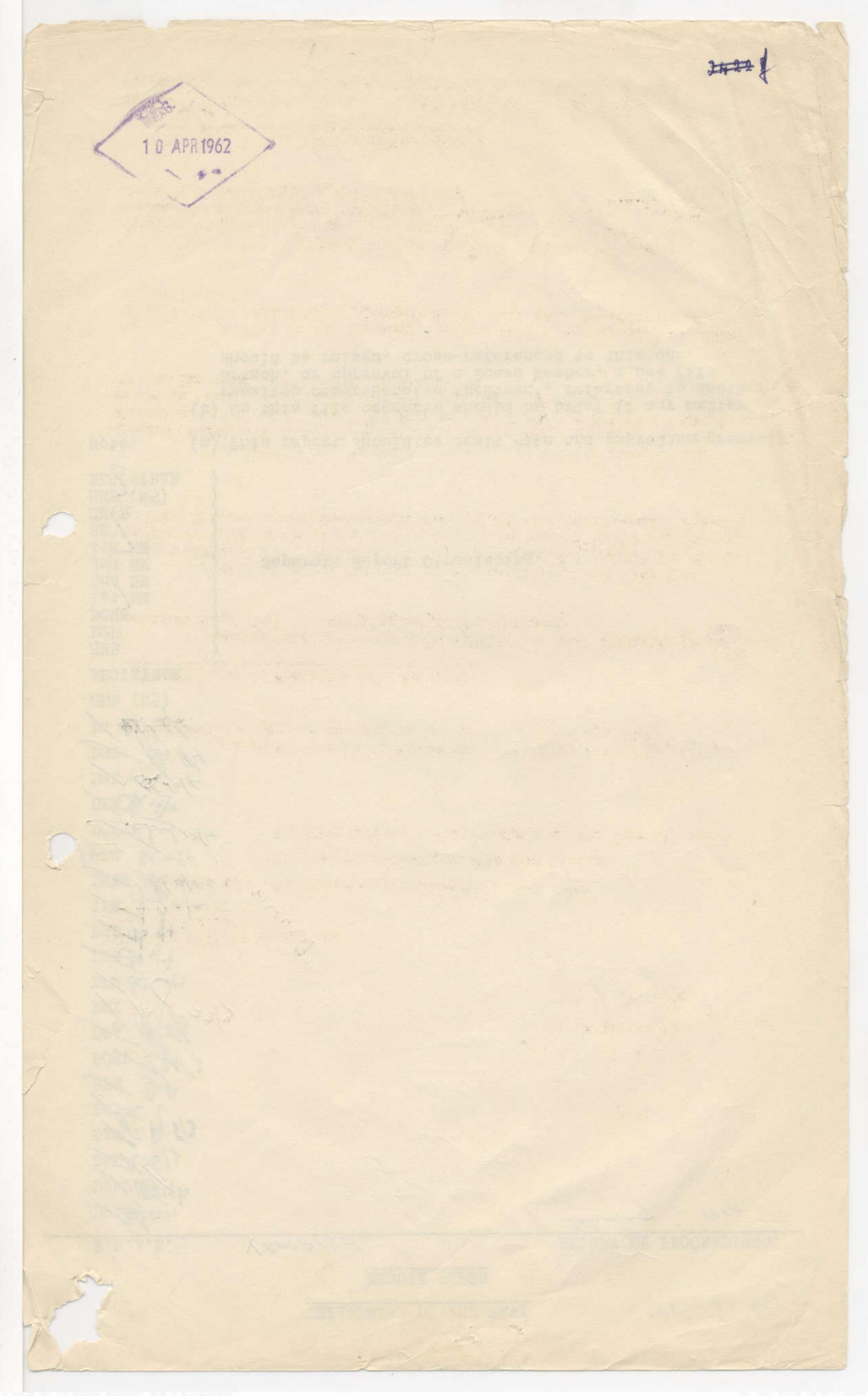
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Trincomalee.

1st March, 1962.

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

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.)

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of February, 1962.

Thursday 1st to Wednesday 14th February.

- 2. During this period H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE remained alongside in the Singapore Naval Base carrying out self-maintenance.
- At 1130 on 2nd February, the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station (Admiral Sir David Luce K.C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.) visited the ship, meeting officers and senior ratings. Later I attended a luncheon given by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen C.B.).
- At 0930 on 3rd February I attended an address given to the assembled officers of the Far East Fleet by the First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Caspar John G.C.B.). At 1830 that evening I was a guest at a cocktail party in H.M.S. ALERT (Commander G.Y. Temple, Royal Navy) given in honour of the First Sea Lord's visit to Singapore.
- At 1130 on 6th February I called on the Captain, H.M.S. CENTAUR (Captain J.A.C. Henley D.S.C., Royal Navy). This call was returned at 1200 on 9th February.
- On 12th February I entertained the Captain 'D', Eighth Destroyer Squadron (Captain H.A. Corbett D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy) and the Deputy Superintendent, Singapore Naval Dockyard (Captain M.A.J. Hennell, M.B.E., Royal Navy) to luncheon on board.

Thursday 15th to Wednesday 28th February.

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7. The remainder of the month was spent in exercising off Singapore, passage to Ceylon and visits to Colombo and Trincomalee.

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- 8. At 0805 on 15th February the VAMPIRE slipped from No.12 Berth, Singapore Naval Base, and proceeded to the Singapore Exercise Areas with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in company. The two ships were due to be in company with H.M.S. CENTAUR at this time, but the latter's sailing date was delayed until Monday 19th February. The VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH carried out inter-ship and individual exercises during the day, anchoring in company in the vicinity of the Johore Shoal Buoy at 1835.
- At 0800 on 16th February the ships proceeded to the practice areas. During the forenoon an A/S Helicopter screening exercise took place with helicopters from the CENTAUR, both ships obtaining practice in their direction. A sleeve firing took place that afternoon and both ships carried out a night replenishment from R.F.A. TIDESURGE (Captain J. Jolly) during the first watch, steaming in company on completion.
- 10. A competition A.A.Firing which had been arranged for Saturday 17th February was cancelled due to non-availability of aircraft. The VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH then proceeded to Singapore Roads in company, vanchoring in the Man-of-War Anchorage at 1320 and there remaining for the week-end.
- 11. At 0745 on 19th February the two ships returned to the practice areas. A competition A.A. Firing was carried out during the forenoon in adverse weather conditions. Course was then set to proceed through the Singapore and Malacca Straits and thence to rendezvous with the CENTAUR in position 04° 40' N 100° 00' E at 1000 the following day.
- 12. Having effected the rendezvous, the ships proceeded in company towards Ceylon exercising enroute. The delay in H.M.S. CENTAUR's sailing date necessitated a high speed of advance. A further screening exercise with A/S Helicopters took place, which was very valuable.
- During the forenoon of 21st February ships replenished with fuel from R.F.A. TIDESURGE. That afternoon the VAMPIRE detached to carry out a Quarterly Full Power Trial which was satisfactory. This has been reported separately. On completion the VAMPIRE closed the CENTAUR to carry out a torpedo attack, firing one torpedo. The torpedo ran satisfactorily out a torpedo attack, firing one torpedo. The torpedo ran satisfactorily and was recovered. Clocks were put back one hour to zone $(-6\frac{1}{2})$ that evening.
- 14. During the forenoon of 22nd February the CENTAUR and the VAMPIRE replenished with victualling stores from R.F.A. RELIANT (Captain W.F. Curlett). Gunnery and A.I.O. exercises took place during the afternoon, the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH being detached to proceed independently to Colombo on completion. Clocks were put back one hour to zone $(-5\frac{1}{2})$ that evening.
- 15. On 23rd February both ships replenished with furnace fuel oil from R.F.A. TIDESURGE and set course for Colombo on completion. Officer of the Watch, Urgent A/S attacks were exercised against a T.A.R.T. during the dog watches.

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- At 0830 on 24th February the two ships entered Colombo harbour, a pilot being embarked in the VAMPIRE to indicate the berth. The ship was secured in the Southern part of the harbour to a stern buoy with one anchor down. The QUICKMATCH berthed on the VAMPIRE, similarly. The Commander, Second Canadian Escort Squadron (Captain V. Browne C.D., Royal Canadian Navy) was present in Colombo in H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE, with H.M.C.S. OTTAWA (Commander I.A. MacPherson C.D., Royal Canadian Navy) in company.
- 17. After securing, I called on the Captain of the Royal Ceylon Navy (Commodore R. Kadirgamar M.V.O.) and on the Acting High Commissioner for Australia (Mr. M.G.M. Bourchier). The calls were returned at 1230 and I entertained Commodore and Mrs. Kadirgamar and Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier to luncheon. I attended a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Bourchier that evening after which I was a guest of Commodore and Mrs. Kadirgamar to a buffet dinner.
- 18. At 1900 on 25th February I attended a reception in H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE.
- 19. At 0900 on 26th February the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH proceeded in company for passage to Trincomalee. During the forenoon the R.A.N. ships joined H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE and H.M.C.S. OTTAWA who were also taking passage to Trincomalee. Air Defence Exercise took place that afternoon, followed by Officer of the Watch manoeuvres, on completion of which the Canadian ships proceeded ahead to make an earlier time of arrival at Trincomalee.
- 20. At 0700 on 27th February, with the ships in the approximate position of the sinking of the earlier VAMPIRE, two minutes silence were observed on board in commemoration of those who lost their lives in the action.
- A plotting exercise and a competative light mortar firing exercise took place during the forenoon of the 27th. At 1145 the VAMPIRE berthed alongside R.F.A. TIDESURGE to fuel, the QUICKMATCH berthing on her other side. At 1330 berth was shifted to D6 Buoy, the QUICKMATCH berthing on the VAMPIRE.
- 22. While at Trincomalee all calls were considered to have been paid and returned. On 27th February I attended a cocktail party given by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, The Captain and Officers of H.M.S. CENTAUR in the Flagship. On 28th February I attended a cocktail party given by the Air Officer Commanding, Royal Ceylon Air Force (Air Vice Marshal J.L. Barker C.B.E., D.F.C.). This was followed by a dinner for Commanding Officers given ashore by the Captain of the Royal Ceylon Navy.

General.

23. Training of seamen candidates for higher rating, First Aid classes and A.B.C.D. Classes have been continued during the month. During the self-maintenance period ten percent of the ships company carried out the Annual Rifle Course, the ships landing and demolition parties were exercised ashore, and the diving team was practiced.

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24. The ships appearance and material state remain at a satisfactory standard. Pre-refit trials of weapon systems have been progressed.

25. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company are good. It is noteworthy that although leave has been granted on 20 occasions during the month there has not been a single leave breaking offence.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Synnot) CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A' H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1962.

Distance steamed during the month 2,844.7 miles

Hours underway during the month 191 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning 85,920.7 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 6,254 54/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel 6.24 miles

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

- (i) As requisite to rendezvous with H.M.S. CENTAUR on 19th and 20th February.
- (ii) As requisite for exercises in company with H.M.S. CENTAUR, 20th, 21st and 22nd February.
- (iii) As requisite for Quarterly Full Power Trial 21st February.
 - (iv) As requisite to rendezvous with R.F.A. TIDESURGE (as ordered by CENTAUR) on 22nd and 23rd February.
 - (v) As requisite for exercises with Second Canadian Escort Squalron on 26th February.

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APPENDIX 'B'
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1962.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

Nil.

APPENDIX 'C' H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1962.

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

1.2.62.	Triangular Golf Tournament 2	and I	Lost	QUICKMATCH
3.2.62.	Basketball v. H.M.S. CARYSFORT			28 - 11
4.2.62.	Interpart Rugby Union	Seamen	defeated	E/Room.
5.2.62.	Hockey v. H.M.S. CAESAR Basketball v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH		Lost	0 - 5 32 - 18
7.2.62.	Cricket v. Australian Army Sign		Lost	68 - 51
8.2.62.	Interpart Rugby Union C.P	.O.'s	& P.O.'s	defeated ment.
9.2.62.	Waterpolo v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH			4 - 12
10.2.62.	Rugby Union v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH (Fleet Championship)		Won	13 - 6
11.2.62.	Australian Rules v. Australian Army S Soccer v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Signal	Won	56 - 26 2 - 1
12.2.62.	Rugby Union v. H.M.S. CENTAUR			15 - 0
13.2.62.	Golf v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH Australian Rules v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH Hockey v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	TCH	Won	5 - 4 78 - 42 2 - 3

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14.2.62.	Rugby Union v. H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI	Draw	3 - 3
25.2.62.	Water polo v. St. Thomas' (Colombo)	Lost	4 - 6
	Australian Rules v. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH (Exhibition match in Colombo)	Won	86 - 61

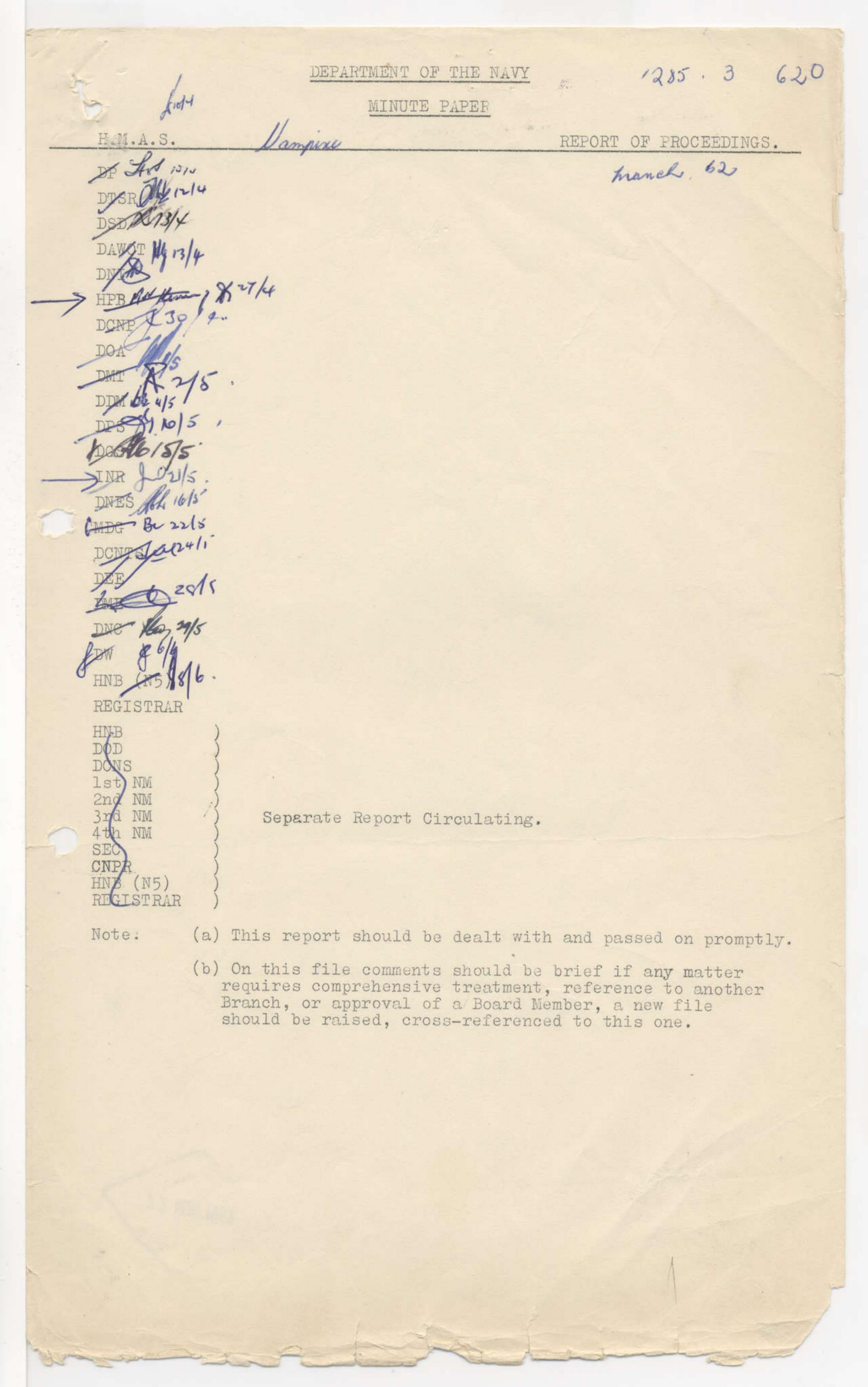
In a Fleet sailing race from Seletar to Naval Dockyard on 11th February, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE took 3rd place.

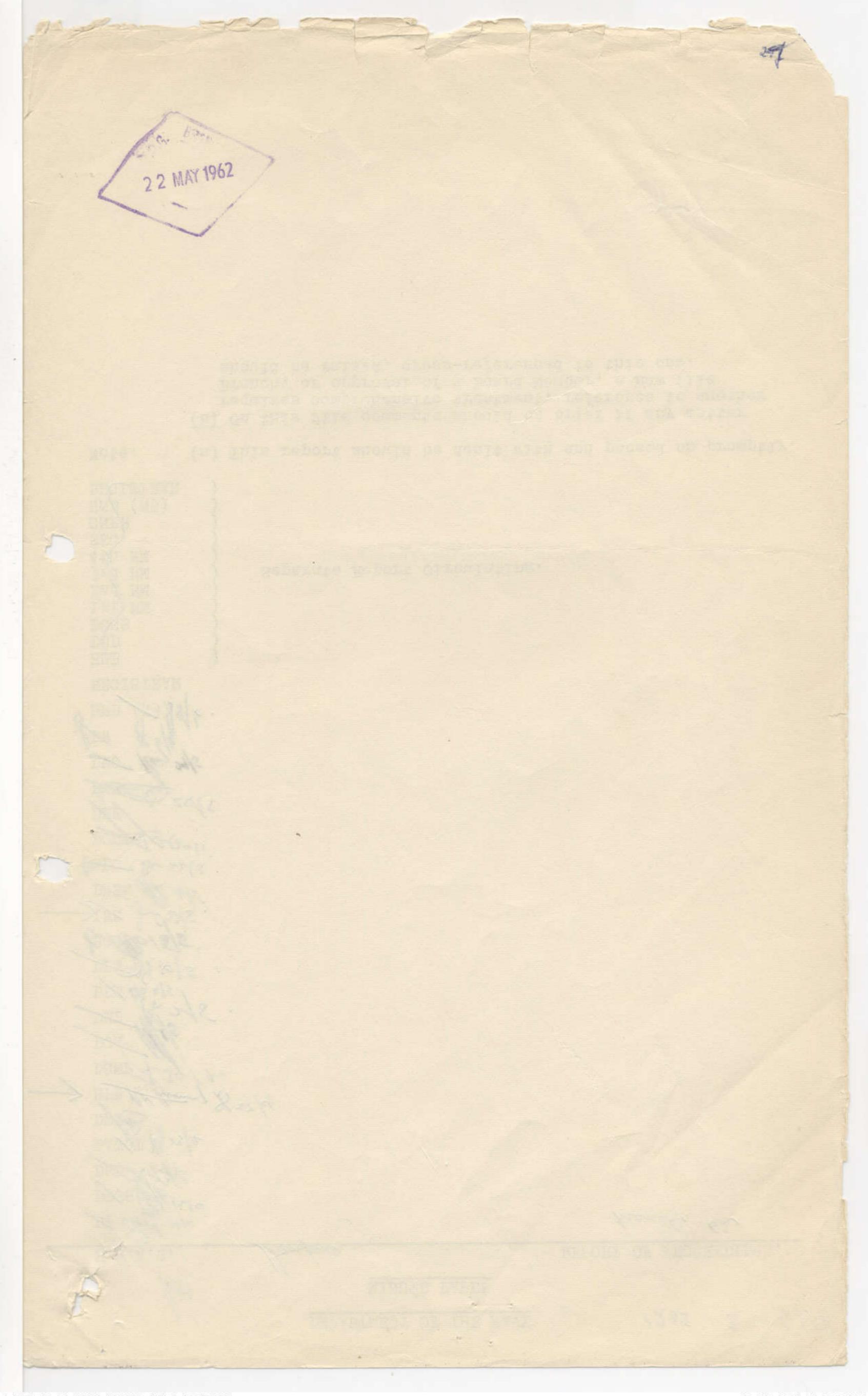
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H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sea.

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

(Copies to : The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.

The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.)

Sir

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of March, 1962.

Thursday 1st to Friday 16th March.

- 2. During this period H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH took part in the annual Commonwealth Maritime Exercise JET.
- At the beginning of the month the ship was secured to D6 Buoy at Trincomalee with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH berthed alongside. Ships of the Royal Navy, Royal Canadian Navy and the Indian Navy were also present. Two destroyers of the Pakistan Navy had been withdrawn at the last minute for political reasons. This was the first occasion on which the Royal Canadian Navy was represented on an Exercise JET. It will probably be some years before they take part again.
- 4. On 1st March, I was honoured to attend a luncheon given by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station (Rear Admiral J.B. Frewen, C.B.) in H.M.S. CENTAUR (Captain J.A.C. Henley D.S.C., R.N.). That evening I witnessed the ceremony of Beat Retreat performed by the massed bands of the Royal Ceylonese Navy. I then attended a reception given by the Captain and officers, Second Canadian Escort Squadron, in H.M.C.S. ASSINIBOINE (Captain V. Browne C.D., R.C.N.). Afterwards I was honoured to attend a dinner party given by the Flag Officer Commanding Indian Fleet (Rear Admiral B.S. SOMAN) in I.N.S. MYSORE (Captain D. St. J. Cameron I.N.).
- Commencing early on 2nd March, ships proceeded to sea in Groups for the Ocean War Game of Exercise JET. The VAMPIRE formed on a departure screen for the second Group, main body of which consisted of I.N.S. VIKRANT (Captain P.S. Mohindroo, I.N.) wearing the Flag of the Flag Officer Commanding Indian Fleet, and the Underway Replanishment Group.

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- 6. For the majority of the Ocean War Game H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, together with I.N.S. TRISHUL (Captain K.L. Kulkarni I.N.), The Captain (F), 15th Frigate Squadron, I.N.S. TALWAR (Commander P.N. Mathur, I.N.) and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, was employed in screening I.N.S. VIKRANT. Valuable experience was gained from operating with surface forces of various sizes, both as Screen Commander and as a private escort. Replenishment of stores and furnace fuel oil, Naval Gunfire Support, Carfier operations, Air Defence and Anti-submarine Operations were exercised. Comments on Exercise JET have been forwarded separately.
- 7. On 10th March the Ocean War Game ended with a Fleet Entry into an anchorage off the West Coast of Pulo Langkawi. I acted as Screen Commander for the entry screen which consisted of nineteen destroyers and frigates and two helicopters.
- 8. On 12th March, having remained at anchor for the weekend, the escorts were formed into a departure screen for an opposed sortie from the Fleet anchorage. For the next three days ships underwent weapon training in the northern part of the Malacca Strait, rounding the exercise off with a large-scale replanishment exercise on 15th March.
- 9. During the afternoon of 13th March the VAMPIRE carried out a competition Surface Firing against a High Speed Target, with the Fleet Gunnery Assistant acting as observer.
- by light jacksta; from H.M.S. BELFAST (Captain M.C. GILES D.S.O., O.B.E., G.M., Royal Navy) to witness a Casex 7 in which H.M.S. RHYL (Commander G.J. Dodd, R.N.) and I.N.S. KIRPAN (Commander A.H.B. Sirajuddin I.N.) were also taking part. The Flag Officer Second-in-Command was then transferred to H.M. Submarine AMBUSH (Ideutenant Commander J.B. Hervey, R.N.) by seaboat. Asdic conditions were particularly unfavourable for this exercise, as they were throughout the weapon training period.
- 11. On 15th March, having completed replenishment, ships were formed into Groups for passage to Singapore. H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE was formed in company with H.M.S. PLYMOUTH (Captain J.C. Cartwright D.S.C., R.N.), H.M.S. LINCOLN (Commander D.W. Napper M.B.E., R.N.), H.M.S. CARYSFORT (Commander P.H. Jackson-Synter D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH. After an uneventful passage the VAMPIRE berthed alongside No.2 Berth in the Naval Stores Basin, Singapore Dockyard at 0845 on 16th March, the QUICKMATCH berthing outboard.

Friday 16th March to Tuesday 20th March.

12. These dates cover the post-JET recreational and exercise discussion period in Singapore, during which time the QUICKMATCH and the VAMPIRE acted as host ships to I.N.S. MYSORE.

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FACE 3 OF H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S LETTER 7/1/2 DATED 2ND APRIL, 1962.

- 13. At 1100 on 16th March I called on the Captain, I.N.S. MYSORE. That evening I attended a reception in H.M.S. BELFAST, given by Officers of the Far East Fleet.
- 14. On 17th March I was honoured to be a guest of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station (Admiral Sir David Luce K.C.B., D.S.O., O.F.E.) at a dinner at Admiralty House. At 1130 the following day the Captain, I.N.S. MYSORE paid a return call.
- 15. On 19th March post-exercise JET discussions on specialist subjects were held. That evening QUICKMATCH and I held a reception on board.
- 16. On 20th March the main post-exercise discussion was held. That evening I attended a cocktail party in K.D. MALAYA. This was followed by the JET Dinner in H.M.S. TERROR (Captain G.O. Roberts, R.N.) which was attended by all Flag and Commanding Officers who had taken part in Exercise JET.

Wednesday 21st to Saturday 31st March.

- 17. During this period the ship was on return passage to Sydney.
- 18. At 2359 on 20th March the VAMPIRE slipped from No.2 Berth and proceeded from Singapore with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in company. The route taken was via Gaspar and Sunda Straits. Just prior to proceeding through the latter Strait a short ceremony was conducted on board in memory of those who lost their lives when H.M.A.S. PERTH was sunk.
- 19. Apart from minor exercises the passage to Fremantle was uneventful. On 25th March I was transferred by jackstay to H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH where I inspected divisions, later returning by jackstay. Clocks were advanced thirty minutes to zone (-8) that evening.
- 20. During the first watch of 26th March a Night Encounter Exercise took place against H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Captain .M. Ramsay D.S.C., R.A.N.) in approximate position 29° 40° S, 113° 30° E. The VENDETTA had departed from Fremantle for Singapore earlier that day. The exercise was good value to the VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH, particularly from the electronic warfare aspect.
- 21. The VAMPIRE and the QUICKMATCH secured alongside in Fremantle Harbour at 1000 on 27th March. At 1040 I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australia Area (Commodore W.B.M. Marks C.B.E., D.S.C.). At 1100 I called on His Worship, The Mayor of Fremantle (Sir Frederick Samson). On returning from these calls I entertained Commodore and Mrs. Marks, the Executive Officer, H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN (Commander D.A.H. Clarke D.S.C., R.A.N.) and Mrs. Clarke and the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUICKMAT H to luncheon on board. That evening I attended a "Return to Australia Ball" at the Fremantle T wn Hall organised by my Ship's Company. During the evening thirty R.A.N.R. ratings visited the ship.

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- 22. During the forenoon of 28th March I walked round the Junior Recruits Training Establishment at H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN. I was favourably impressed by what I saw. I was entertained to luncheon by Commodore Marks afterwards.
- At 0900 on 29th March the VAMPIRE slipped and proceeded to Melbourne with the QUICKMATCH in company. Further minor exercises were conducted during this passage, QUICKMATCH acting as O.T.C. At the end of the month the ship had just entered the East Australia Area halfway across the Australian Bight, in good weather conditions.

General

- 24. The ship's appearance and material state remain at a satisfactory standard, despite the fact that only a few days have been available for ship husbandry and general maintenance during the month. Pre-refit trials of weapon systems and radio equipment have been progressed. A separate report has been forwarded.
- 25. The ship's Diving Team has been exercised during the month, First Aid classes have been conducted regularly and candidates for educational qualifications have been given instruction.
- Seamanship and Engineering Boards for higher rating were conducted during the latter half of the month. In the Seamanship Board, which was convened in the QUICKMATCH, three Leading Seamen passed for Petty Officer and eight Able Seamen passed for Leading Seaman. In the Engineering Board, one E.R.A.4th Class passed for E.R.A.3rd Class, three Acting E.R.A.4th Class passed for E.R.A.4th Class and two M.(E)!'s passed for Acting L.M.(E). Detailed results of these Boards have been reported separately.
- 27. Three senior technical R.A.N.R. ratings joined the ship at Fremantle for two weeks annual continuous training.
- 28. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been good. The run without a leave breaking offence wince 29th January was broken on 19th of the month. There were three minor leave breaking offences during the latter part of the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(A.M. Symnot) CAPTAIN

APPENDIX "A" TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S LETTER 7/1/2 DATED 2ND APRIL, 1962.

Distance steamed during the month 7,768.0 miles

Hours underway during the month 506 52/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning 93,688.7 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning 6,761 46/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel 6.03 miles.

NOTES.

- 1. During the month the ship steamed over 2,200 miles more than in any month since originally commissioning.
- Despite the continuous high speed steaming required frequently during Exercise JET, the average distance per ton of fuel has not been affected appreciably.

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

As requisite for Exercise JET only.

Not exceeded on any other occasion.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

- 20. 3.62. Acting Sub Lieutenant H.G. Page, Royal Australian Navy discharged to H.M.S. TERRCR to await the arrival of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.
- 27. 3.62. Ideutomant C.E. Giles, Royal Australian Naval Reserve joined for two weeks training.

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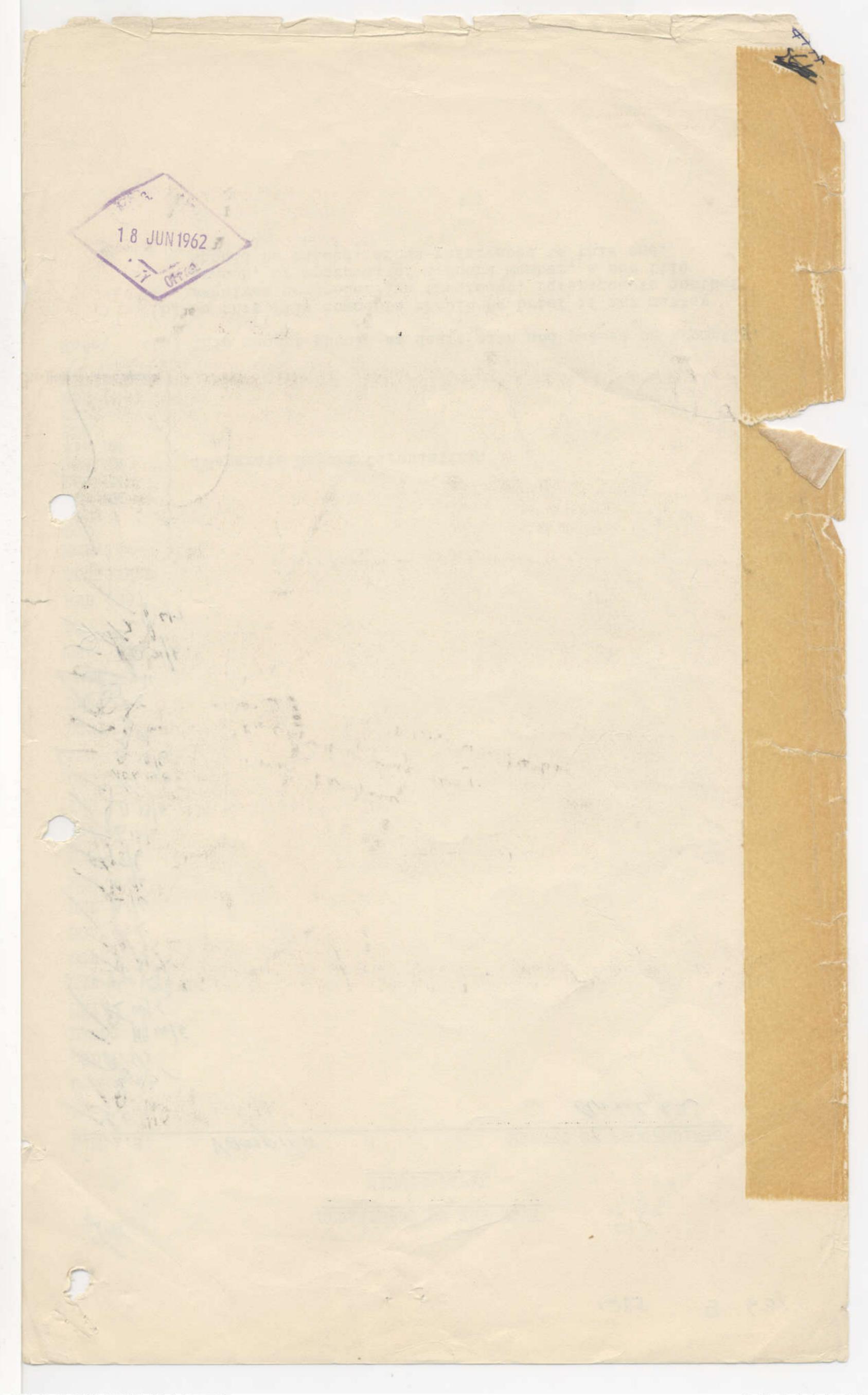
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	Tennis versus H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH	Lost	3 - 9
18.3.62.	Soccer versus I.N.S. KUTHAR	Won	2 - 0
	Rugby Union versus H.M.N.Z.S. ORAMA	Lost	0 - 9
19.3.62.	Hockey versus H.M.S. PLYMOUTH	Won	4 - 0
24.3.62) 25.9.62)	Clay Figeon shooting.		
28.3.62	Triangular Golf match versus H.M.A.S. LEENJWIN and H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.	2md	H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.

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

H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sydney. 19th April, 1962. Ref 6 20. - Mar 62 -3NM 30/4/62 (1/5)

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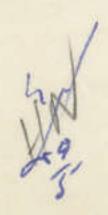
I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under command for the month of April, 1962 Until my relief by Acting Captain G.J. WILLIS, R.A.N. on 19th April.

Sunday 1st to Saturday 7th April

- 2. During this period the VAMPIRE continued on passage to Sydney with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in company, calling at Melbourne en route.
- 3. On 1st April H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE was proceeding across the Great Australian Bight with QUICKMATCH who was acting as 0.T.C. Minor exercises were conducted on passage. While passing the Spencer Gulf area abnormal propogation was experienced on all frequencies; in use, ships being detected by radar at ranges of between fifty and sixty miles. This is being reported separately. Clocks were advanced thirty minutes to Zone (-92) on 1st April and to Zone (-10) on 2nd April.
- 4. After an otherwise uneventful passage ships proceeded through Fort Philip Heads during the morning watch of 3rd April. Ships proceeded up the River Yarra independently, the VAMPIRE securing alongside Number Seven Berth, North Wharf, at 1005.
- At 1130 on 3rd April I called on His Excellency The Governor of Victoria (General Sir Dallas Brooks, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.). This call was returned by the Governor's Aide-de-Camp at 1215.
- At 0945 on 4th April I called on the Chief Justice of Victoria (Lieutenant General Sir Edmund Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D.), and at 1100 the Naval Officer-in-Charge Victoria (Acting Captain R.S.S. INGHAM, D.S.C., Royal . Navy) called.
- 7. At 1000 on 5th April the VAMPIRE slipped from Number Seven Berth, North Wharf and after turning in the river proceeded independently to the vicinity of the Fawkner Beacon where the QUICKMATCH joined for passage to Sydney. Further minor exercises were conducted on passage. The ships entered Port Jackson at 0900 on 7th April.
- 8. At 0940 on 7th April the VAMPIRE secured on the QUICKMATCH at South End Cruiser Wharf, where the Ship's Company were warmly greeted by their families and friends.

Sunday 8th to Thursday 19th April

9. During this period final preparations were made for the refit, and the main leave period began.



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- 10. At 0835 on 9th April the VAMPIRE was shifted by tugs to Number Two Buoy to de-ammunition. On completion at 1430 on 10th April berth was shifted back to South End Cruiser Wharf on the QUICKMATCH.
- 11. At 1130 on 10th April the Captain of the Port (Acting Captain W.K. TAPP, Royal Australian Navy) called. At 1000 on 11th April I called on the General Manager Garden Island Dockyard (Captain F.L. GEORGE, Royal Australian Navy). At 1030 that day I attended the ship's Refit Conference.
- 12. At 1030 on 13th April I called on the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area (Rear Admiral G.C. OIDHAM, D.S.C.). At 1200 that day I called on the Captain H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain R.I. PEEK, O.B.E., D.S.C., A.D.C., Royal Australian Navy) and I was entertained to luncheon onboard afterwards.
- 13. The ship was taken in hand for refit on 16th April. At 0945 that day I called on His Excellency The Governor-General of Australia (The Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., K.St. J.); and at 1215 the Captain H.M.A.S. SYDNEY paid a return call, remaining to luncheon onboard afterwards.
- 14. At 0900 on 19th April Acting Captain G.J. WILLIS, Royal Australian Navy joined to take over command from me.

GENERAL

- 15. The ship remains in a satisfactory state. Pre-refit trials were completed during the month. The Dockyard are undertaking the majority of items which are largely modifications and planned maintenence; some armament modifications and planned maintenence will not be carried out.
- 16. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company continue to be good. There have been very few minor offences during the month.
- 17. Appendices to this report will be included in the Report of Proceedings by my successor at the end of the month.

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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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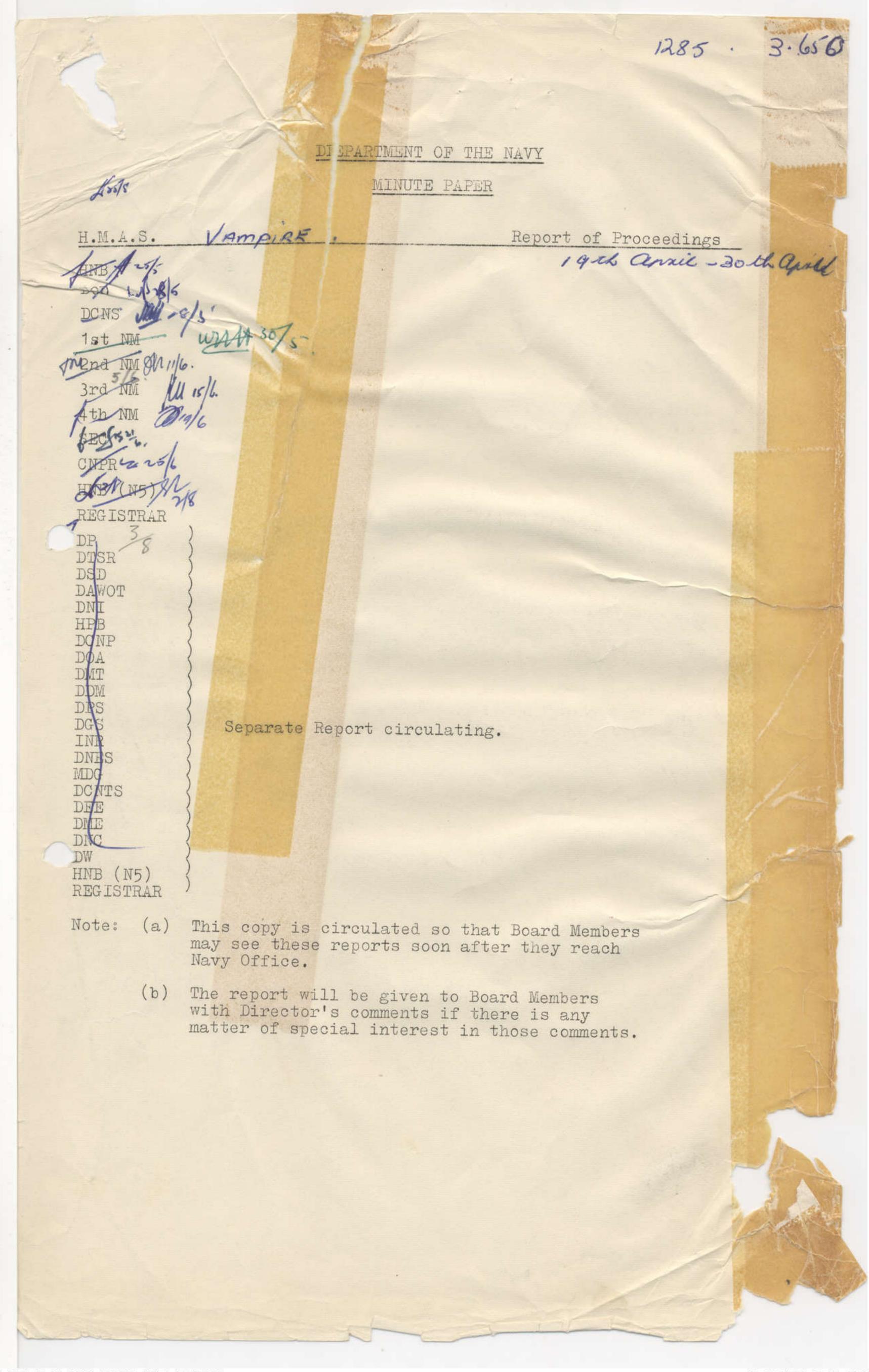
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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.





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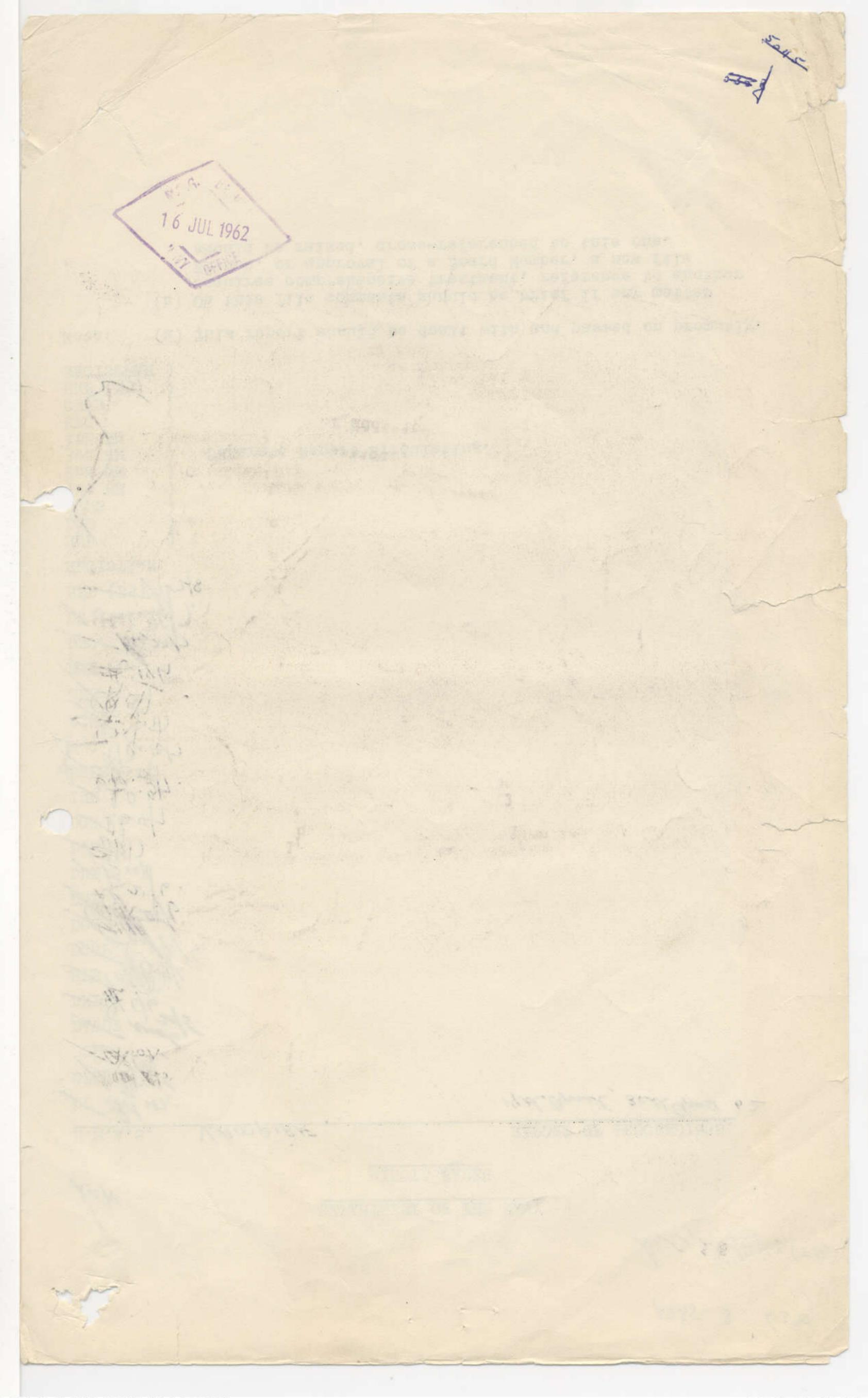
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1285 3 650 7/1/2 Ref 637 - 2NM 21/5/62 H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, at Sydney. APRIL 9/5/62

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command from 19th April, 1962, when I assumed command from Captain A.M. SYNNOT, R.A.N., until the end of the month.

- 2. During the period since assuming command H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE has been refitting in H.M.A. Dockyard, Garden Island, Sydney.
- During the forenoon of 27th April the ship was shifted by tugs into Captain Cook Dock and commenced docking down. Docking down was completed on 28th April.
- 4. On Monday 30th April I spent a forenoon at sea in the U.S.S. TOWERS (Commander CUMMINS, U.S.N.) and witnessed a 5" AA shoot and a Tartar missile firing. This 'Shop Window' display was a well rehearsed presentation, and gave the impression of an enthusiastic and efficient Ship's Company. This impression was re-inforced during a conducted tour of the ship, which I found very interesting and instructive. As usual, the cleanliness of the ship and the apparent ease with which it is maintained, were outstanding features.
- The 5" AA firing was against a sleeve target towed by a Firefly at 4,500 feet and appeared to result in 10%T.T.B's. The rate of fire was approximately 20 rounds/minute from each gun. The Tartar firing was not made at a target but the missile appeared to function correctly.
- Two swimmers were used in a demonstration of the standard technique for the recovery of a ditched pilot this was a rather lengthy procedure and I consider that seaboat recovery would be more expeditious, particularly in fairly heavy seas.
- 7. Because of additional dockyard commitments, initial progress during the refit has been slow, but an increasing number of items is being taken in hand as manpower becomes available. The Easter week-end, followed by Anzac Day caused the loss of almost a full working week.
- The general cleanliness of the ship remains satisfactory. The annual inspection of Victualling Department records commenced on 26th April.

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9. The health and conduct of the Ship's Company have been satisfactory. There have been very few minor offences during the period covered by this report. Due to the small number of personnel onboard there have been few opportunities for sport. Members of the new Ship's Company are commencing to join the ship. One Officer and six ratings commenced a Shallow Water Diving Course towards the end of the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd) G. J. WILLIS

(G.J. WILLIS)

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The Secretary, Department of the Navy.



(Appendix 'A' to the Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for the month of April, 1962.)

Distance steamed during the month ... 1,472.1 miles

Hours underway during the month ... 104 45/60 hours

Total distance steamed since commissioning ... 95,160.8 miles

Total hours underway since commissioning ... 611 37/60 hours

Average distance per ton of fuel ... 6.3 miles

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

Not exceeded.

(Appendix 'B' to the Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for the month of April, 1962.)

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS

3rd April, 1962 - Acting Commander B.M. ZIEGLER, R.A.N. joined to assume duties of Engineer Officer.

11th April, 1962 - Acting Commander L.A.D. SLADDIN, R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Engineer Officer and took up his appointment as Assistant to D.C.N.T.S.

30th April, 1962 - Sub Lieutenant T.D.A. BOWRA, R.A.N. was discharged to take up his appointment in H.M.A.S. BANKS.

(Appendix 'C' to the Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings for the month of April, 1962.)

REPORT OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES

4th April, 1962.

Rugby Union versus Flinders Naval Depot. Lost 0-12.

Two ratings from H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE were selected for the Combined Services Rugby Union side during the month.

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OFFICIAL CALLS

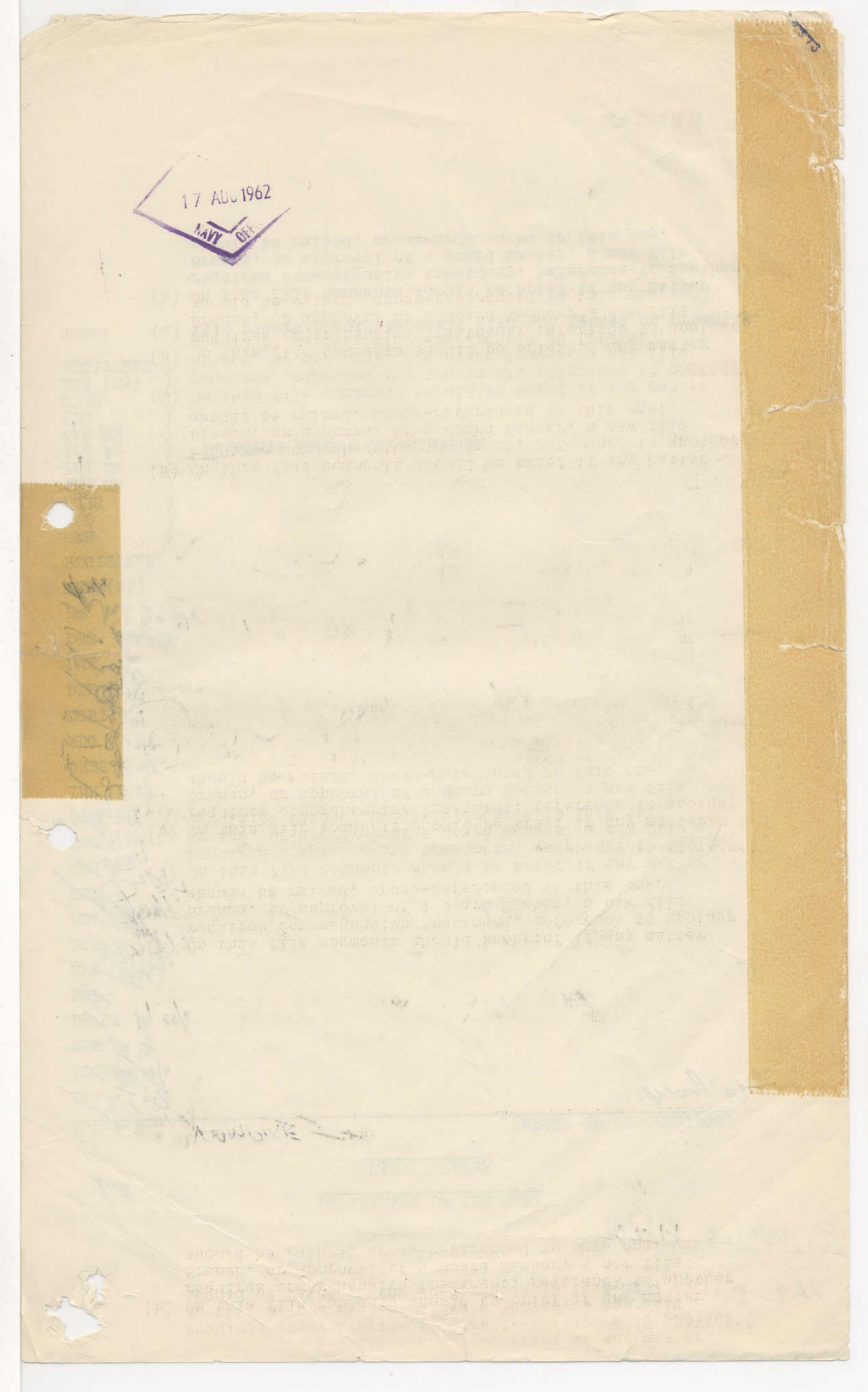
19th April, 1962 - Called on the Flag Officer-in-Charge,
East Australia Area (Rear Admiral G.C.
OLDHAM, C.B.E., D.S.C.).

20th April, 1962 - Call returned by the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area.

27th April, 1962 - Called on the Captain, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain R.I. PEEK, O.B.E., D.S.C., A.D.C., R.A.N.).

At the request of the Premier's Department the call on the Premier of New South Wales has been considered paid and returned.

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H. A.S. VAMPIRE, 20/6/62 at Sydney 7th June 1962. The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET. Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of May, 1962.

- The ship has been refitting in Captain Cook Dock throughout the period under report. Undocking was delayed from 28th May, until 6th June because of additional work requested on rudder posts and rudder post bushes.
- Refit progress has in general been fairly satisfactory and as far as can be seen at this stage it appears that the dockyard will be able to meet the completion date.
- As the refit progresses it is becoming increasingly difficult to keep the ship clean; however, for a ship in dockyard hands the general cleanliness is satisfactory. Living conditions on board in drydock, have as usual, been most unpleasant, and undocking will provide a welcome improvement.
- The health and conduct of the Ship's Company has been good, there being two minor offences during the month.
- 60 Despite the comparatively small numbers on board, the ship has been very well represented in Dempster Cup Rugby and Command Australian Rules,
- Naval, Victualling and Armament Stores Inspectors, and Commonwealth Auditors have inspected accounts during the month and verbal reports have been very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Seavant

The Secretary, Department of the Navy.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS.

14th May, 1962.

Lieutenant Commander B.C. Gallagher R.N. relinguished the duties of Navigating Officer and proceeded on leave prior to returning to United Kingdom on completion of Exchange Duties with the Royal Australian Navy.

14th May, 1962.

Lieutenant M.D. Jackson assumed duties of Navigating Officer.

23rd May, 1962.

Lieutenant J.L. Clark joined ship for 'd' duties.

OFFICIAL CALLS.

2nd May, 1962.

Called on Lord Mayor of Sydney, Alderman Henry Frederick Jensen.

3rd May, 1962.

of New South Wales, The Honorable
- Mr Justice L.J. Herron.

24th May, 1962.

Called on His Excellency the
Governor General of the Commonwealth,
of Australia, The Right Honorable
Viscount De L-Isle, V.C., P.C.,
G.C.M.G., Knight of St. John.

APPENDIX 'C' TO VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEDURE, MAY, 1962.

COURSES.

25th May, 1962.

One officer and five ratings successfully completed a shallow water Diving Course.
One rating failed the course.

25th May, 1962.

Two Tactical Operators commenced a one month refresher course prior to examination for Leading Tactical Operator.

28th May, 1962.

Seven ratings commenced a Shallow Water Diving Course.

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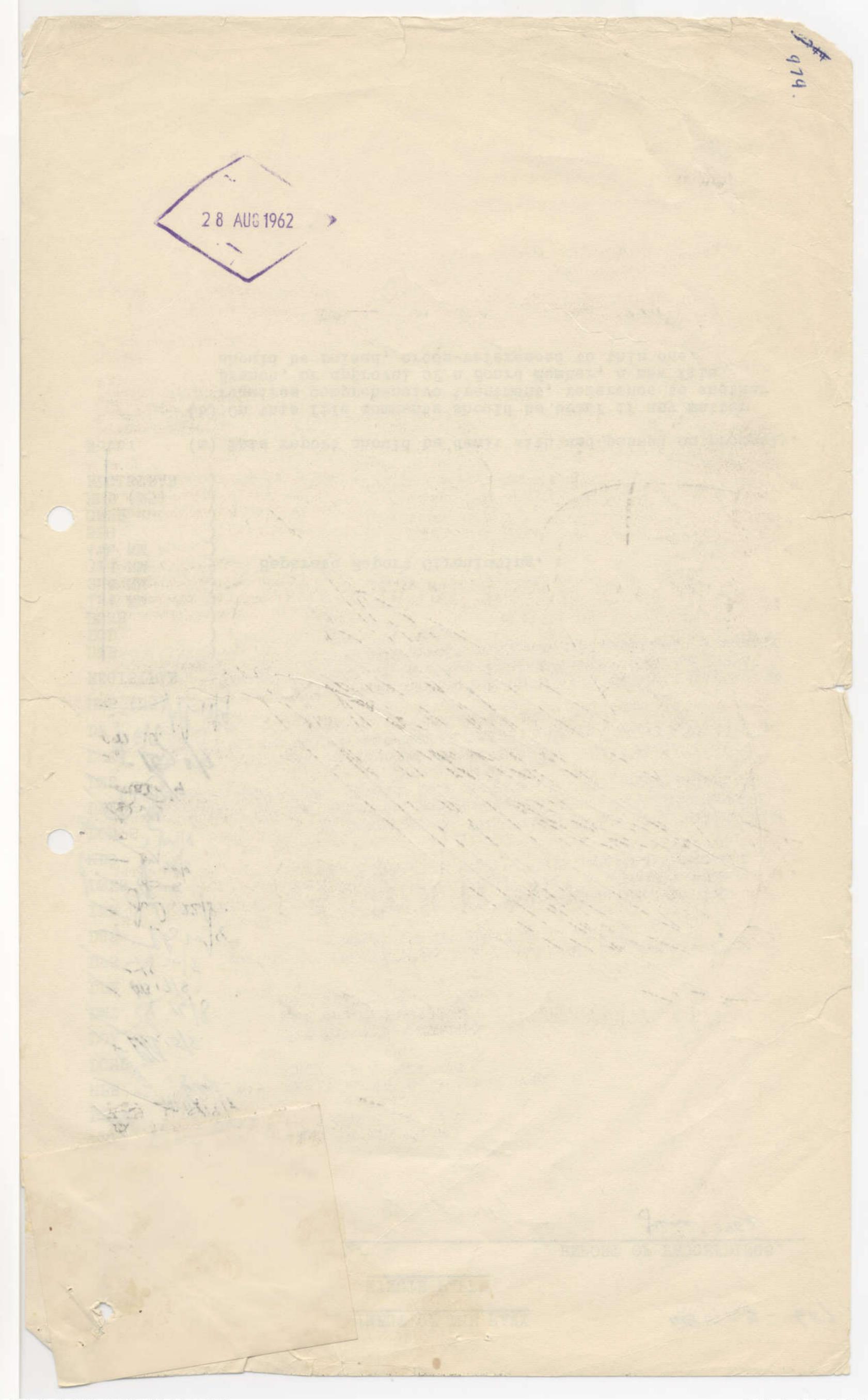
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The Flag Officer Commanding.
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: The Flag Officer-in-Charge, EAST AUSTRALIA AREA.

The General Manager,
HMA Naval Dockyard,
WILLIAMSTOWN. VIC.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR HMAS VAMPIRE, JUNE 1962 - DELAY IN COMPLETION OF REFIT.

Reference: Your AF 35/5 of 20th July, 1962. (Not to the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area or the General Manager, Williamstown Dockyard.)

I am directed by the Naval Board to request that a report on the delay in completion of HMAS VAMPIRE's refit may be forwarded, giving full account of the circumstances.

- 2. It is further requested that in future a full report be rendered whenever a refit does not complete by the due date.
- Copy of an extract from HMAS VAMPIRE's Report of Proceedings is attached for the Flag Officer-inCharge, East Australia Area and the General Manager, Williamstown Dockyard.

Secretary.

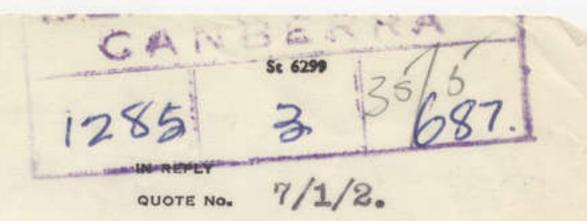
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EXTRACT FROM HMAS VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 1962.

"Owing to the 'growth' of dockyard work the refit completion date of 29th June was not met. It is now expected that full basin trials will be completed by Tuesday 3rd July."



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY



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

1st July, 1962.

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of June, 1962.

- The ship has been refitting throughout the period under report. The revised undocking date was met and the ship was moved from Captain Cook Dock to the northern end of Cruiser Wharf on the morning of 6th June, remaining there until being moved to the southern end on Monday 18th.
- Owing to the growth of dockyard work the refit completion date of 29th June was not met. It is now expected that full basin trials will be completed by Tuesday 3rd July.
- 4. The general appearance and cleanliness of the ship is now improving rapidly after a most depressing period in dry dock.
- The presentation of the Pakistan Shield, programmed for Monday 18th, was postponed at the request of the High Commissioner for Pakistan. It is expected that the presentation will now take place early in July.
- During the refit there has been little opportunity for inter-ship sport; however the ship has been well represented in Command sporting fixtures and provided four members of the Eastern Area Team which defeated H.M.N.Z.S. ROTOITI 31-6 in the Lou Smith Cup rugby match.
- A Seamanship Board for candidates for Petty Officer and Leading Seaman from H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE, QUEENBOROUGH and QUIBERON was commenced onboard on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th. A Fleet Board for Engine Room ratings was commenced onboard on Monday 25th.
- Together with members of my Command Team I attended the Fleet Tactical Period held at H.M.A.S. WATSON on 25th, 26th and 27th, and also attended exercises in the A.S.T.T. on 13th, 14th, 19th and 20th.
- 9. The ship was fumigated on Saturday 30th; members of the duty watch and non natives were accommodated in the VENDETTA.
- 10. On Monday 2nd July the ship will re-commission and the bulk of the new Ship's Company will join on this date.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Secretary, Department of the Navy. A.F. 35/5 20 JUAY 1962

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(G.J. WILLIS)
CAPTAIN AUSTRALIAN FI

APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JUNE, 1962.

MOVEMENTS OF OFFICERS

11th June	Lieutenant N.B.D. MACRAE, R.A.N. relinquished duties of Signal Communications Officer.
18th June	Lieutenant Commander E.V. STEVENS, R.A.N. joined ship to assume the duties of Executive Officer.
18th June	Acting Sub Lieutenant C.F. BOLTON, R.A.N. joined for trining.
20th June	Lieutenant G. KEMP, R.N. joined ship to assume duties of T.A.S. Officer.
21st June	Lieutenant Commander R.B. NUNN, R.A.N. relinquished the duties of Executive Officer.
21st June	Sub Lieutenant R.A. RICH, R.N. left ship.
22nd June	Lieutenant R.H. FOX, R.N. relinquished the duties of T.A.S. Officer.
25th June	Lieutenant (P) D.J. ORR, R.A.N. joined.
28th June	Acting Sub Lieutenant H.W. THOMSETT, R.A.N. left ship.

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEDDINGS
JUNE, 1962.

OFFICIAL CALLS

1st June Queen's Birthday Levee at Government House.

21st June Called on the Flag Officer Commanding Her Majesty's Australian Fleet - Rear Admiral

A.W.R. Mc NICOLL, C.B.E., G.M.

21st June Called on the Captain (D) 10th Destroyer Squadron - Captain J.M. RAMSAY, D.S.C., R.A.N.

APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE, 1962

COURSES

15th June, 1962

Two ratings successfully completed a shallow water diving course - five ratings were ruled medically unfit during the course.

27th June, 1962

One Tactical Operator successfully passed the provisional Board for Leading Tactical Operator after completing a one month refresher course. The other rating who did the refresher course failed to pass the provisional Board.