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January, 1962

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I hope this will finally clear up the 7A situation in the Damneys after so many years of difficulty. Apparently a good refit but the usual lack of a clean finish. W/lt 7/5.

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VENDETTA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

January, 1962

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
c/- G.P.O.

3rd February, 1962.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.(Copy to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
Navy Office, Canberra.)REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the Proceedings of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of January, 1962.

2. The 8th January found ratings joining the ship from all parts of Australia, and consequently arriving from early morning to late evening. 130 ratings, a cross section of all departments, joined on this day. The large majority having arrived by late afternoon, I spoke to the Ship's Company, welcoming them onboard. With a large change round amongst the officers complement during the refit and leave period also, the ship should be able to look forward to a commission with a stabilised complement. Personal enquiries by my officers of the newly joined ratings indicate all hands' willingness and pleasure on being onboard. Undoubtedly a major factor affecting their attitude is their knowledge of the ship's programme covering the next twelve months, particularly in view of the large number of places at home and overseas to be visited during the period.

3. The completion date of the ship's annual refit was Monday, 8th January. On and beyond this date, work was still being carried out on both Turbo Generators by Dockyard personnel, in conjunction with ship's staff. However, all other work had been completed satisfactorily, this fact being agreed at the post refit conference.

4. Near the completion date, G2 Turbo Generator had failed to excite. This was eventually found to be due to poor insulation of the main rotor, which was removed, baked and replaced. K4 Turbo Generator which had been rebuilt was found to be open circuited in the main rotor when run up, although stationary tests had proved satisfactory. This necessitated a replacement rotor being flown from Sydney. Had it been possible to run K4 Turbo Generator at an earlier date, this defect would undoubtedly have been found sooner, but because of the retubing of 'B' Boiler superheater element in the same space in which the turbine end of the generator was being re-assembled, there was considerable congestion. Additionally, when first run up, the overspeed governor would not trip. This was found to be due to the absence of slugs in the new governor supplied to the Dockyard.

5. Because of these delays in trials of both Turbo Generators, it was necessary to raise the steam almost daily during the latter stages of the post refit period alongside. This seriously impeded cleaning up the main machinery spaces, and prevented attention being given to numerous steam and water leaks. A further aspect causing concern is lack of P.O.M(E)'s and L.M.(E)'s. Only five P.O.M(E)'s (four with watchkeeping certificates) of the six allowed by complement are borne, and only five of eleven L.M.(E)'s. Under Auxiliary steam conditions, four P.O.M(E)'s and four L.M.(E)'s are watchkeeping.

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6. It had been intended to begin sea trials on Monday, 22nd January. Delays, caused by the Turbo Generators and newly found defects in the Flyplane system, made postponement to Friday, 26th necessary. Most regrettably, Families Day, which had been approved for Saturday, 27th, had to be cancelled. A great deal was done on Friday, 26th, particularly with gun functioning, A.A. tracking, and 'shaking down' the ship and her company. Sea trials continued on Saturday, 27th and I was able to report satisfactory progress, and VENDETTA sailed from Williamstown at 1730 for passage to Sydney. Trials on 'B' Boiler, to determine the temperature of superheat support tubes, were carried out on passage. On Monday, 29th, after making two runs over the D.G. Range, the ship secured to Number 4 buoy at 0930.

7. Ammunitioning was completed on Tuesday, 30th and berth shifted to the Rose Bay Dolphins where coiling for de-perming began on Wednesday, 31st.

8. I called on you onboard H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE shortly before the Flagship's departure for Jervis Bay and Hobart on Tuesday, 31st. VENDETTA will not be in company again until arrival in Manilla/Subic Bay area on 10th April.

9. It is significant that since parting company with your Flagship off Borneo during exercise PONY EXPRESS on 4th May, 1961, VENDETTA will have had only 3 other days in company in 11 months. This was while de-ammunitioning in Sydney, 11th-14th October, 1961.

10. The health and conduct of the ship's company have been very good. I am satisfied that the new commission has got away to a good start.

(Sgd.) J.M. RAMSAY
C A P T A I N.

APPENDIX 'A'

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

- (a) Distance steamed: 784.9
- (b) Total Distance run: 103,050.7
- (c) Hours underway: 59 51/60
- (d) Total hours underway: 7542 37/60
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:
Nil, except for a period of approx. one
hour at 25 knots carrying out Boiler trials
referred to in the text of the report.

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VENDETTA

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

February, 1962

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DTSR 18/3

DSD 19/3

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HPB 25/3

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DME 5/4

DEM 9/4

DPS 10/4

DGS 12/4

INR Incl. 13/4

DNES 14/4

MDG 27/4

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Report of Proceedings

February, 1962.

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- DCNS 1/17/3
- 1st NM 1/20/3
- 2nd NM 2/3
- 3rd NM 1/17/3
- 4th NM 1/29/3
- SEC 1/24/3
- CNFR 1/24/3
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to:- The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
Navy Office, Canberra.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of February, 1962.

2. The entire month was spent working up the ship and her company and carrying out essential calibrations and trials which had been outstanding from the date of completion of building.
3. Deperming at Rose Bay Dolphins continued until Friday, 2nd when the ship was D.G. Ranged.
4. Calibrations of the A/S Mortar was begun on Monday 5th and completed on Thursday 8th. The Sea Check Firing which was attempted later in the month was cancelled after the TART failed to respond.
5. The ship proceeded to Jervis Bay on Friday 9th and calibrated her H.F.D.F. on Saturday 10th.
6. Monday 12th saw the start of the sea work up and an intensive programme of practices and firings was carried out at the same time as the exercise phase of J.U.C. 41. H.M.A.S. ANZAC was in company for the whole of the sea work up and her assistance was invaluable.
7. Seven officers and four ratings forming the Command Team had attended the lecture phase of J.U.C. 41 from 5th - 9th February, together with air crews of No. 11 Squadron R.A.A.F. and the command team of H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.
8. Heeling trials were carried out in Jervis Bay on Friday 23rd and are the subject of a separate report.
9. M.V.M.E. firings were conducted by the staff of D.I.N.O. off Sydney on Tuesday 27th.
10. At 0445 on Wednesday 21st February, Lieutenant Colonel GLENN was clearly observed passing overhead from west to east on the third orbit of his much publicised journey into space.
11. The various firings and practices of the work up were on the whole satisfactory but a number of apparently inevitable technical troubles were experienced and the ship was bedevilled with extremely bad weather for one week.

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12. Ship husbandry has suffered during the month because of the preoccupation of the ship's company with the work up, and the outward appearance of the ship has deteriorated as a result of the week's gales. It is hoped to make up for this set back during the self maintenance period in March which has been brought forward a month to enable the ship to be docked for an investigation of the peeling of the bottom paint composition revealed by divers' inspection.

13. Recreation was restricted by the work up programme but CRESWELL were willing to match the ship at cricket and sailing. Results of all matches were encouraging, VENDETTA twice defeating the Cadets at sailing and scoring narrow win against the ship's company at cricket.

14. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company continue to be most satisfactory.

John Ramsay

CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A'

TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
FEBRUARY, 1962

- (a) Distance steamed: 2,259.6
- (b) Total Distance run: 105,310.3
- (c) Hours underway: 221 9/60
- (d) Total hours underway: 7729.2
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:
Nil except for short periods during work up.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

March, 62

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

(Copy to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
Navy Office, Canberra.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of March, 1962.

2. On Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd, accompanied by H.M.A.S. ANZAC, the ship carried out light jackstay transfers, float grappling, Officer of the Watch manoeuvres and a FARSEX. This is a most valuable synthetic exercise. Surface and A.A. firings as well as torpedo firings were also carried out.
3. VENDETTA topped up with ammunition during the afternoon of the 2nd and then proceeded alongside the Fitting Out Wharf for the weekend. U.S.S. COONTZ was also berthed at the Fitting Out Wharf and a number of her officers, including COMDESDIV 9, Captain D.T. DRAIN, U.S.N., and the Captain, Commander H.H. RIES, U.S.N., attended a reception held onboard VENDETTA on Friday evening. An offer to inspect the COONTZ was gladly accepted by a number of the Officers and Ship's Company and this slightly larger version of the Charles F. Adams Class proved to be a most impressive ship.
4. On 3rd March Engineer Lieutenant R.G. EVERIST, R.A.N., the ship's Ordnance Engineer Officer, took up his appointment to H.M.A.S. WATSON and Engineer Lieutenant J.C. McALLERY, R.A.N. joined. Sub-Lieutenant (SD) (TAS) B.L. WEEKS, R.A.N. joined from H.M.A.S. YARRA.
5. On the afternoon of the 5th the ship entered Captain Cook Dock for inspection and in order that some of the protective paint on the ship's bottom could be renewed. Sand blasting was employed in preparing the surface of the affected areas and the presence of sand in the air over a period of some days curtailed the extent of ship's staff self-maintenance - particularly on the armament and upper deck fittings.
6. During the time spent in dock members of the staff of the Clothing Store of H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL visited the ship in order to gauge the ship's company's requirements of sizes in different items of slops. They returned several days later with the items ordered and it is of interest that over 50 members of the ship's company took advantage of this service offered as well as a number who visited the Clothing Store to make their own purchases.
7. VENDETTA was undocked on 14th March and the day was spent in painting the ship's side, together with fuelling and storing.

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8. A small number of relatives and friends were in attendance when VENDETTA sailed from Garden Island on 15th March at 0830. The day was spent in carrying out A.A. Tracking, A.A. Firings, N.G.S. Firings and a Surface Throw Off at H.M.A.S. QUIBERON before proceeding to Melbourne. These firings wound up the work up firings and repeated some practices which had not been altogether satisfactory.
9. During the passage to Melbourne weather conditions were most favourable and identities were exchanged with H.M.A. Ships GASCOYNE and WARREGO and U.S.S. ELKORN.
10. The ship berthed alongside Outer East Station Pier at 0830 on Saturday, 17th. On the following day, Mr. A.M. IBANEZ, an American newspaper correspondent, joined to take passage to Singapore. Following this weekend, which was the first occasion on which the ship had berthed at a place other than Williamstown when in Melbourne, VENDETTA sailed for Fremantle at 0830 on Monday, 19th.
11. During the week, A.B.C.D. Training was progressed and Action Stations combined with Shelter Stations were exercised. Following a smooth crossing of the Bight, VENDETTA berthed at No. 7 South Wharf at Fremantle at 0830, Saturday, 24th. The whaler was lowered north of Rottnest Island and the crew spent the day sailing before rejoining at Fremantle late p.m.
12. The ship was opened to visitors in Fremantle and 24 West Australian natives were granted weekend leave. There were no incidents worthy of note other than the sporting activities described below.
13. VENDETTA sailed from Fremantle at 0830 on Monday, 26th. The whaler which had proceeded under sail at 0700 was hoisted near the Fairway Buoy. At 2130 an NEX was carried out off Geraldton with H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH who were returning from the Strategic Reserve.
14. On passage to Singapore strong following South East Trade winds made bridge watchkeeping most unpleasant and much soot found its way forward - blackening the recently painted white topmast and fittings. Gunnery practices, including REW windfinding and regeneration firings, were carried out. In addition, 5BX Physical Training for the whole Ship's Company was commenced on Thursday, 29th, and the majority of hands appear to be firmly resolved to return to Australia in good physical condition, having progressed through the daily exercises demanded of them.
15. The programme for March provided little opportunity for sport. However, the recently formed Sports Committee have not lost any opportunities and are eager to meet the Fleet Champions. Rugby training has started in earnest. The team's first match against H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL was a narrow defeat but later they convincingly defeated H.M.A.S. ANZAC. Unfortunately, a match arranged in Fremantle was cancelled at the last minute by Combined Universities. The Australian Rules team had their first outing in Fremantle but were defeated by East Fremantle. At H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN teams were able to enjoy games of golf and cricket, however they too were defeated. VENDETTA's main success

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of the month was in taking the Fleet Sailing Championship from H.M.A.S. QUIBERON. The many sporting enthusiasts onboard look forward to adding many more trophies to this score.

16. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company are very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. Ramsay
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A"

TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MARCH, 1962.

- (a) Distance steamed: 4,768
- (b) Total Distance run: 110,078.3
- (c) Hours underway: 320 27/60
- (d) Total hours underway: 8,049.6
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:
 - 1) Short periods during work up exercises, 1st and 2nd March.
 - 2) Night Encounter Exercise, 26th March.
 - 3) Full Power Trial, 28th March.

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April, 62

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1. Can we, should we, pass on to someone responsible, the high praise being received from all ships for mail arrangements during recent SEATO exercise.
2. The good idea in pages 18-19 deserves to be brought to wider notice. Recommendation inclusion in DCNS next Newsletter.

[Signature]

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Note 2 above has been noted for inclusion in Newsletter.
 HNB is requested to take action on Note 1. As I understand it mail gets to HMA ships in SEASIAN waters in two steps:-

- a) by national arrangements to the area
- b) by local arrangements, normally Fleet Mail Office, in the area.

In this case I presume the Australian Embassy played a leading part being assisted by the USN and Philippine Navy.
 If the above is correct letters of appreciation, saying the numbers of reports stating how quickly mails have been getting to ships with the consequent boost to morale, have been noted with pleasure. Should Separate Report circulating.
 be sent to PMG, CincFES, Embassies concerned (copy to HNB) and the USN and Philippine Navies.

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By HNB.
 Action taken on file 68/201/2. After discussion with DCNS it is unnecessary to send letters to CincFES and Philippine Navy who were not involved.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

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Dear Captain Miller,

Following the recent visit by ships of the Royal Australian Navy to Manila and Subic Bay, there have been a number of reports commenting on how quickly mails have reached the Fleet, with consequent benefit to the morale of personnel on board. In these reports, reference has been made to the part played by the U.S. Navy in the final delivery of mails.

The Naval Board are grateful for this excellent co-operation and hope it will be possible to convey their thanks to those concerned.

Yours sincerely,

S e c r e t a r y .

Captain J.A. Miller, U.S.N.,
U.S. Naval Attache,
Embassy of the United States of America,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

68/201/2.

The Director-General,
Posts and Telegraphs,
Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

MAIL FOR HMA SHIPS IN THE FAR EAST

I refer to Navy Office Letters 68/201/2 dated 23rd March and 28th February, 1962, regarding the diversion of mail for RAN Ships in the Far East.

2. The number of reports stating how quickly mails have reached the ships, with a consequent lift in the morale of personnel on board, have been noted with pleasure. It is felt therefore that the occasion should not pass without an expression of thanks on behalf of the Fleet for such efficient service.

3. You may care to bring this letter to the notice of all concerned.

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The Secretary,
Department of External Affairs,
CANBERRA. A.C.T.

MAIL FOR HMA SHIPS IN THE FAR EAST

I refer to the recent series of visits paid by HMA Ships to various ports in the Far East.

2. It has been noted with pleasure that a number of reports have been received stating how quickly mails have reached the ships, with consequent benefit to the morale of personnel on board. It is felt that the occasion should not pass without an expression of thanks on behalf of the Fleet for the part played by the Embassies in Japan and the Philippines, in achieving such an efficient service.

3. You may care to bring this letter to the notice of those concerned.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
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7 MAY 1962

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

(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
Navy Office, Canberra.
The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station).

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of April, 1962.

2. After a calm and uneventful passage from Fremantle, VENDETTA arrived at Singapore Naval Base at 1700 on Sunday, 1st April, for 4 days' self maintenance.
3. On Monday 2nd, I called on the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Admiral Sir David LUCE, K.C.B., D.S.O.*, O.B.E. The Admiral returned my call on Thursday 5th, and met all Officers on the Forecastle. I had called on the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Rear Admiral J.B. FREWEN, C.B., on 26th September, 1961, on the day he returned to Singapore from Exercise Tucker Box, and the Admiral returned my call on Wednesday, 4th April, when he also met all the Officers.
4. The short stay in Singapore was profitable from the point of view of self maintenance and the Ship's Company engaged in a successful round of Rugby matches against 42 Commando and 848 Squadron from H.M.S. BULWARK. The behaviour of libertymen was very satisfactory.
5. On departure for Subic Bay on Friday 6th, Meteor aircraft were provided for A.A. Firings and a Shackleton for a Casex 31. Internal exercises were carried out on passage to rendezvous with you on Tuesday 10th and the exercises arranged with H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE, VOYAGER and QUEENBOROUGH off Subic Bay were excellent value after VENDETTA had been on her own for so long.
6. On arrival at Subic Bay on Thursday 12th, VENDETTA berthed at Rivera Point Wharf outside a nest of 4 U.S. destroyers with VOYAGER outboard of VENDETTA. There were many re-unions between Ship's Companies but most of all this weekend in Subic saw a close and healthy liaison develop with the U.S. Ships with whom we were to work up and exercise during the next 2 weeks.
7. A pre-exercise conference onboard U.S.S. BENNINGTON on the afternoon of Thursday succeeded in getting the Officers together officially, and this was followed by an exchange of ship visits and club entertainments from which we never looked back.
8. The Australian ships sailed from Subic Bay on Sunday night and anchored in Manila Bay for 5 hours on Monday 16th before leaving for Phase 1 which consisted of 3 days working up by BENNINGTON and MELBOURNE and their respective screens.

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9. On return to Manila on Thursday 19th, VENDETTA, VOYAGER and QUEENBOROUGH secured to a common buoy inside the breakwater. Here the trio spent the Easter weekend in further preparation for Phase 2 of Exercise Sea Devil. A reception was held on the forecastle of VENDETTA on Thursday 19th for the Captains and Officers of all ships forming part of Carrier Unit BRAVO.

10. A "Shop Window" or anti-submarine warfare demonstration was held outside Manila on Monday 23rd. Official guests were embarked in BENNINGTON and MELBOURNE who flew a number of demonstration aircraft while each of the 10 screening ships put on an "act" in the form of firing weapons or transferring by jackstay to another ship. VENDETTA transferred an Officer to BENNINGTON by high line. Shore based maritime aircraft also took part.

11. All ships returned to Manila after the demonstration and sailed on Tuesday 24th for Phase 2 - the passage to rendezvous with the Singapore group and the combined passage back to Manila. VENDETTA and VOYAGER with 3 U.S. destroyers screened MELBOURNE and U.S.S. HASSAYAMPA while QUEENBOROUGH joined BENNINGTON's screen to act as a H.U.K. Group. The 2 groups kept 10-20 miles apart while making a saw-tooth track to the rendezvous which was off the coast of South Vietnam.

12. Although the whole route was through a submarine probability area and 2 submarines were operating in it, remarkably few incidents developed, and VENDETTA's only "pings" were "biological". Perhaps the most striking thing about this passage was the mail arrangement. Air mail was being received aboard 36-48 hours after being posted in Australia from whence it had come by QANTAS to Manila, boat to Sangley Point, C.O.D. Flight to BENNINGTON, U.S. helicopter to MELBOURNE and R.A.N. helicopter to the destroyers. I was able to read the Sun-Herald of Sunday 29th on Monday 30th, but it is a well known fact that the Sunday papers are printed in Sydney on Saturday night.

13. On the night before the rendezvous the MELBOURNE group merged with the BENNINGTON group and a 12 ship circular screen of which I was screen commander was formed.

14. The next day this force met the Singapore convoy and ARK ROYAL group and spent "Administrative Sunday" free from air and submarine attack while replenishing. Each of the 24 combatant warships fuelled, stored and ammunitioned from the convoy which comprised nine tankers and supply ships.

15. It was a field day for VENDETTA for in addition to fuelling from HASSAYAMPA, storing from FORT DUNVEGAN and ammunitioning from FORT LANGLEY, a sick man was transferred by high line to MELBOURNE and mail was delivered and picked up by heaving line to 10 ships - making 14 transfers in the day.

16. The "battle" was joined again on Monday 30th and VENDETTA was screen commander of 10 ships escorting the nine ship convoy with MELBOURNE operating in the box. 20 miles ahead was BENNINGTON's H.U.K. Group and 40 miles away ARK ROYAL's Air Defence Group. VOYAGER was chopped to ARK ROYAL's screen and QUEENBOROUGH remained with BENNINGTON. The convoy screen was the most cosmopolitan with 3 Royal Thai frigates as well as R.N., R.A.N. and R.N.Z.N., and U.S.N. ships. The 2 Pakistan destroyers were with ARK ROYAL.

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17. The month ended with a day to go to Manila and VENDETTA had still not had a submarine contact despite the fact that 4 submarines were now operating against us. Nonetheless the exercise had proved of very great value, particularly operating with ships of other navies. In pursuance of this aim, groups of ratings of various categories were exchanged with U.S.S. APPERSON throughout Phase 2. The last group of 6 men remained onboard the other ship for 3 days to be exchanged on return to Manila.

18. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company have been very good indeed. By their respect for their leave and their general performance onboard, I am well satisfied that the commission has got off to a good start. One innovation for which I claim no originality is the provision of midnight snacks for returning libertymen. One night in Subic Bay, I went onboard the Destroyer Tender, U.S.S. DIXIE, and was shown by the Captain the operation of the cafeteria turning on hamburgers (Dixieburgers) for not only DIXIE's Ship's Company but also the men of the destroyers berthed alongside her. He assured me that this simple gesture had a marked effect in encouraging men to return onboard in good time, and the provision of "blotting paper" after an evening at the E.M.'s Club resulted in much better work performance the next day.

19. As leave in Subic Bay and Manila expired at 0100, I arranged for light snacks in the form of toast and spaghetti, curry or soup to be available in the cafeteria. The cooks and duty watch entered into the matter in the right spirit, it immediately proved popular with the libertymen and I am quite certain that it has been to a large extent responsible for an all-time low punishment return for leave breaking and drunkenness.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A'

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR APRIL, 1962

- (a) Distance steamed 5,535 miles.
- (b) Total distance run 115,613.3 miles.
- (c) Hours underway 420 42/60.
- (d) Total hours underway 8,470.3.
- (e) Occasions for exceeding economical speed:
 - (i) Friday 6th. 1½ hours at 23 knots to avoid delaying firing serial.
 - (ii) Tuesday 10th, Thursday 12th, Monday 16th, Thursday 19th, Monday 23rd, Monday 30th. For short periods during exercises.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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(Copies to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
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The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of May, 1962.

2. At 2200 on 1st May, the last day of Exercise Sea Devil, VENDETTA detached from the Convoy Group to search for a man who could not be found onboard and was believed to have fallen over the side. H.M.S. RHYL and aircraft from U.S.S. BENNINGTON and H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE assisted VENDETTA in the search. There was no trace of the rating and the search for him was abandoned at 0800 on 2nd May. The loss of this man is the subject of a separate report. Both ships then proceeded to Manila, arriving at 1530 when VENDETTA secured alongside VOYAGER in a nest of three ships, riding on QUEENBOROUGH's anchor in a position 2 miles from the shore in Manila Bay.

3. Phase 2 of Exercise Sea Devil ended with the arrival of the Task Force at Manila. Phase 3 followed and provided not only the overall exercise critique but opportunity for leave and many sporting and social activities. With my officers, calls were exchanged with the captains' and officers of all U.S.N. Destroyers which had been in the same screen as VENDETTA and we also foregathered at many other functions. In addition I was invited to dinner with COMCARDIV 15, Rear Admiral MILLER in U.S.S. BENNINGTON, dinner with COMNAVPHIL, Rear Admiral WELCH, at Sangley Point and to lunch with the Australian Ambassador, Mr. Alfred STIRLING.

After the Australian Fleet Reception and the Beat Retreat Ceremony onboard MELBOURNE, I remained to supper with you. VENDETTA's one success in the sporting field was when she retained the Fleet Sailing Championship by defeating VOYAGER. Volley Ball and Australian Rules, the latter with MELBOURNE, were both lost.

4. H.M.A. Ships PARRAMATTA and YARRA arrived from Australia on Saturday 5th and secured to a buoy inside the break-water.

5. Most of the national units of the S.E.A.T.O. Force had sailed from Manila before MELBOURNE and her five escorts left on Monday 7th. After a number of photographs of the fleet and aircraft of 805 Squadron had been taken outside Manila Bay, QUEENBOROUGH detached to return to Australia. MELBOURNE entered Subic Bay to embark 805 Squadron while the four escorts exercised in the Subic Bay exercise areas during the afternoon. A Night Encounter Exercise was carried out between 2100 and 2200 with VENDETTA, VOYAGER and PARRAMATTA attacking MELBOURNE and YARRA. The fleet then proceeded north, bound for Nagasaki and an 18 day Japanese Cruise.

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6. A Light Mortar firing competition took place on the 8th with VENDETTA recording the fastest time. Other exercises on passage to Nagasaki included a synthetic A/S exercise, FARSEX, transfers by jackstay and boat, air and surface plotting, O.O.W. manoeuvres, rapid open firing exercise, pre-action calibration firings, torpedo firings and radar and MFDF calibrations. An economic steaming trial took place between 2130 on 8th and 0700 on 10th. The results for VENDETTA were encouraging and have been reported separately.
7. MELBOURNE suddenly detached from her escorts at 1200, Thursday 10th to proceed with a seriously injured man to Nagasaki. On assuming tactical command, I made the necessary adjustments to the exercise programme. Additional serials on Friday 11th were a mortar firing competition between PARRAMATTA and YARRA and a three ship radar calibration.
8. The four escorts arrived Nagasaki at 0900, Saturday 12th and secured in pairs to head and stern buoys in the middle of the harbour. The position was not inconvenient for boat running, being only 2-3 cables from shore. MELBOURNE was berthed alongside Dëshima wharf. I attended onboard your Flagship while you received official return calls and remained to luncheon. In the evening I attended a dinner given in your honour by the Governor, the Mayor, and the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
9. Large numbers of officers and ratings took advantage of the bus tours which had been arranged during our brief visit. One of the main points of interest in Nagasaki is the Mitsubishi Shipyard, where tankers of over 80,000 tons are built. Parties were shown over the yard by officials and I accompanied you and a number of senior officers on one visit. The shipbuilders of Mitsubishi proved themselves superior at rugby as well as ship-building.
10. Strong winds and heavy rain made boat running difficult on Monday evening and the Beat Retreat which had been planned for the Fleet Reception, had to be cancelled. By Tuesday morning however, winds had abated and only light rain marred the ships' departure at 0900.
11. An uneventful, yet most interesting, passage was made through the Shimonoseki Strait and Inland Sea to Kure. On arrival Kure at 1000 Wednesday 16th, MELBOURNE and escorts berthed alongside 'F' wharf or the pontoon as it is commonly called. I attended onboard your Flagship while you received official return calls at 1200.
12. Liaison with ships of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force progressed happily and smoothly during the visit to Kure. A number of VENDETTA's officers had lunch onboard the UKIKAZE on Wednesday and a reception given by the M.S.D.F. on Thursday evening was a notable success. Later I attended a dinner given in your honour by the Deputy Governor, the Mayor, and the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.
13. At 0800 on Thursday 17th, I attended the launching of a 50,000 ton tanker at the Harima Shipyard. This vessel was laid down in January, 1962 and will be commissioned in December, 1962.
14. At 1500 on Friday 18th, the fleet sailed for Kobe. The short passage through the eastern end of the Inland Sea provides one with much interesting pilotage together with the inevitable harassment of fishing and small coastal vessels in narrow channels.

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15. At Kobe, where ships arrived at 0830 on Saturday 19th, MELBOURNE berthed at pier 5 and the escorts alongside each other at pier 6.
16. On your behalf, I called on the Deputy Mayor of Kobe, Mr. AKIOKA, at 1100 and my call was returned at 1200. The Deputy Mayor and I then joined you in the Flagship for luncheon.
17. Kobe was undoubtedly popular with the majority, from the point of view of shopping, sightseeing and entertainment. One of the highlights of Kobe was the Takarazuka Opera or Girls Review. This is a great attraction for all tourists as well as Japanese from all over the country. There was no contact with the M.S.D.F. as at Kure, nonetheless there were certainly no barriers with the locals. At all ports in Japan the language problem was partly overcome with the help of student interpreters, but it was significant that a large number of senior officials and naval officers spoke fluent English.
18. Tropical depression 'Hope', initially a typhoon which had originated east of the Philippines, threatened to marrr exercises planned for Thursday 24th. Ships sailed from Kobe at 1500 on Wednesday and found, on leaving the shelter of the Inland Sea, only moderate winds and sea with which to contend.
19. On entering Yokohama harbour at 0930 on Friday 25th all ships berthed at North pier, the U.S. Army transport terminal. On your behalf I called on the Mayor of Yokohama, Mr. NAKARAI, at 1100 and the call was returned onboard at 1145 on Saturday 26th.
20. Ships of the Japanese Training Squadron, which is shortly to visit Australia, arrived Yokohama at 0930 on Saturday to act as host ships to the fleet. A group of my officers were entertained to 'tea' onboard the ARIAKE soon after their arrival. Seven of the ARIAKE's officers were entertained to lunch onboard VENDETTA on Monday 28th. I exchanged calls with the Divisional Commander, Captain HASHIGUCHI and the captain of ARIAKE, Commander MOROHASHI.
21. While at Yokohama I attended a reception by the Australian Ambassador, a cocktail party by the Australian Services Attache, a reception by the Chief of the Maritime Staff, Admiral NAKAYAMA, a dinner by the Vice Minister of the Defence Agency, Mr. TOGA, and a luncheon by the Commander Japanese Training Squadron, Rear Admiral NAGAI. On the last evening a Fleet Reception was held in MELBOURNE and once again heavy rain prevented the Beat Retreat Ceremony being enacted.
22. I believe the main attraction of Yokohama for the Ship's Company were shops, turkish baths and girls in that order, whereas on arrival in Japan the order had been the reverse. VENDETTA is well stocked with gifts including a toy for each of the 110 children, mentally and physically handicapped, of the Handicapped Children's Centre, Sutherland. N.S.W.
23. The fleet sailed from Yokohama and out of Tokyo Bay as ships of the Royal Navy steamed in on the morning of Wednesday 30th. A rendezvous with R.F.A. FORT CHARLOTTE was effected and all ships replenished with victualling stores. A.A. firings were carried out by PARRAMATTA and YARRA during the afternoon and when it was VENDETTA's turn to fire, the target towing aircraft reported hydraulic failure and returned to base. This was most unfortunate as the Fleet Gunnery Officer, his assistant and the Fleet Ordnance Engineer Officer had been embarked to witness the firings for the Gunnery Trophy and A.A. Efficiency.

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24. On completion of exercises MELBOURNE, VENDETTA and VOYAGER proceeded south to Guam while PARRAMATTA and YARRA detached to Hong Kong and service with the Strategic Reserve.

25. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company have been very satisfactory and all hands are contributing much voluntary time to preparing for your annual inspection which takes place over a period of one week from 6th- 12th June - between Guam and 2 days out of Manus.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A'

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1962.

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| (a) | Distance steamed | 3,654. 9 miles. |
| (b) | Total distance run | 119,268. 2 miles. |
| (c) | Hours underway | 283 8/60. |
| (d) | Total hours underway | 8,753. 0. |
| (e) | Occasions for exceeding economical speed: | |
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| | (ii) | 7th, 12th. Short periods as required for exercises on passage to Nagasaki. |
| | (iii) | 30th. Exercises off Tokyo. |

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

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

(Copy to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of June, 1962.

2. A moderately quiet exercise programme had been planned for the passage from Yokohama to Guam. VENDETTA participated in an R.I.X. and carried out A.A. tracking and O.O.W. manoeuvres on Friday, 1st. I transferred to MELBOURNE by boat on Saturday afternoon with a representative sports team from the ship. A meeting was held on MELBOURNE's flight deck with each ship and the Air Group competing in a variety of events. The afternoon provided lively entertainment for spectators and a healthy competitive spirit was among the participants. VENDETTA's team were successful in defeating VOYAGER, but were unable to match the strength of MELBOURNE's Air Group.

3. On arrival at Guam at 0900 on Monday, 4th, all ships berthed at No.5 wharf, Inner Harbour, Apra Harbour. Two Mexican Naval ships, QUERTARO and POTOSI, the former flying the flag of Vice Admiral DOMINVUEZ, were berthed adjacent. U.S.S. BRISTER acted as liaison or host ship to VENDETTA during the visit. Guam was the last port for 'rabbits' before returning to Australia and a steady stream of shoppers was observed being ferried by Naval Buses to and from the Navy Exchange on Monday (when it is normally closed) and Tuesday.

4. The Annual Inspections by your staff officers of the Supply, Gunnery, Education, Meteorological and Navigation Departments were completed on Tuesday, 5th. A number of candidates for higher rate were examined by Fleet Boards in MELBOURNE on this day.

5. Before sailing at 0900 on Wednesday, 6th, the Fleet Engineer and Electrical Officers and their assistants embarked. Inspections of these Departments were carried out at sea during the day and the inspecting officers were transferred back to MELBOURNE by jackstay before VENDETTA was detached to proceed to Manus independently at 1600 with the Fleet Dental Officer who was to put in 2 days work there.

6. The succeeding two days saw all hands cleaning and painting. Rain squalls were met frequently on passage and with a good deal of wet paint exposed it was often necessary to take avoiding action.

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7. Lombrum wharf (at Manus) was VENDETTA's appointed fuelling berth and for obvious reasons of convenience I chose to remain alongside for your Inspection on Monday, 11th. VENDETTA berthed at Lombrum at 0620 on Saturday, 9th. During the period of final preparations over the weekend all hands worked willingly and voluntarily to produce a worthwhile result.

8. I need not report your Inspection of VENDETTA on Monday, 11th, in detail, except to submit that future Inspections of ships in tropical waters could well follow a similar routine of beginning at 0700 and finishing at 1200.

9. VENDETTA sailed from Manus at 1300 on Monday and began to gain distance on MELBOURNE who had sailed 45 minutes earlier. A well-deserved make and mend was given that afternoon.

10. At 0830 the following day, Tuesday 12th, I rejoined MELBOURNE to receive your A.B.C.D. and T.A.S. staff officers by Jackstay. VENDETTA was subsequently detached to proceed for A.B.C.D. and T.A.S. Efficiency tests. Failure of the T.A.R.T. and unsuitable weather for torpedo recovery caused deferment of the T.A.S. Efficiency test until August while A.B.C.D. inspection progressed without interruption. Fleet Staff Officers were returned by Jackstay at 1600.

11. VOYAGER rejoined on the morning of 14th, having independently cruised from detachment on 8th and visited Milne Bay, Samarai. From the comparative calm of the Solomon Sea, ships passed through J. Ward Entrance at dusk on Wednesday 13th and entered the more muffled waters of the Coral Sea. Moderate South-east trade winds made sea conditions unpleasant enough to cause the first noticeable movement of the ship for three months.

12. Inside the Great Barrier Reef on Friday 15th both escorts fuelled from MELBOURNE. Ships arrived off Townsville at 1700 and anchored close south of Magnetic Island. The Wardroom Officers and I were honoured to dine you on this night.

13. H.M.A. Ships QUICKMATCH and QUIBERON arrived and anchored nearby on Saturday at 0800. Their Captains, after calling on you, came on board VENDETTA for discussions. North Queensland libertymen were landed on Saturday and a Customs Officer who had travelled from Brisbane, joined for the passage to Brisbane.

14. At 1200 the now four escorts and H.M.A.S. SWAN, currently visiting Townsville, sailed for exercises. After some simple manoeuvres ships split up for independent exercises. VENDETTA received 8 Cadets from SWAN by Jackstay before proceeding to tow her. The evolution was successful and the SWAN towed VENDETTA before the Cadets were returned. Later SWAN was detached to return to Townsville. Other exercises on passage from Townsville to Moreton Bay included a FARSEX, an AAGCX and a TFX at MELBOURNE.

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15. Ships anchored at 2030 on Monday 18th four miles north of Pile Light in Moreton Bay. The following morning Queensland libertymen were embarked in VENDETTA and VOYAGER before both ships proceeded up river to Brisbane at 0645, berthing alongside Hamilton wharf at 0845. VENDETTA returned to her anchorage in Moreton Bay at 1145.
16. On passage from Moreton Bay to Sydney, VENDETTA carried out her quarterly full power trial, all ships exercised rapid open fire and a light mortar firing competition was held between escorts.
17. The fleet arrived Sydney at 0830 on Thursday 21st and received a warm welcome. VENDETTA berthed at the North end of Cruiser Wharf and began a period of self maintenance and 10 days leave to all of the ships company.
18. Sport during the month was limited once again by the ship's movements. However, what little was played is worthy of note. The rugby team were successful against VOYAGER in Guam and H.M.A.S. TARANGAU at Manus. Tarangau won the day though by defeating our Soccer, Water polo and basketball teams convincingly. VOYAGER attempted to take the Sailing Trophy when ships were anchored off Townsville. The result was the same as on the previous occasion, 5-4 in favour of VENDETTA.
19. I am pleased to report that the health and conduct and morale of the ships company are highly satisfactory. The month of June has climaxed the first six months of VENDETTA'S third commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. H. Todd.

Lieutenant R.N.
& CAPTAIN.
(A.O.L.)

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APPENDIX 'A'

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF
JUNE, 1962

- (a) Distance steamed 4,546.4 miles.
- (b) Total distance run 123,814.6 miles.
- (c) Hours underway 365 1/60.
- (d) Total hours underway 9,118.0.
- (e) Occasions for exceeding economical speed:-
 - (i) 19th, Quarterly full power trial lasting approximately 2 hours.
 - (ii) Numerous short periods as required for exercises on passage.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS

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Unless VENDETTA obtained approval para 15 would be contrary to R1 1731 para 4. In view of a similar occurrence in VOYAGER FOC AF may remark when he sends on his copy.

FOCAF's AF3573 of 15th August, now amended, covers the point raised by DCNS, who has been informed. He desires NFA.

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's letter 201/1/1 dated 8th August 1962)

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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.

2. With reference to paragraph 8 of Minute I, the attention of the Captain, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA has been directed to R.I., Article 1705(4) regarding the carriage of civilian passengers to sea. Had this permission been sought I would not have recommended approval because of the policy stated in A.F. 578/2 dated 31st May 1962.

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7. The Fleet Gunnery Officer was embarked from Watson's Bay on Thursday, 19th, to witness the Surface and A.A. Firings but regrettably the Fire Control Systems were bedevilled with technical faults which rendered the firings abortive and scored next to no marks for the ship in the Fleet Competition.

8. On a happier note, fifteen members of the VENDETTA Veterans' Association were also embarked for a day at sea and they expressed great pleasure at all that was done to show them the ship. Before leaving, they all preferred requests to re-enter the service but "anno domini" had in most cases set in and so they were safe!

9. Together with a number of officers and senior ratings I attended the graduation at the Royal Australian Naval College on Friday, 20th, and immediately after the ceremony the ship sailed for Sydney, arriving alongside the Fitting Out Wharf at 2200.

10. Two of the graduating Midshipmen joined on Sunday, 22nd, and will remain until the refit which begins in late December. Surgeon Lieutenant(D) R.M. COOK, R.A.N.R., also joined on this Sunday for 3 weeks' training. Apart from the keen interest he took in all ship's activities, this officer's "training" achieved complete dental examination of the ship's company and the near completion of all outstanding work.

11. VENDETTA and QUIBERON sailed from the Sydney area on Monday 23rd to rendezvous with TAPIR and TABARD off Noumea on Saturday 28th. A full programme of exercises was carried out on passage to New Caledonia and both ships fuelled from the Vacuum Oil Company's installation at Ducos on Friday 27th.

12. Despite several previous visits to Ducos by H.M.A. Ships, detailed information on the oiling berth was lacking and it was difficult to secure a destroyer between four buoys laid out for the taut mooring of tankers up to 20,000 tons. In the event VENDETTA secured with all available berthing lines out to the buoys and QUIBERON berthed alongside VENDETTA. Fortunately the weather was favourable at the time, but the wind sprang up when the ships were anchored for the night in the roadstead and the operation may well have been impracticable the following day. A hydrographic note and a proposed addition to A.C.B.286 have been forwarded.

13. While the ships were fuelling, the Australian Vice-Consul, Noumea, Mr. Hilary COLES called informally on me. The Australian Consul was absent from New Caledonia and his absence was the stated reason for VENDETTA and QUIBERON not visiting the Port of Noumea.

14. Task Group 327.3, consisting of VENDETTA, QUIBERON, TAPIR and TABARD sailed at 0830 on Saturday 28th and began a series of A/S exercises and investigations immediately on clearing BOULARI Passage.

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15. Although the weather and sea conditions were not favourable the sonar conditions were excellent and great value was obtained from this series of exercises which began on an intensive scale with two ships and two submarines.

16. On Sunday 29th however, it was reported that the Captain of TAPIR who had broken a rib playing football at Noumea was sick and requested approval to go on ahead to Sydney. After consultation by voice radio and after learning that the First Lieutenant was not qualified to dive the submarine unless the captain was present in the control room, I detached TAPIR to proceed independently at best speed.

17. The condition of the captain deteriorated on Monday 30th and during the middle watch I overhauled TAPIR and transferred my Medical Officer by boat. Pneumonia was diagnosed and the captain was too ill to be transferred to VENDETTA so TAPIR carried on with the Medical Officer onboard and arrived Sydney after a very rough passage on Wednesday 1st August.

18. The exercises with TABARD continued most successfully throughout the last two days of July but the remainder of the passage to Sydney where the ships arrived on Friday 3rd August was spoiled by the passage of a very severe front with head winds of force 8 and 9. TABARD preferred to snort or to remain dived while the surface ships were reduced to speeds of between 5 and 10 knots.


19. It was a great pity that this two weeks passage to New Caledonia and back was spoiled by the weather. Winter uniform was worn all the time and little progressive ship husbandry was possible. In preparation for her forthcoming inspection, QUIBERON had set herself the task of chipping her upper deck in the "tropics" but both ships arrived in Sydney caked with salt and showing many new sources of rust.

20. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company during the month have been excellent.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A'

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF
JULY, 1962.

(a)	Distance steamed	2,984.4 miles.
(b)	Total distance run	126,799.0 miles.
(c)	Hours underway	237 44/60.
(d)	Total hours underway	9,355 44/60.
(e)	Occasions for exceeding economical speed:-	
	30/31st.	6 hours at 18- 22 knots acting in accordance with instructions to join TAPIR to transfer Medical Officer.

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

Copy to: The Secretary, Department of the Navy,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of August, 1962.

2. The beginning of the month saw VENDETTA, QUIBERON and TABARD struggling against a force 9 wind off Smoky Cape while on passage from Noumea. Speed was reduced and A/S exercises were abandoned on Thursday 2nd and ships arrived off Sydney on Friday 3rd.

3. The weather at Sydney moderated sufficiently to enable QUIBERON to carry out her half yearly A.A. firing and VENDETTA took advantage of the target and made several satisfactory runs before entering Port Jackson.

4. After fuelling and storing, VENDETTA sailed in company with MELBOURNE, QUIBERON and ANZAC on Tuesday 7th, to carry out Exercise Programme HERVEX on passage to Hervey Bay and Brisbane.

5. Except for two short visits to Brisbane for fuel the next two weeks were spent exercising off Sandy Cape with emphasis on A/S exercises with TAPIR and MELBOURNE's aircraft. VENDETTA spent one day at Fairfax Island carrying out Naval Gunfire Support firings, using both airspot and shipspot (own boat). A surface throw off firing was carried out against MELBOURNE.

6. While fuelling at Brisbane on Saturday 18th, VENDETTA was ordered to proceed to the Sydney/Jervis Bay area to take the place of VAMPIRE in JUCEX 43. This deprived the ship of a week at Hervey Bay and a week at Brisbane but provided a bonus of A/S practices.

7. With the Noumea trip and HERVEX, JUCEX 43 has brought VENDETTA's score of CASEX's during the five week period to 73 hours for type A5 and 44 hours for type B3 which is greatly in excess of the years target.

8. VENDETTA joined QUEENBOROUGH in Sydney and exercised throughout Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th. A post exercise discussion on the first week was held onboard while fuelling on Sunday 26th. This was attended by the aircrew from No.11 Squadron R.A.A.F. and by the staff of A.J.A.S.S.

9. VENDETTA and QUEENBOROUGH sailed for the LONGEX phase on Monday 27th and carried out surface firings at a Battle Practice Target on clearing Sydney Heads.

10. On completion of the LONGEX on Wednesday 29th both ships anchored in Jervis Bay, and while the plots were being prepared for the P.X.D., carried out Operation Awkward, A.A. tracking and proceeded to sea for A.A. firings.

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11. On completion of the P.X.D. on Friday 31st both ships sailed for Sydney to fuel and store ready to leave on Monday 3rd September to rejoin the Fleet for Exercise TUCKER BOX 11.

12. There were few opportunities for organised sport during August but four Rugby matches were played. The ship's team beat QUIBERON and the N.S.W. Police but lost to VAMPIRE and QUEENBOROUGH.

13. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company have been very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A'

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF
AUGUST, 1962.

- (a) Distance steamed 4,049.0 miles.
- (b) Total distance run 130,848.0 miles.
- (c) Hours underway 428 10/60.
- (d) Total hours underway 9,783 54/60.
- (e) Occasions for exceeding economical speed:-
 - 3rd. 3 hours at 18 knots to effect rendezvous for A.A. firings.
 - 7/17th For short periods during HERVEX.
 - 23/29th For short periods during JUCEX 43.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
c/- G.P.O.

3rd October, 1962.

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

(Copy to:- THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1962

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of September, 1962.

2. After spending the week-end alongside at Garden
Island, VENDETTA and QUEENBOROUGH sailed on Monday 3rd for
Brisbane. Whilst on passage a series of exercises, which
included jackstay and fuelling runs, light mortar firings and
a FARSEX, were carried out in preparation for EXERCISE
TUCKERBOX 2.

3. VENDETTA and QUEENBOROUGH arrived at Brisbane at
1000 on Wednesday 5th, and after fuelling at Newstead,
VENDETTA shifted berth to Hamilton Reach. As the ship had
missed spending her scheduled week in Brisbane, maximum leave
was given to all Brisbane "natives" during the 24 hour visit.

4. At 1200 the following day VENDETTA led the four
escorts down river to start the passage to the rendez-vous
with the H.M. Ships of the Far East Station who were to take
part in EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2. For this period a naval
photographer was lent to the ship by MELBOURNE to film shots
of an A/S action and take photographs of members of the Ship's
Company for publicity purposes. In order that his record
would be complete live mortar firings were carried out on the
morning of Friday 7th.

5. Whilst on passage a series of exercises were carried
out, and it was during these at 1225 on Friday 7th that the
ship's pitometer leg was discovered to be unserviceable. No
explanation for this could be found from internal inspection,
and so the following morning ship's divers went over the side.
They discovered that the part of the rodmeter protruding below
the hull had been completely sheered off. Again no explanation
for this can be found apart from a conjecture that a whale may
have become too friendly. However it is now being replaced
during the ship's self maintenance period.

6. On the completion of the 27 hour economical
steaming trial, on Sunday 9th, Capitaine de Corvette J.P. BOILLOT
of the French Navy joined the ship by helicopter from MELBOURNE.
He was to stay in VENDETTA throughout Phases I and II of
EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2, and during that time showed considerable
interest in all that was happening. He also became a well-
liked member of the Wardroom and I think he in turn thoroughly
enjoyed his time onboard. If nothing else he taught us to
pronounce QUIBERON in French.

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7. Midnight on Sunday 9th saw the commencement of EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2 with VENDETTA as screen commander and A/S control ship. Throughout Phase I submarines proved to be somewhat scarce, although VENDETTA and QUIBERON carried out an A/S action lasting half an hour at 1725 on Wednesday 12th after the convoy had been successfully attacked by TABARD. This was duly written up, suitably magnified and included in the daily press reports which VENDETTA was passing to MELBOURNE. During Phase I VENDETTA refuelled twice from the R.F.A. WAVE MASTER.
8. On Friday 14th VENDETTA in company with VAMPIRE who joined at 0800, CAPRICE and CASSANDRA carried out A.A. sleeve firings during the forenoon, and a bombardment of FAIRFAX ISLAND during the afternoon. This provided a very welcome break in the middle of a predominantly A/S exercise, and proved to be very good value.
9. On completion of the day's firings the last phase of EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2 began with VENDETTA, VAMPIRE and CASSANDRA being detached as a patrol group to sweep through the waters off Sandy Cape. Detection of what appeared to be a submarine was made by VENDETTA at 2335, but although it was tracked with the aid of a long range maritime patrol aircraft contact was lost at 0045. The ships then resumed their patrol. However contact was regained at 0555 when sweeping through the same water and thence followed a 10 hour A/S action by VENDETTA and VAMPIRE. This was excellent value for the ships A/S teams, and really proved to them that submarines (particularly when unable to fire their weapons) do not always have everything their own way.
10. EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2 came to an end at 0900 on Sunday 16th. The Fleet entry scheduled for 1300 on Monday 17th was unfortunately spoilt by the bad weather. However, VENDETTA followed by VAMPIRE and ANZAC, did manage to complete the course by going round COCKATOO ISLAND before berthing at Garden Island.
11. The ship has remained alongside South East Cruiser Wharf for the rest of the month for the long self maintenance period.
12. During the R.N. visit to Sydney VENDETTA was host ship to LOCH KILLISPORT and social events both for the officers and ship's company were successfully arranged ashore. In addition a rugby match was played against LOCH KILLISPORT whom VENDETTA defeated by 16pts to 11.
13. Sport during the month has been limited mainly due to EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2, although two rugby teams were fielded on Wednesday 5th at Brisbane. The ship's 1st XV lost to ANZAC but the 2nd XV won against QUIBERON.
On arrival back at Sydney ANZAC was challenged to the Fleet Pulling Championship but they retained their title of Cock of the Fleet by a convincing win of 5 races to nil.
14. During September higher rates training classes were given as much instruction as possible and the ship's candidates appears before Fleet Boards held in MELBOURNE during the week commencing Monday 24th.

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15. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company have continued to be very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.


CAPTAIN.

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FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1962.

(a)	Distance Steamed	4,290.7 miles.
(b)	Total distance run	135,130.7 miles.
(c)	Hours underway	313 $\frac{23}{60}$
(d)	Total hours underway	10,097 $\frac{17}{60}$
(e)	Occassions for exceeding economical speed:	
	5th/17th	As required by TUCKEX and EXERCISE TUCKERBOX 2.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
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THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: THE SECRETARY,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1962.

Sir,

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

2. For the first week of the month the ship was berthed alongside South East Cruiser Wharf at Garden Island completing her long self maintenance period.

3. On Friday 5th October, 1962, I relieved Captain J.M. RAMSAY, D.S.C., R.A.N., as Captain (D) Tenth Destroyer Squadron. Later that forenoon, at 1130, I called on you in your flagship.

4. The following day the ship was open to visitors as part of the Navy Day programme. During the afternoon more than 14,000 people took the opportunity of looking over the ship. Although both "In" and "Out" brows had been rigged, the queue of people waiting to see the ship reached a length of at least 100 yards. However thanks to the able assistance of the Dockyard Police, the situation was well under control at all times and no incidents occurred either on board or ashore.

5. At 0330 on Monday 8th October, the ship sailed for exercises off Sydney before making a rendezvous with VAMPIRE at 1330 for A.A. sleeve firings. Unfortunately, the drogues of the towing aircraft fouled whilst being streamed, and as a result the shoot had to be cancelled. VAMPIRE returned to Watson's Bay to disembark the Fleet Gunnery Staff whilst VENDETTA opened out for a Night Encounter Exercise. On completion of this exercise, the ships proceeded in company for New Zealand.

6. Whilst on passage a full exercise programme was followed only being interrupted during the afternoon of Thursday 11th October, due to bad weather.

7. At 0900 on Friday 12th October, VENDETTA secured starboard to on East Central Calliope Wharf at H.M.N.Z. Dockyard, Auckland. Shortly afterwards VAMPIRE secured alongside VENDETTA. During the forenoon Captain WILLIS and I made the following calls:

- 0930 Commodore Auckland, Commodore F.D.G. CHALLIS, D.S.C. R.N.
- 1015 Chairman, Auckland Harbour Board, Mr. R.C.F. SAVOURY.
- 1045 His Worship the Mayor of Auckland, Mr. D.M. ROBINSON.

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7. At 1130 Commodore CHALLIS returned my call, and at 1230 I entertained Mr. and Mrs. STEELE, Australian Trade Commissioner, and Commander and Mrs. McDOWELL, Chief Staff Officer to Commodore Auckland, to luncheon.

At 1530 Captain WILLIS and I called on His Worship the Mayor of Devonport, Mr. F.S. STEVENS.

That evening at 1800, a most successful reception for 100 guests was held on VENDETTA's forecandle.

8. During the weekend my Ship's Company were well entertained by the local populace. On the Saturday, Sunday and Monday bus trips were organised to the hot springs at Rotorua for both Ship's Companies and in addition, 40 ratings from VENDETTA and VAMPIRE were invited to a very successful picnic lunch run by the Australian Club on Sunday 14th.

9. Both ships sailed at 0830 on Tuesday 16th, and after a forenoon's exercises, the ships moored at Port Fitzroy, Great Barrier Island. The next day was spent at anchor cleaning ship in preparation for the visit to Napier. During the Dog Watches competitive harbour drills were carried out. The results were very close.

10. Port Fitzroy proved an ideal secluded anchorage providing excellent shelter from all directions. The only people disappointed by it were the ship's anglers, whose catches did not come up to their expectations. Nevertheless, most people had fish for supper.

11. Both ships weighed at 0800 on Thursday 18th October, and despite bad weather carried out a full days exercise programme. Arrangements had previously been made to carry out a naval gunfire support firing exercise on Simpson Rock, the spotting being provided by the Base Gunnery Officer at H.M.N.Z.S. PHILOMEL. Due to the weather, H.M.N.Z.S. PAER, which was bringing the spotters to their observation post on Burgess Island, had to return to Auckland. However, a successful N.G.S.F.X. was carried out, one ship spotting whilst the other completed four firing runs.

12. After sunset on the same day two night R.A.S.'s were completed both ships being fully darkened and acting as supplying ships in turn. Ships remained darkened for the remainder of the night, Officers of the Watch keeping station by eye.

13. At 0900 on Saturday 20th, VENDETTA berthed starboard side to on No.3 Geddes Wharf East at Napier. Unfortunately VAMPIRE's berth was occupied by a merchant ship until 1300, and she remained at anchor off the harbour entrance until her berth was clear, finally berthing at 1415 on the other side of the wharf to VENDETTA.

14. During the forenoon Captain WILLIS and I called on the Chairman, Napier Harbour Board, Mr. A. KIRKPATRICK, and on His Worship the Mayor, Mr. P. TAIT. At 1800 that evening a reception was held on VAMPIRE's forecandle for 100 guests.

15. This proved a most successful visit and the citizens of Napier lavished their hospitality on the Wardrooms and Ship's Companies of both ships. A large proportion of both ship's companies were invited into private homes, where many of them stayed for the entire visit - Monday 22nd being Labour Day, and a holiday.

16. At 1730 on Monday 22nd, a civic reception was held for all officers, after which the Hawkes Bay Officers Club entertained us all to drinks and a buffet supper.

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During the course of this I gave a talk on the Royal Australian Navy to the members of the club, whom we found extremely interested and keen to have an up-to-date knowledge of what was happening in the service world of today.

17. VENDETTA, with VAMPIRE in company, sailed from Napier at 0830 on Tuesday 23rd and after a full day's exercises, anchored off Motuara Island in Queen Charlotte's Sound at 0745 the following morning. Whilst at anchor on the following two days a major ABCD exercise was conducted in each ship and harbour drills were carried out in the Dog Watches.

18. On Thursday 25th, it was discovered that the Port Steering Motor was defective, the insulation on the stator windings having been corroded by the action of salt laden air being drawn into the motor. On the following day after both ships had weighed at 1330, the Starboard Steering Motor failed. Luckily this occurred just as the First Lieutenant was anchoring the ship. On investigation it was found that this failure was also caused by an insulation break-down on the stator windings.

19. With both steering motors out of action it was decided to return to Australia immediately in order to effect repairs, and at 1730 VENDETTA weighed and proceeded to Australia steering by main engines, VAMPIRE being detached for Lyttleton to continue with the scheduled programme.

20. The ship arrived in Sydney at 0730 on Tuesday 30th after encountering some rough weather on passage.

21. Despite the rough weather, the exercise of steering by main engines on a long ocean passage proved remarkably successful. So much so in fact that personnel of the Engine room Department were openly voicing their doubts as to the need for a Quartermaster on the wheel.

22. The last two days of the month have been spent alongside PARRAMATTA at North East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, whilst a replacement for the Starboard steering motor is being fitted. This should be completed by P.M. 1st November. The Port steering motor remains out of action.

23. In addition to the fixtures listed below, full use was made of the facilities offered by private sporting clubs in New Zealand.

At Sydney.

5th	Basket Ball	VAMPIRE defeated VENDETTA 30-25
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At Auckland.

12th	Basket Ball	VENDETTA defeated PHILOMEL 65-36
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	Tennis	R.N.Z.N. defeated a combined VENDETTA and VAMPIRE team 6-0 Singles. 1-2 doubles.
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14th	Easket Ball	VENDETTA defeated VAMPIRE 28-24
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15th	Soccer	PHILOMEL defeated combined VENDETTA and VAMPIRE team 8-0
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15th	Shooting	Triangular match between PHILOMEL, VENDETTA and VAMPIRE. 1st PHILOMEL 591 points. 2nd VENDETTA 588 points. 3rd VAMPIRE 463 points.
	Rugby	R.N.Z.N. defeated VENDETTA 69-9
	Golf	VENDETTA defeated VAMPIRE 120-115
	Basket Ball	VENDETTA defeated R.N.Z.N. recruits 121-4 (approx)

At Napier.

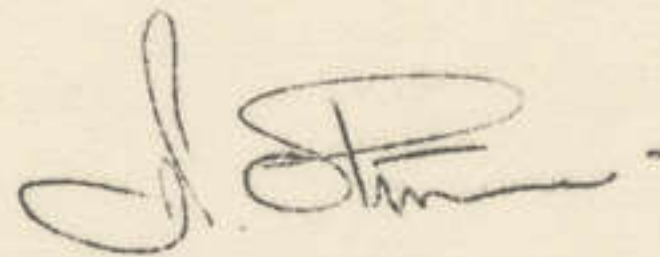
21st	Cricket	Combined VENDETTA and VAMPIRE team defeated Napier Watersiders by an innings.
22nd	Aust. Rules	VENDETTA defeated VAMPIRE 11-24 to 10-6

24. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company have continued to be satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(J.P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1962.

(a)	Distance steamed		3,645.9 miles.		
(b)	Total distance run		138,776.6 miles.		
(c)	Hours underway		259 22/60		
(d)	Total hours underway		10,356 39/60		
(e)	Occasions for exceeding economical speed-				
Date.	No. of Hours.	Av.Speed.	Fuel Exp. per hour.	Distance run/ ton of fuel	Reason/ Authority.
8th	2 (not continuous steaming)	18	-	-	(1) Captain's Familiariza- tion. (2) Departure Screen exercise. (3) Daring A.A. Shoot. (4) N.E.X.
11th/12th.	11	17.5	2.5tons	7 miles	To make good E.T.A. after experiencing rough weather.

It is regretted that authority was not obtained to exceed
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The Flag Officer Commanding,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1962

Sir,

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

2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was alongside Garden Island as a result of a failure of both steering motors. The dockyard were only able to replace one motor, the other will not be replaced until the refit period, and so VENDETTA sailed at 0830 on 2nd November on one steering motor. An unsatisfactory state from an operational point of view.

3. When clear of the heads an A.A. tracking run was followed by an A.A. firing and a naval gunfire support firing at the Beecroft range, using land spot followed by air spot. The A.A. results were ~~disappointing~~ and the bombardment was marred by poor communications from the land spotter. Poor communications, possibly due to bad tuning, with the land spotter have been noted previously and an improvement in this field would be beneficial.

4. A dawn encounter was made with VAMPIRE on 3rd November, as she returned from New Zealand, and the two ships proceeded in company for Melbourne. This state did not continue for long as VAMPIRE was detached on the afternoon of the 3rd, to proceed to Macquarie Island via Hobart to recover a sick man.

5. VENDETTA entered Port Phillip during the afternoon of the 4th., and after landing Melbourne natives by boat at Frankston anchored off Gellibrand Light for the night.

6. The passage upriver was made next morning and the ship secured ahead of ANZAC in No.2 North Wharf. VAMPIRE arrived next morning and secured alongside VENDETTA.

7. It was understood that this was the official representation of the R.A.N. for Melbourne Cup week and I was surprised to learn that all calls were to be regarded as paid and returned. This could perhaps be due to the presence of H.M.S. TIGER at Port Melbourne.

8. Nevertheless the next four days were most enjoyable and I attended a Government House Reception, was a guest of the V.R.C. to lunch on Cup Day, and of the Committee of the Navy League Ball on the evening of the 7th.

9. A Ship's Company Ball was held in the Dorchester Ballroom on the night of the 8th and a most successful party was given on board for 50 spastic children from the Yooralla State School for crippled children.

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10. With VAMPIRE in company, VENDETTA sailed for Geelong on 9th November.
11. This opportunity was taken by both ships to conduct a families day on passage to Geelong. 102 guests were embarked and torpedo and mortar firings, a jackstay transfer and a firing of break up shot were demonstrated. The ships anchored for lunch, arriving alongside Cunningham Pier, Geelong at 1500. Buses were waiting to transport the families back to Melbourne after what had proved to be a most successful operation.
12. Accompanied by the Captain of VAMPIRE I called on the Acting Mayor of Geelong, Councillor F.H. WALLACE, O.B.E., M.S., M.B., J.P., at 1500 and he returned the call at 1615.
13. There was no doubt that the people of Geelong were glad to see the two R.A.N. Ships and we were made very welcome.
14. An official reception for 100 guests was held onboard VENDETTA on the evening of the 10th and on the 11th personnel of both ships attended a Remembrance Day Service at St. John's Cathedral. Afterwards, at the request of the R.S.L., the Captain of VAMPIRE and I laid a wreath at the cenotaph.
15. Sailing in company on the morning of the 12th, an A.A. tracking run was carried out in the Bay, followed by a sleeve target firing outside. The A.A. firing was a slight improvement on previous results but VAMPIRE took the honours by shooting down the sleeve.
16. On passage to Adelaide exercises included a Night Encounter, competitive mortar firings, sub calibre firing at a splash target and plenty of Officer of the Watch manoeuvres.
17. The ships entered Adelaide river at 0430 on the 14th and after fuelling at the oil berth VENDETTA secured at No.1 Port Adelaide with VAMPIRE at No.2.
18. Arrangements went smoothly in Adelaide and I was impressed with the organisation of the Naval Officer in Charge, Commander D. NICHOLLS, and the efficiency of his staff.
19. Calls were paid on the Premier, Sir Thomas Playford, G.C.M.G., the Governor, Sir Edric Bays ~~son~~, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., the Chief Justice, Sir J. Mellis Napier, K.C.M.G., L.L.B., Lord Mayor of Adelaide Mr. Glover. The A.D.C. to the Governor returned the call. The Naval Officer in Charge called and his call was returned.
20. QUICKMATCH arrived and berthed at No.3 on the morning of the 15th, when Task Group 327.3 was activated, consisting of VENDETTA, VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH, under my command.
21. The Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. P.W. Whicker, held a reception for the officers of the three ships on the morning of the 15th. I understand this has become a custom of the present administration, and a very pleasant one it is.
22. I was pleased to have Mr. Whicker and his Town Clerk to lunch onboard prior to sailing.
23. A full day of exercises was possible on Saturday 17th, but foul weather on the 18th forced a reduction in speed and curtailed further exercises.
24. VENDETTA berthed alongside No.5 berth Fremantle at 0515 on 21st followed at 20 minute intervals by VAMPIRE, QUICKMATCH and ANZAC and later by H.M. SHIPS TIGER, CAVALIER, BLACKPOOL, H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI, and H.M. Submarine ANCHORITE. The submarines TACITURN and TAPIR arrived separately on the 22nd and 24th to complete the naval representation at the British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

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25. Accompanied by the Captain of VAMPIRE I called on the Naval Officer in Charge, Western Australia, Commodore W.B.M. MARKS, C.B.E., D.S.C. On learning that no complimentary tickets were to be provided to the Games for the visiting ships I felt it necessary to register a protest at such cavalier treatment.
26. The ships had been invited to attend and yet their attendance not recognised.
27. The vigorous efforts by the Naval Officer in Charge resulted in the production of tickets to the opening ceremony sufficient for Commanding Officers, but these were obviously an afterthought as the seats were 'on the hill', and hardly appropriate.
28. Later in the period, thanks to the efforts of LEEUWIN, tickets were available to the Athletics but only for two of the days.
29. The personnel of the R.A.N. ships were not badly affected by this treatment as large numbers were on official duty as ushers at the various venues, and thus saw quite a lot of the games. The visiting navies were not so fortunate.
30. On the 24th all officers attended the reception given at LEEUWIN, which His Royal Highness, Prince Philip attended.
31. On the 27th a reception at the Fremantle Town Hall was given for all officers of visiting navies by the Mayor of Fremantle, Sir Frederick Sampson, and afterwards I lunched with the Naval Officer in Charge at LEEUWIN.
32. On the 28th I accompanied the Naval Officer in Charge to meet you on your arrival in Perth by train and at 1000 your flag was broken at the fore in VENDETTA.
33. On the 29th a luncheon for His Royal Highness, Prince Philip was given on board TIGER by the Flag Officer Second in Command, Far Eastern Fleet, Vice Admiral J.B. FREWEN, C.B., and I was privileged to attend.
34. In an endeavour to reduce the adverse effect on the Ship's Companies of such a long period alongside, a form of Naval Commonwealth Games was organised, grounds and transport being provided by LEEUWIN. Initially I had hoped to divide the visiting ships into national groups, but New Zealand was heavily outnumbered and the Royal Navy too strong. Finally the grouping decided upon was:- (1) TIGER, (2) R.N. Small Ships, including R.F.A.s and submarines, (3) R.A.N. and R.N.Z.N. ships.
35. Whilst it looked reasonable this grouping was unfortunate as it resulted in almost a clean sweep for the hosts and their New Zealand compatriots.
36. Suitably engraved medals were presented to prize winners and as some form of recompense to the visitors a Cup was donated to be held by the visitors for future competition. This will be the result of further correspondence.
37. The games contested in this series were:-
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| Cricket | Rifle Shooting |
| Tennis | Athletics |
| Softball | Golf |
| Volleyball | |

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38. In addition to the above Games, ANZAC was challenged by both VAMPIRE and VENDETTA for the Cock of the Fleet, the result being a convincing win for the holder. You were good enough to present the Cock of the Fleet and also the medals and cup to the winners of the 'Naval Commonwealth Games'.

39. There is no doubt that the R.A.N. played a major part in the running of the VIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games and the Naval Officer in Charge Western Australia and personnel of H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN must be given great credit for their outstanding efforts. However from the point of view of the ships this long period in harbour with large numbers of personnel away on 'duty' at the Games must result in a temporary drop in operational efficiency and certainly the standard of behaviour has fallen this month due to 'Games Fever'. This will soon revert to normal.

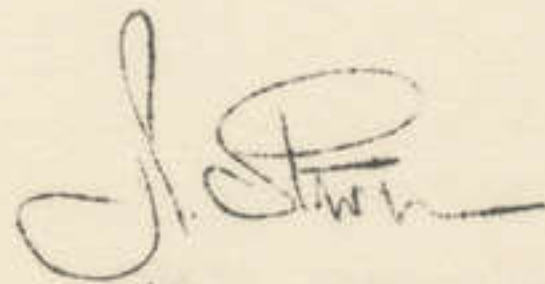
40. The health of the Ship's Company has been fair with a small outbreak of the gastro enteritis that is prevalent in Perth at this time.

41. The morale of the Ship's Company is reasonable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(J.P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1962

- (a) Distance steamed 3,773.2 miles
- (b) Total distance run 142,549.8 miles
- (c) Hours underway 221 6/60
- (d) Total hours underway 10,577 45/60
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed Nil.

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1962

OFFICIAL CALLS AND FUNCTIONS

- Thursday 1st. 1430 Lieutenant Commander C.H. SPURGEON, R.A.N., Captain of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH called.
- Friday 9th 1530 Called on Acting Mayor of the city of GEELONG, Councillor F.H. WALLACE, O.B.E., M.S., M.B., J.P.
- 1615 Acting Mayor of the city of GEELONG returned my call.
- 1800 Attended a reception at the Royal Geelong Yacht Club.
- Saturday 10th 1830 Official cocktail party held in H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (100 guests).
- Sunday 11th 1045 Attended Remembrance Day Service at St. John's Cathedral, Geelong, followed by Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cenotaph.
- Wednesday 14th 0925 The Naval Officer in Charge, South Australia, Acting Commander D. NICHOLLS, R.A.N. called.
- The following calls were made:-
- 1000 The Hon. The Premier of South Australia, Sir Thomas PLAYFORD, G.C.M.G.
- 1030 The Governor of South Australia, Sir Edric BAYSTAN, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B.
- 1100 The Hon. Chief Justice of South Australia, Sir J. MELLIS NAPIER, K.C.M.G., L.L.B.
- 1130 Attended a civic reception given by the Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. P.W. WHICKER.
- Wednesday 21st 0840 Called on the Naval Officer in Charge, Western Australia, Commodore W.B.M. MARKS, C.B.E., D.S.C.
- Saturday 24th 1730 Attended an official reception for H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh at H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN.
- Tuesday 27th 1030 Attended a civic reception given by the Mayor of Fremantle, Sir Frederick SAMPSON.
- Thursday 29th 1230 Attended a luncheon for H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh held in H.M.S. TIGER.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1962

Melbourne. Wednesday 7th - Golf. VENDETTA defeated ANZAC 116 - 59 points.

Adelaide. Wednesday 14th - Cricket. VENDETTA defeated VAMPIRE by an innings.

Thursday 15th - Golf. VENDETTA defeated VAMPIRE 4 - 2.

Basketball. VENDETTA defeated QUICKMATCH 26-20.

While the ship was in Fremantle a series of sporting competitions was held called the Naval Commonwealth Games.

Teams comprised as follows:-

Team 1. - R.N. Independent - TIGER

Team 2. - R.N. Small Ships - BLACKPOOL
CAVALIER
TACITURN
ANCHORITE
TAPIR
FORT CHARLOTTE
WAVE RULER

Team 3. - ANZAC Navy - VENDETTA
VAMPIRE
ANZAC
QUICKMATCH
TARANAKI

Thursday 22nd - Cricket. ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Small Ships outright (3 ratings from VENDETTA)

Tennis ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Small Ships 5 - 3 (1 rating from VENDETTA)

Friday 23rd - Softball ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Small Ships 26 - 6 (2 ratings from VENDETTA)

Volleyball ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Small Ships 2 - 0 (2 ratings from VENDETTA)

Monday 26th - Volleyball ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Independent 2 - 0 (2 ratings from VENDETTA)

Tuesday 27th - Softball final ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Independent 24 - 8 (2 ratings from VENDETTA)

Cricket final ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Independent 35 runs (3 ratings from VENDETTA)

Wednesday 28th - Tennis final ANZAC Navy defeated R.N. Independent 6 - 2 (1 rating from VENDETTA)

Wednesday 28th - Rifle Shooting
R.N. Independent 606
ANZAC Navy 606
R.N. Small Ships 553

Friday 30th - Golf
ANZAC Navy 142
R.N. Independent 90
R.N. Small Ships 78
(6 ratings from VENDETTA)

Athletics ANZAC Navy 175 points
R.N. Independent 100 points
R.N. Small Ships 75 points
(7 ratings from VENDETTA)

Overall Result. 1st ANZAC Navy 140 points
2nd R.N. Independent 70 points
3rd R.N. Small Ships 35 points.

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VISITORS TO THE SHIP

Monday 5th - Party for 50 children from Yoorala State School for crippled children.
Tuesday 6th - Open to Public in Melbourne - 1207 visitors.
Sunday 11th - Open to Public in Geelong - 4588 visitors.
Saturday 24th - Open to Public in Fremantle - 386 visitors.
Sunday 25th - Open to Public in Fremantle - 3010 visitors.
Monday 26th - Open to Public in Fremantle - 1992 visitors.
Wednesday 28th - 30 Schoolchildren visited the ship in Fremantle.

APPENDIX 'E' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF
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Whilst in Geelong, the opportunity was taken to visit OSBORNE HOUSE, the old home of the Royal Australian Naval College. During the visit, I was escorted by Mr. R Pockley, a previous Chief Cadet Captain of the College, and now a commercial photographer. A photograph taken by Mr. Pockley is attached.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
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1st January, 1963.

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

(Copy to: THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).)

THE SECRETARY,
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1962.

Sir,

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

2. The month opened with the ship still alongside in Fremantle at the closing stages of the VIIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games.

3. During the morning of the 1st you were kind enough to present the prizes for the Naval competitive Games played in Fremantle between the ships present.

4. At 0900 on the 2nd you joined H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for exercise Dinkum 3 and Fremex together with your Flag Lieutenant, Lieutenant R.M. BAIRD, the Fleet Operations Officer, Commander A.J. ROBERTSON, D.S.C., and the Commander S/M 4, Commander L.H. OLIPHANT, D.S.C., R.N. A photographer from the West Australian Newspaper also joined.

5. Ships taking part in Dinkum 3 were:-

H.M. Ships TIGER
CAVALIER
BLACKPOOL

H.M. Submarines TAPIR
ANCHORITE
TACITURN

H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA
VAMPIRE
ANZAC
QUICKMATCH

H.M.N.Z. Ship TARANAKI

R.F.A.'s FORT CHARLOTTE
WAVE SOVEREIGN.

6. The force was under the overall command of Vice Admiral J.B. FREWEN, C.B., flying his flag in TIGER whilst you had the task of Screen Commander with your flag in VENDETTA.

7. The submarines representing the enemy were under the overall control of Commander S/M 4, who was onboard VENDETTA.

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8. The first serial was a Departure Exercise in which the force leaving harbour was opposed by the three submarines.
9. The escorts sailed at 1100 to clear the approaches and soon made contact with TAPIR and TACITURN who were, in theory, either sunk or driven off. The heavy ships consisting of H.M.S. TIGER and the R.F.A.'s FORT CHARLOTTE and WAVE SOVEREIGN sailed at 1300 and the screen formed up on them as they cleared the "swept" channel. However H.M.S. ANCHORITE got in a successful undetected attack before they were clear.
10. For the next serial VENDETTA, VAMPIRE and ANZAC, under your command, withdrew to the north to carry out a night encounter exercise on TIGER, representing a damaged carrier escorted by TARANAKI, BLACKPOOL, QUICKMATCH and CAVALIER. This group was under the Tactical Command of TARANAKI.
11. VENDETTA and ANZAC separated from VAMPIRE with the object of drawing the escorts away from the carrier which VAMPIRE, maintaining radio and radar silence, worked his way into position for an attack on information provided by VENDETTA.
12. Despite communication difficulties, and perhaps aided by the distraction of several neutrals in the area, the action played out in copy book style and a successful attack was made.
13. The two forces steamed north during the night and at 0700 on the 3rd formed a replenishment group for an opposed replenishment.
14. During this serial VENDETTA received 60 tons of fuel from WAVE SOVEREIGN and was credited with putting both port side rigs out of action in WAVE SOVEREIGN. Whilst partial responsibility must be accepted it is felt that the poor handling of the winches in the tanker in the conditions prevailing was a major contributing cause.
15. Attacks by submarines during this serial were successful, both ANCHORITE and TACITURN getting in undetected attacks. TAPIR had withdrawn from this serial in order to land a sick man at Fremantle.
16. The same evening a night replenishment was carried out, VENDETTA taking token loads from FORT CHARLOTTE. The only problem here was the one of keeping station on a ship whose speed varied drastically as the screws left the water in heavy seas.
17. On completion of the night replenishment the R.F.A.'s detached and a sector screen was formed on TIGER, representing a C.V.A. Fortunately no attacks developed, as in the existing conditions of a very light flying programme the screen was not the most effective that could be devised.
18. At 0600 on the 4th a Whiskey Screen was formed on TIGER whilst TARANAKI was stationed 5 miles ahead of the main body.
19. In this period both TAPIR and ANCHORITE were detected by TARANAKI before being able to attack.
20. At 0900 Dinkum 3 completed, the R.A.N. Ships with TAPIR and TACITURN heading south for FREMEX whilst the remainder proceeded for Singapore.

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21. Dinkum 3 was a valuable exercise and showed the value of Type 177 as fitted in TARANAKI. Whilst detections were not made at ranges in excess of 3,000 yards, on the average, nevertheless TARANAKI made them.

22. An interesting point was that despite the fact that the one 177 fitted ship was stationed in a central position ahead of the force, submarines, in the majority of cases, still chose to penetrate from ahead rather than working round the danger.

23. On detaching, the R.A.N. Ships carried on with Fremex, VENDETTA and VAMPIRE carrying out a CASEX A.5 with TAPIR from 1000 to 1400 whilst ANZAC and Quickmatch did the same with TACITURN though for a slightly longer period as they both had U.C. Training Classes onboard.

24. Between 1500 and 1600 Torpedo Counter Measures were tested when VENDETTA, VAMPIRE and ANZAC ran down on TAPIR in a known datum.

25. The drastic manoeuvres of Thornproof II proved effective in that the two torpedoes fired by TAPIR at VAMPIRE missed by a considerable distance but on the other hand TAPIR was not detected having moved down run to one side of the approaching patrol group.

26. VENDETTA and VAMPIRE recovered one torpedo each and, on QUICKMATCH joining, the four ships as a patrol group proceeded to search an area of 100 square miles in which TAPIR was known to be.

27. At 2130 TAPIR was detected by VENDETTA and successfully held, in conjunction with ANZAC, until the end of the exercise at 2200.

28. The escorts then proceeded for Fremantle and the submarines for Sydney.

29. At 0900 on the 5th the ships entered harbour and berthed at the north wharf to top up with fuel.

30. West Australian long leave libertymen were landed at this time.

31. At 1130 we bade farewell to you and your staff after a most interesting period and your flag was hauled down at 1300.

32. T.G. 327.3 consisting of VENDETTA, VAMPIRE, ANZAC and QUICKMATCH left harbour at 1315 VENDETTA and VAMPIRE carrying out a Quarterly Full Power Trial on clearing the channel.

33. A screen was then formed on QUICKMATCH who steamed economically on open throttle in order to conserve fuel for the "Long" haul to Sydney.

34. TACITURN was passed at 0100 on the 6th and TAPIR at 1500.

35. On passage across the Bight a limited exercise programme was carried out owing to the necessity to conserve fuel.

36. An aircraft was obtained from Avalon on the afternoon of the 10th and A.A. tracking and firings were carried out by all ships except QUICKMATCH. This was the occasion of an A.A. efficiency firing for VENDETTA and results were fortunately better than normal.

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37. On completion ANZAC and QUICKMATCH were detached for Sydney while VENDETTA with VAMPIRE set course for Pyramid Rock in Bass Strait.
38. In the early morning of the 11th both ships carried out successful live torpedo firings at Pyramid Rock at a range of about 3,000 yards.
39. The Fleet Gunnery Officer and Fleet Engineering Assistant were embarked from an S.A.R. craft off Jervis Bay at 0415 on the 12th and after an A.A. tracking run at 0430 VENDETTA carried out an A.A. firing at a winged target. The Fleet Staff Officers were then transferred by boat to VAMPIRE for her A.A. efficiency firing while VENDETTA proceeded to the bombardment range for a bombardment efficiency test.
40. This was most successful and on completion the Fleet Staff returned and VENDETTA set course for area NV leaving VAMPIRE on the bombardment range.
41. At 1000 information was received of a missing fishing boat CHA CHA and course was altered to run up the coast at a range of 10 miles. VAMPIRE was ordered to proceed in a similar manner at a distance of 5 miles from the coast. She eventually found the boat and embarked the passengers.
42. At 1300 a surface firing was carried out at a Battle Practice Target in area NV. This was an efficiency firing and was reasonably successful despite a large error for line. Wind using R.E.W. shell was then found prior to the concentration firing exercise.
43. At 1400 VAMPIRE joined having embarked the CHA CHA passengers and the run in for the concentration firing commenced at 26 knots.
44. It was unfortunate that I did not realise that VAMPIRE had not had time to settle down. Her P.A.C. was not observed and at the rate of approach there was no time to fire another. Accordingly her fire was not accurate. Should there be future occasions for a similar type of exercise steps will be taken to complete calibrating successfully before starting the run.
45. At the end of the firing a formation torpedo attack was made and the ships retired under cover of smoke.
46. A separate report will be made on this exercise which had many interesting aspects.
47. VENDETTA recovered her torpedo and entered harbour securing to No. 4 bouy at 1620. VAMPIRE was detached to report the latest position of the abandoned CHA CHA before entering harbour.
48. The ship disembarked ammunition on the 13th and, in general, prepared for refit. Long leave libertymen were landed and at 1630 on the 15th VENDETTA sailed for Williamstown.
49. On the 16th a SUBMISS for TACITURN was initiated by F.O.I.C.E.A. and VENDETTA headed for the last known position at 25 knots. After a couple of hours this was fortunately cancelled and course was resumed for Williamstown.

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50. Passing through the Rip at 0500 VENDETTA secured alongside the dockyard pair Williamstown at 0800 on the 17th, and, before many hours had passed, assumed the woebegone appearance of all ships under refit.

51. At the refit conference on the 18th all aspects of the work to be undertaken were discussed. A vast amount of work is being undertaken to permit the ship a two year period before the next refit and it is obvious that the dockyard will be pushed for time.

51. Nevertheless two points were made at the conference:-

1. The absolute necessity to allow the full period for the setting to work of weapons.
2. That as the ship will be recommissioning in the middle of the refit, with a full scheme of peace complement, a reasonable degree of habitability in the messdecks should be preserved.

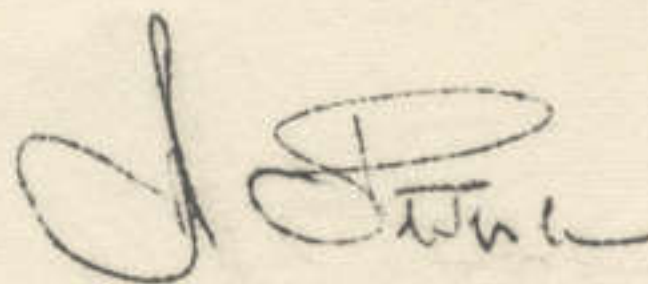
52. The ship was alongside under refit at the end of the month.

53. There has been a drop in the standard of behaviour but this is attributed to an "end of commission" feeling and it is not expected to continue. The morale and health of the Ship's Company remain reasonable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(J.P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.

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8. The ship weighed and proceeded at 0715 on Thursday 12th with dockyard and trials team personnel embarked, and carried out a naval gunfire support firing and a full power trial enroute to Sydney, where the ship berthed at the North end Cruiser Wharf outboard of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1705. You, Sir, disembarked on arrival.
9. The work up had now been successfully completed and encouraging results had been achieved in welding the ship's company into an efficient team. The scarcity of suitable consorts had somewhat hampered the work up as far as exercises requiring consorts are concerned, but this had been remedied by the ship's subsequent programme. The Fleet Communications Officer carried out a communications work up evaluation from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th, and gave security lectures and a film to the ship's company, but other work up evaluations had to be deferred until after the work up because of staff officers' other commitments.
10. The period Friday 13th to Monday 23rd was spent alongside in Sydney progressing self maintenance. Three Officers, three Chief Petty Officers and I attended the JUC 67 Lecture period at AJASS during the week commencing Monday 16th. I returned to Sydney on Wednesday 18th to attend a Board of Inquiry on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th convened by you, Sir, to investigate the possible compromise of Charge Books held onboard. This matter has been reported separately.
11. On Friday 13th LIEUTENANT GLEX CD W.J. ROBERTS, M.B.E., R.A.N. carried out an inspection of diving activity onboard. All ship's divers carried out training at H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER during the week commencing Monday 16th. Sea Cadet Corps Unit training took place on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th. On Monday 16th, 50 children and staff from the Sutherland Mentally Handicapped Children's Home visited the ship for a tour of inspection and were entertained to lunch onboard. An individual guide was provided for each child and the visit was voted a great success, many appreciative letters subsequently being received. Opportunity was also taken to arrange a full sporting programme as shown in Appendix C, during the week's self maintenance starting on Monday 16th. Two officers and 15 sailors attended a two day recognition course at H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS during the same week. The Fleet Communications Officer carried out a security check onboard at 1315 on Friday 20th, and further Sea Cadet Corps training took place during the weekend of the 21st and 22nd.
12. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA proceeded at 0830 on Monday 23rd with H.M.A.S. ANZAC and H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH in company. Seamanship and gunnery exercises as shown in Appendix B were conducted during the day. H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH was detached at 1100 and H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA joined at 1400 for gunnery firings. During the period 23rd to 25th October seamanship practical tests were conducted for candidates for Section 2 of the Promotion Board for C.P.O., as well as other exercises as shown at Appendix B. At 0835 on Thursday 26th the ship returned to Sydney securing port side to alongside the oil wharf.
13. Operation Awkward, which was to have taken place on Thursday 26th, again had to be postponed as divers from H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER were unable to complete the necessary preparations because of commitments at Disaster Bay. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA remained alongside progressing self maintenance until 0835 on Monday 30th, when the ship proceeded for JUC 67 exercises with H.M.N.Z.S. WAIKATO, (Captain E.C. THORNE, R.N.Z.N.) H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, H.M.A.S. ANZAC and H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH in company.

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- (a) Distance steamed 4,023.9 miles
(b) Total distance run 146,573.7 miles
(c) Hours underway 280 26/60
(d) Total hours underway 10,858 11/60
(e) Occassions of exceeding economical speed

<u>Date.</u>	<u>No. of hours.</u>	<u>Av. Speed.</u>	<u>Fuel exp Per hour.</u>	<u>Dist run/ Ton of Fuel.</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority.</u>
2-4th	7	18.1	2.6	7 miles	Exercise DINKUM B
5th	1	21	4.2	5 miles	Quarterly full power trial
10th	3	17.2	2.4	7.2 miles	To make good initial position for A.A. firing serial.
12th	2	18.3.	2.8.	6.6 miles	10th D.S. Concentration firings

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DETAILS OF EXERCISES - DECEMBER.

2- 4th Exercise DINKUM 3
Opposed Departure
N.E.X.
Convoy exercise (including day and night UNREP)
Carrier transit exercise.

4th FREMEX(A/S exercises)
CASEX A.5
CASEX A15
CASEX A18
Boat transfer

5th Full power trial

6th A.A.G.C.X.
Heaving line transfer with TAPIR

7th N.G.S.C.X.
R.I.X./S.P.X.
N.E.X.

8th N.G.S.C.X.
A.A.G.C.X.
Seaboat
O.O.W. Manoeuvres
Night R.O.F.X.
R.E.W. Windfinding

9th O.O.W. Manoeuvres

10th R.I.X./S.P.X.
Boat transfer
A.A. tracking and firing (efficiency)
Boat transfer
O.O.W. Manoeuvres.

11th Live torpedo Firings
R.I.X./S.P.X.
Two ship radar calibration
Made smoke from fog generator

12th A.A. tracking and firing
Boat transfer
N.G.S. firing (efficiency)
Surface firing
Surface firing and T.F.X.

16th Made smoke from fog generator

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
At Williamstown.

13 FEB 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (Staff).

(Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding,
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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1963

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the Month of January, 1963.

2. The month has been spent in dry dock at Williamstown Dockyard. The refit has progressed satisfactorily after the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

3. Living conditions on board have not been good due to the fitting of the new hull outfit and the re-tiling of most messdecks. However, this has been bearable as the majority of the ships company have been on leave. This situation should improve when the messdeck tiling programme is completed.

4. Apart from one instance, the standard of behaviour has improved, and the morale and health of the ship's company are good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

Your obedient servant,

Paul Todd
Lieutenant, R.N.
for CAPTAIN, (A.O.L.)

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FOR JANUARY, 1963

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(c) Hours underway; Nil
(d) Total hours underway; 10,858 11/60
(e) Nil.

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR JANUARY, 1963

Officers Joining

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE JOINED</u>	<u>JOINED FROM</u>
REECE. J.D.	Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)(G+)	7.1.63	H.M.A.S. SYDNEY
LINDSAY. J.C.	Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)(d)	7.1.63	H.M.A.S. WATSON
LAMB. R.D.	Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)	2.1.63	H.M.A.S. CURLEW
USHER. P.A.	Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)	2.1.63	H.M.A.S. SNIPE
WAIT. A.K.	Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)	2.1.63	H.M.A.S. SUPPLY

Officers Departing

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE DEPARTED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>
CURTIS. J.L.	Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)(G+)	9.1.63	H.M.A.S. LONSDALE
ROACH. T.A.A.	Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)(d)	7.1.63	H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN
McDOUGALL. I.R.	Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)	3.1.63	H.M.A.S. SNIPE
RYALL. R.K.	Acting Sub Lieutenant, R.A.N. (x)	3.1.63	H.M.A.S. GULL
WILSON. K.F.	Midshipman, R.N.Z.N. (x)	21.1.63	H.M.A.S. PENGUIN
YOULL. S.J.	Midshipman, R.A.N. (S)	21.1.63	H.M.A.S. PENGUIN

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's Report of Proceedings for February
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The Secretary,
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - ~~JANUARY~~ FEBRUARY, 1963

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of February, 1963.

2. The ship has again spent the whole of the month in dry dock at Williamstown. The refit is progressing reasonably, although the dockyard is unable to carry out some items on the defect list due to shortage of manpower. One example of this is the scraping down to bare metal and repainting of both crews bathrooms. This has now been taken in hand by ship's staff.

3. All major items are in hand. The conversion to Hull outfit 15 is almost complete, and work on the fitting of 978 radar is progressing. In addition the positioning of a second display in the Operations Room for helicopter direction (my message 032326Z Feb refers) is being progressed.

4. From Monday 4th to Friday 8th February, my Command Team, together with Acting Sub Lieutenants LAMB, WAIT and USHER, attended a Joint Unit Course lecture period at the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School.

5. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. Duke of Edinburgh visited Melbourne in H.M. Yacht BRITANNIA from Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th February, 1963. VENDETTA played no part in any ceremonies connected with the Royal Visit. The ship did, however, provide a crew for Oil Fuel Lighter No. 1203, which was used to fuel H.M. Yacht BRITANNIA.

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6. On Tuesday 26th February 71 recruits joined the ship from H.M.A.S. CERBERUS. Accommodation for them would have been a problem, but thanks to the willing co-operation of the the dockyard staff, this was overcome and their messdecks were prepared and ready for them by the time they joined.

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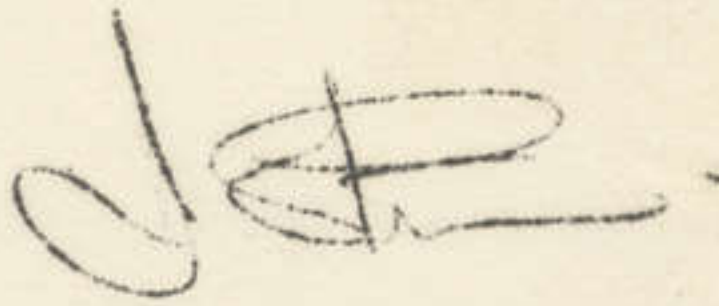
7. Living conditions on board, although slightly improved since January, are still very poor. However, this has not effected the new recruits and their morale to date is high.

8. The health, morale and standard of behaviour of the ship's company is reasonable.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant



(J.P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of March, 1963.

2. The ship spent until the 29 March, in dry dock at Williamstown, and was then moved by tug to Dockyard Pier.

3. The refit is still progressing satisfactorily, and all major items are either well in hand or completed. Items completed include Hull Outfit 15 and P. diesel generator, which is now able to provide stabilised power supplies. This in turn will enable the testing and tuning of gunnery equipment to be progressed as planned.

4. The recruits are settling down to life onboard well, despite the poor living conditions and the dockyard routine being worked. At present with the majority of the new commission taking their 10 days seasonal leave, the recruits are playing a very full part in the running of the ship, and are rapidly becoming fully fledged members of the Ship's Company.

5. The health, morale and standard of behavior of the Ship's Company is reasonable.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R3A.N.
for CAPTAIN. (A.O.L.)

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<u>NAME.</u>	<u>RANK.</u>	<u>DATE JOINED.</u>	<u>JOINED FROM.</u>
BUCHANAN, L.J.	Electrical Lieutenant. (L)	27 March, 1963.	H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.

OFFICERS LEAVING.

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>RANK.</u>	<u>DATE DEPARTED.</u>	<u>JOINED.</u>
SPANTON, K.S.F.	Electrical Lieutenant (L)	28 March, 1963.	H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Letter 221/1/1 dayed 30th April, 1963.)

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.

at Williamstown.

30 April, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1963.

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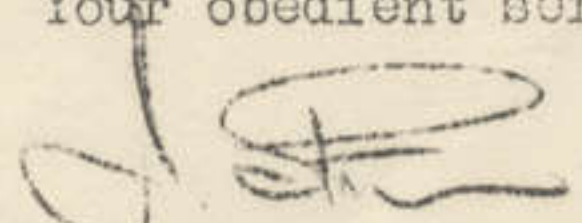
I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of April, 1963.

2. This month has been spent alongside the Dockyard Pier at Williamstown and there are at last signs of the Dockyard work nearing completion.
3. Setting to work of the weapons system was commenced and steam has already been provided to some of the auxiliaries.
4. The majority of the Ship's Company has returned from advanced seasonal leave and a programme of pre-wprk-up training has commenced at Cerberus and Watson.
5. The health and standard of behaviour of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory and the morale is improving as the operational date draws nearer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(J. P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1963.

Officers Joining.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Date Joined.</u>	<u>Joined From.</u>
BLACKMAN, P. V.	Lieut. (X) (Tas).	25 April, 1963	R.N. Exchange.
GILMOUR-WALSH, P. A. J.	Lieutenant. (X) (d)	8 April, 1963.	Watson.
TAYLOR, D. G. F.	Midshipman	18 April, 1963	Quiberon.
HEAB, G. W.	Midshipman(R.N.Z.N.)	17 April, 1963	Quiberon.

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It will be interesting to see how the forecast in power & works out in practice. 28/6

This Turbo Alternator problem? I thought we had cleared it. The ships are almost up to 1/2 life! We must never build ships with such bad machines again.

Naval FACIT is preparing a report. WTH 1/7

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

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DTSR *1/2*

DSD *1/7*

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HPB *1/7*

In regard to FOCAF's para 3, letters were received from the widows concerned expressing their sincere gratitude for the manner in which the service was conducted, and for the opportunity to attend the service. *M. H. H. 10/1/63*

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Sea.

6 June, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1963.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May, 1963.

2. For the early part of the month the ship remained at Williamstown Dockyard in the closing stages of refit whilst large numbers of the Ship's Company were distributed around to schools undergoing pre Work Up Training.

3. This was not a particularly easy time as harbour trials were beginning to show additional defects and it was apparent that the dockyard would be hard pressed to meet the programme. Dockyard completion date overlapped into the harbour trials period and in to the setting to work period of the weapons systems. Some work was still outstanding when sea trials commenced. However an excellent liaison existed between ship and dockyard and numerous adjustments were made to the programme so that the operational date could be met.

4. Sea Trials commenced on 15 May. These were marred by bad weather, the introduction of 'Clam' procedure due to the presence in harbour of a Polish merchant ship, the necessity to spend a day alongside to correct material defects and gun system alignment errors, and the need to repeat some gunnery trials. The Sea Trials can hardly be said to have run smoothly but the gunnery trials team and ship's staff worked long hours to achieve a reasonable result.

5. On Monday 20 May, the ashes of the late Lieutenant B.A.J. Rouse, R.N. (Rtd), and Telegraphist R.M.E. Rees were scattered at sea after a service by Rev. R.C. Lovitt from H.M.A.S. CERBERUS. Unsuccessful efforts were made to discourage the widows from coming to sea for the ceremony. They were reasonably comfortably ensconced in the Wardroom for most of the day but as this ceremony is becoming more popular it is recommended that in normal circumstances widows should not be embarked.

6. The initial Sea Trials Programme had been laid out to enable the ship to sail for Sydney on 22 May. In the event she sailed at 2300 on 24 May and secured to No 4 Buoy in Sydney at 1030 on 27 May.

7. Stores were embarked in the afternoon and ammunition on 28 May and the ship finally sailed to commence the Workup at 0800 on 29 May.

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8. It had been a long refit but a great deal had been achieved. Despite a defective Turbo Alternator and other minor troubles the ship is well prepared to operate for two years.

9. Radio and D/F Trials were carried out with H.M.A.S. WATSON on the morning of 29 May followed by measured mile runs. In the afternoon an A/S Sea Check Firing was abortive due to an ineffective TART..

10. At 1700 H.M.A.S. QUIBERON joined to form Task Group 327.3 which proceeded to Jervis Bay exercising enroute and anchoring off Captain's Point on the morning of 30 May at 0630.

11. H.F./D.F. Calibrations were carried out on 30 May followed by general drills and an inflatable Life Raft demonstration.

12. On 31 May VENDETTA got under way for more measured mile runs, a ~~navigation~~ test and A.A. Tracking serials and at 1100 for a meeting with QUIBERON on the next week's Work Up Programme.

13. At 1430 the Port Diving Party from Sydney gave a demonstration of an attack by divers and at 1900 Operation Awkward was exercised with the same personnel representing the attackers.

14. The ship was anchored in Jervis Bay at the close of the month.

15. There is a general feeling of relief throughout the ship that the refit has at last ended but there has also been an increase in punishments. This is attributed to nothing more than the unsettling effect of the trials period and is not expected to continue.

16. Morale is high and the health of the Ship's Company good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(J. P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1963.

- (a) Distance Steamed.....1343.1 Miles.
- (b) Total distance run.....147,916.8 Miles.
- (c) Hours underway.....113 55/60 Hours.
- (d) Total hours underway.....10,972 6/60 Hours.
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

Date.	No of Hours.	Av. Speed.	Fuel Exp. Per Hr.	Dist Run/ Ton Fuel.	Reason/ Authority.
20 May, 1963	4½	24	6.5	3.7	Post Refit. Trials
21 May, 1963	1	24	6.5	3.7	
23 May, 1963	2	18.5	2.8	6.6	
29 May, 1963	½	20	3.6	5.5	Measured Distance runs.

APPENDIX "C" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1963.

- 1.5.63 Lieutenant Commander C. H. C. Spurgeon, R.A.N.,
Captain of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH called.
- 30.5.63 Lieutenant Commander P. M. Rees, R.A.N.,
H.M.A.S. QUIBERON called.

APPENDIX "D" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1963.

Officers Joining.

QUINN, S. A. S/LT (SD) (G) (~~gr~~) R.A.N. 20/5/63 H.M.A.S. HARMAN
 MATTHEW, J. A. LT CDR (X) (P) R.A.N. 28.5.63 H.M.A.S. PENGUIN

Officers departing.

BRIEN, L. A. LT (SD) (G) (~~gr~~) R.A.N. 27/5/63 H.M.A.S. HARMAN
 WEEKS, B. L. LT (SD) (TAS) R.A.N. 27/5/63 H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.

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APPENDIX "B" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR MAY, 1963.

Tuesday 28 May.

A.M./P.M. - Harbour Plotting Exercises.

Wednesday 29 May.

A.M. - Radio Trials

P.M. - A/S Sea Check Firings
Radar Calibration.
S.S.T. Exercises.

Thursday 30 May.

A.M./P.M. - H.F./D.F. Calibration

A.M. - Liferaft Demonstration.

A.M./P.M. - Harbour Surface and air plotting exercises.

P.M. - Harbour Drills

Friday 31 May.

A.M. - Light Mortar Firings

A.M. - Measured Distance Runs.

A.M. - Metretest.

A.M. - A.A. Tracking

P.M. - Diving Demonstration

P.M. - Harbour Drills.

P.M. - Night Operation Awkward.

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FOCAF's remarks are not clear to me. Presumably he approved VENDETTA's work up programme. I also feel there are some exaggerations about extraneous commitments - those mentioned in para 26 are Helicopter O.F.S., High Speed Target trials and the new rating structure. The first, according to this ROP lasted for one watch only and should have provided value to the ship. The second, again was only a little over one watch and it is not clear how much VENDETTA was involved as QUIBERON towed the target. I do not feel the new rating structure should have affected the work up programme to any great extent.

→ DTSR is required to remark on highest speed required by the target - Surely 20 knots would be ample.

Remarks under § 14/8

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By DTSR, understand from secy CNS no further reply required CAC/20/8

DTSR - CNS 19/8.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Naval Board.

2. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's work-up was much disrupted by the occurrence of urgent defects and by extraneous commitments of the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School period. Nevertheless when my Staff Officers assessed the ship's efficiency at sea between the 24th and 26th June it was found that she had reached a satisfactory standard in all departments.

REAR ADMIRAL.

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NEW DESIGN GUNNERY SURFACE TARGET

D.C.N.S.

C.N.S.

By D.T.S.R.

The staff requirement for towing speed laid down for gunnery surface targets by D.T.S.R. is:-

"Maximum speed 25 knots under calm conditions, not to be reduced seriously in rough seas."

2. In fact, the new target has been towed successfully at 25 knots on several occasions and meets this requirement.

15th August, 1963.



D.T.S.R.

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W. M. McCall

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Sydney

8 July, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the Month of June, 1963.

2. At the beginning of the month H.M.A.S. VENDETTA was anchored in Jervis Bay having completed the shakedown period of two days.
3. On Sunday 2 June, 1963, two officers from Williamstown Dockyard arrived on board to witness the culmination of their efforts on the fire control system, a successful A.A. shoot. It was fortunate that they did, for at that very moment the Gyro Rate Unit developed a serious defect and it took the combined efforts of ship and dockyard officers to effect temporary repairs sufficient for the work up to continue.
4. The ship sailed to commence the work up at 0730 on Monday 3 June, 1963 in company with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.
5. Things went quite well to start with, and Mortar firings Plotting exercises and a Battle Practice firing were completed satisfactorily. Unfortunately in the late afternoon "A" & "B" Turrets developed defects that necessitated a period at anchor so H.M.A.S. QUIBERON was detached and H.M.A.S. VENDETTA anchored in Jervis Bay for the night.
6. Underway at 1030 the following morning an A.A. tracking serial was just completed as bad weather closed in but with the exception of an A.A. shoot all other serials, including a pro-submarine serial for the benefit of H.M.S/M TRUMP, were completed. An A/S exercise was scheduled for the first watch but was cancelled when H.M.S/M TABARD developed a defect.
7. Next day, 5 July, 1963, H.M.S/M TABARD was serviceable and all serials were completed in conditions of high wind and some rain.
8. At 2030 a rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and 180 tons of fuel embarked. A down wind replenishment course at 13 knots was accepted but in the bad weather conditions with a confused sea this was most uncomfortable and the replenishment scheduled for H.M.A.S. QUIBERON was cancelled.

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9. On completion H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA & QUIBERON located and shadowed H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and escorts until 0600 the next morning.

10. At 0730 on 6 July, 1963 the Base Gunnery Officer was embarked at Watsons Bay, and H.M.A.S. QUIBERON took the new High Speed Target in tow. During the forenoon H.M.A.S. QUIBERON towed the target at various speeds until at 24 knots the splice pulled out. The Base Gunnery Officer was disembarked to H.M.A.S. IBIS and H.M.A.S. VENDETTA continued with the work up whilst H.M.A.S. QUIBERON spent a couple of hours recovering the tow before rejoining.

11. In the first watch an Anti-submarine exercise for the benefit of the O.F.S. was carried out with helicopters, H.M.S/M TABARD and H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.

12. On Friday 7 June, 1963, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON was detached to enter harbour while the command team carried out A.S.T.T. exercises under A.J.A.S.S.; H.M.A.S. VENDETTA landed several officers and ratings for the A.S.T.T. but remained at sea to carry out an A/S exercise with H.M.S/M TABARD. A Battle Practice target firing scheduled for the afternoon unfortunately had to be cancelled because of a gunnery radar failure and the ship secured to No 4 Buoy in Sydney at 1400, ammunitioned and then shifted to the Oil Wharf the same day.

13. At 0930 on Monday 10 June, 1963, H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA & QUIBERON sailed for the two week period with A.J.A.S.S. The first week consisted of the normal series of procedure exercises with Maritime aircraft and helicopters combining against a submarine. Opportunity was taken in the early mornings to get in some A.A. Tracking runs and firings whilst anti-submarine training could be progressed at night.

14. Friday 14 June, 1963, was a relatively clear day to progress the work up and full value was taken of it with Naval Gunfire Support, anti-aircraft and torpedo firings.

15. The ship secured alongside H.M.A.S. QUIBERON at Chowder Bay at 1730 on Friday 14 June, 1963 and at 0930 on the 15 June, 1963, the A.J.A.S.S. mid course discussion was held in the wardroom.

16. On completion the ships sailed for Jervis Bay carrying out a successful A/S sea check firing en route.

17. On Monday 17 June, 1963, the second week with A.J.A.S.S. commenced but in the forenoon the opportunity was taken to carry out anti-aircraft and Battle Practice firings. The ships of the 11th Minesweeping Squadron joined at 1300 for the A.J.A.S.S. exercise which has been reported upon separately and which ended P.M. on 19 June, 1963.

18. On the night of 19 June, 1963 a night encounter exercise was carried out with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON and two Sea Air Rescue Launches engaging H.M.A.S. VENDETTA. Star shell were fired and this introduced the ship to the problem of engaging small fast craft at night.

19. It is considered to be an exercise that would be of value to other ships.

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20. On 20 June, 1963, despite bad weather, mortar and anti-aircraft firings were carried out and H.M.A.S. VENDETTA towed H.M.A.S. QUIBERON. Both ships anchored in Jervis Bay at 1700.

21. The A.J.A.S.S. Post Exercise Discussion was held at Nowra during the forenoon of 21 June, 1963, and produced no points of outstanding interest. During this time the ship carried out a closing down trial.

22. Both ships sailed at 1300 arriving at Chowder Bay at 1945 for fuel. Anti-aircraft tracking and firings were carried out enroute. Shortly after midnight on 21/22 June, 1963, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA sailed for Jervis Bay arriving at 0700. H.M.A.S. QUIBERON remained in Sydney. During the forenoon a major A.B.C.D. exercise was carried out, umpires being provided from the school at H.M.A.S. PENGUIN, and in the afternoon, personnel from the experimental laboratory commenced noise evaluation trials.

23. On Sunday 23 June, 1963 the ship ran over the noise range for trials and at 2200 sailed for Sydney.

24. Officers from your staff were embarked at Watsons Bay at 0730 on 24 June, 1963, and for the next three days, during the latter stage of the work up, they evaluated the standard of efficiency of the ship with particular reference to the ratings carried under the new rating structure scheme. Although the weather was bad for the most of the time they were able to assess the standard as very satisfactory.

25. At 1630 on 26 June, 1963, the ship secured to No 4 Buoy in Sydney, embarked ammunition and fuel on 27 June, 1963, and then shifted berth to alongside H.M.A.S. QUIBERON at Cruiser Wharf.

26. The work up had been very short owing to unscheduled changes in programme. It had been crowded by outside commitments such as O.F.S. training, High Speed Target Trials and the extra effort required by the new rating structure. It was further disturbed by the A.J.A.S.S. exercise period imposed in the middle of the period.

27. Such a work up could hardly be described as satisfactory under normal circumstances and it is recommended that more time be allotted to this important phase. For the remainder of the month the ship remained alongside conducting self maintenance, changing gun barrels, storing and making good the disappointingly large numbers of urgent defects that have occurred since leaving Williamstown Dockyard.

28. The morale and health of the Ship's company is considered satisfactory.



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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(J. P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.

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- (a) Distance Steamed:- 3752.8 Miles.
- (b) Total distance run 151669.6 Miles
- (c) Hours underway 345 46/60 Hours.
- (d) Total hours underway 11317 52/60 Hours.
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hours.	Average Speed.	Fuel exp. per hour.	Dist run/ton fuel.	Reason/ Authority.
5/6	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	22	5.0	4.4) Night Shadowing
6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	20	3.6	5.56) Exercise.
7	$\frac{1}{2}$	24	6.5	3.7	To make good timing for entering harbour. FOICEA 070310Z.
17	5	18	2.8	6.4	Longex
18	1	18	2.8	6.4	Longex
19	$\frac{1}{2}$	20	3.6	5.56	Longex
25/26	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	22	5.0	4.4	Noise Trials
26	$\frac{1}{2}$	20	3.6	5.56	Noise Trials
26	1 $\frac{1}{3}$	20	3.6	5.56	Torpedo Firing.

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APPENDIX "B" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE, 1963.

Monday 3 June, 1963

A.M. Light Mortar Firings
Action Stations -- Minor
A.B.C.D. Exercises.
R.I.X.
G.D.X.
P.M. Surface calibration firings
Light jackstay transfers.
N.E.X.

Tuesday 4 June, 1963.

A.M.
P.M. Casex A4
Casex A16
O.O.W. Manoeuvres
Surface Plotex
Star Shell Control Exercise.

Wednesday 5 June, 1963

A.M./P.M. Casex A4.R.E.W. Firings
Star Shell firings.
P.M. A.A. Tracking
M.R./C.R. Sleeve Firings.
Exercise R.A.S.
Casex A4/5
R.A.S. with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY

Thursday 6 June, 1963

A.M. Shadow Fleet Units.
High Speed Target Trial
P.M. A.A. Tracking
A.A. Sleeve firings.
Casex A4/5
1347 Live Mortar Firings in position
33°56'28" 151°36'5E
R.O.F.X.

Friday 7 June, 1963

A.M. Casex A4
A.A. Tracking
G.D.X.

Monday 10 June, 1963

A.M. Light Mortar Firings.
P.M. R.I.X.
Casex A17
Casex B1
Casex A4/5

Tuesday 11 June, 1963

A.M. Light Mortar Firings.
A.A. Tracking
Casex B11
A.M./Casex B1
P.M.
P.M. Casex B10
G.D.F.X.
Casex B3
Casex A4/5
Casex B10
Casex B3
Casex A5

Wednesday 12 June, 1963

A.M. Casex A16
G.D.X.
Casex B3
Casex B10
P.M. Casex B10
Casex C1
Casex B3
Casex A5

Thursday 13 June, 1963

A.M. N.G.S. Control Exercise.
A.A. Tracking
Casex C1
P.M. Casex B10
Casex C1
N.G.S.C.X.
Casex B3
Casex A5

Friday 14 June, 1963

A.M. N.G.S. Control Exercise.
N.G.S. Firing Exercise.
Torpedo Firing Exercises.
P.M. A.A. Firing exercise.
A.A. Tracking

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Saturday 15 June, 1963

Monday 17 June, 1963

A.M. Mid course discussion with A.J.A.S.S.
P.M. Mortar Calibration Trials.
A/S Sea Check Firings.

A.M. G.D.X.
A.A. Firing Exercise.
G.D.X.
R.I.X.
P.M. Surface Firing (B.P.T.)
Commenced LONGEX

Tuesday 18 June, 1963

Thursday 20 June, 1963

A.M./P.M. LONGEX
P.M. N.E.X.

A.M. G.D.X.
Action Stations
Shelter Stations.
A.A. Sleeve Firing
Towing exercise.
P.M. MAXBUS

Wednesday 19 June, 1963

A.M./P.M. LONGEX
P.M. N.E.X.

Friday 21 June, 1963

Saturday 22 June, 1963.

A.M. Action Stations.
A.B.C.D. Exercises
Closing down trial
Shelter Stations
Wahup of LONGEX
P.M. A.A. Tracking
A.A. Firing exercise(S.A.A.B.)

A.M. Action stations.
Major A.B.C.D. Exercises.

Sunday 23 June, 1963

A.M./P.M. Noise Range Trials.

Monday 24 June, 1963

Tuesday 25 June, 1963.

A.M. Boarding Party Exercise
CaseX A4
A.A. Tracking
A.I.O. Test
P.M. CaseX A4
R.A.S. with QUIBERON
R.I.X.
Towing exercises with
QUIBERON.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres
N.E.X.

A.M. N.G.S. Control exercise.
N.G.S. Firing exercise.
P.M. A.A. Tracking
A.A. Firing.
Transfer with QUIBERON.
Diving efficiency test.
Noise Trials.

Wednesday 26 June, 1963.

A.M. Noise Trials.
Light Mortar Firings.
Quarterly Full Power Trial
Action Stations.
A.B.C.D. Exercises
R.I.X.
P.M. Dummy Torpedo Attacks
S.U. Firings.
Torpedo Firings.

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APPENDIX "D" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JUNE, 1963.

Officers Joining.

Ryan, B.L.W. Eng Lt (OE) 15/6/63 Parramatta.

Officers Leaving.

Percy, R. H. Lt. Cdr (X)(TAS) 3/6/63 Lonsdale.

McAllery, J. C. Eng Lt (OE) 17/6/63 Parramatta.

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<u>Date.</u>	<u>Movement.</u>
June 1.	J.B.
2.	J.B.
3.	J.B. 0730 sail.
4.	J.B. 0030 anchor J.B. 1015 sail. 1945 anchor J.B.
5.	J.B. 0730 sail.
6.	Sea
7.	Sea 1600 landed personnel Watson's Bay: 1400 secured to No 4 Buoy: 1530 shifted to Oil Wharf.
8.	G.I.
9.	G.I.
10.	G.I. 0930 sail Commenced J.U.C.E.X. 47
11.	Sea
12.	Sea
13.	Sea 0030 Anchor J.B. 0700 sail.
14.	Sea 1730 Secured alongside Quiberon at Chowder Bay.
15.	Chowder A.M. Mid course discussion: 1300 sail. 2245 Bay anchor J. B.
16.	J.B. A.M. Divisions
17.	J.B. 0600 Sail: 1600 - 1600/19 Longex.
18.	Sea
19.	Sea 1600 Longex ends.
20.	Sea 1700 anchor J. B.
21.	J.B. 1315 Sail. A.M. Longex washup at AJASS: 1945 secured Chowder Bay.
22.	Chowder 0015 Sail. 0700 anchor J.B. Bay
23.	J.B. 0900 sail: 1215 anchor J.B. 1315 sail. 1515 anchor J.B. 2200 sail.
24.	Sea 0730 embarked Fleet staff officers at Watsons Bay
25.	Sea 0100 anchor J.B. 0700 sail
26.	Sea 1630 Secure to No 4 Buoy.
27.	Sydney 1345 Shifted to S.E. cruiser wharf. (cold)
28.	Sydney
29.	Sydney
30.	Sydney

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SPORT.

16 June, 1963
Both Teams
combined with
H.M.A.S.;
QUIBERON.

Rugby Union V ALBATROSS Won 24-0
Rugby League V ALBATROSS Lost 3-9

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16 June, 1963

Australian Rules V Creswell Won 11-3 - 10-6
(Combined with QUIBERON)

22 June, 1963

Soccer V Creswell Lost 1-2
Darts V Creswell Won 7-1

23 June, 1963

Rugby V Creswell Won 26-0
Basketball V Creswell Lost 35-23

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at Singapore.
12 August, 1963.

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The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A Ship under my command for the month of July, 1963.

2. The beginning of the month found H.M.A.S. VENDETTA alongside Garden Island in a self maintenance period of ten days after working up, and prior to departure for the Strategic Reserve.
3. Such a period would normally be very valuable for overhauling and adjusting machinery and weapon systems but unfortunately this was not so on this occasion. With the Dockyard making good urgent defects the machinery spaces were fully occupied, whilst the fact of having all gun barrels changed made it impossible to work on the main armament.
4. To change gun barrels at such a time was a bad decision. This should have been done in refit despite the amount of life remaining in each barrel. In the event the ship sailed for Singapore with a backlog of work to be carried out on the armament and this effect is only now being overcome.
5. The Fleet Tactical Period at H.M.A.S. WATSON from 1 July to 3 July was good value for the Command Team and on 4 July and 5 July officers and men were given an intelligence briefing, by the staff of the Director of Naval Intelligence, on the situation in the Far East.

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6. On 5 July, an overtime ban by Dockyard workmen was imposed. As a result work on defects could not be completed as programmed and the ship remained behind when H.M.A.S. QUIBERON sailed in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and H.M.A.S. YARRA on 9 July, 1963.

7. Doppler Calibration firings and gun functioning trials were carried out on that day together with a D.G. check ranging and the ship secured alongside again late P.M.

8. Dockyard work on defects was completed and the ship sailed at 1530 on 11 July. A visibility trial was carried out on the new High Speed Target as the ship cleared the Heads.

9. On the morning of Saturday 13 July VENDETTA entered Hervey Bay, and at 0930 you and your Flag Lieutenant came on board by helicopter to inspect divisions and walk around the ship and address the Ship's Company. After you had returned to your Flag Ship, VENDETTA continued the passage to Darwin.

10. Before sailing from Sydney, Captain T. W. Stocker, R.N., Royal Naval Liaison Officer, has been embarked for passage to Townsville. He was most interested to observe the trial of the new rating structure. Originally VENDETTA was to spend 24 hours in Townsville, but due to the delayed sailing, the visit had been cancelled. However, VENDETTA did enter Townsville harbour to land Captain Stocker and one compassionate case by boat at 1850 on Sunday 14 July, 1963.

11. I was unimpressed by the performance of the Naval Agent in Townsville, Major S. R. Leach. He failed to meet my signalled requirements of bread and milk and the mail landed at Townsville for despatch was returned to the ship in Darwin. This was most upsetting.

12. Whilst on passage to Darwin the maximum amount of time was devoted to higher rates training and departmental instruction for the Ordinary Seamen. In addition intermess competitions were held during the dog watches.

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13. QUIBERON was in port at 0100 on 18 July and both ships entered harbour together. VENDETTA with 30.8% fuel remaining, a good result observing the diversions to Hervey Bay and Townsville. The ships secured together at the Inner-Stokes Hill Wharf and the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Captain E. P. Keatinge called at 0945.

14. The ships spent 24 hours at Darwin, and during the afternoon combined teams of cricket, squash, softball, soccer and waterpolo were fielded against Navy/Army and W.R.A.N.S. teams. The results can be seen in Appendix "F". At 1800 that evening a small informal reception was held in H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's Wardroom for some 40 Service guests, and afterwards QUIBERON's Captain and I dined with the Naval Officer-in-Charge.

15. At 0900 on Friday 19 July, 1963 H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON sailed for Singapore. Once clear of the channel a full days exercise programme was carried out in preparation for the ship's forthcoming participation in FOTEX 1963. The day's exercises were concluded with a Night Encounter Exercise. In the closing stages of this three flares were seen to the south. Ships were turned down the bearing for an hour but nothing was seen or detected, and course was resumed for Singapore. The incident was reported to The Naval Officer-in-Charge, North Australia Area by signal.

16. During the following forenoon further exercises were carried out, while in the afternoon King Neptune and his court conducted a crossing the line ceremony. They were hard put to it to initiate all of the novitiates on board. However, they did their work well and the Ordinary Seamen were by no means the only ones who passed through the barber's clutches.

17. On Sunday 21 July I visited QUIBERON by highline for luncheon.

18. The ships passed through Lombok Strait during the morning of Monday 22 July. Throughout the passage of Indonesian waters a strict emission control policy was enforced and no exercises were carried out. However, all efforts were again devoted during the next two days to higher rates and Ordinary Seamen training. Whilst at the same time

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18. (Cont) maintaining a reasonable degree of readiness.
19. At 1500 that afternoon H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and VOYAGER passed on their way to Darwin, and H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON Strategic Reserve Service began.
20. Reaching the open waters of the China Sea on 24 July a Surface Throw Off Firing and Torpedo Firing was carried out against QUIBERON quite successfully. However the onset of a very heavy rain squall that lasted longer than usual provided the additional exercise of an area search for the torpedo in nil visibility.
21. At sunset a surfaced submarine was sighted on the horizon, and course was altered to intercept. The ship's challenge "What Ship" by light was acknowledged by light but no answer was forthcoming and on closer investigation it was found to be an Indonesian Whiskey III Class Submarine. This was reported by signal later and amplified by letter.
22. I ran close up alongside this submarine to get a good look as the light was poor. No personnel were visible in the conning tower and she looked sufficiently sinister to impress my young ship's company with the seriousness of the task in front of them.
23. D.G. Ranging at Singapore was carried out on 25 July and after fuelling from R.F.A. WAVE BARON at Johore Shoal Buoy the ship secured alongside Singapore Dockyard at 1630.
24. On 26 July, accompanied by QUIBERON, I called on the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., and his Chief Of Staff, Rear Admiral R. E. B. Brayne-Nicholls, D.S.C. In the afternoon we signed all the necessary books and paid an informal call on the Australian Commissioner Mr. R. A. Woolcott.
25. H.M.A.S. DIAMANTINA arrived at 1600 and called on me, informally in the evening.
26. At 1130 on Saturday 27 July, the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Vice Admiral Dreyer visited H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON to meet the Ships' Officers and Senior Chief Petty Officers and to address both Ships' Companies. I later lunched at Admiralty House with Admiral and Lady Dreyer.

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27. At 0730 on 29 July, both ships sailed to take part in the annual FOTEX joining H.M.S. ALBION off the Johore Sheal Buoy.

28. The opening stages were a great disappointment as the main armament remained out of action for two days with a series of minor and intermittent defects. Two firings were missed but thereafter the defects were rectified and the armament performed most satisfactorily.

29. All ships taking part in FOTEX, anchored for the night of 30 July off Pulau Aur but on 31 July, were underway.

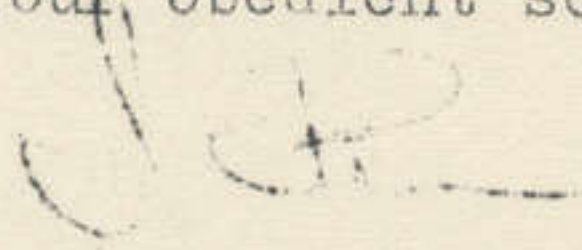
30. The ships taking part in FOTEX and the exercises carried out can be seen at Appendix "B".

31. The morale of the Ship's Company is high and the ship operating at a satisfactory standard. Their health is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(J. P. Stevenson)

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H.M.A.S. VENETA

- (a) Distance Steamed.....5554.6 miles.
- (b) Total distance run.....157,226.2 Miles.
- (c) Hours underway.....370 23/60 Hours.
- (d) Total Hours underway.....11688 15/60 Hours.
- (e) Occasion of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hours.	Average Speed.	Fuel exp. per hour.	Dist Run/ Ton Fuel	Reason/Authority.
19 July	1	20	3.6	5.56	Night Encounter Exercise.
29-31 July	8½	21	4.3	4.88	FOTEX.

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APPENDIX P TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY, 1963,
H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.

Friday 19 July

A.M. Action Stations
Jackstay transfers with QUIBERON
Minor A.B.C.D. Exercises.
RIX/SPX (B)

P.M. Farsex 1.
P.A.C. & R.E.W. Firings.
S.U.T.O.F.
R.O.F.X.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
NEX/EWX/DTFX (Including Starshell firings)

Saturday 20 July.

A.M. Competitive Light Mortar Firings
Air Plottex
Logging exercise.

P.M. O.O.W. Manoeuvres.

Tuesday 23 July, 1963.

P.M. Crash Darken Ship
Action Stations.

Wednesday 24 July.

A.M. Officers Manoeuvring Board/Screening exercise.

P.M. S.U.T.O.F. & TFX. NAVCOMEX 404.

Monday 29 July,

A.M. A.A. Tracking (Albion, Vendetta & Quiberon)
Action Stations.
E.W.X. 33
O.O.W. Manoeuvres (Albion Vendetta and Quiberon)

P.M. R.I.X. (Vendetta & Quiberon)
E.W.X. 33
SURFACE SHOOT (BPT) (Vendetta Encore)
Casex A17 (Lion, Albion, Otago, Duchess, Salisbury, Anchorite)

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA (Cont)

Tuesday 30 July. (FOTEX)

A.M.

UNREP & CASEX A17 including
(1) R.A.S. from Wave Baron-~~Fuel~~
(2) R.A.S. from Fort Dunvegan-Stores.
(3) MAXBUS (Lion, ArkRoyal, Albion,
Plymouth, Duchess, Barrosa,
Otago, Quiberon, Vendetta,
Hartland Point, Tide Surge,
Retainer, Fort Duquesne,
Wave Baron, Fort Dunvegan,
Salisbury, Cambrian,
Wave Sovereign.)

P.M.

Formation surface firings (Vendetta
non-firing) with Plymouth, Salisbury,
Cambrian.
Torpedo firing exercise with Encore &
Cambrian.
E.W.X. 33
Towing exercise (Quiberon towed
Vendetta)
Casex A5-EWX (Vendetta & Quiberon)

Wednesday 31 July. (FOTEX)

A.M.

Voice procedure Exercise for R.P's
(All Ships)
E.W.X. 62 (All ships with (S) ratings.
Seamanship exercises with Duchess.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres (Vendetta & Duchess)
N.G.S. firings (Air Spot) (Vendetta
Duchess, Auster, 656 Squadron)
E.W.X. 33 (Lion, Plymouth, Duchess,
Salisbury, Cambrian, Vendetta)
Rescue Destroyer for Ark Royal during
night flying.

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APPENDIX "C" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JULY, 1963.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.

Official Calls.

Saturday 13 July.

0900 Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet - Rear Admiral A. W. R. McNicol, C.B.E., G.M. called for informal inspection.

Thursday 25 July.

P.M. Informal call on H.M.S. ALBION - Captain C. D. Madden, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.N.

Friday 26 July.

A.M. Called on The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., Chief of Staff to Commander-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral E. P. B. Brayne-Nicholls, D.S.C. and Australian Acting High Commissioner Mr. R. A. Woolcott.

Saturday 27 July.

0900-Called on Commodore R. C. Paige, Commodore Superintendent H.M. Dockyard Singapore.
1130 Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., called to meet Ship's Officers and address Ship's Company.

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Officers Joining.

Name.	Rank.	Date of Joining	Whence.
HERRON, R.A.G.	Lieutenant	9 July, 1963	ANZ/C
	(X) R.A.N.		

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Sport.

10 July. Rugby Union V N.S.W. Police Lost 30-0
Rugby Union V ANZAC. Lost 9-0
(Small ship's Rugby Trophy)

18 July. Water Polo V Army/Navy, Darwin Lost 11-5

18 July. Cricket V Navy/Army Lost 163-69

All teams Squash V Melville Won 4-0
combined Softball V WRANS Won 15-9
with Soccer V Navy/Army Lost 3-1

QUIBERON. Swimming - recreational at Coonawarra
Golf - Recreational.

21-26 Inter-Mess Tug-of-War competition.
July.

26 July
at Singapore Training - Water Polo.
Basketball - Training.
Cricket - Nets practice.

27 July. Volleyball - training.
at Singapore Water Polo - Training.
Sailing - V Diamantina V Quiberon
Result= Diamantina 1, Vendetta 2, Quiberon 3.

28 July Volley Ball - Training.

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(Sgd.) Alan McNicoll

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Hong Kong.

6 September, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

Copy to:- The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet,
(Flag)
The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East
Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1963.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August, 1963.
2. FOTEX was in full swing at the beginning of the month being in the latter stages of the weapon training period.
3. At 1830 on Friday 2 August, Vendetta moored ship, in company with the remainder of the ships taking part in FOTEX 63, at Pulau Tioman, and during the first watch the anchorage was attacked by swimmers and folboats of the Port Clearance Diving Team. The night was clear and calm, and as a result the diving boats could easily be seen without the aid of a searchlight. This tended to take some of the sting out of the attack phase, on completion of which the ship's diving team cleared the ship's bottom.
4. On 3 August, I called on Captain, D 22, Captain D. G. KENT, R.N., lunched with Captain D 24, Captain J. BITMEAD, D.S.O., R.N., and attended dinner and the cinema as the guest of Vice Admiral J. P. Scatchard, C.B., D.S.O., in H.M.S. ALBION.
5. On Sunday 4 August, the Flag Officer Second in Command and all Commanding Officers were entertained on board before lunch.
6. At 0700 on the morning of 5 August, the ships sailed for what was to have been the Tactical phase of FOTEX. Plans for this phase were, however, seriously disrupted by the absence of H.M.S. LION and H.M.S. ARK ROYAL, who had to return to Singapore, the former with damage from a boiler room fire, and the latter with damaged gearing.
7. In the event the Tactical phase was turned more into a continuation of the Weapon Training phase and FOTEX 63 completed for the ship when VENDETTA berthed in the Dockyard Stores Basin at 0845 on Friday 9 August.

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8. During the afternoon of Tuesday 5 August, it was thought that an intruder submarine was operating in the area. For five hours a concentrated A/S search was carried out by all ships, but no intruder was located.

9. FOTEX was of excellent value. Numerous practice facilities of all types were available and the organisation was such that little time was wasted in between activities. At the end of FOTEX the ship had reached a very satisfactory standard of efficiency and weapon availability. It is intended that this will be maintained.

10. During FOTEX both the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., and the Flag Officer Second in Command visited the ship by helicopter.

11. A highlight of this period was the regularity of the mail service, pick up and delivery being by helicopter.

12. Until 25 August, the ship remained alongside at Singapore for self maintenance which was badly needed owing to the loss of similar time in Sydney last month.

13. On 11 August, my Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander J. A. MATTHEW, R.A.N., was sent on temporary attachment to Saigon to report on the Vietnamese Navy. He remained away for the full maintenance period. At such a time the Executive Officer can ill be spared, particularly one that has only recently joined, and it is recommended that the Intelligence Officer be sent if a similar requirement arises in the future.

14. A "wash-up" for FOTEX was held on shore on 12 August. Both the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief and the Flag Officer Second in Command addressed the officers and emphasised the need for a high state of preparedness in the light of the political situation in the area. The armament was to be fired whenever the occasion offered and both Flag Officers stated that they would take the responsibility for ships exceeding their ammunition allowances. The particular case of Commonwealth Ships was not placed before the Admirals but it is hoped that their protection will extend to the R.A.N. Division which has been required to fire rather more than usual.

15. H.M.A.S. QUIBERON sailed for Hong Kong on 13 August and on the night of 14 August, ships in harbour went to Awkward State 2 when a swimmer was suspected alongside LION. Although a false alarm, ships in the Dockyard were placed on the alert until further notice.

16. On 15 August all officers attended an Intelligence briefing by the Chief Staff Officer (Intelligence).

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17. On 18 August, I was honoured to have the Flag Officer Second in Command on board to supper. The Acting Australian Commissioner Mr. A. R. WOOLCOTT and Mrs. WOOLCOTT, the Captain of the Fleet, Captain G. C. CROWLEY, D.S.C., R.N. and Mrs. CROWLEY and the Captain of H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO, Commander. E. C. THORN, R.N.Z.N. also attended. This was followed by a cinema show that was notable for its length.
18. Captain CROWLEY had served some time with the R.A.N. during the war as Executive Officer of H.M.A. Ships NESTOR and NORMAN.
19. The ship sailed at 0815 on 26 August and after embarking ammunition at the Armament Depot proceeded to sea.
20. On clearing the Johore Straits a Riga Class escort of the Indonesian Navy, with two patrol craft in company was sighted and identified as the HONGINSDI. This has been reported separately.
21. In the afternoon a Mortar firing, A.A. Tracking and an A.B.C.D. exercise was carried out. A scheduled sleeve firing was cancelled by bad visibility.
22. A rendezvous was made with LION at 1830 and company maintained throughout the night.
23. After an A.A. Tracking serial on 27 August, the ship parted company with LION to carry out General Drills followed by a surface firing in the afternoon. Again visibility was poor and the initial range of opening fire had to be short. The ship anchored off Pulau Aur at 1730.
24. Cable was shortened in by deck tackles on 28 August and the ship proceeded in the afternoon to carry out firings at a P.T.A. target launched from LION. The results were most satisfactory.
25. The R.F.A. TIDE SURGE replenished the ship at 1830 which then returned to the anchorage off Pulau Aur.
26. Underway again at 1300 on 28 August a torpedo firing was carried out at OTAGO. H.M.S. DIANA had also been scheduled for this exercise but was having trouble with her machinery and remained in Singapore. A FARSEX was then carried out with OTAGO. On completion a signal was received ordering both ships to search south for a Sea Vixen lost from ARK ROYAL. By the time this was cancelled both were to the south of the exercise area but ground was made up to the north and a night encounter exercised, firing Star shell. On completion both ships anchored in company off Pulau Aur.
27. At 0630 on 30 August, the ship accompanied LION and OTAGO to sea for LION's Sea Inspection which was to last all day.

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28. At 1000 VENDETTA was detached to replenish from R.F.A. FORT DUQUESNE and R.F.A. TIDE SURGE on completion of which the ships boarding party took over TIDE SURGE and prepared her for tow. This was a good exercise and, while it took a long time to get her moving, VENDETTA eventually had the tanker underway at 5 knots. At this time the whaler was lowered to proceed independently under sail to Pulau Tioman then 70 miles distant.

29. LION was joined at 1530, but after a few minor manoeuvres VENDETTA detached and proceeded to join ARK ROYAL, acting as rescue destroyer for the night flying operation.

30. At 0715 on 31 August, the ship anchored at Pulau Tioman to find the whaler waiting. During the forenoon the ship's landing party was exercised on and in the vicinity of the beach, and in the afternoon an enjoyable sports meeting was conducted on the beach.

31. I had the distinction of running second in the Old Buffer's Race, however as there were five placed equal second, diplomacy could have played a part!

32. A very good sporting spirit has developed in the ship and the sportsmens' morale is high as they have won the Far East Golf and Swimming Championships. The Rugby Team is in good form but has yet to meet the OTAGO. Details can be seen at appendix E.

33. An excellent liaison established between H.M.A.S. VOYAGER and the R.A.O.C. has been maintained and the Army have been most generous in having groups of Officers to mess functions and also in having a group of Chief Petty Officer, Petty Officers and Junior Rates to camp for the weekend. Such generosity is difficult to return but it is hoped to give the soldiers a day at sea some time in the future.

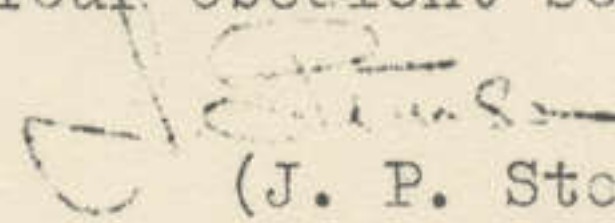
34. Every opportunity has been taken to provide bus tours to areas of interest and trips were organised on Wednesday afternoons to Tiger Balm Gardens, Lombong Falls and Changi Beach which included a visit to the famous jail. All these were well supported, and proved a welcome break to life onboard.

35. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(J. P. Stevenson)
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- (a) Distance Steamed.....2698.0 Miles.
- (b) Total distance run.....159924.2 Miles.
- (c) Hours underway.....212 23/60 Hours.
- (d) Total hours underway.....11900 30/60 Hours.
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hours.	Av Speed.	Fuel Exp /ton fuel	Dist run /ton fuel	Reason / Authority.
1 Aug.	1	18	2.8	6.4	FOTEX
2 Aug.	2	24	6.5	3.7	"
2 Aug.	1	19	3.2	5.9	"
2 Aug.	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
2 Aug.	1	20	3.6	5.5	"
5 Aug.	1	20	3.6	5.5	"
5 Aug.	3	19	3.2	5.9	"
6 Aug.	3	18	2.8	6.4	"
6 Aug.	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
7 Aug.	5	19	3.2	5.9	"
7 Aug.	1	18.5	2.8	6.6	"
7 Aug.	2	19	3.2	5.9	"
8 Aug.	4	18	2.8	6.4	"

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Thursday 1 August. FOTEX.

A.M. Surface Firing Exercise.
 P.M. A.A. Tracking.
 Casex B3
 EWX 62
 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
 Screenex.

Friday 2 August. FOTEX.

A.M. Dawn Encounter Exercise (R.E.W. Firings)
 R.A.S. from R.F.A. WAVE BARON.
 Convoy exercise (Air & S/M attacks)
 Defence Stations (Gunnery Only)
 P.M. Entry exercise.
 Moor ship - unmoor on completion.
 Operation Awkward.

Saturday 3 August. FOTEX.

A.M. N.G.S.C.X.
 E.W.X. 72
 Divers exercised.

Monday 5 August. FOTEX

A.M. Flyex and helicopter direction.
 A.A. Sleeve Firings.
 P.M. T.F.X.
 Helo direction exercise.
 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
 Casex A17
 A.A. Tracking.

Tuesday 6 August. FOTEX.

A.M. Submarine Missile Attack Exercise.
 P.M. Convoy exercise.
 R.A.S. from R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN.
 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
 Concentrated A/S search for believed intruder submarine.

Wednesday 7 August. FOTEX.

A.M. Screening exercises
 N.G.S.C. exercises.
 Casex B 11.
 P.M. Screening exercises.
 R.A.S. from R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN
 R.A.S. from R.F.A. TIDE SURGE.

Thursday 8 August. FOTEX.

A.M. Convoy screening exercises.
 P.M. S.U.T.O.F. with H.M.S. CAMBRIAN using H.M.S. PLYMOUTH
 as target.
 T.F.X.
 A.A. Sleeve firing.
 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
 Screening exercises.

Monday 12 to Friday 16 August.

A.M. Voice procedure exercises for R.P's and junior officers
 Daily Navcomex's for T.O's, R.O's and R.O.(S).

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Monday 19 to Friday 23 August, 1963

A.M. Voice procedure exercises for R.P's and junior officers.
Daily Navcomex's for T.O's, R.O's and R.O.(S).

Monday 26 August.

A.M. Action stations.
Minor A.B.C.D. exercises.
A.A. Tracking.
P.M. A.B.C.D. exercises
A.A. Sleeve firings.
Light Mortar Firings.
Exercised man overboard.
Exercised Steering Gear Breakdown.

Tuesday 27 August.

A.M. A.A. Tracking.
General Drills.
A.B.C.D. exercises.
P.M. TART streamed from dan buoy.
S.U. firings against H.S.T.

Wednesday 28 August.

A.M. Shorten cable in by hand.
P.M. A.A. firings against P.T.A.
C.R. firings against drum target.
Light Mortar firings (2)
R.A.S. from R.F.A. TIDE SURGE.

Thursday 29 August.

P.M. T.F.X. with OTAGO
FARSEX
O.O.W. Manoeuvres with OTAGO
N.E.X.
Starshell firings.

Friday 30 August.

A.M. Screening exercises with LION
R.A.S. from R.F.A. TIDE SURGE
R.A.S. from R.F.A. FORT DUQUESNE
Boarding party exercised.
P.M. Towed R.F.A. TIDE SURGE
Light Mortar Firings.
O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
Screening exercised with LION.
H.L.T. with LION
Plane Guard for ARK ROYAL night flying.

Saturday 31 August.

A.M. Landing party exercised at Pulau Tioman
Divers exercised.

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Official Calls.

Friday 2 August.

Called on Captain D. G. KENT, R.N., Captain (D) 22nd Escort Squadron, H.M.S. PLYMOUTH.

Saturday 10 August.

Captain of H.M.S. ALERT, Commander J. M. JESSOP, R.N., called.

Tuesday 13 August.

Called on Captain I.L.M. McGEOCH, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., Captain of H.M.S. LION.

Wednesday 14 August.

Called on Captain M. P. POLLOCK, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.N., Captain of H.M.S. ARK ROYAL.

Monday 19 August.

Captain I.L.M. McGEOCH, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N., Captain of H.M.S. LION, returned my call.

Tuesday 20 August.

Commander H. J. STARTIN, R.N., Captain of H.M.S. DIANA, called.

Commander R. C. PAIGE, Commodore Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard Singapore, returned my call.

Saturday 24 August.

Rear Admiral F. B. P. BRAYNE-NICHOLLS, D.S.C., Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet, returned my call.

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3 August.

FOTEX sailing races for dinghies. Finished 4th.
FOTEX Deck Hockey competition in ARK ROYAL. Lost
to LION in 1st round 7 - 5.
Beach parties played volleyball and beach football.

4 August.

Recreational sailing.
Beach volleyball and rugby.

10 August.

Basketball V H.M.S. DUCHESS. Lost 29 - 58.

11 August.

Water polo training - 2 teams from VENDETTA.

12 August.

Hockey V "Young Malayans" Lost 2 - 4.

13 August.

Hockey Training Run.
Commenced inter-mess volleyball competition.
Swimming and waterpolo training.

14 August.

Recreational sailing.
Hockey V H.M.S. LINCOLN. Lost 2 - 3/
Golf. Ship's Golf Team won F.E.F. Golf Championship.
Swimming training.
Intermess volleyball competition.

15 August.

Basketball V R.F.A. RETAINER. Won 30-10
Swimming training.
Intermess volleyball competition.

16 August.

Rugby Union V H.M.S. LINCOLN. Won 39 - 3.
Swimming training.
Intermess volleyball competition.

17 August.

Rugby 2nds V H.M.S. CAMBRIAN. Lost 3 - 13.

18 August.

Waterpolo training.
Cricket V H.M.S. CAMBRIAN Won 78-45
Basketball V H.M.S. LINCOLN Won 26-14.
Volleyball V H.M.S. LINCOLN Won 3 - 0.

19 August.

Rugby 2nds V R.A.F. Seletar Lost 6-13
Swimming Training.
Intermess volleyball competition.
Water Polo V LION F.E.F. Championships Lost 3 - 9.

20 August.

Swimming training.
Intermess volleyball competition.

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21 August.

Heats of F.E.F. Swimming Championships.
Australian Rules V Army. Won 10.9. - 1.3
Fleet Skittles Championships (Officers) :
VENDETTA finished second out of 19 ships.
Intermess volleyball competition.

22 August.

F.E.F. Swimming Championships . Vendetta won.
Intermess volleyball competition.

23 August.

Rugby V R.A.O.C. Won 15-0
Hockey V Young Indians Lost 2-4
Intermess volleyball competition.

24 August.

Rugby V H.M.S. LION Won 9-3
Intermess volleyball competition.

31 August.

Interdepartmental sports competition at Pulau
Tioman won by Seamen Division.

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's letter 201/1/1 dated 8th October, 1963.)

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The Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Hong Kong.

8 October, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

Copy to :- The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet
(Flag)
The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet.
~~The Commodore in Charge, Hong Kong.~~

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- SEPTEMBER, 1963.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of September, 1963.
2. Sunday, 1 September, Vendetta was ^{at} anchor off Palua Tioman and the ship weighed at 1430 and proceeded to a rendezvous with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL for night flying operations.
3. The following morning, after spending the night in company with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL, both ships were joined by H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO, and course was set for Hong Kong.
4. During the next four days a high speed passage was effected in order to allow H.M.S. ARK ROYAL the maximum amount of time for flying operations. During the day Vendetta and Otago carried out independent exercises, and after sunset each ship in turn acted as rescue destroyer. Underway replenishments were carried out on three occasions with R.F.A.'s Tidesurge and Retainer.
5. On 2 September the Captain of Otago and I travelled by helicopter to Ark Royal for lunch with The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral J.P. Scatchard, C.B., D.S.O.
6. On 5 September, in deteriorating weather course was reversed in order to avoid typhoon FAYE, which was then threatening Hong Kong. This enforced delay in the arrival of the ships at Hong Kong was a blow to the morale particularly for ARK ROYAL who had spent little time previously in an attractive leave port. However as "FAYE" passed to the north the force turned and pressed on to arrive in marginal weather conditions. VENDETTA berthed on the South Wall inside Victoria Basin in a force ⁶ wind and it was gratifying to receive the signal attached as Appendix "C" from the Commodore Hong Kong. OTAGO berthed on the North Wall outside the basin but the movement from wind and sea was still such that her side was damaged and a few hours later she moved to a buoy.
7. The ship remained alongside for the next week. Bus tours were again organised, and were well supported by the Ship's Company. For many this was their first visit to Hong Kong; and on most evenings only the duty watch remained on board. Even so there were very few defaulters.
8. Due to the acute water shortage in the Colony one boiler had to be kept flashed up and both evaporators operative throughout the visit. This effectively curtailed the maintenance in the Engineering Department.

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9. On Monday 9 September I called on The Commodore, Hong Kong, Commodore G.O. Symonds, D.S.C. and signed the necessary official books. The Commodore returned my call on Wednesday 11 September.

10. At 0915 on 14 September the ship sailed with OTAGO to rendezvous outside the harbour with ARK ROYAL and CAMBRIAN. However the former was delayed and the three ships proceeded in company to join the replenishment group Tideflow and Retainer at 1300. CAMBRIAN then proceeded ahead while VENDETTA and OTAGO replenished with fuel. On completion both ships were unsuccessful in attempting the annual full power trial. ARK ROYAL joined late P.M.

11. Thence followed another high speed passage in order to reach the Singapore practice areas in time for the start of exercise DOVETAIL on 17 September. ARK ROYAL'S flying programme over the week end was unfortunately curtailed due to feed water troubles, which were later rectified.

12. A further replenishment was carried out from Tideflow on 17 September as Exercise DOVETAIL commenced. Details of the ships taking part in this exercise are shown in Appendix "B". The main aspect of this exercise was anti-submarine and on 18 September the misfortune of H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT, in suffering a breakdown and collision during replenishment was my good fortune as I took over as O.P.C. for a most interesting series of exercises. The 19th September was again of considerable interest as four escorts endeavoured to provide a screen for an attack carrier with an intensive flying programme. A reasonable screen was eventually achieved and the plaintive cry of the helicopter that "I never get my ball in the water" was parried by the escort (flashing by at 30 knots) "neither do I". DOVETAIL was very good value and was rounded off by a ceremonial entry into the Naval Base, VENDETTA securing on QUIBERON at No6 berth at 1610 on 20 September.

13. Throughout the ship's time with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL, Vendetta had directed the helicopters of 815 Squadron almost daily. And so it was good for the morale of the Directors at the end of DOVETAIL, to receive a message from the Commanding Officer of 815 Squadron to say that they all had full confidence in VENDETTA's helicopter direction team.

14. The next ten days were spent at Singapore and once again VENDETTA shone in the sporting field. On the Naval Interservice Swimming team, which won the Championship for the first time in 10 years. Four swimmers were provided by VENDETTA, 2 by QUIBERON, 1 by OTAGO, & by The Malayan Navy, and 2 from the Royal Navy. The Rugby First Fifteen too has remained undefeated apart from a very exciting match against H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO which they narrowly lost.

15. I called on Captain F3, Captain W.C. Simpson, O.B.E., D.S.C. H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT on the morning of 21 September.

16. An Advancement Board was held on 25 and 26 September for candidates from VENDETTA and QUIBERON. Out of the total of 83 candidates only 23 failed, the majority only in one subject.

17. At 0830, Monday 30 September, VENDETTA shifted to a buoy, embarked ammunition, and finally slipped at 1025.

18. On passing through the practice roads opportunity was taken to carry out A.A. Tracking followed by a successful A.A. Sleeve Firing.

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19 The health of the Ship's Company has suffered from a bout of gastro enteritis; the origin of which has yet to be discovered. Morale remains high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. Stevenson

(J. P. Stevenson)

CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX "A" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1963.

- (a) Distance Steamed..... 4949.2 Miles
 (b) Total distance run..... 164673.4 Miles
 (c) Hours underway..... 307.21/60 Hours
 (d) Total hours underway..... 12207.51/60 Hours
 (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hrs.	Av Speed.	Fuel Exp /ton fuel	Dist run /ton fuel	Reason/ Authority.
1 Sept	4	20	3.6	5.5	
2 Sept	19	20	3.6	5.5	
3 Sept	15	20	3.6	5.5	As required by F.O.2
4 Sept	10	19	3.2	5.9	for exercises on passage to
5 Sept	3	20	3.6	5.5	Hong Kong
6 Sept	7	19.5	3.4	5.7	
7 Sept	3	18	2.8	6.4	
14 Sept	12	21	4.3	4.9	
15 Sept	21	20	3.6	5.5	As required by F.O.2 for
16 Sept	19	19	3.2	5.9	passage to Singapore
17 Sept	15	20	3.6	5.5	Exercise Area
18 Sept	3	20	3.6	5.5	and Exercise
19 Sept	15	20	3.6	5.5	Sea Dovetail

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APPENDIX "B" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1963.

EXERCISES

Sunday 1 September

P.M. Resdes for ARK ROYAL
E.W.X. 31

Monday 2 September

A.M. SPX (B) OTAGO
RIX OTAGO
OOW Manoeuvres ARK ROYAL
Screening Exercises ARK ROYAL
E.W.X. 33

P.M. R.A.S. from R.F.A. RETAINER
R.A.S. from R.F.A. TIDESURGE
E.W.X. 33

Tuesday 3 September

A.M. Casex B10
Casex B10
Parsex
Parsex 6

P.M. Live Mortar Firings
A.A. Tracking
G.D.F.X. (throw off)
Rescue Destroyer for ARK ROYAL.

Wednesday 4 September

A.M. R.I.X.
S.P.X. (B)
Light Mortar Firings
Defence Stations (Gunnery)

P.M. Action Stations
Emergency Stations
A.B.C.D. Exercises
Casex B10

Thursday 5 September

A.M. R.A.S. from TIDESURGE

P.M. S.P.X. (B)
R.I.X.
Resdes for ARK ROYAL
E.W.X. 33

Friday 6 September

A.M. Casex B10
R.A.S. from TIDESURGE

P.M. D.T.F.X.
C.R. A.A. Firings

Saturday 14 September

A.M. Action Stations
OOW Manoeuvres
E.W.X. 43
E.W.X. 33

P.M. R.A.S. from TIDESURGE
Full Power Trials (cancelled before completion)

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Sunday 15 September

P.M. R.A.S. from TIDEFLOW
E.W.X. 33

Monday 16 September

A.M. OOW Manoeuvres
A.A. Tracking
Casex B10

P.M. G.D.X.
S.P.X. (b)
R.I.X.
Farsex
Light Mortar Firings
"X" Turret Firings
OOW Manoeuvres
Screening Exercises

Tuesday 17 September

A.M. A.A. Tracking
Air Direction Exercises
Action Stations

P.M. R.A.S. from TIDEFLOW
Jacking Transfers (Light)
Reedes for ARK ROYAL

Wednesday 18 September

A.M. Casex A4/5
Trawling Line Transfer (OTAGO)

P.M. R.A.S. from TIDEFLOW
Casex A17
Convey Exercise.

Thursday 19 September

A.M. Starshell Firings
Screening Exercises
Casex A17

P.M. Fired 1 Light Mortar
Screening Exercises
Boarding Party Exercise.

Friday 20 September

A.M. Casex A17
Casex A4/5

Monday 30 September

A.M. Action Stations

P.M. A.A. Tracking
M.R. & C.R. A.A. Sleeve Firings.

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APPENDIX "E" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SEPT MBER 1963

SPORTS PLAYED

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9 September

Volleyball v H.M.S. TAMAR. Lost 0 - 2
Recreational Tennis.
Interservice Swimming Training.

11 September

Ten Pin Bowling v R.A.F. Lost by 206 points.
Tennis
Swimming Training

12 September

Rugby v H.M.S. CAMBRIAN. Won 53 - 6
Soccer v Mission to Seaman Lost 4 - 6
Water Polo v ARK ROYAL Lost 2 - 6
Golf v R.A.F. Lost 53 - 73
Tennis
Swimming Training

13 September

Softball v "Angels" Lost 9 - 27
Tennis
Swimming Training

14-20 September

Daily at sea - circuit training, 5BX and Physical
Training.
Fencing - daily training at sea.

21 September

Rugby Training

22 September

Rugby 1sts v ARK ROYAL Won 11 - 0
Rugby 2nds v QUIBERON Won 8 - 0
Hockey knockout competition Lost 0 - 5

23 September

Basketball v QUIBERON Lost 20 - 22
Rugby v DUCHESS Won 11 - 3

24 September

Soccer 1sts v 2nds training

25 September

Soccer v DAMPIER Lost 0 - 4
Rugby 2nds v DUCHESS 2nds Won 39 - 0
Softball - Training run
Squash - R.N. Trials
Interservice Swimming, Results :-
1st R.N. 71
Army 63
R.A.F. 55

26 September

Water Polo v LOCH FADA Won 4 - 3

27 September

Rugby v OTAGO Lost 8 - 11
Soccer v QUIBERON Won 3 - 1
Volleyball v QUIBERON Won 2 - 0
Water Polo v HARTLAND POINT Won 5 - 2

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28 September

Water Polo v QUIBERON Won 12 - 4

29 September

Rugby 2nds v VICTORIOUS 2nds Lost 3 - 16
Basketball v OTAGO Lost 28 - 61

22 -29 September

Scratch Volleyball teams played daily.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Sea

4 November, 1963.

THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

Copies to:- The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. A. Fleet (Flag)
The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October, 1963.

2. Until Friday 4 October, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA was on passage between Singapore and Hong Kong. During this relatively quiet period opportunity was taken to conduct internal exercises and progress Ordinary Seamen training. In addition some 15 candidates sat for varying H.E.T. Subjects.
3. The ship entered Junk Bay, Hong Kong at 0750 on 4 October, where a few R.N. and Chinese L.E.P. were disembarked after having taken passage from Singapore. Course was then set for Port Shelter, where a very ~~successful~~ Naval Gunfire Support firing exercise was conducted with 20 Battery, Royal Artillery providing the spotters.
4. At the end of the firing the annual full power trial was completed satisfactorily and the ship finally berthed alongside South Wall in Hong Kong Dockyard at 1605.
5. The next 15 days were spent alongside for self maintenance. Fortunately the Dockyard was able to supply 20 tons of fresh water daily, and although this meant water rationing on board, it did enable both boilers to be shut down, resulting in a most **effective** maintenance period.
6. During this time the ship's boarding party, rifle team demolition party and all Ordinary Seamen spent a day at Stonecutters Rifle Range carrying out the annual musketry course, and small arms and demolitions training. Communications and plotting exercises were also conducted when other ships were present.
7. Whilst in Hong Kong a **good** liaison was established with the 2nd/6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, and on 13 October a party of officers and ratings visited them at Fan Ling. A most enjoyable day was had, the climax being a soccer and a basketball match. Both these matches were lost to the quick footed and very fit Gurkhas.

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8. Bus tours of the New Territories and Hong Kong were arranged, and once again proved most popular with the ship's company.
9. On 14 October I had the pleasure of meeting Lord Carrington, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, who was making a brief visit to Hong Kong. Afterwards he very thoughtfully sent the signal attached as Appendix "C", referring to VENDETTA and H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO in paragraph 3.
10. I called informally on E.E. Jarvis, Esq., the Australian Trade Commissioner on 11 October. My call was returned on 16 October.
11. The ship sailed at 0835 on 19 October for Subic Bay with one officer and four corporals of 20 Battery Royal Artillery embarked. However at 0950 a signal warned of a change of programme and VENDETTA returned to harbour, securing to No. 3 buoy at 1045. The Army personnel were then landed.
12. The programme change, as a result of machinery troubles in H.M.S. VICTORIOUS, deferred the visit to Subic Bay and VENDETTA sailed again at 1330 on the same day, to rendezvous with H.M.S. LINCOLN at 2200 for passage to Singapore.
13. A night encounter exercise was carried out prior to the rendezvous, and starshell were fired.
14. At 1145 on 20 October, The Captain, H.M.S. LINCOLN, Commander M. Wilson, R.N., was transferred to VENDETTA by jackstay for lunch and to discuss exercises during the passage to Singapore.
15. The following day both ships made a rendezvous with H.M.S. VICTORIOUS who was enroute to Hong Kong and a helicopter screening exercise was carried out for 4 hours. During the exercise, Staff Officer Operations, to the Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Commander J. D. McCarthy, R.N. came aboard by helicopter to discuss the ship's future movements. On completion of the exercise one rating was transferred by light jackstay to VICTORIOUS for eventual transfer to H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, and then LINCOLN and VENDETTA detached and resumed the passage to Singapore.
16. At 1630 on 22 October, both ships made a rendezvous with R.F.A. RELIANT for the transfer of naval stores and victualling stores. This was speedily accomplished and half an hour later course was resumed.
17. At 1745 on 23 October the ships anchored off Pulau Aur for the night. During the passage every opportunity had been taken to carry out exercises. This included 1½ hours Officer-of-the-Watch manoeuvres daily.

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18. Both ships proceeded to sea at 0730 on 24 October. With LINCOLN's Navigating Officer, who is a qualified Gunnery Specialist embarked as an observer, A.A. Sleeve firing was carried out during the forenoon, and an efficiency surface firing at a target towed by H.M.T. NIMBLE in the afternoon. On completion of the day's shooting a mail transfer was made from NIMBLE by heaving line.

19. Later in the day a Casex B63 followed by a Casex A4/5 was carried out with H.M.S/M ANCHORITE.

20. The ships anchored for the night at 0040, weighed again at 0730, and carried out a Casex A10 and A11, before proceeding to Singapore Naval Base. VENDETTA berthed alongside at No 7 berth at 1540. H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and the 16th Minesweeping Squadron were in harbour and a considerable interchange of hospitality ensued.

21. The weekend was spent at the Naval Base, and VENDETTA sailed again for the exercise areas on 29 October.

22. A further A.A. and surface efficiency firing remained to be completed, but, as no tug was available to tow the target, the ships team looked like being disappointed. However, SUPPLY and the Minesweepers were most generous in rendering assistance and an Australian observer was provided whilst H.M.A.S. TEAL towed the target. Despite bad visibility the surface shoot was completed and followed up by a Torpedo attack. Unfortunately visibility forced the cancellation of the A.A. firing.

23. At 1000 on 29 October three Indonesian warships were sighted at the northern entrance to Rhio Strait. This has been reported separately.

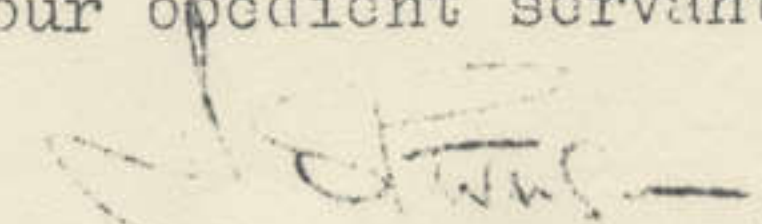
24. The ship was in the Singapore exercise areas as the month concluded.

25. The health of the Ship's Company is quite good and morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.


(J. P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A"

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- (a) Distance steamed.....3793.7 Miles.
- (b) Total distance steamed..... 168467.1 Miles.
- (c) Hours underway.....242 8/60 Hours.
- (d) Total hours underway.....12449 59/60 Hours.
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hours.	Av Speed.	Fuel exp/Hr.	Dist Run/ ton fuel.	Reason/Authority.
4, Oct	4	28	8.3	3.4	Annual full power trial.
19 Oct	8	20	3.6	5.5	To effect rendezvous with LINCOLN.
21 Oct	4	18	2.8	6.4	Screening Exercise
22 Oct	2	20	3.6	5.5	To effect rendezvous with RELIANT.
24 Oct	5	18	2.8	6.4	Gunnery exercise.
25 Oct	2	20	3.6	5.5	To make good ETA.
29 Oct	1	20	3.6	5.5	A.A. Firing.
30 Oct	1	20	3.6	5.5	S.U. Firing.

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APPENDIX "B"

EXERCISES.

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Tuesday 1.....AM..Light Mortar firings.	Thursday 24.....AM..A.A.Tracking, M.R.&C.R. A.A. sleeve firings. S.U.firing (HST)
Wednesday 2.....AM..Light Mortar firings.	PM..S.U.Efficiency firings(HST)
Thursday 3.....AM..Action Stations Shelter Stations.	Light jackstay transfers (LINCOLN)
.....ABCD exercises.	Casex B10
Friday 4.....AM..N.G.S.F.X.Casex A4/5.
PM..Annual full power trial.	Friday 25.....AM..Casex A10/11
Saturday 19....AM..Action Stations.	Tuesday 29.....AM..Action Stations
PM..NEX (LINCOLN) DTFX.	A.A.Tracking.
Starshell firings.PM..A.A.Sleeve firings
Sunday 20.....AM..Jackstay transfers.	Wednesday.....AM..S.U.firing(HST)
PM..Jackstay transfers.	TFX
OOW Manoeuvres.	PM..Action Stations.
SPX(B) R.I.X.	Shelter Stations
Monday 21.....AM..Screening exercises.	Major ABCD exercises
PM..Jackstay transfer (VICTORIOUS)	Divers exercised.
.....OOW Manoeuvres.General drills.
Tuesday 22.....AM..R.I.X.	Thursday 31....AM..A.A. tracking.
S.P.X.(B)	Sonar operating
T.F.X.	against TART
.....R.O.F.X.	PM..M or ship.
PM..Light Mortar firings	Divers exercised.
Jackstay transfer (RELIANT)	
.....OOW Manoeuvres.	
Wednesday 23...AM..Light Mortar firing.	
SPX(B)	
R.I.X.	
Towing exercise.	
Lincoln towed	
Vendetta.	
PM..OOW Manoeuvres.	

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TO FOCINCFEF
COM HONG KONG

FROM FIRST LORD. MY MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE TROUBLE YOU
AND YOUR STAFF TOOK WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MY VISIT.
THEY WERE EXCELLENT.

2...I WAS MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM OF ALL THOSE
I MET, BY THE HIGH REGARD IN WHICH THE WHITE ENSIGN
CONTINUES TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG AND BY THE UNSTINTING
SUPPORT YOU GIVE TO THE FLEET WITH THE RESOURCES AT YOUR
DISPOSAL.

3...PLEASE CONVEY TO ALL CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE TWO
VERY SMART SHIPS OF THE COMMONWEALTH NAVIES, MY GRATITUDE
AND BEST WISHES

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APPENDIX "D"

OFFICERS LEAVING AND JOINING.

Leaving:
Lieutenant H. O. Boutel (S) 6 Oct. 63 QUIBERON
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FOR

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CAPTAIN J. P. STEVENSON ADC. RAN PRESENTING

L.S.A. WHITBREAD WITH THE PRIZE FOR

WINNING THE SHIP'S TENNIS SINGLES

COMPETITION



CAPTAIN J. P. STEVENSON ADC RAN PRESENTING

CH. M. (E) DEVLIN AND LM(E) BUSH

WITH THE PRIZE FOR WINNING THE SHIP'S TENNIS

DOUBLES COMPETITION -

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October 1 - 4 Rugby Training (PT) at Sea.

October 5 Rugby 1sts V Hong Kong Police Casuals. Draw 6-6.

October 6 Basketball V Lincoln. Won 30 - 22.
Water Polo Training.
Badminton Scratch Matches.

October 7 Volleyball V Tamar. Won 2-0
Rugby 1sts V Diana. Won 15 - 8.
Soccer training.
Basketball training
Badminton scratch matches.

October 8.. Basketball V Diana. Won 36-22.

October 9 Rugby 1sts V Diana-Lincoln. Won 30-3.
Hockey V R.A.F. Won 3-1

October 10 Water Polo } Training in all sports. No leave
Cricket } was given due to 'Double Tenth'
Basketball } celebrations.
Soccer }
Badminton }

October 11 Cricket practice.

October 12 Soccer training
Rugby 1sts V 48 Brigade. Won 30 - 0
Badminton practice.

October 13. Soccer V Gurkhas. Lost 3- 7
Rugby 2nds V Otago 2nds. Lost 5 - 27.
Cricket V Kowloon C C . Lost 161 - 162

October 14 Basketball V Otago. Lost 30 - 42
Tennis V Jardine Matheson. Lost 0 - 3.
Rugby 2nds - 2 scratch teams.

October 15 Volleyball V Otago Won 2-0
Soccer V Mission to Seamen. Lost 0-10
Basketball V Jardine Matheson. Lost 20 - 48

October 16 Rugby 2nds V BMH. Won 29-3
Rugby 1sts V Otago 2nds Won 11 - 5
Golf V R.A.F. Lost.

October 4 - 18 Ships tennis singles and doubles championships
at Hong Kong.

October 20 -- 25 5 BX at Sea.

October 26 Rugby training . Soccer training.
Volleyball V Supply. Won 2-0

October 27 Basketball V Lincoln. Won 36 - 25.

October 28 Rugby 2nds V M.(E)s. Draw 3-3
Basketball V Supply. Won 44 - 14
Rugby 1sts V Supply & 16MS. Won 9-3
Soccer V Mull of Kintyre. Lost 1-5.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Sea

1 December, 1963.

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The Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of November, 1963.

2. On Friday 1 November, VENDETTA returned to Singapore Naval Base berthing alongside at the Royal Naval Armament Depot at 0830, having spent the previous week in the Singapore exercise areas.

3. Topping up with ammunition, the ship then fuelled from R.F.A. TIDEFLOW before berthing in No 2 Berth for the weekend. At 0815 on Monday 4 November, the ship proceeded once more to the Singapore exercise areas. This was the last time we would see H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO and his Haka party and football team turned out in force to see us off. The next two days were spent carrying out the exercises listed at Appendix "B".

4. The ship anchored in Singapore Roads for Monday night, and the following morning embarked Lieutenant Commander N. Stewart, R.N., the Gunnery Officer of H.M.S. CAESAR, who was to witness the second A.A. efficiency firing carried out during the forenoon.

5. The ship returned to the Naval Base on completion of the days exercises at 2100 to fuel from TIDEFLOW at No 8 berth, sailing on completion for Subic Bay at 2230.

6. The next four days were spent on passage in good weather during which the training of Ordinary Seamen was progressed. Having time in hand, the ship anchored off Mantanani Island for the day of Friday 8th November. The ship's side was touched up for the forthcoming visit to Subic Bay, and swimming parties were landed during the afternoon.

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7. The ship made a rendezvous with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, H.M.S. SALISBURY and U.S.S/M PICKEREL off Subic Bay during the forenoon of 10 November and the Commanding Officer of U.S.S/M. PICKEREL, Lieutenant Commander B. DYER, U.S.N., was transferred by seaboot to VENDETTA. After a brief discussion on the forthcoming exercises I accompanied Lieutenant Commander DYER by helicopter to lunch with Vice Admiral J. P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.O., D.S.M., the Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet, in H.M.S. VICTORIOUS, which was then under way off Subic Bay.
8. After lunch we returned to our respective ships, and the work up programme for H.M.S. VICTORIOUS and her Squadrons commenced.
9. The next fourteen days were to prove of great value. The majority of the time was spent carrying out anti-submarine exercises, whilst during the latter part of the night ships were either plane guards for VICTORIOUS or screening the R.F.As TIDEFLOW, RELIANT or RETAINER, who provided the logistic support for the force. Details of the exercises can be seen at Appendix "B".
10. U.S.S/M PICKEREL detached for Hong Kong on 13 November and her place was taken by H.M.S/M ANCHORITE. In water in excess of 1000 fathoms, with a layer at 200 feet, the ships and helicopters achieved phenomenal success in the majority of A/S exercises and VENDETTA, for one, achieved results well ahead of any this commission.
11. Both submarines were kind enough to take young officers aboard for two or three days at a time for experience.
12. VENDETTA and ANCHORITE provided the opposition to VICTORIOUS, SALISBURY and QUIBERON during a Night Encounter Exercise on 14 November and though the submarine was avoided VENDETTA was successful in getting within gun range of VICTORIOUS before being opposed.
13. Two torpedoes were also fired and unfortunately one was lost due to damage suffered during recovery operations; Ships and aircraft searched the area to no avail until 0900 the next day when exercises were resumed.
14. Vice Admiral SCATCHARD visited VENDETTA for the A.A. Sleeve firings carried out on the afternoon of 15 November. During his visit, which had not been scheduled, he toured the ship, and it was very gratifying to receive the signal attached at Appendix "B".
15. VENDETTA detached from the remainder of the force at 1330 on 16 November and proceeded into Subic Bay, where, at 1630 she berthed alongside U.S.S. MAURY at Alava Pier.

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16. The ship remained alongside until 20 November and during that time both the officers and the ship's company were well looked after by their U.S.N. counterparts.

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17. U.S.S. MAURY sailed at 0645 on Monday 18 November, VENDETTA being held off by tugs in the interim and then re berthed alongside Alava Pier. Shortly afterwards VICTORIOUS berthed and was followed by QUIBERON and SALISBURY on VENDETTA.

18. The Australian Services Attache, Manila, Commander G. A. Beange, D.S.C., R.A.N. called on the afternoon of 17 November and remained on board to see QUIBERON before returning to Manila on 18 November.

19. An official reception was held onboard VICTORIOUS for some 300 guests on the evening of 18 November.

20. The following evening The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet and all Commanding Officers dined with COMNAVBASE, Subic, Rear Admiral E. T. WHITAKER, U.S.N.

21. VENDETTA, preceded by SALISBURY and QUIBERON slipped at 0700 on 20 November, and formed a departure screen for VICTORIOUS and the R.F.As, who left harbour an hour later. ANCHORITE, who opposed the departure, was successfully detected and held down. The work up programme was then resumed, and continued until 23 November, when VENDETTA and QUIBERON were detached and proceeded to Hong Kong.

22. Naval Gunfire Support firings were carried out by the escorts during the afternoons of 21 and 22 November. On the first day SALISBURY's shells landed near to some U.S. Marine personnel situated close to the bombardment range. It was thought that this was due to a fault in her Gunnery System. However, exactly the same occurred on the following day when VENDETTA was firing and both ships then came under suspicion.

23. The bombardment was stopped and the following morning a board of investigation including the Gunnery Officer of VICTORIOUS, was convened. From this enquiry very little was forthcoming but in the event a most frank signal from COMNAVBASE Subic admitted that his personnel were out of position and accepted all responsibility for what was an upsetting incident.

24. Before proceeding to Hong Kong, QUIBERON and VENDETTA carried out a successful surface firing at a sled target towed by U.S.S. MUNSEE, on completion of which I paid a farewell call by helicopter on the Flag Officer Second in Command in VICTORIOUS.

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25. VENDETTA berthed alongside South Wall in Hong Kong Dockyard at 0930 on Monday 25 November, and shortly afterwards QUIBERON berthed alongside VENDETTA. Both Commanding Officers then called on the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. who was present in H.M.S. ALERT.

26. The next three days were spent in Hong Kong preparing for the visit of both ships to Japan.

27. On 25 November I signed the "Book of Condolence" at the U.S. Consul General's Office, and the following day attended a memorial service at St John's Cathedral for the late President of the United States of America, Mr J. F. Kennedy.

28. The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet was present in Hong Kong, flying his flag in H.M.S. ALERT throughout VENDETTA's visit and I was honoured to dine onboard on 27 November, 1963.

29. QUIBERON and VENDETTA sailed from Hong Kong at 0815 on 28 November, and the remainder of the month was spent on passage to Osaka in gradually worsening weather.

30. The health of the Ship's Company has remained reasonable and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(J. P. Stevenson)
CAPTAIN



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APPENDIX "A" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- (a) Distance steamed during month.....6510 Miles.
- (b) Total distance run.....175077.1 Miles
- (c) Hours underway.....477.3 Hours.
- (d) Total hours underway..... 12927 17/60 Hours

(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>No of hours.</u>	<u>Av.Speed.</u>	<u>Fuel exp. Ton/Hr</u>	<u>Dist/ Ton.</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority.</u>
1 Nov,	1	20	3.6	5.5	Make good ETA
5 Nov,	6	20	3.6	5.5	Exercises
10 Nov,	4	17	2.6	6.8	Thirdtry
11 Nov,	3	21.5	4.5	5.2	"
12 Nov,	1	20	3.6	5.5	"
13 Nov,	8	21.5	4.5	5.2	"
14 Nov,	4	20	3.6	5.5	"
15 Nov,	8	20.5	3.8	5.3	"
16 Nov,	6	18	2.8	6.4	"
20 Nov,	5	20	3.6	5.5	"
21 Nov,	3	17.5	2.8	6.4	"
22 Nov,	9	21	4.0	5.2	"
23 Nov,	7	20	3.6	5.5	"
28 Nov,	1	18	2.8	6.4	For R.I.X.

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APPENDIX "B" TO REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR NOVEMBER.

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Day & Date.	Exercise.
4 Nov. A.M.	Action Stations. A.A. Tracking. A.B.C.D. Exercises. E.W.X. 81.
P.M.	G.D.X. Seaboats. Steering Gear Breakdown. Metraset. A/S Sea check firings (Triplane) Close Range firings.
5 Nov. A.M.	A.A. Tracking. A.A. Sleeve firings. (Efficiency)
P.M.	Competitive light mortar firings. Casex B3. ABCD Ex.
6 Nov. A.M.	O.O.W. Manouvring Problems.
P.M.	
10 Nov. P.M.	Casex A4/5. O.O.W. Manouvring.
11 Nov. A.M.	Casex A17.
P.M.	A.A. Tracking. A.A. Sleeve firing. Planeguard (VICTORIOUS) Jackstay Transfer.
12 Nov. A.M.	Casex A4/5. Casex B3.
P.M.	Unrep. Casex B3. R.I.X. S.P.X.(B).
13 Nov. A.M.	Casex A4/5
AM/PM	Casex B3.
P.M.	Casex A17. Planeguard.
14 Nov. A.M.	N.G.S.C.X.
P.M.	Casex A17. N.E.X. & Casex A17.
15 Nov. A.M.	Casex B3. Unrep.
P.M.	A.A. Tracking. A.A. Sleeve firing. Planeguard.
16 Nov. AM/PM	Casex B6.
20 Nov. A.M.	Casex A17 (Departure Screen) Unrep.
P.M.	S.U. T.O.F. Planeguard.
21 Nov. A.M.	Casex A17.
P.M.	N.G.S.F. Casex A17.
22 Nov. A.M.	Casex A17.
P.M.	N.G.S.F. Planeguard.
23 Nov. A.M.	Casex A17.
P.M.	Unrep. S.U. Firings (Sled Target)
28 Nov. P.M.	Splash target. S.P.X./R.I.X.. Commenced Dusky.
29 Nov. A.M.	Voice procedure/logging. S.S.T. exercise.
P.M.	Completed Dusky.
30 Nov. A.M.	S.S.T. Exercises.

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Official calls.

16 November.

I called on COM NAV BASE Subic, Rear Admiral E. T. Whitaker, U.S.N.

17 November.

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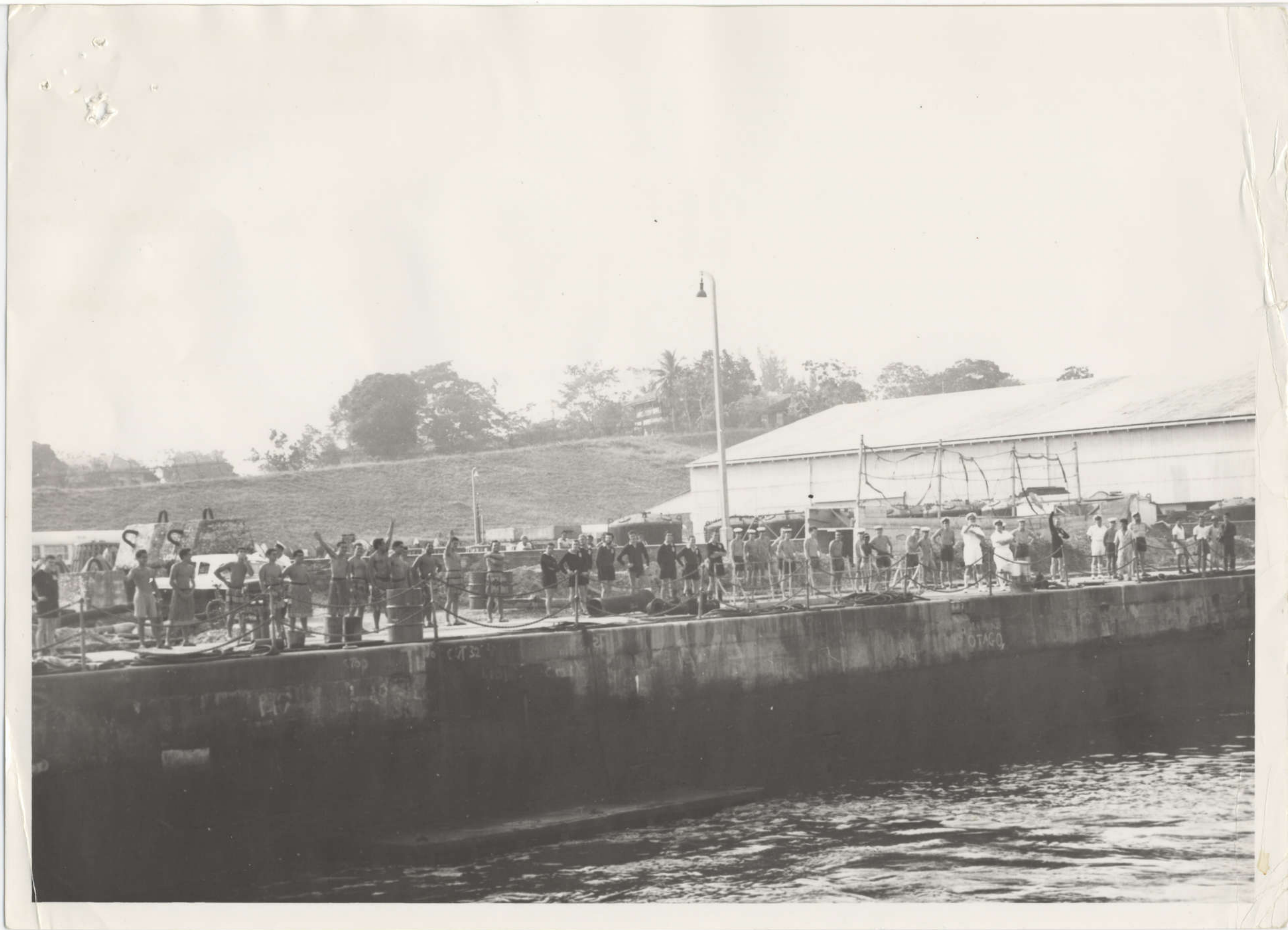
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Sports.

- 2 November. Rugby 1sts V OTAGO, Lost.
- 5 - 16 November. 5 B X and P.T. daily at sea.
- 8 November. Beach parties landed. Tree Island.
- 16 November. Softball V U.S.S. Maury Lost 11-10.
- 16 - 18 November. Rugby & Soccer training. Golf, Swimming and Squash - facilities at NAV BASE Subic.
- 19 - 24 November, 5 B X and P T daily.
- 25 November. Rugby 1sts V DIANA, Won 21-3
- 26 November. Volleyball V QUIBERON Won 2-0
Rugby 2nds V QUIBERON Won 22 - 3.
- 28 November 5 B X and P T.

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WHAT I SAW WAS GOOD. IF I HAD TO PICK OUT ANYTHING FOR PARTICULAR
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of December, 1963.

2. After a passage made in inclement weather, H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON arrived in Osaka from Hong Kong on Monday 2 December, 1963. The ensuing nine days were spent in Japan, and a report covering this period is attached as Appendix "D".
3. The ships sailed again on Wednesday 11 December, VENDETTA from Kure and QUIBERON from Shimonoseki. A rendezvous was effected at 1700 to the south of Bungo Suido, and then both ships proceeded on passage to Hong Kong, securing alongside the North Arm in H.M. Dockyard at 0900 on Monday 16 December, 1963.
4. Whilst on passage a daily exercise programme was conducted, details of which may be seen at Appendix "B". Advantage was taken of the availability of U.S.N. practice facilities at Okinawa, and a most successful and realistic A.A. tracking exercise was held during the forenoon of Friday 13 December. Two Crusader aircraft made synchronised attacks from ahead and abeam at speeds up to 1000 m.p.h. giving the gunnery system a realistic test which was handled quite well.
5. At 0330 on the morning of Sunday 15 December, a distress message from the American freighter S.S. A & J MID-AMERICA was intercepted. Her propeller had fallen off and she was drifting approximately 100 miles south of Taiwan 30 miles distant from VENDETTA and QUIBERON. Both ships proceeded to her assistance with all despatch and stood by until daylight. The Master, Captain F. Quigley then decided that his ship was in no immediate danger and could safely wait for tugs so the ships continued their passage to Hong Kong.
6. In order to effect previously arranged rendezvous with R.F.A. TIDEFLOW speed was increased to 20 knots, and a replenishment was carried out at 1700 that evening, prior to entering Hong Kong the following morning.

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7. Apart from the forenoon of 19 December, the remainder of the month has been spent alongside carrying out self-maintenance and with the assistance of Taikoo Dockyard, effecting repairs to the forward turbo-alternator.

8. At 0830 on Thursday 19 December, VENDETTA with QUIBERON in company, proceeded to sea for naval gunfire support efficiency firings at Port Shelter. On completion, the quarterly full power trial was carried out, and before re-entering harbour a competitive light mortar firing practice was conducted. VENDETTA's time of 53.3 seconds was the best that has been achieved this year. The ships finally secured alongside North Wall at 1400.

9. During the forenoon of Friday 20 December, The Senior Officer, Eight Minesweeping Squadron, Lieutenant Commander J. E. Hole, R.N. called on me and I later called on the Commodore Hong Kong, Commodore G. O. Symonds, D.S.C.

10. Whilst alongside ^{every} ~~as much~~ opportunity ~~as possible~~ has been taken to arrange sporting fixtures. Details may be seen in Appendix "C". In addition combined QUIBERON and VENDETTA teams have been training for the Perth Cup which will be competed for in Singapore next month.

11. The health of the Ship's Company is good and morale remains high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Sgd.) J. P. STEVENSON

(J. P. Stevenson)
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APPENDIX "A"

Distance Steamed during month.....2347 miles.
Total Distance run.....177354 Miles.
Hours underway.....174 hours.
total hours underway.....13102 11/60 hours.

Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	No of Hrs.	Av Speed.	Fuel exp tons/hr.	Dist/ton.	Reason Auth.
15 Dec.	2	21	4.0	5.2	Investigate merchant ship A & J MID AMERICA.
15 Dec	6	20	3.6	5.5	R/V Fuel TIDEFLOW
19 Dec.	1	26	12.0	2.2	Quarterly full power trial

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APPENDIX "B"

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Exercise.</u>
12 Dec	A.M. A.I.O. exercise. Metratest. S.S.T. Exercises SPX/RIX. DTFX. P.M. O.C.W. manoeuvres.
13 Dec.	A.I.O. exercises. ABCD exercises. A.A. tracking. GDx. Light mortar firings.
14 Dec.	Operation Dusky. Stream splash target.
15 Dec.	Unrep (TIDEFLOW)
19 Dec.	Quarterly full power trial. N.G.S. efficiency firings. Light mortar firings.
28 Dec.	Exercised Divers.
30 Dec.	Exercised Divers.
31 Dec.	Exercised Divers.

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APPENDIX "C"

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3 Dec... Rugby Training.
5 " Rugby Vs Osaka Police. Lost 13-17
6 " Rugby Training.
7 " Tennis Vs Kure Tennis Club. Lost 2-6
8 " Tennis Vs Kure Tennis Club. Drew 4-4
Basketball Vs Kure Technical School. Lost 34-53
Softball Vs Japanese Orphans. Lost 10-25
9 " Basketball Vs Kure Shipbuilders . Lost 33-64
12 - 14 Rugby Training and 5BX at sea.
16 Dec Rugby Training.
17 " Rugby Vs TARANAKI. Lost 19-33
Soccer Vs PLYMOUTH. Lost 1-5.
18 " Rugby M(E)s Vs QUIBERON M(E)s. Won 8-0
Basketball Vs QUIBERON. Lost 7-26.
Tennis Vs QUIBERON. Won 4-2.
Volleyball Scratch Matches.
19 " Basketball training.
Golf Vs QUIBERON & TARANAKI. VENDETTA 1st.
QUIBERON 2nd.
TARANAKI 3rd.
20 " Basketball training.
21 " Rugby Vs Hong Kong Police. Won 10-6.
Rugby 2nds Vs R.A.F. Lost 8-17.
22 " Basketball Training.
Tennis practice.
Cricket. ship had several representatives in R.N.
Combined team Vs Hong Kong Cricket Club.
23 " Basketball Vs PLYMOUTH. Won 41-17.
24 " Basketball training.
27 " Tennis Vs QUIBERON. Won 6-2.
Basketball training.
Basketball Vs ALBION. Won 40-26.
28 " Rugby Training.
Basketball Training.
29 " Rugby Vs ALBION. Won 9-8.
30 " Physical Training for Rugby, Basketball and Swimming
Teams.
Cricket Vs ALBION. Lost by 57 runs.
Volleyball Vs ALBION. Won 2-0.
Basketball training.
31 " Rugby Vs South Wales Borderers. Drew 6-6
Rugby 2nds Vs British Military Hospital. Won 6-3.

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VISIT OF H.M.A.S. VENDETTA TO JAPAN - 2 - 11 DECEMBER, 1963.

At 0815 on the morning of Monday 2 December, 1963 H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON arrived off the Port of Osaka in thick smog. A pilot was embarked, and, preceded by a fireboat which was spraying water in all directions and playing "God save the Queen" over a loudspeaker, the ships secured alongside each other on Central Pier at 0900.

2. The Australian Services Attache, Tokyo, Captain A. N. Dollard, D.S.C., R.A.N. boarded and was closely followed by a welcoming party from the City and Port Authorities. Then followed the normal presentations of flowers by a local beauty queen while the Port Authorities presented an ornate silver plaque embossed with the city outline and engraved:-

" Captain and Ships' Companies
of H.M.A. Ships
VENDETTA and QUIBERON
December 2, 1963."

The Ships' Crests presented in return seemed slightly inadequate but were received with every sign of pleasure.

3. Accompanied by Captain Dollard and the Commanding Officer of H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, Lieutenant Commander P. M. Rees, R.A.N., I then made the following calls:-

His Excellency, The Governor of Osaka Prefecture,
Mr Gisen Sato.
Gaimusho Representative in the Kausai,
Ambassador Yoshio Kasuga.
Commander, Osaka M.S.D.F.,
Rear Admiral Takashi Sema.
His Worship, The Mayor of Osaka,
Mr Kauru Chuma.
The British Consul General,
Mr J. O. Lloyd.

Whilst I was making these calls, my Engineer Officer, Commander J. A. Shearing, R.A.N., and the Executive Officer of H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, Lieutenant Commander J. P. Van Gelder, R.A.N., called on the Chief of the Water Police and the Chief of the Maritime Safety Agency.

4. That evening, at 1800, Captain Dollard, Quiberon and I were entertained to a Sukiyaki dinner at a Japanese Restaurant by Rear Admiral Sema. It was an enjoyable evening but the sight of the Admiral dancing to the singing, off key, of his Flag Lieutenant indicated that some differences have yet to be overcome before the M.S.D.F. and the R.A.N. are compatible. Perhaps the Signal School could make allowances in the syllabus for such training.

5. On 3 December, return calls were made by the various officials with Deputies taking the place of the Governor and the Mayor. On completion of the calls all stayed to lunch in the Wardroom of VENDETTA which had been taken over for the occasion.

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6. In the afternoon 50 underprivileged children were entertained by each ship, the Ships' Companies entering into the spirit of the party and making a great success of it. The same afternoon a rugby match was played against the Osaka Police at the Kobe Athletic Club. This was a very good team, who had beaten H.M.S. Lion convincingly a few months before, and a first class game followed, the Police only gaining control in the last few minutes to win by 17-13.

7. In the evening the Governor and Mayor entertained the Captains and two officers from each ship to a Japanese dinner. A very friendly spirit prevailed and the Governor made a speech of welcome (attached as appendix A) to which I replied. The British Consul and British Vice Consul both entertained officers in their homes on the same evening.

8. The ships were open to visitors on 4 December but unfortunately, as it was pouring with rain, only 700 took advantage of the offer. In the evening the British Consul General, Mr J.O.Lloyd, who had been most helpful throughout, dined both Captains and 8 officers at his home in Kobe.

9. On the evening of 5 December, a reception for 150 guests was held on the forecastle of VENDETTA. This was well attended despite the distance from the city and bad weather.

10. During the time at Osaka daily bus tours were run to Kyoto, the Takarasuka Theatre, and Mount Rocco to Arima Springs. These were heavily subsidised by Ships' Funds and proved most popular.

11. Also many groups of school children on unscheduled visits were shown over the ships. It seemed common for groups of school children in buses to visit the Port area and they were all thrilled to be given the opportunity. The sight of 300 children all jumping up and down on the wharf with excitement when told they could look over the ships was very touching and fortunately has been recorded on film.

12. The ships sailed at 0900 on 6 December and made a daylight passage of the Inland Sea in clear weather. QUIBERON was detached for Shimonoseki after passing Kurasima Kaikyo and VENDETTA anchored for the night to the south of Eta Jima.

13. Underway at 0630 on 7 December a Liaison Officer was embarked at the entrance to the harbour and the ship secured alongside the Harima Pontoon Wharf at 0900.

14. This time the welcoming group was larger and consisted of Port and Civic authorities with three groups of Lions Club Members. I was literally overwhelmed by bunches of flowers, bottles of Saki, Japanese Dolls and so on presented by two Miss Kures and one girl from the City Hall. Ship's photographs were presented in return and I then proceeded to pay calls on:-

The Mayor of Kure City....Mr Okuhara
The Commandant of Kure
Regional District.....Vice Admiral Junji Uozumi.

Whilst I was making these calls my Supply Officer Commander F. B. Nolan, R.A.N. paid a call on the Chief of Police and the

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Chief of the Maritime Safety Agency. These calls were returned later in the morning and the Mayor, Admiral Ouzumi, the President of the Legislative Assembly, Mr Teshima and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr Masuoka, then stayed to lunch in my cabin. I had intended to have another Ship's officer make up the sixth member for lunch, but this was changed to an interpreter at the last moment, when the lack of English speaking guests was appreciated.

15. The same afternoon a party for 50 underprivileged children was given onboard and, having cut their teeth at Osaka, the Ship's Company really excelled themselves and a most enjoyable party ensued. Several of these children were the unwanted offspring of Australian Japanese parents subsequent to the occupation. I had been warned that this could be a contentious issue and was a little concerned to find the children accompanied by a Television Cameraman (HSV7) and a reporter from a Melbourne group of newspapers. In the event I feel no harm was done and a letter from their supervisor is attached as appendix B.

16. In the evening the Mayor gave a dinner at a Japanese restaurant for four officers and me. This was the typical "knee cracking" but light hearted evening and the Mayor went out of his way to show his good will.

17. During the night one Able Seaman was admitted to the Kure National Hospital where a successful appendectomy was performed.

18. At 1000 on 8 December, accompanied by three officers, I left the ship and proceeded by boat to Eta Jima.

19. We were escorted to the house of the Superintendent, Rear Admiral Ichikazaki, where we were given a briefing on the activities of the establishment. It appears quite an impressive Academy, well staffed and well run, whose curricular is based on the style of the U.S.N. There are particular Japanese touches however that include the 6 mile swim, the 8 mile cutter race and the 6000 feet mountain climb.

20. Towards the end of the briefing Vice Admiral Noboru Nagai, who is Commander in Chief of the Fleet Escort Force (18DD, 14PF) joined us. He is an old friend and class mate of mine from the U.S. Naval War College who I had last seen when he commanded the Training Squadron on its visit to Australia in 1962.

21. We then went to lunch and afterwards were taken on a brief tour of the Academy. The main point of interest was the Museum and the section devoted to the attack by midget submarines on Sydney in the Second World War. They still remember with gratitude the honourable funeral given to their crews on this occasion, and wish to invite the persons responsible to Japan. This will be raised on other papers..

22. After lunch Admiral Nagai and I departed by boat for the island of Miya Jima where I was to be his guest. This was a very good break from routine and I enjoyed it thoroughly. We talked at great length over varying subjects some of which will be reported separately.

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23. On the island I visited all the beauty spots, the shrine and the mountain top, and acted the tourist completely. We stayed at the Hotel Iwasu an old style Japanese hotel that will be remembered for its beauty and simplicity. What the plumbing and heating arrangements lacked in beauty they made up for in their simplicity.

24. Next morning the Admiral and I travelled by ferry to the mainland where a car was waiting to take us to Hiroshima for my call on the Governor at 1000.

25. Governor Nagano is a charming man, of about 40 with a powerful and wealthy family backing. I was made to feel most welcome and at ease.

26. I was then joined by two officers from the ship and we went on a tour of the city including the sobering horrors of the Peace Park Memorial. At 1130 we met the Governor and his Deputy again at the Hiroshima Grand Hotel where we were given a formal but lighthearted and excellent lunch. The Mayor of Kure and Admiral Uozumi also attended.

27. After lunch we drove for an hour to the Hiroshima country club at Senogawa, where we were to play what had been somewhat inappropriately billed as the "International Goodwill Golf Match".

28. The club had only been in existence a year and so the fairways and greens were very rough while the clubhouse was the last word in luxury. I played against the Mayor and the Admiral while my two officers were matched against the Club Champion, Mr Masuoka. (President of the Chamber of Commerce). That made my good will rise in inverse proportion to that of my officers.

29. Little need be reported about the golf except that as the fairways were so rough each shot could be teed up within one club's length of its position. On one occasion I took quiet delight in seeing the Mayor bring his ball in from an out of bounds area, solemnly turn around and drop it over his shoulder, then bend down and tee it up about a club's length away. This served to combine the niceties with the difficulties in a splendidly illogical manner. After a luxurious Japanese Bath we were given a dinner in the Club House before returning to the ship.

30. Back onboard, the ship had been open to visitors on 8 December and about 750 had taken advantage of this.

31. On 9 December, 6 officers and 50 ratings visited the Eta Jima Academy while in the afternoon organised groups of children had visited the ship. Games of tennis, basketball and volleyball had been played against the M.S.D.F. with varying success and a softball match was also played against the children.

32. Two destroyers of Destroyer Squadron 23 had arrived on 9 December and on the morning of 10 December I called on the Commodore, Commodore Dwyer. He and his two Commanding Officers returned my call at 1200 and also attended the ship's reception the same evening. At 1740 the Deputy Governor of Hiroshima returned my call and then stayed for the ship's reception.

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34. This reception went off very well indeed, the weather fortunately having cleared about one hour before the guests were due to arrive, and half an hour before they actually did arrive. Those who attended included the Mayor and every dignitary from Kure, two Vice Admirals and numerous senior officers of the M.S.D.F. Most of them were accompanied by their wives.

35. Some minor slips in smooth organisation that can be recalled are:-

(a) The student interpreters who were provided by Kinki University to assist the conversation. They had no English at all but had a wonderful party.

(b) Although the origin of the invitation cannot be traced, some most attractive girls from the Officers' Club in Kure arrived onboard and threw temporary confusion into the ranks of the senior officers and dignitaries whose wives were present. However all these problems were overcome without difficulty.

36. At the end of the reception Vice Admiral Uozumi and Vice Admiral Nagai with their wives had a drink in my cabin before leaving. They were most complimentary about the goodwill created by the visit.

37. Having seen the Admirals over the side I found Comdesron 23 and took him in for a final drink. He expressed complete astonishment at the strength of the Japanese representation at the reception. By then it was getting late.

38. At 0900 on 11 December VENDETTA slipped and was preceded out of harbour by the host ship the destroyer MAKINAMI flying the flag of Vice Admiral Nagai.

39. On reaching open waters at about 1025 the ships formed line abreast and exchanged messages of goodwill the more important of which are attached as appendix C.

40. MAKINAMI then drew ahead for about 1 mile and reversed course passing two cables away down my starboard side. Ships' Companies of both ships manned ship and cheered and waved until they were out of ear shot.

41. Shortly afterwards three Japanese Frigates passed on their way into harbour and also cleared lower deck and cheered and waved. However the limit of VENDETTA's endurance had been reached and all that could be mustered was a pipe.

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42. As a result of this visit, during which goodwill and friendship has been expressed far beyond any I have experienced before, either in Japan or elsewhere, I believe:-

(a) The visit was a success.

(b) Possibly as a result of the visit of the Japanese Training Squadron to Australia in 1962 a new stage has been reached in co-operation between the M.S.D.F. and the R.A.N., and

(c) This visit should be followed up, if possible by some joint Japanese/Australian Naval exercise.

43. In conclusion the ships are keen to express their gratitude to the Australian Services Attache, Tokyo and his staff for the detailed organisation that produced such a successful visit. The "Welcome Aboard" pamphlets (Attached as Appendix D) in Japanese, and the coloured pamphlets on Australia that were provided without request were so valuable as to merit a recommendation that all Attaches be requested to provide similar pamphlets for ship visits.

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APPENDIX A

Captain J. P. Stevenson, of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, Lieut. Commander P. M. Rees of H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, Consul General Mr J. O. Lloyd, and gentlemen:

It is my great pleasure to welcome Capt. Stevenson and Lieut. Commander Rees today on the occasion when H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and QUIBERON are anchoring in Osaka Bay, and I am very grateful to you for your kind presence here at this welcome dinner held under the joint auspices of the Osaka Municipality and the Osaka Prefectural Government.

The Commonwealth of Australia and Japan lie far apart each other in the Pacific, south and north. The friendly relations between the two countries are so close and intimate that the leaders in the political and financial circles of both countries exchanged many visits as by the Right Honourable Robert Gordon Menzies, Prime Minister, The Right Honourable John McEwan, Minister for Trade, and Right Honourable Richard Gardiner Casey, Minister of External Affairs, the Honourable H. E. Bolte, Premier of Victoria, the Honourable R. J. Heffron, Premier of New South Wales, and several trade missions from your esteemed country and by our former Prime Minister Kishi to your country, all made in these several years. And I am very happy that this time, your ships, which are discharging very important mission to preserve peace and security in the vast area of the Pacific, visited our Osaka for the first time, and I believe that the present visit of your ships will make the existing friendly relations between the two countries all the more strengthened.

Our Osaka, as you may already know, is a place where Japanese civilisation originated, and at present a key area of industry and trade of Japan, accordingly having specially close relations with your esteemed country which is one of the best customers of Osaka's products. Your Government, recognising the important position Osaka holds in Japan's industry and trade, sets up each time a special pavilion to display Australian products at the Osaka International Trade Fair held in every other year. A considerable amount of wool imported to Japan from your country is processed and manufactured to be finished goods here in our Osaka. Through your personal visit here you may obtain a firsthand knowledge about Osaka for which we feel very delightful.

On the other hand, we highly appreciate your special interest in promoting friendship directly with the people of the prefecture by opening your ships for general visitors, inviting to the ships the children of the orphanages in this prefecture, having goodwill games with domestic athletic groups, and so forth.

In concluding my greetings, I hope that your ships will be successful in fulfilling your mission, and wish you all your crew members good health and happiness.

Thankyou.

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APPENDIX B.

International Social Service of Japan Inc.

The Captain and Officers
Ven Delta
Kure
Japan.

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your kind invitation for the party. Our children, Australian-Japanese, were very glad to be on board with you. They told us that it was the most happy experience they have had. We are sure that to be with Australian has been their long-cherished desire. All of you were so kind to children. Although children could not speak English, they would surely know of your kindness. Children were also enjoyed to play the soft-ball with you. Children's faces were radiant with joy when they were playing. Please give our best regards to all of the men played with children. They would never forget of you and the picture of your ship would be put up in our office. We are so grateful for your goodwill.

With our good wishes to all of you and good voyage,

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Yone Ito
West Japan Representative
International Social Service
of Japan, Inc.

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FM VENETTA

TO CINC FLEET ESCORT FORCE

**THIS WONDERFUL GESTURE OF FRIENDSHIP WILL LONG
BE REMEMBERED. WE HOPE TO MEET YOU PERSONALLY
AND THE M S D F AGAIN SOON IN AUSTRALIA. AU REVIVOR**

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**FM VENETTA
TO MAKINAMI**

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**FROM COMMANDING OFFICER.
MANY THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP, LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON**

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FM MAKINAMI

TO VENDETTA

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FROM COMMANDING OFFICER.
GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. BON VOYAGE

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FM MAKINAMI

TO VENDETTA

GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK TO CAPTAIN STEVENSON AND
YOUR OFFICERS AND MEN. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN
NOT TO FAR FUTURE.
SENT BY ADMIRAL NAGAI

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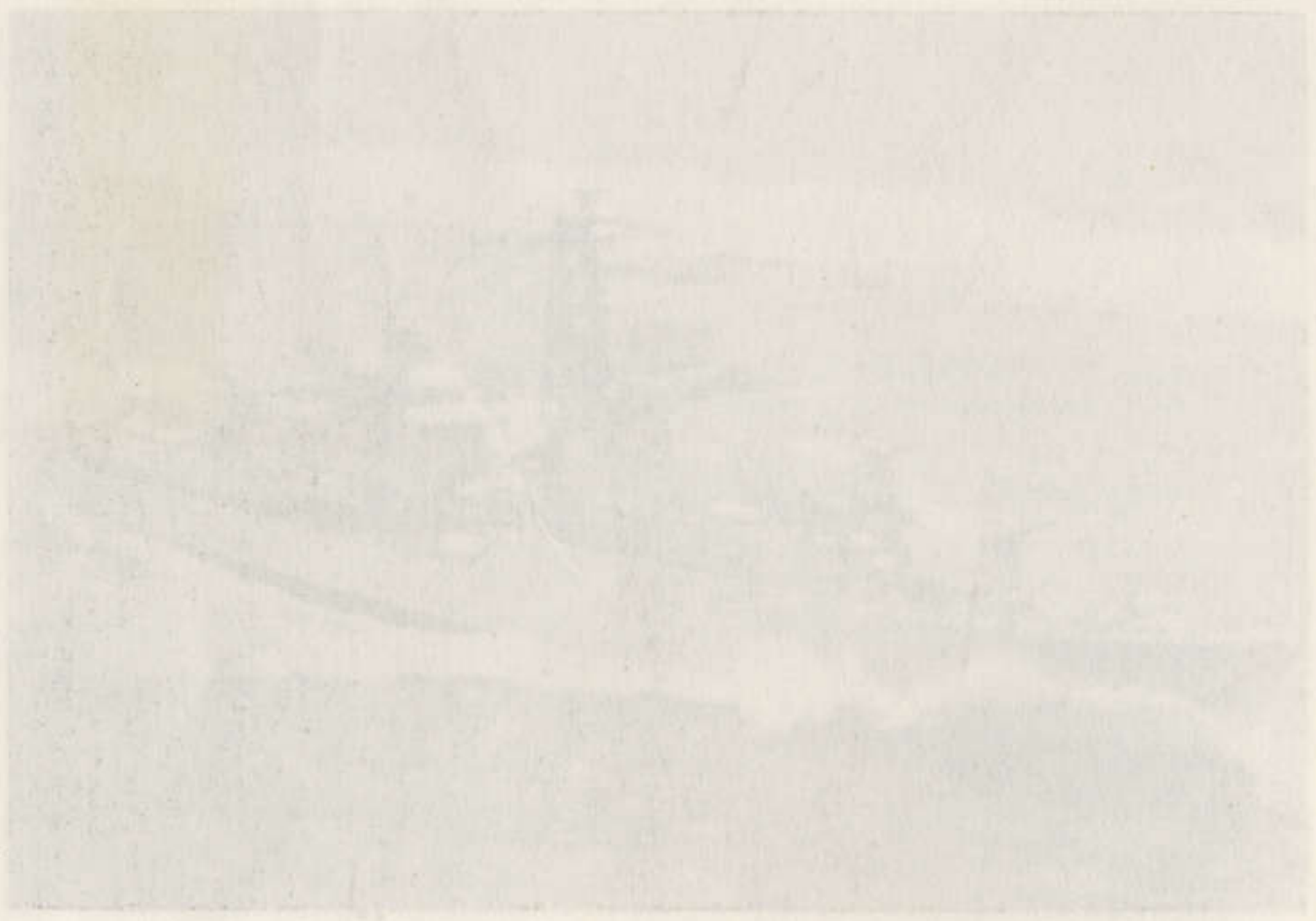
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艦長及び乗組員一同は皆様
の御来艦を歓迎いたします

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庶、開の演操高り 101、門の演マシヨハハ

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庶、開の演操高り 101、門の演マシヨハハ

「マシヨハハ」ヨハハの演本おん代新



H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

「オマシムシヨハハ」ヨハハの演本おん代新
共演、オハハ演操多内演「オマシムシヨハハ」

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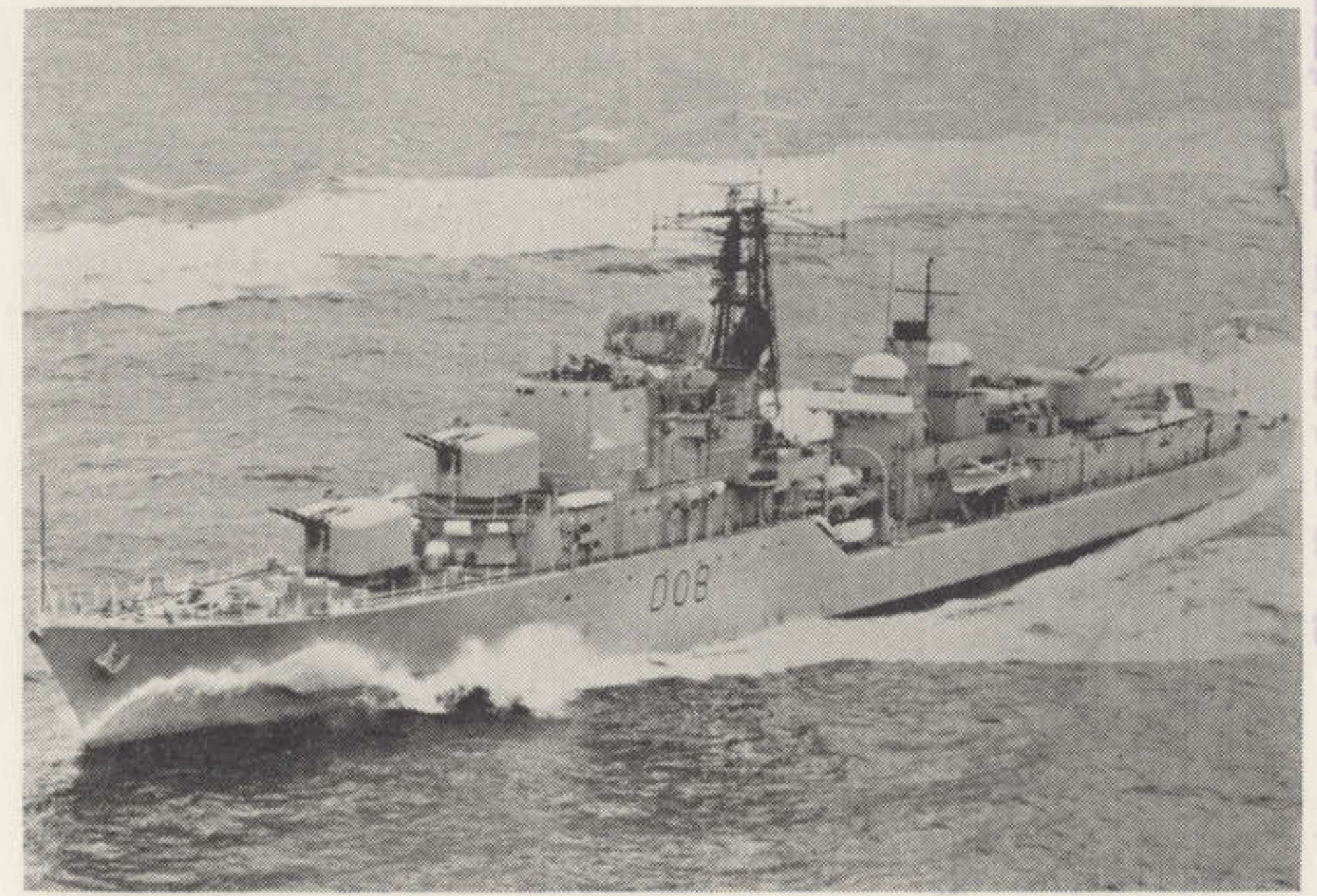
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4・5インチ砲6門、40ミリ高射砲6門、魚雷発射管5基、爆雷投射砲を備えています。

乗組総員は330名、船室、乗員用寝台がついています。

豪州海軍は本艦のほかに「デアリング」級軍艦二隻、「ボエジャー」と「バンパイア」をもっています。

本艦乗員一同は皆様の御出を大へん嬉しく思います。楽しく艦内を巡覧され、私共の心からの好意をお持ちかえり下さるよう希望いたします。



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