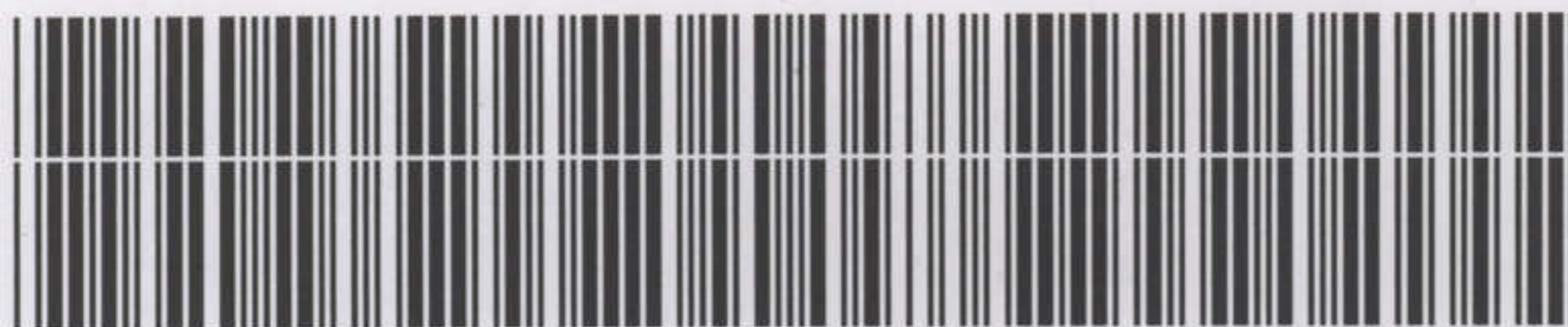


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The Secretary,
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Flag Officer Commanding,
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(Copy to: The Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron).

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1965.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance Steamed and Hours Underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of January, 1965.

2. VENDETTA has been berthed alongside South East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, for the whole of the month, undergoing refit. The only move has been for the ship to be turned through 180 degrees by tugs to facilitate the removal by crane of the barrels and cradles from 'A' turret.

3. H.M.A.S. QUIBERON secured alongside VENDETTA at 1400 on Monday, 4 January, as refit accommodation ship, the ship's company moving across to QUIBERON messes the following day. The arrangement has proved satisfactory.

4. At 0900, Monday, 4 January, I called on the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral A.W.R. McNicoll, C.B., C.B.E., G.M.

5. The announcement on the 5th January that VENDETTA had been awarded His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester Cup for 1964 was received with great pleasure by the members of the old commission, and the gold star that quickly appeared on the sides of the bridge should be a big incentive to the new commission to retain it.

6. I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon onboard the visiting French ship 'Jeanne d'Arc' on Thursday, 7th January, and was impressed with the cleanliness and functional design features of the ship.

7. During the month I completed the following Commanding Officers' Courses which had been arranged before I joined VENDETTA: -

Action Information Organisation	(WATSON)	Three days
Navigation	(WATSON)	Two days
Tactical Course	(WATSON)	One week
Communications	(CERBERUS)	Three days

I found all the Courses most instructive and an essential prelude to the Command Team Training that has been arranged for May.

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8. I called on you, Sir, onboard H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, at 0830 on Wednesday, 20 January.

9. Forty-nine schoolboys, who had attended the Summer Assembly at H.M.A.S. CRESWELL, visited VENDETTA on Monday, 25 January. Although the ship was looking far from it's best they appeared impressed with what they saw.

10. The two yearly cycle refit which commenced on 21 December, 1964, is progressing satisfactorily. Work in the four main machinery compartments is being carried out on a Critical Path Network System and indications to date show many advantages over the old system of using shop orders.

11. Two fumigations during the month appear to have successfully eliminated the infestation of cockroaches onboard.

12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(D.W. Leach)

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1965.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	Nil
(b) Total distance steamed	228,453.1 miles
(c) Hours underway during the month	Nil
(d) Total hours underway	16,765 hours
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1965.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1965.

S P O R T

All Ordinary Seamen (Various) have been exercised daily at Physical Training, and organised recreation arranged on Wednesday afternoons.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Garden Is.

- 3 MAR 1965

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: Flag Officer Commanding, H.M.A. FLEET (REAR LINK).
The Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1965.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

- Appendices: (A) Distance Steamed and Hours Underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of February, 1965.

2. VENDETTA has remained berthed alongside South East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, for the whole of the month, with our accommodation ship, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, alongside.

3. On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th, I attended an A.B.C.D. Course at H.M.A.S. PENGUIN which completes my round of Commanding Officer's Courses, preparatory to Command Team Training, which has been arranged for May.

4. At 1030 on Friday 12th, I watched H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE berth after her record service in the Strategic Reserve and after two months of Dockyard leads, awnings and equipment cluttering VENDETTA's decks, it was reassuring to see a smart, operational Daring Destroyer again.

5. I attended the first day of the T.A.S. Meeting at H.M.A.S. WATSON on Tuesday 16th and found the lectures and the discussion most interesting.

6. The refit is proceeding satisfactorily and the Critical Path Network Schedule of the machinery spaces is on time.

7. Some concern has been felt about the progress of the Weapons refit. In particular, it was feared that the shortage of electrical trades' labour in Garden Island Dockyard, might hamper the refitting of Weapon Electronics. These doubts were conveyed to the Superintending Weapons Engineer at a meeting arranged between Dockyard and Ship's officers on Monday 22nd. It was stated by the Dockyard officers at this meeting that present indications are, that the ship will meet the cardinal dates for the weapons refit. Considerable Dockyard effort has recently been diverted to the ship from stores refitting and H.M.S. TABARD and maximum overtime is being worked in order to maintain the necessary progress with the weapons refit.

An interesting maintenance problem occurred when rivets were being replaced on 'B' Gundeck. It was found that on the boundary angle iron below the high points on the bridge superstructure, where an iron scotsman had been welded, serious deterioration to the aluminium structure had occurred. New sections of aluminium angle iron have now been riveted in position and a wooden scotsman will in future be placed when light jackstay transfers are carried out from this position.

9. Eighteen Ordinary Seamen are at present borne and they constitute a large proportion of our work force. While it has not yet been possible to give them organised instruction, instructional and recreational tours have been arranged each Wednesday afternoon. This month they have visited H.M.S. TRUMP, the Zoo, Royal Australian Naval Armament Depot, Spectacle Island, and the Hydrographic office.

10. You returned my call, Sir, at 1030 on Thursday, 18th, walking around both VENDETTA and QUIBERON. I am hopeful that on the next occasion of your walking around that the comparison may be on the lines of the classic advertising 'before' and 'after'.

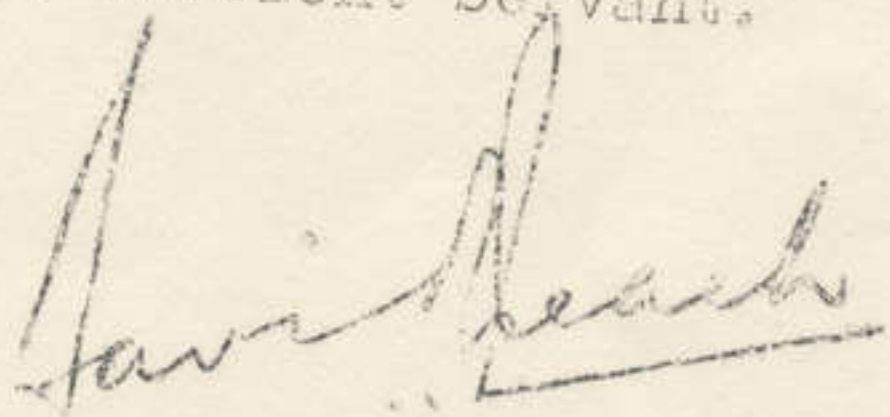
11. Two ratings from VENDETTA represented the Fleet as part of the three Services' Guard at the Cenotaph during the Churchill Parade through Sydney on Thursday 25th. Drill with the S.L.R. rifle had been carried out at Victoria Barracks, and the performance of the VENDETTA ratings received favourable comment.

12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(D.W. Leach)

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1965.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	Nil
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(d) Total hours underway	16,765 hours
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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1965.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1965.

S P O R T

All Ordinary Seamen (Various) have been exercised daily at Physical Training.

Thursday, 25th - Cricket - VENDETTA defeated H.M.S. TRUMP

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at Garden Is.

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Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

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The Captain (D), Tenth Destroyer Squadron, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1965.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance Steamed and Hours Underway.
(B) Exercises
(C) Sport

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of March, 1965.

2. VENDETTA has been berthed at South East Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island for nearly all the month, with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON alongside.

3. On Wednesday 10th, I called on the Captain (D), Tenth Destroyer Squadron, Captain D.J. HAMER, D.S.C., R.A.N., in H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and my call was returned the following day. I called on Captain (F), First Frigate Squadron, Captain B.H. LOXTON, R.A.N., in H.M.A.S. YARRA on Wednesday 24th.

4. The Command Team spent the day at the Action Speed Tactical Teacher at H.M.A.S. WATSON on Friday 12th, taking part in tactical games with H.M.A.S. ANZAC.

5. I attended the funeral of the late Rear Admiral H.J. BUCHANAN, C.B.E., D.S.O. (Retd) at H.M.A.S. WATSON on Wednesday 17th. The service was an impressive one and His Excellency, the Governor of New South Wales, two Archbishops and seven Admirals were present.

6. Lieutenant R.K. RYALL, R.A.N., joined from H.M.A.S. YARRA during the month and Lieutenant (TAS) D.C. ROSE, R.A.N. was appointed from the ship to H.M.A.S. YARRA at short notice on Friday 26th.

7. During the month, three auditors from the Internal Audit Branch, Garden Island, have been onboard auditing all accounts. It is expected that their work will be completed and the results known early next month.

8. The situation regarding progress of work on VENDETTA's armament, first reported in the Report of Proceedings for February (VENDETTA's letter No. 201/1/1 dated 3 March, 1965) still remains critical.

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9. Although there has been no statement that completion dates will not be met, the main areas where there appears a danger of this happening are:

- (a) The Gyro Rate Unit (G.R.U.) Stabiliser, which may delay the setting to work date. This matter was reported by the General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard, in Restricted Message D.T.G. 230650Z. The replacement base has now been fitted and the time lost was in the order of a week which will have to be made up.
- (b) The Admiralty Fire Control Clock (A.F.C.G.) Mark 12, where the wiring is due to complete to date, but no margin apparently exists for coding or lining up before setting to work commences.
- (c) The Dual Ballistic Unit (D.B.U.) and Single Ballistic Unit (S.B.U.) where work is progressing slowly because of the shortage of staff. The extra work on the G.R.U. has necessitated using the same men who would have been working on the sections of these Units.

10. Work on turrets and mountings is well in hand and no difficulty is expected in keeping to the planned dates for completion. The Mark 6 Director is ahead of schedule. Work on the Close Range Blind Fire Directors (C.R.B.F.D.s) is up to schedule, but the timing is tight.

11. Progress on the Torpedo and Anti Submarine Weapons and equipment is proceeding satisfactorily with the exception of the fitting of Sonar Type 162, which may not be completed in time.

12. The difficulty being experienced in keeping to the planned dates for the weapons, with only one ship under refit, naturally raises the question of what the position will be like with the arrival of the D.D.G.s. It is considered that unless some extra inducement is offered to bring the weapons' staff to full strength and additional personnel are recruited, there will be a continuing obstacle to ships refitting on time.

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13. The refit of electrical items is proceeding satisfactorily and to schedule. There have been a number of REDERS concerning rewiring which only became obvious when cable guards were removed for other jobs and inaccessible places were opened. All these extra commitments have been taken in hand.

14. Progress of the refit of the machinery during March has been satisfactory and approximately 75 percent of all committed work has been started and about one third of the total work completed. There has been a shortage of ship's engineering personnel onboard because of leave and the daily average of Engineering Mechanics onboard has been about eight, with a large proportion of these being required for fire watching duties below decks. This position will improve in April.

15. There was an industrial dispute on Thursday 25th involving VENDETTA, when an unauthorised stop work meeting was followed by a stoppage of work for the afternoon, by the fitters working onboard. The dispute arose when the Executive Officer remonstrated against a fitter who had ditched tea leaves on the Ship's side. Industrial harmony was restored after a meeting

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between Garden Island Dockyard management and Union officials, which brought assurances from the Union and the Dockyard individual concerned that there would be no further incidents of this nature. (G.M.G.I.D.'s Restricted Message D.T.G. 250639Z and 260720Z refer.)

16. VENDETTA was moved by tugs into the Inner Captain Cook Dock at 0845 on Tuesday 30th. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the ship to the required trim for docking. The Dockyard Drawing Office had calculated that 100 tons forward would achieve the correct result, however, embarkation of fuel and fresh water of this tonnage was not sufficient. Even after the anchors and cable had been placed onboard, it was necessary to flood the fore peak with water and to pump over 100 tons of fuel from the after tanks. The ship will remain in dry dock until 21 April.

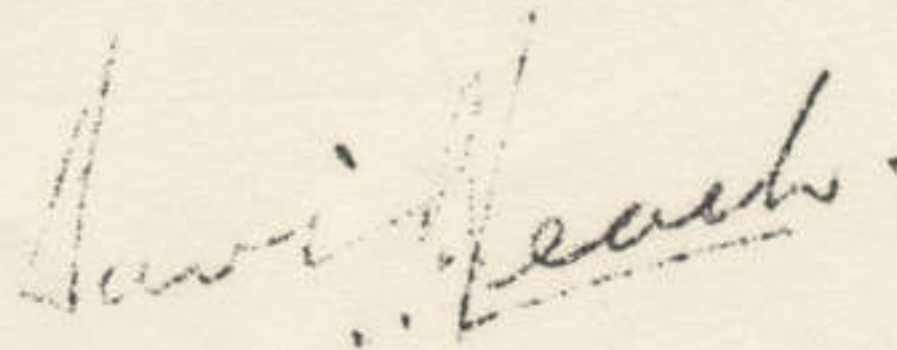
17. During the month, the whole ship's company have completed annual medical examinations, X-rays and dental examinations.

18. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(D.W. Leach)

COMMANDER,
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(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed	Nil

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MONTH OF MARCH, 1965.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF MARCH, 1965.

S P O R T

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>
17th	Rugby - VENDETTA/VAMPIRE vs RUSHCUTTER	Lost 6-3
24th	Rugby - VENDETTA/VAMPIRE vs WATSON	Won 9-6
31st	Rugby - VENDETTA vs NIRIMBA	Lost 16-3

All Ordinary Seamen (Various) have been exercised daily at Physical Training, and organised recreation arranged on Wednesday afternoons.

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for 14/8 *26/7* *Vendetta* *use*
5/8 *Refit* *being* *done* *with* *urgency* *14/23/7*
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HMAS Vendetta

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seen.
This sort of thing must
be frustrating to all
concerned.
What can be done
to prevent an occurrence
such as that
in FOCAF note from
reoccurring? 26

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McLennan
REAR ADMIRAL

AFA 15/12.

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

12th May, 1965.

W. S. Bell
HN 25/5/65.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Garden Is.

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

(Copy to: Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet (Rear Link)

The Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron,
H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1965

ALL TIMES LOCAL

- Appendices : (A) Distance Steamed and Hours Underway.
(B) Exercises
(C) Sport
(D) Photograph of Gloucester Cup presentation (original only).

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of April, 1965.

2. VENDETTA started the month in Captain Cook Dry Dock, Garden Island and during the three weeks that the ship was docked, all underwater fittings were overhauled; Type 162 Sonar was installed; the port rudder was rebushed and both rudders were coated with an experimental compound. The underwater hull was painted with anti-fouling protection and the lower boot topping line was raised.
3. On Friday 2nd, the Command Team attended tactical games at H.M.A.S. WATSON with the Team from H.M.A.S. TARANAKI who were spending a fortnight in Australia.
4. At 1130 on Tuesday 6th, I called on the Captain of H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, Captain G.J.B. CRABB D.S.C., R.A.N.
5. Together with the Captain of H.M.A.S. DUCHESS, Commander I.M. BURNSIDE R.A.N., I joined H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 0900 on Wednesday 7th, for three days at sea. The opportunity to discuss the operation of a Daring Class destroyer with two other Captains and to witness anti-submarine exercises, gunnery firings and other exercise serials was extremely valuable.
6. At 1215 on Wednesday 14th, I had the honour to be received at Admiralty House for the presentation of the Gloucester Cup by his Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester. Attending the presentation were Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester; His Excellency, the Right Honourable Viscount DeL'Isle V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K ST J; Rear Admiral O.H. Becher C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., and Bar; Captain A.A. Willis R.A.N., under whose command the Cup was won, and ten officers and senior ratings who served onboard VENDETTA in 1964. It was a memorable occasion to have the Cup personally presented for the first time in the eighteen years that it has been contested.

7. On Tuesday 20th a four week pre-commissioning training period commenced for the gunnery teams at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS and three weeks training for the Torpedo and Anti-Submarine and Action Information Teams started at H.M.A.S. WATSON on Tuesday 27th.

8. The ship undocked at 1000 on Wednesday 21st and was secured by tugs alongside South End Cruiser Wharf with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, our accommodation ship, alongside.

9. During the month the refit has progressed satisfactorily in all Departments with the exception of the weapons. The concern about the progress of the weapons refit which has been mentioned in earlier proceedings was reported in a Confidential message by VENDETTA on the 27th April.

10. A meeting was held on Friday 30th April by the General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard, at which Fleet Staff, Ship's Staff and trials teams were represented. At this meeting it was stated by the Dockyard that it had become necessary to extend the weapon completion date to Sunday 13th June.

11. The extension of the completion date by three weeks, coming a little under a month before the original completion date, is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs and occurred in spite of close liaison with the dockyard weapon staff and assurances that although labour was short and timing was tight dates would most probably be met.

12. A separate report on the refitting of VENDETTAS armament will be submitted at the end of the Sea acceptance trials.

13. The changes that will be necessary to the ship's programme are being dealt with in other papers.

14. The following officers joined during the month

Sub Lieutenant	D.B. HIRON R.A.N. from H.M.A.S. CURLEW
Lieutenant (TAS)	K.B. LANGFORD(X) R.A.N. (temporarily) from H.M.A.S. WATSON.
Lieutenant (A)	D.O. WILLIS (X) R.N. from the United Kingdom.

15. I received orders from Navy Office during the month to proceed to Sangley Point, Philippines, departing from R.A.A.F. Base Richmond on Wednesday 5 May to act as one of the official observers for Exercise "SEA HORSE". My return air passage has been booked from Bangkok on Monday 24 May.

16. VENDETTA challenged the Small ships' rugby champions, H.M.A.S. ANZAC, on Friday 30th and after a very fast and exciting game, the final score was 12 to 3 in ANZAC'S favour.

17. The health, conduct and morale of the ships company has remained satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

David Beach
COMMANDER
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY



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EXERCISES: NIL

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

Rugby :

7.4.65	DEST/FRIG	V	ALBATROSS	Lost 47-3	9 players from VENDETTA
14.4.65	DEST/FRIG	V	CARRIERS	Lost 26-0	12 players.
23.4.65	VENDETTA	V	STUART	Draw 6-6	
28.4.65	DEST/FRIG	V	PENG/WHEN	Won 31-14	5 players
30.4.65	VENDETTA	V	ANZAC	Lost 12-3	Small Ships Trophy.

Aust Rules

28.4.65	FLEET	V	ALBATROSS	Lost 120-25	5 players from VENDETTA
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Soccer

28.4.65	FLEET	V	ALBATROSS	Won 5-3	3 players.
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Golf

28.4.65	FLEET	V	KUTTABUL	WON 247-245	3 players from VENDETTA
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Softball

21.4.65	ORD SMN I	V	ORD SMN II (I - 20 defeated II - 12)		
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G.I.C. H.M.A.S. "KUTTABUL"

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12th May, 1965.

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Beckett
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At last report the nasal stenosis operation looks like being accepted at an early date. Later - the job has now been done.

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2. I have been concerned at the progress of the weapons refit in VENDETTA which has consistently run behind schedule.
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REAR ADMIRAL.

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20th June, 1965.

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(Sgd) T. K. MORRISON

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20th June, 1965.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA
at Garden Island.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1965
ALL TIMES - LOCAL

Appendices : (A) Distance Steamed and Hours Underway.
(B) Exercises
(C) Sport
(D) Officers Movements.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of May, 1965.

2. This was a busy month. Strenuous efforts were made by the Dockyard to complete all refit work and this was done with the exception of machinery spaces and weapons which are due to complete on the 11th June. Pre Work-up training was continued at a faster pace and it was pleasing to see marked progress in the appearance of the ship.

3. On the 5th May I departed from the Royal Australian Airforce Base, Richmond to act as an Official Observer for Exercise "Sea Horse". A separate report on this exercise has been submitted.

4. One weeks A.B.C.D. Pre Work-Up training at H.M.A.S. PENGUIN commenced on Monday 10th May, and the landing Party proceeded to Holsworthy for a fortnights' training with the Army from Monday 17th May. One weeks Command Team training commenced at H.M.A.S. WATSON on the 24th May. All Gunnery, Action Information Organisation, and Torpedo Anti-Submarine pre-work up training has been completed.

5. On the 12th May, the General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard walked round the ship to view progress of the refit. He was generally satisfied, except for the large amount of loose gear left lying about the ship by Dockyard tradesmen. It was most noticeable that after his visit there was a marked increase in dockyard effort to keep the ship cleaner. Ship cleanliness has been a continual worry during the refit and although the fault cannot be laid entirely at the feet of the Dockyard it would appear that more effort could be made in keeping ships' refitting, cleaner.

6. The ship was fumigated on Saturday 15th May. The result of this fumigation was most satisfactory and cockroaches have now become a very rare sight.

7. On Monday 17th May, the Ships Company transferred back to VENDETTA from H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, which had been used as an accommodation ship. The use of H.M.A.S. QUIBERON has proved very successful. Undoubtedly personnel were much happier than if they had had to live in VENDETTA during the refit and certainly it was possible to do more work in living spaces.

8. The ship was stored during the week commencing Monday 17th May.

9. At 1320, on Wednesday 19th a small fire broke out in the forward air conditioning machinery compartment whilst lagging of the equipment was taking place. This incident has been reported separately and while the result of the Dockyard investigation is still unknown, preliminary reports indicate that the adhesive used in lagging was inflammable at a certain stage whilst drying. A fire report will be forwarded when full details are known. The fire was extinguished by Ships' Staff in a commendably short time.

10. On 21st May VENDETTA assumed duties of Senior Officer Present Afloat in the Sydney area.

11. Between Tuesday 25 and Thursday 27 May the majority of the Ships Company proceeded to PENGUIN to test Anti Gas respirators. Arrangements have been made for the remainder to be tested during the week commencing Monday 7 June.

12. I returned from Bangkok, by air on Tuesday 25th May.

13. During the month satisfactory progress has been made on all sections of the weapons refit with the possible exception of turrets. Alpha turret has been tuned without A.C.U's and Bravo turret tuning is currently being carried out. Setting to work of Xray turret has not yet commenced and this is therefore an unknown quantity. Shortage of dockyard technical staff has not made it possible to tune two turrets concurrently. Setting to work of the Flyplane 3, Medium Range System and Torpedo and Anti Submarine systems is on schedule and should be ready for Harbour Acceptance Trials on the planned dates.

14. An unsatisfactory situation with the stowage and stocktaking of Naval Stores exists. This dates back as far as 1963 but has been aggravated by a 100% change of personnel, leave, shortage of stores sailors and the removal of ledgers from the ship for about six weeks for E.D.P. documentation. Additional assistance has been sought and it is intended to restow the electrical store which has been given first priority. The situation should be rectified before sailing.

15. The ship's company received a lecture and demonstration on lifejackets and liferafts by H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS on Monday 31 May.

16. The health, conduct and morale of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory. One Junior Recruit found guilty of desertion and theft has been sentenced to 21 days detention and dismissal from the Service.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

David Leach

COMMANDER
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

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

(Copy to : The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet
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The Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron,
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Exercises : Nil.

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SPORT :-

Rugby

5 May Fleet -v- KUTTABUL	Won 19-0	
12 May Combined Services Trial		
19 May Combined Services Trial		
25 May Combined Services-v- Victoria.	Won 23-16	LS RP Rodgers R Captained the Combined Services Side.
26 May Fleet II -v- WATSON	Lost 16-6	8 Representatives
29 May Navy I -v- PARRAMATTA	Lost 46-0	2 Representatives
Navy II-v- PARRAMATTA	Lost 36-3	5 Representatives

Aust Rules :-

5 May Fleet-v- Army	Won 103-33	7 Representatives
12 May Fleet-v-Sydney Naval	Lost 30-29	10 Representatives
17 May Fleet-v-R.A.E.	Lost 55-46	5 Representatives
25 May VENDETTA-v-STUART	Lost 47-25	For small ships Trophy.
26 May Fleet-v-SRAR	Lost 73-17	8 Representatives.

Soccer

5 May Fleet-v-NIRIMBA	Lost 3-0	4 Representatives
12 May KUTTABUL/Fleet-v-ALBATROSS	Lost 10-0	2 Representatives
19 May Fleet-v-SM4	Lost 4-1	6 Representatives
26 May Fleet-v-KUTTABUL	Won	6 Representatives

Golf

5 May Fleet-v-PENGUIN	Won 279-270	2 Representatives
19 May Fleet-v-KUTTABUL	Won 243-225	2 Representatives

Basketball

14 May Interservice Trial		3 Representatives
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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1965

Officers Movements :

Officers movements during the month of May, were as follows :-

Lieutenant D.O. WILLIS R.N.	joined from U.K.	14 May, '65
Lieutenant P. GRACE R.N.	joined from U.K.	14 May, '65
Commander G. LAING-SCHOFIELD	from KUTTABUL	17 May, '65
Surg Lieut. C.R. BARKER R.A.N.	joined from CERBERUS	24 May, '65.
Commander A.L. MILROY R.A.N.	Appointed to KUTTABUL	24 May, '65.

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The FOCAT's remarks strongly support GMCIO - See file 18.6.480 - action 48CE

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1965.

- Appendices : (A) Distance Steamed and Hours underway.
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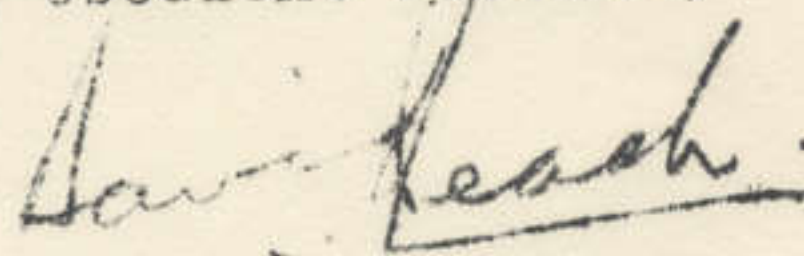
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Sport for the Month of June.

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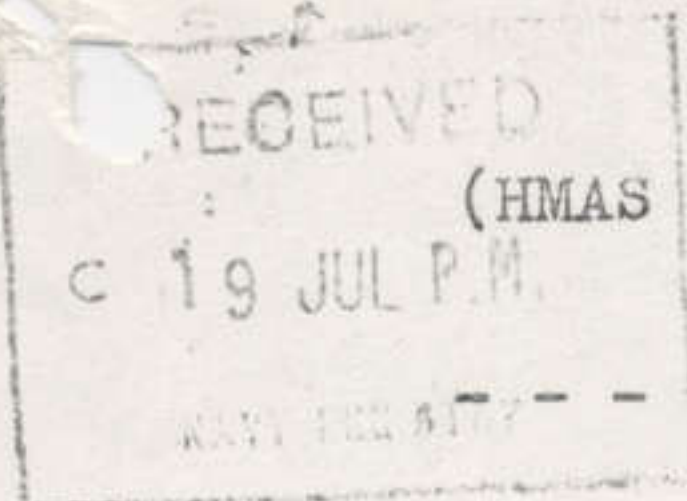
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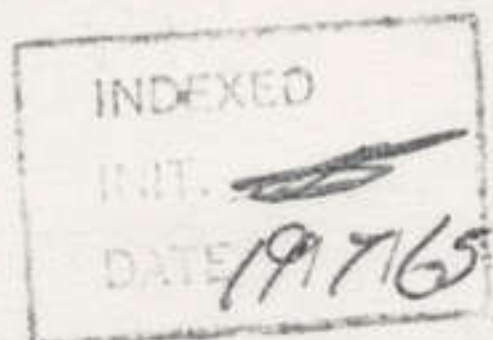
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2. The refit completed on Sunday, July the 4th and the ship prepared for sea. The refit completion report was signed on Friday 2nd July and the outstanding defects and planned maintenance items not completed, were noted.

3. At 0830 on Monday 5th July, VENDETTA sailed for five days Shakedown and Sea Acceptance Trials. Some trials overlapped into the workup period, but all were eventually completed.

4. You walked around the ship, Sir, on Monday the 12th and on completion VENDETTA sailed for Exercise "MOULIN ROUGE" with Fleet Staff Officers embarked.

5. Departmental Inspections of Gunnery, T.A.S. and Communications were progressed during Monday and Tuesday.

6. On Wednesday the 14th, H.M.A.S WATSON Helicopter Control Course embarked from H.M.A.S. ANZAC for two days training during the Casex phase of "MOULIN ROUGE". In retrospect, it is certain that embarking training classes in ships working up, is an unsatisfactory expedient.

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8. At 0700 on Saturday 17th July, VENDETTA anchored in JERVIS BAY. Landing Parties and Demolition Teams were landed for exercises ashore.

9. Divisions were held onboard on Sunday 18th in sunny though blustery weather, the ships company attending prayers on completion. All ordinary Seaman were landed for beach games during the afternoon.

10. On Monday 19th at 0700 VENDETTA sailed for the second stage of the work up, anchoring once again in JERVIS BAY on Thursday evening, after transferring the Gunnery Trials Team to H.M.A.S. ANZAC for passage to Sydney.

11. The Mid-Course Review was held at the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School on Friday 23rd. The Command Team and three Senior sailors attended to represent VENDETTA. At 1300 VENDETTA sailed for Naval Gunfire Support exercises on the BEECROFT range. Officers, Masters and twenty cadets from H.M.A.S. CRESWELL were embarked for the afternoon's exercises and witnessed Air and ground spot firings and live mortar demonstrations. The fishing after firing was disappointing. On completion VENDETTA anchored off CAPTAINS POINT for operation AWKWARD exercises. H.M.A.S. RUSHCUTTER provided the enemy. A separate report has been submitted on this exercise. The ships divers spent only five and a half hours underwater this month. Adequate time was allocated for diving exercises, but the lack of Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus, has severely restricted the diving training programme.

12. Heeling trials, both at anchor and underway, were successfully carried out in JERVIS BAY on Saturday the 24th. On completion the ship was righted and proceeded to Sydney.

13. At 0900 on Sunday 25th, VENDETTA berthed at CHOWDER BAY for fuel, and in the afternoon proceeded to the D.G. Range. D.G. Ranging was completed despite the numerous yachts racing in the harbour. Many seemed to be emulating the Hong Kong Junk skippers removing their unwanted "Devils". Ranging completed, VENDETTA moved to number 2 Buoy and short leave was granted until 2200. VENDETTA sailed at 2300 for the LONGEX phase of "MOULIN ROUGE".

14. LONGEX was enthusiastically conducted by the JUCEX 57 participants and proved a valuable finale to the work up. The last stage of the LONGEX, the entry screen into JERVIS BAY, was later found to be unnecessary as the "ENEMY" was lying quietly at the bottom of WRECK BAY, waiting for the SMASHEX signal. This was received onboard VENDETTA as the "CONVOY" entered JERVIS BAY to land plot teams.

15. SMASHEX operations commenced immediately, and I assumed duties as Senior Officer Search Force. Considerable air support was provided by N.A.S. NOWRA, with up to six helicopters and four fixed wing aircraft on task at any one time. It was later discovered that H.M.S. TRUMP's indicator buoy had failed to function and this caused the initial search to be carried out in the area adjacent to the entrance to JERVIS BAY, the estimated position of TRUMP for the LONGEX stop time. Later "Intelligence" gave TRUMP's position as WRECK BAY and the search force moved to that area. H.M.S. TRUMP was located and surfaced by 1300.

16. At 1330 I proceeded North with H.M.A.S. ANZAC in company, berthing at Garden Island at 2000.

17. On the Afternoon of Thursday 29th the Command Team flew to H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS for the LONGEX wash up. This gave opportunity for the forces taking part to have final discussions on the exercises.

18. I attended a Captain's meeting at Fleet Headquarters on Friday the 30th and the discussion was extremely interesting and valuable.

19. As anticipated the work up has been very rushed and time between serials allowed little time to analyze results. The ships company have responded with a will and I consider that with the two days exercises off Sydney in the first week of August and consolidation exercises in company with H.M.A.S. DUCHESS on the passage North, that H.M.A.S. VENDETTA will be in a sufficiently worked up state to acquit herself well on Strategic Reserve Service.

20. The Health, Conduct and Morale of the ships company has been satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.



COMMANDER.
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
Fleet Headquarters,
SYDNEY. N.S.W.

(Copy to :- The Captain (D),
Tenth Destroyer Squadron.)

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDERWAY.

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| (a) Distance steamed during the month - | 4018.8 |
| (b) Total Distance Steamed - | 4027.5 |
| (c) Hours underway during the month - | 343.8 |
| (d) Total hours underway - | 345.0 |
| (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed :- | |
| (i) 16 July - Partial repair trial to 28kt. - | 6 hours. |
| (ii) 21 July - A/S Exercises - | 1 hour. |
| (iii) 22 July - A/S Exercises - | 1 hour. |
| (iv) 26 July - A/S Exercises - | 3 hours. |
| (v) 27 July - A/S Exercises - | 2 hours. |
| (vi) 28 July - SMASHEK - | 1 hour. |
| (vii) 28 July - Consumption Curve Evaluation - | 5 hours. |

APPENDIX 7.

TRIALS COMPLETED AND DEPARTMENTAL INSPECTIONS.

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RADIO SEA TRIALS. :
MORTAR CALIBRATIONS.
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HEELING TRIALS. :
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AIO AND T.O. WORK EVALUATIONS.

APPENDIX D.

JULY 1955.

AUSTRALIAN RULES.

1 JULY	VENDETTA	v	MELBOURNE	WON 31 - 20	WON FLEET TROPHY AND SMALL SHIPS TROPHY.
17 JULY	VENDETTA	v	ANZAC	LOST 41 - 20	LOST FLEET TROPHY AND SMALL SHIPS TROPHY.

RUGBY.

2 JULY	VENDETTA	v	MELBOURNE	DREW 0 - 3	FOR FLEET TROPHY.
30 JULY	VENDETTA	v	ANZAC	LOST 23 - 6	FOR FLEET TROPHY AND SMALL SHIPS TROPHY.

BASKETBALL.

23 JULY	VENDETTA	v	CRESWELL	WON 65 - 35	
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Sea.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

AUGUST, 1965.

All Times Local.

- APPENDICES: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises carried out.
(C) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, for the month of August, 1965.

2. At the beginning of the month, VENDETTA prepared for Strategic Reserve Service and completed trials and work up evaluations.
3. On Monday, 2nd August, the ship sailed, in company with H.M.A.S. DUCHESS, for "Square Dance" exercises with Fleet Staff Offices embarked, returning to Garden Island the following day.
4. Ammunitioning was completed during the forenoon of Wednesday the 4th, and VENDETTA then shifted alongside Fitting Out Wharf.
5. The ship's company attended Intelligence Lectures at the Gunnery Instructional Centre on Thursday the 6th. They were interesting and informative and the background information given was appreciated by all hands.
6. On Monday the 9th, Sir, you addressed the combined ships' companies of VENDETTA and DUCHESS.
7. VENDETTA, in company with H.M.A.S. DUCHESS, sailed at 1000 on Wednesday the 11th August, for Strategic Reserve Service. Wives and families visited the ship prior to sailing for last farewells on board and from the wharf. Both ships cleared Sydney Heads by 1040 and proceeded North to the Hervey Bay area. Exercises were carried out on passage and these appear as a separate appendix to this report.
8. During the forenoon of Friday 13th VENDETTA and DUCHESS rendezvoused with H.M.A.S. ANZAC for Pilotless Target Aircraft shoots, and after the last target had been splashed, the three ships proceeded for a rendezvous with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY. After fuelling, VENDETTA and DUCHESS proceeded North for Manus.
9. On the 14th, "B" phase: contactors of G.2. generator local supply Panel burnt out. They were replaced, but tracking occurred due to carbonisation of the Paxoline base board. The defective section of the base board was then cropped out, a new piece fabricated and fixed into place with Araldite. After drilling and tropanning, to take the fittings, the Breaker was re-assembled, and is now working satisfactorily. This was a difficult repair, calling for much ingenuity and improvisation by the electrical sailors concerned.
10. Both ships passed through the Jomard Passage into

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the Solomon Sea on the evening of Sunday 15th August.

11. Exercises were carried out daily until Wednesday 18th, when VENDETTA and DUCHESS berthed alongside in Secadler Harbour, Manus. As there was a fifteen knot wind blowing onto the jetty and no tugs were available, the outboard anchor was used for berthing and proved very useful when unberthing.
12. Fuelling completed, the ship's company took part in games and sport ashore, both intership and versus H.M.A.S. TARANGAU. A cocktail party was held on board DUCHESS that evening with a total of about 50 naval and civilian residents attending.
13. The prevailing South Easterly wind made it necessary to leave the berth at 0700 the following day, the ship anchoring in Secadler Harbour for exercises until 0900, when both ships proceeded for the Tawau area.
14. Crossing the line ceremonies were held on board on Saturday the 21st. This was a great success, and all participated with a will.
15. At 1800 both ships were darkened and the third degree of Anti Submarine and Anti Aircraft readiness was assumed until arrival in Singapore.
16. Both ships chopped to the operational control of Commander, Far East Fleet, at 0530 ($-8\frac{1}{2}$) on Sunday 22nd August.
16. The passage continued uneventfully until Monday 23rd when VENDETTA AND DUCHESS rendezvoused with H.M.A.S. YARRA and H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA. Turnover notes were exchanged, our unofficial Chinese were embarked and at 1300 both groups proceeded.
17. A twenty four hour economical steaming trial was carried out on Thursday 24th, with Lieutenant R.J. Nattey (ENG)(M) R.A.N., Senior Engineer of H.M.A.S. DUCHESS acting as observing officer.

Very satisfactory fuel and feed water figures were obtained and these were below those shown in the ship's performance figures for four months out of dock. Results: achieved were as follows:

Main Engine Revolutions	108 R.P.M.
Displacement (Approx)	3175 Tons.
Distance run.	318 Miles.
Miles per Ton Fuel.	8.2 Miles.
Feed Water Used.	17 Tons.

18. On Wednesday 25th a rendezvous was made with R.F.A. TIDEREACH for fuel in the Tawau area. This was completed successfully and the passage to Singapore continued.
19. During the dog watches on Friday 27th, judging of a beard growing competition was carried out and I was pleased to see some of the efforts shaved off that evening.
20. The length of watches kept in the Sonar Control Room has been shortened to increase the efficiency of the operators. The system worked, three hour watches by night with two hour watches by day, appears successful. The Sonar operators liked the system, were not unduly tired after one week's operating and their alertness on watch has increased.

21. At 1000 on Saturday 28th, the ship secured alongside at No. 6 Berth, in the Stores Basin at Singapore Dockyard, ready to commence Strategic Reserve Service.

22. I called on the Commander Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, K.C.B. D.S.C. at 1100 with the Captain of H.M.A.S. DUCHESS. Calls were also made on the Chief of Staff, Rear Admiral D.H. Mason; The Admiral Superintendent, Rear Admiral R.C. Paige; and the Captain of the Fleet Captain E.F. Gueritz, O.B.E., D.S.C.*, R.N.

23. At 1130 on Monday 30th, the Commander Far East Fleet did the Australian Division the honour of addressing both ships' companies and meeting the officers and senior sailors in each ship.

24. A comprehensive briefing on the local situation was given to the Command Teams of both ships during the afternoon of Monday 31st, by the local Operations Officer, and this was followed by an intelligence briefing by Captain Hayward-Butt, R.N.

25. After a very welcome long weekend break in Singapore, VENDETTA sailed for East Coast patrol at 1500 on Tuesday 31st.

26. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains very satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(D.W. LEACH.)
COMMANDER.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. Australian Fleet.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. Australian Fleet (Rear Link)
The Commander, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command
Far East Fleet.
The Captain, 10 Destroyer Squadron.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.

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APPENDIX A

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDER WAY.

(a) Distance steamed during the month	5,973.8
(b) Total distance steamed.	238,456.4
(c) Hours underway during the month.	429.3
(d) Total hours underway.	17,539.
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
Aug 2nd. 1 hour - Exercises (Square Dance)	
Aug 3rd. 6 hours - Exercises (Square Dance)	
Aug 16th. 1 hour - Exercises.	
Aug 20th. 1 hour - Exercises.	

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APPENDIX B.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT.

ANTI SUBMARINE.

Mortar Sea Check Firing.	1.
F.A.R.S.E.X.	4.
T.F.X.	2.
D.T.F.X.	2.

GUNNERY.

N.G.F.S.C.X.	1.
N.E.X.	1.
A.A.T.X.	2.
MAX (BUS)	1.
R.I.X.	2.
A.A. MR/CR/FIRING.	2.
R.O.F.X.	1.
S.U.T.O.F.	2.
C.L.A.P.E.X.	2.
WIND FINDING.	2.

MISCELLANEOUS.

N.B.C.D.X.	2.
JACKSTAY.	2.
ACTION MESSING.	1.
S.P.X.	1.
SEA BOATS.	4.
REL VEL QUIZ.	2.
O.O.W. MANOEUVERS.	2.
R.A.S.	2.
FLASHEX.	14.

GUNNERY.

N.G.F.S.C.X.	1.
N.E.X.	1.
A.A.T.X.	2.
MAX (BUS)	1.
R.I.X.	2.
A.A. MR/CR/FIRING.	2.
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REL VEL QUIZ.	2.
O.O.W. MANOEUVERS.	2.
R.A.S.	2.
FLASHEX.	14.

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APPENDIX C.

SPORT.

DATE.	SPORT.	FIXTURE.	RESULT.	VENUE.
Aug. 19.	Water Polo	Ven/Duchess V. P.N.	Lost 15 - 2	Manus
	Basketball	Ven/Duchess V P.N.G.	Lost 38 - 30	Manus.
23.	Volley Ball	Ven/Duchess V	Won 2 - 1	Manus
	Soccer	Tarangau	Lost 9 runs.	Manus
30	Cricket.	Vendetta V Duchess.	Lost 9 runs.	Manus
	Backward swimming class at TARANGAU.			
20	Inter-Mess Knock out Competition Won by			
21	comprising: Tug o War. 3E P.O's.			
22	Quoits. Arm Wrestling. Shot Putt.			
28.	Rugby	Vendetta V Duchess.	Lost 13 - 8	Singapore.
	Soccer	Vendetta V Duchess.	Lost 8 - 0	Singapore.
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Sea.

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

SEPTEMBER, 1965.

All Times Local.

- APPENDICES: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises carried out.
(C) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, for the month of September, 1965.

2. During the month VENDETTA steamed 7,326 miles and was at sea for 26 days.

3. On Tuesday the 31st August, VENDETTA sailed for patrol duties in the Singapore Straits, returning to Singapore Naval Base on Monday, 6th September, at 0900. The patrol was uneventful, with the hours of darkness spent underway and daylight hours at anchor. Anchorages were selected to give the opportunity to land bathing parties at Changi on Tuesday 2nd and Saturday 4th and at Jasons Bay on Sunday 5th.

4. The ship was refuelled from R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN on the 4th, the Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander M.W. Hudson, R.A.N., conning the ship. During the month the Executive Officer also brought the ship alongside and took her to sea.

5. On Monday 6th, six hours after securing at Singapore Naval Base the ship was required to sail at short notice for patrol. VENDETTA was ready to proceed at 1645 and was on passage to the patrol area by 1700. The patrol was short and uneventful, VENDETTA returning to No. 2 Berth in the Naval Stores Basin at 0900 the next day. H.M.A.S. DUCHESS berthed alongside at 1500 on return from a patrol in the Malacca Straits.

6. I was privileged to dine with Vice Admiral and Lady Twiss at Admiralty House on the evening of September 7th.

7. I called on Vice Admiral P.J. Hill-Norton, C.B., Flag Officer Second in Command Far East Fleet, on the forenoon of Thursday 9th. I also received calls from the Captains of the Australian Minesweepers at Singapore, H.M.A.S. IBIS Lieutenant Commander P.D. Campbell R.A.N.; H.M.A.S. TEAL, Lieutenant K. Murray, D.S.C., R.A.N.; and H.M.A.S. SNIPE, Lieutenant S.B.E. Courtier, R.A.N.

8. H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and DUCHESS sailed from Singapore Naval Base on Friday 10th September and proceeded eastwards to Manus. The passage was via the Mallewali and Sibitu Channels.

9. The quarterly full power trial was carried out on Sunday 12th September between 0830 - 1015. Satisfactory figures were obtained, the average R.P.M. being 293.

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10. At approximately 1800 on the same day, a shrill whistle coming from the rear of the A boiler was reported. Investigation revealed that the joint on the main steam line at the lead off from the superheated header had started to blow from the spiral wound gasket. The second boiler was connected and the Ship's Staff working in one hour shifts replaced the gasket and adjusted the hanger in ten hours. In the very hot conditions, it is considered that they performed a very creditable "Dockyard Job".
11. This matter has been report separately in the Engineer Officer's Quarterly Letter.
12. Both ships refuelled from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER on Monday 13th in the area south of Sibutu Channel. On Completion, VENDETTA and DUCHESS proceeded, exercising on passage, towards Manus.
13. The highlight of an uneventful passage occurred for the Medical Branch three days before arrival at Manus. Radio Operator A.J. Mitchell, R.62140, of H.M.A.S. DUCHESS developed acute appendicitis during the forenoon of the 15th September. His condition indicated that early operation was imperative and this was performed onboard H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, after a boat transfer. The facilities on board VENDETTA were considered better with more space in the Sick Bay for an operation of this nature.
14. Conditions were ideal for the operation, including the weather. The Medical Officer of DUCHESS performed the appendicectomy under general anaesthetic administered by VENDETTA's Medical Officer. The operation was successful and a grossly inflamed appendix removed. Subsequent convalescence was satisfactory onboard VENDETTA and the patient was ambulant when put ashore at Manus Hospital.
15. On Saturday 18th both ships berthed at Lombrom Jetty, Manus, fuelled and prepared for the passage to Cap St Jacques.
16. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, Captain G.J.B. Crabb, D.S.C. R.A.N., anchored in Seeadler Harbour on Sunday 19th to refuel, and the Captains of both escorts called on him in the evening.
17. H.M.A.S. SYDNEY escorted by VENDETTA and DUCHESS proceeded from Manus at 0600 on Monday 20th September for Operation "Tanton". The passage to Subic Bay via the San Bernardino and Verde Island Passages was uneventful, although several "false alarm" Sonar contacts kept the screen on its toes. VENDETTA and DUCHESS refuelled from SYDNEY on the 22nd September.
18. The three ships arrived at Subic Bay for fuel on Saturday 25th at 0700, sailing again at 1700 for Cap St Jacques.
19. The carrier and escorts anchored in the Saigon River on the morning of Tuesday 28th and the unloading of SYDNEY'S cargo commenced.
20. The activity of the American Forces in Vietnam was very much brought home during the short stay at anchor, with a great deal of air activity and a bombardment carried out by U.S.S. PRESTON one mile away from our anchorage.
21. Defence Watches were maintained whilst at anchor to combat any underwater attacks, and boat controls were continuous. Ship's divers carried out bottom searches at each slack water and a total of 175 scare charges were dropped.

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22. SYDNEY's stores unloaded, I assumed tactical command of the escorts as ordered, and proceeded from the Saigon River at 0615 on Thursday 30th September. A departure screen was formed and at 0745 all three ships proceeded southwards to clear the "Market Time" patrol area, which is the U.S.N. surveillance area off Vietnam.

23. VENDETTA and DUCHESS proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY until completion of fuelling at 1630, when the screen detached and proceeded for Hong Kong.

24. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains very satisfactory and the self maintenance period in Hong Kong is eagerly awaited by all hands.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

David Leach

(D.W. LEACH.)
COMMANDER.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

The Flag Officer Commanding
H.M. Australian Fleet.
The Commander, Far East Fleet.
The Flag Officer Second in Command
Far East Fleet.
The Captain, 10 Destroyer Squadron.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.

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APPENDIX A

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDER WAY.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	7326.3
(b)	Total distance steamed.	245,782.7
(c)	Hours underway during the month.	514.
(d)	Total hours underway.	18,053.
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
	Sep 2nd:	1 hour - Operational requirement.
	Sep 3rd:	2 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 4th:	1 hour - Operational requirement.
	Sep 5th:	1 hour - Operational requirement.
	Sep 12th	1 hour - Quarterly full power trial.
	Sep 20th	3 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 21st	24 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 22nd	24 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 23rd	24 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 24th	7 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 25th	7 hours- Operational requirement.
	Sep 26th	24 hours- Operational requirement.

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APPENDIX B.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT.

Defence Watches closed up	23 days.
Boarding Party	1.
R.A.S.	3.
Jackstay.	1.
TOWEX (Forward & Aft)	2.
Sea Boats.	4.
Executive Officer conning in/out harbour.	2.
A.A.T.X.	1.
G.D.X.	2.
FARSEX	1.
H.P.X.	1.
T.F.X.	1.
Light Mortar Firings	1.
E.W.X.	1.
NAV COMEX (Various)	20.

2. DIVING.

By day
By night.

61½ hours) includes 9
12 hours) bottom searches.

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APPENDIX C.

SPORT.

At Manus.

Sep 19th.	Hockey V DUCHESS	won	3 - 0.
	Basketball V DUCHESS	won	32 - 19.

At Sea.

'Round Robin' Sports Competition:
Tug-O-War 9 rounds of each sport.
Quoits.
Deck Quoits.
Indian Arm Wrestling.

Ordinary Seamen Various early morning physical training.

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The Secretary,
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At Sea.

- 5 NOV 1965

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

(Copies to :- The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, D.10 Destroyer Squadron.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1965.

It is requested that H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's Report of Proceedings dated 2 November, 1965 be upgraded to "Restricted".



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(D.W. LEACH.)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

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

2 November, 1965.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.

OCTOBER, 1965.

- APPENDICES: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises carried out.
(C) Official calls and entertainment.
(D) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, for the month of October, 1965.

2. On Sunday 3rd October, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, in company with H.M.A.S. DUCHESS, arrived in Hong Kong. The passage from the Saigon River had been uneventful, VENDETTA passing through LYE-U-MUN Channel at 1320 and securing alongside H.M.A.S. DUCHESS at H.M.S. TAMAR at 1415.

3. The Ships' arrivals were enthusiastically greeted by our respective Side Parties and by a host of traders all clamouring for permission to conduct business onboard.

4. Both ships shifted berth, on the afternoon of Monday 5th, to the North Arm of the Basin and remained at this berth until sailing.

At 1530 on the 5th I called on Commodore F.D. HOLFORD, D.S.C., R.N., Commodore Hong Kong, and later the same afternoon I called on the Australian Trade Commissioner (E.E. JARVIS Esq.). A list of the official calls and entertainment is shown in Appendix C.

5. A combined cocktail party was held on the Forecastles of both ships which Commodore Hong Kong attended. The guests, who were predominantly Australian, had been arranged by the Australian Trade Commissioner.

6. The period in Hong Kong was the first real chance since leaving Australia to do any self maintenance and a great deal was achieved. All essential planned maintenance items were progressed with particular emphasis on 1/9/2 turbines, boilers and generators. The leaking starboard thrust block was rejointed and the turbo-alternator gearing was replaced with spares flown from Australia. Contract labour was used to remove rust, and represerve and paint in the machinery spaces, the wind and water line and certain areas of the deck.

7. Opportunity was taken while in Hong Kong for one sixth of the ship's company to complete the annual musketry course at STONECUTTERS ISLAND.



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8. The visit to Hong Kong had been eagerly awaited by the whole ship's company and I don't think anyone was disappointed. On Sunday 10th October, the anniversary of the founding of Communist China, leave was restricted because of previous riots and both the ships' companies of VENDETTA and DUCHESS were entertained from the wharf by a Chinese concert troupe paid for by both ships' welfare funds.
9. The sailing date from Hong Kong, originally the 15th of October, was advanced to Tuesday 12th as H.M.S. EURYALUS, who was to have acted as plane guard for H.M.S. ARK ROYAL had a major fire in the tiller flat which made it necessary for her to return to Singapore for repairs to her steering motors. This was the first of several programme changes for VENDETTA during the month, as later we took H.M.A.S. DUCHESS' place as TAWAU guardship and we relieved K.D. HANG TUAH early, because of defects in her steering gear.
10. At 1100 on Tuesday 12th, after a concerted effort by contractors and the technical departments to finish all work, VENDETTA sailed to rendezvous with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL to the east of WANGLAN Light at 1215, and a twenty knot passage to the SUBIC exercise area was made.
11. Early on Wednesday 13th, VENDETTA fuelled from R.F.A. TIDE REACH and joined H.M. Ships FALMOUTH and BRIGHTON for Anti-Submarine Exercises with H.M. Submarine OBERON.
12. VENDETTA remained with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL until the morning of the 19th, exercising by day and rejoining by dusk to act as Rescue Destroyer.
13. The time spent with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL was most valuable. The co-operation of the United States Navy at SUBIC BAY and their willingness to arrange practices at short notice was also very much appreciated. Details of exercises carried out are contained in Appendix B.
14. On Sunday 17th, a VENDETTA team was invited across to ARK ROYAL to take part in a very ingeniously designed sports' carnival. VENDETTA came fourth and was very graciously given a special prize of a carton of beer.
15. At 0800 on Thursday 19th, ARK ROYAL and VENDETTA rendezvoused with H.M. Ships FALMOUTH (D.30) and BRIGHTON and R.F.A. TIDE SPRING. VENDETTA was relieved of escort duties, refuelled from TIDE SPRING and proceeded north eastwards towards TAWAU. Opportunity had been taken before departure to transfer second class mail to ARK ROYAL for delivery in AUSTRALIA.
16. A rendezvous was made with R.F.A. TIDE REACH at 0600 on the 20th October, and on completion of fuelling, VENDETTA proceeded through the MALAWALI and ALICE Channels, anchoring off TAWAU at 0700 on Thursday 21 October.
17. A Turnover meeting was held in K.D. HANG TUAH (Commander M.J. MANN, R.N.) at 1100 on 21st. Representatives of Ships, the Army and the Air Force were present and a general briefing on the Eastern Malaysian situation was carried out.
18. VENDETTA assumed duties as TAWAU guardship and Senior Officer Afloat at 1200 on the 21st, and K.D. HANG TUAH sailed for Singapore.
19. The ships present in TAWAU were:

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H.M.S. WOOLASTON (Lieutenant Commander M.J. RIVETT-CARNAC, R.N.)
H.M.S. LANTON (Lieutenant Commander M.J. CASSERLY, R.N.)
K.D. SRI SARAWAK (Lieutenant P.D. McKAY, R.A.N.)
K.D. SRI KELANTAN (Lieutenant A.J. MILLER, R.N.Z.N.)
K.D. PETREL (Lieutenant DAUD, R.M.N.)
S.D.M.L. 3507 (Lieutenant ZAINAL ABIDIN, R.M.N.V.R.)
R.F.A. GOLD RANGER (Chief Officer G. OVERBURY.)

20. The situation in TAWAU at present is quiet, with an average of about twenty Kumpits and Djong Kongs containing about three hundred Indonesians arriving each week for barter trading. There is very close co-operation between the three Services, and the Guardship remains on call for Naval Gunfire Support should there be any developments on the border.

21. VENDETTA proceeded at 1645 for the first TAWAU night patrol on Friday 22nd, returning to anchor at 0830 on Saturday 23rd, having first refuelled from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER.

22. During the forenoon of Saturday 23rd, Commander **Naval Forces Borneo** (COMNAVBOR) - Captain R.D. MacDONALD, R.N. called onboard with the Resident Naval Officer, TAWAU (Lieutenant Commander L. LAMB, R.N.). Captain MacDONALD briefed the Captain of H.M.S. LANTON and myself on a special patrol that was to be carried out for twelve days from the 25th.

23. On completion of Saturday 23rd night patrol, VENDETTA anchored off the island of SI AMIL on Sunday and landed banyan parties, which provided a welcome break in routine.

24. VENDETTA in company with LANTON sailed from TAWAU at 1645 on Monday 25th for a twelve day patrol to the east of TAWAU, south of the ALICE and SIBUTU Channels.

25. On Thursday 28 October, identities were exchanged with the FILIPINO warships CEBU and CATAN DUANES south of the SIBUTU Channel. Ships then continued on their respective ways.

26. On Friday 29th, H.M.A.S. SNIPE (Lieutenant S.B.E. COURTIER, R.A.N.) relieved H.M.S. WOOLASTON, giving the TAWAU ships a very ANZAC flavour.

27. A Royal Air Force Shackelton from LABUAN co-operated daily from 1430H until 1830H, in searching the waters to the south of VENDETTA'S patrol line.

28. By the end of the month the patrol had been uneventful, apart from alternate days replenishment at sea from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER and the search of five Kumpits with many false alarms caused by large floating logs.

29. During our time in TAWAU, a variety of calls from the small ships for technical assistance and repairs have been successfully met.

30. Details of the ship's running are shown in Appendix A and it is of interest that during the month VENDETTA steamed one quarter of a million miles since first commissioning.

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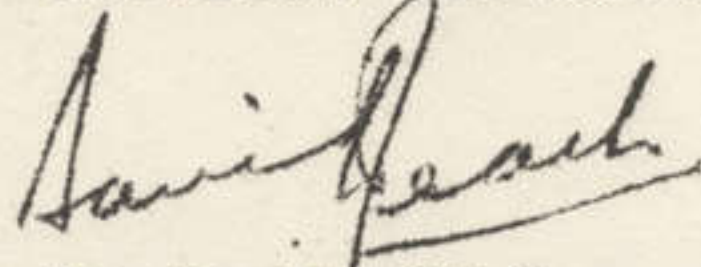
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31. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company remains most satisfactory. The excellent mail delivery arrangements since our departure from AUSTRALIA have contibuted a great deal to the maintenance of morale.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



(D.W. LEACH.)
COMMANDER.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

The Flag Officer Commanding
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APPENDIX A.

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDERWAY.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month.	7,134.5.
(b)	Total distance steamed.	252,917.2.
(c)	Hours underway during the month.	463.7.
(d)	Total hours underway.	18,516.7.
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical steaming.	
	Oct 12th. 12 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 13th. 14 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 14th. 3 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 15th. 3 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 16th. 5 Hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 17th. 20 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 18th. 15 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 19th. 20 hours - Operational requirement.	
	Oct 29th. 4 hours - Operational requirement.	

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APPENDIX B.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT.

GUNNERY.

AAMRFX 1.
AACRFX 1.
AATX 3.
GDFX 1.
MAXBUS 3.
GRAL 1.
REWFX 1.
NGSFX 1. 5 Runs (3 runs H.E. 2 runs H.E. and illuminants.)
NGSCX 1.
CRROFX 3.
CLAPEX 1.
BOARDING
PARTY. 6.
ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE. - 46 officers and sailors.

T.A.S.

CASEX A4. 2 hours.
CASEX A17. 2 hours.
CASEX B11. 4 hours.
Light Mortar Firings 4. (2 assessed)
Demolition Instruction. 2 hours.

DIVING.

27½ hours (includes acquaint dive by Captain.)

N.B.C.D.

Minor NBCDX. 2.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RAS 7. (Executive Officer conning 1)
Light Jackstay. 3.
Heaving line transfer. 3.
Seaboats. 4.
Planeguard. 5.
Steering breakdown. 2.

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APPENDIX - C.

OFFICIAL CALLS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

HONG KONG.

- Monday 4th. 1200 Called on Captain, H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST.
(Captain J.P.S. VALLANT, R.N.Z.N.)
- 1600 Called on Commodore Hong Kong.
(Commodore F.D. HOLFORD, D.S.C. R.N.)
- 1645 Called on Australian Trade Commissioner.
(E.E. JARVIS. ESQ.)
- Signed book of the Governor of Hong Kong.
(His Excellency Sir DAVID TRENCH, K.C.M.G. M.C.)
and those of the Senior Army and Air Force
Officers and the Colonial Secretary.
- Tuesday 5th. 1130 Commodore Hong Kong returned call.
- 1230 Australian Trade Commissioner returned call.
- Thursday 7th. Lunch with Commodore Hong Kong and Mrs Holford.
(Present; Lieutenant General Sir Dennis and
Lady O'Connor.
Vice Admiral and Mrs P.J. Hill-Norton.
- Friday 8th. 1930 Informal dinner with Australian Trade
Commissioner.
- Saturday 9th. 1315 Lunch with Chief Justice of Hong Kong, Sir
Michael and Lady Hogan.
Guests; The Right Honorable Sir Garfield and
Lady Barwick.
The Honorable Sir Ivo and Lady Rigby - as well
as other members of the legal profession in
Hong Kong.
- Monday 11th Entertained to luncheon on board:-
Commodore and Mrs F.D. Holford.
Mr and Mrs Jarvis.
Captain H.M.A.S. DUCHESS (Commander I.M.
Burnside, R.A.N.)

TAWAU.

- Thursday 21st. 1400 Called on Commander East Brigade (Brigadier
MOHD SANY, S.M.K.)
- Friday 22nd. Entertained Captains to lunch on board from:-
R.F.A. GOLD RANGER. (G. OVERBURY.)
K.D. SRI SARAWAK. (Lt. P.D. MCKAY, R.A.N.)
H.M.S. LANTON. (Lt.Cr. M.J. CASSERLY, R.N.)
- Saturday 23rd. 1030 Commander Naval Forces, Borneo (Captain
R.D. MacDONALD, R.N.)
Resident Naval Officer, Tawau (Lieutenant
Commander L. LAMB, R.N.)
called and stayed for luncheon.

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APPENDIX D.

SPORT.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>SPORT.</u>	<u>VERSUS.</u>	<u>VENUE.</u>	<u>RESULT.</u>
Oct. 5th.	Hockey.	H.M.S. MANXMAN.	Hong Kong.	Won 10 - 1.
6th.	Rugby.	H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.	" "	Lost 12 - 6.
6th.	Soccer.	H.M.S. MANXMAN.	" "	Lost 5 - 1.
7th.	Basketball.	H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.	" "	Won 28 - 21.
7th.	Rugby.	Ship's Team V Engineering Mechs.	" "	Ship's Team Won 14 - 9
10th.	Rugby.	South Wales Borderers.	" "	Lost 33 - 0
14th.	Potted Sports.		H.M.S. ARK ROYAL.	VENDETTA 4th.
28th.	Completed inter-mess Round Robin comprising: Tug-o-War. Indian Arm Wrestling. Quoits. Deck Quoits.			1st. Petty Officers. 2nd. 3CZ (Seamen) 3rd. Wardroom.
30th.	Inter-mess Potted Sports Competition comprising: High Jump. Broad Jump. Astride Jump into a chair. Rope Climb. Obstacle Course. Firemans Lift Race. Weight Lifting. Limbo. Deck Quoits. Darts. Bowls.			1st. 3CZ (Seamen) 2nd. 3Q. (ME's) 3rd. Wardroom.

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By D.M.T.

The exchange of personnel under the conditions existing in Borneo does increase the chance of casualties. However D.M.T. believes that such exchanges are most valuable since they greatly assist inter-service understanding and co-operation and provide an interesting and instructive diversion for personnel concerned. As such they are a valuable morale aid. D.M.T. proposes that F.O.C.A.F. be informed that the Naval Board supports the principle of the exchange of personnel for the above reasons.

A. J. Robertson

1st. February, 1966.

D.M.T.

Matter has been considered by the Board on file 333/1/9 & reply to FOCAF is being made on that file. It will be considered upon despatch

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
2 December, 1965.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS.
NOVEMBER, 1965.

- APPENDICES: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises carried out.
(C) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, for the month of November, 1965.

2. The first six days of the month were spent continuing a counter incursion patrol in the TAWAU area. Forces employed were H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, patrolling to the south of the SIBUTU and ALICE channels; H.M.S. LANTON (Lieutenant Commander M. Casserly, R.N.) to the south of DENT HAVEN and a Shackleton provided daily, between 1400-1830, by R.A.F. LABUAN.
3. The patrol was uneventful apart from the usual barter trading traffic from the CELEBES Island and Replenishments at Sea from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER. Two Philippines' Naval ships, the CEBU and CATAN DUANES were sighted on several occasions carrying out their own anti-smuggling patrols.
4. VENDETTA returned to TAWAU, anchoring off the jetty at 1000 on the 6th November, for a welcome weekend off patrol. Four kumpits had been searched during the patrol and numerous logs investigated. H.M.S. LANTON berthed alongside later that day, having been relieved by H.M.A.S. SNIPE.
5. On Monday 8th VENDETTA resumed night patrols in the approaches to TAWAU after a pleasant weekend at anchor. Sporting fixtures and a visit to the Borneo Abaca plantation had been arranged. The weekend at anchor was also appreciated by the smaller vessels, several repair jobs having been carried out on the patrol craft and minesweepers.
- 6. One officer and six guardsmen of the First Battalion Scots Guards embarked during the forenoon of the ninth for a week's sea time.
- 7. The Guardsmen were on exchange for one officer (Sub Lieutenant A.H. Craig R.A.N.) and six sailors who had left the ship on Sunday 7th November. This party was split into two groups, one proceeding to SERUDONG LAUT and the other to SERUDONG ULU. These patrol bases are approximately nine and thirteen miles up the SUNGEI SERUDONG from WALLACE BAY and are some 3000 yards from the Indonesian border.
- 8. During the week naval parties went on a jungle patrol, provided escorts for the assault boats when underway and participated in general camp duties and recreation.
9. Instruction in the use and handling of all small arms, including the ARMALITE rifle was received and practical firings carried out with all types of weapons.
10. The jungle 'veterans' all returned safely to VENDETTA on Monday 15th November. These exchanges are

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encouraged by local operational authorities and do a great deal for inter-service co-operation.

11. At 1140 on Wednesday 10th, Vice Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, K.C.B., D.S.C., Commander, Far East Fleet, accompanied by the Chief Staff Officer, Administration (Captain R.M. Young, R.N.) and the Commander, Naval Forces Borneo (Captain R.D. Macdonald R.N.) arrived on board for a visit to the ships and the land bases in the TAWAU area.

12. The Commander, Far East Fleet, informally walked around the ship, and at 1225, VENDETTA, flying the Admiral's Flag proceeded up river, anchoring off WALLACE BAY at 1325. Major B. Stewart-Wilson, First Battalion Scots Guard, the Senior Officer Tawau Assault Group, came on board to give a briefing on the assault area and then the Admiral transferred to K.D. SRI SARAWAK (Lieutenant P.D. McKay, R.A.N.) for a tour around the complex.

13. VENDETTA sailed for patrol in the TAWAU approaches at 1630 with the Commander Far East Fleet embarked in H.M.S. LANTON for the night's patrol.

14. The Anglican Archbishop of Sydney, Dr H. Gough, accompanied by the Army Chaplain-General, Canon A.E. Begbie, called on VENDETTA during the forenoon of Thursday 11th November, as part of his tour of Australian Forces serving in Malaya, Borneo and South Vietnam. The Archbishop gave a short address to all hands on the fore-castle, followed by an all denominations Remembrance Service.

15. On completion of the patrol of the night 11/12th VENDETTA anchored in the approaches to WALLACE BAY for a naval gunfire support firing exercise. This was successfully carried out, spotting being provided by the Royal Artillery Regiment.

16. VENDETTA then shifted anchorage to TAWAU for a stand off for short leave and sport.

17. Night patrols were carried out on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th, VENDETTA anchoring off TAWAU on Monday 15th to prepare for the Guardship turnover the next day.

18. At 0805 on Tuesday 16th H.M.S. LINCOLN, (Commander D.C. Nairn, R.N.) entered harbour and anchored off TAWAU.

A turnover and Guardship meeting was held in VENDETTA's Wardroom at 1030 which was followed by the usual visits to Police and Army Units.

19. At 1430 on completion of the turnover VENDETTA proceeded from TAWAU bound for BALEMBANGAN Island and SINGAPORE.

20. After an uneventful night's passage via the ALICE and MALEWALI Channels, VENDETTA arrived off BALEMBANGAN North Harbour.

21. A survey party under the command of Major J. Clark, Royal Artillery, had been landed on BALEMBANGAN Island by H.M.S. LINCOLN on the 17th and they, together with their Gemini dinghy, were embarked for return to SINGAPORE.

22. On the 18th November, the Ship's Company qualified for the award of the General Service Medal with Borneo Clasp.

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23. The passage to SINGAPORE was uneventful, although the failure of 'A' Unit main feed pump caused the cancellation of the intended annual full power trial, and at 1545 on the 19th VENDETTA berthed at number six berth Singapore Dockyard.

24. On arrival in SINGAPORE VENDETTA had steamed 25,500 miles since leaving Sydney and with only one self maintenance period of seven days, the following week's maintenance was most welcome.

25. During the week the main feed pump to 'A' Unit was repaired, some boiler brickwork renewed, and a heavy storing programme completed.

26. On Friday 26th, it was the ship's birthday, having been seven years in commission, and this was celebrated by the baking of a special birthday cake.

27. After a Command Team briefing at Fleet Headquarters on Friday 26th, VENDETTA sailed for MALACCA Straits patrol on Monday 29th, expecting to return to Singapore by Saturday 4th December.

The highlight of the patrol to date has been the assistance in the arrest of an Indonesian coaster by K.D. SRI PERLIS off Cape RACHADO on the evening of the 30th November. This was reported in my Restricted Message D.T.G. 020945Z.

28. During the month, Branch Technical Tests, with a total of thirty four candidates from the Engineering Branch; Advancement Boards; and a Midshipmen's Dummy Advancement Board, were held.

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

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

David Head

COMMANDER.

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The Commander, Far East Fleet.

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The Captain, D.10. Destroyer Squadron.

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

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APPENDIX 'A'.

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDERWAY.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	-	5065.9
(b)	Total distance steamed	-	257983.1
(c)	Hours underway during the month	-	335.9
(d)	Total hours underway	-	18852.6
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed		
	(i) 16 Nov - 9 Hours	-	Operational requirement.
	(ii) 17 Nov - 16 Hours	-	Operational requirement.
	(iii) 29 Nov - 4 Hours	-	Operational requirement.

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APPENDIX 'B'.

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Light Mortar Firings	-	2 Patterns
Armament Quarters	-	4
Demolitions Exercises	-	1
Operation Awkward	-	1
Identification and Classification Trainer	-	4 Hours
Diving - Day (including scraping of dome)	-	55 Hours.
" - Night	-	15½ Hours.

GUNNERY

R.O.F.X.	-	1
Rapid Engagement of Submarine Exercise	-	1
N.G.S.C.X.	-	1
N.G.S.F.X.	-	2 Runs
A.A.L.R.X.	-	1
CLAPEX	-	1
Action Stations	-	2
Defence Watches	-	15 Days

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R.A.S.	-	4
Minor N.B.C.D.X.	-	2

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APPENDIX 'C'.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>		<u>FIXTURE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>VENUE.</u>
7th	Rugby	V	Scots Guards	Won 6 - 3	Tawau
7th	Hockey	V	Scots Guards	Won 4 - 1	Tawau
7th	Basketball	V	Scots Guards	Lost 62 - 48	Tawau
7th	Softball	V	Two ships teams	26 - 4	Tawau
8th	Tennis	V	Army Officers	Won 3 - 1	Tawau
8th	Soccer	V	Scots Guards	Lost 6 - 1	Tawau
	Combined VENDETTA and HMS LANTON				
10th	Volleyball	V	S.A.S.	Won 2 - 1	Tawau
10th	Softball	V	Two ships teams	32 - 19	Tawau
22nd	Basketball	V	Ark Royal	Won 32 - 19	Singapore
rd	Rugby	V	Taranaki Seconds	Won 9 - 3	Terror
23rd	Hockey	V	Ark Royal	Lost 4 - 2	Terror
23rd	Soccer	V	Ark Royal	Lost 4 - 0	Terror
27th	Rugby	V	Ark Royal	Lost 9 - 6	Terror
27th	Hockey	V	Mull of Kintyre	Lost 4 - 1	Terror
27th	Basketball	V	Ark Royal	Won 34 - 33	Terror
28th	Basketball	V	Londonderry	Won 35 - 18	Terror
28th	Rugby	V	R.A.F. Tengah	Won 19 - 0	Tengah
28th	Hockey	V	R.A.F. Tengah	Lost 2 - 1	Tengah

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

1 January, 1966.

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS,
DECEMBER, 1965.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command, for the month of December, 1965.

2. VENDETTA spent twenty four days of the month at sea patrolling in the Malacca and Johore Straits.

3. The first four days of December were spent on Malacca Straits patrol in the Sembilan Islands, Cape Rachado, and Pulau Bengkalis areas. The ship refuelled from R.F.A. EDDYROCK on Thursday 2nd.

4. At 0800 on Saturday 4th the Bengkalis deterrent patrol was completed and VENDETTA proceeded to Singapore, berthing at 1445 on H.M.A.S. DUCHESS at number 6 Berth.

5. On arrival in Singapore I was informed of a change in programme that put the ship on patrol over Christmas instead of in Hong Kong. This news was received well by the Ship's Company as we were to visit Hong Kong from 5 - 15 January, 1966, instead.

6. The four Midshipmen (Supplementary List) borne for training left the ship on Sunday 5th for air passage to Australia.

7. VENDETTA remained in Singapore until 1315 on Wednesday 8th, sailing at this time for South East Johore and Singapore Straits patrol. On the evening of the 8th, VENDETTA took part in a welcome anti-submarine exercise with H.M.S. BLACKPOOL, helicopters from H.M.S. ARK ROYAL and H.M. Submarine AMBUSH.

8. A day patrol between Tanjong Ayam and St. John's Light was carried out on Thursday 9th, shifting to the Horsburgh Light area at dusk. Two Indonesian Warship sightings were made that day, one Riga and one Kronstadt proceeding westwards from the Rhio Strait.

9. Day patrolling continued on Friday 10th, in the vicinity of the M.W. TIVOLI which was at anchor south of Tanjong Stapa. Mail was landed by ship's boat to Loyang during the forenoon.

10. Saturday 11th provided a day of exercises with anti-aircraft tracking, massed air attacks and action stations during the forenoon. A Replenishment at Sea was carried out with R.F.A. TIDEREACH during the afternoon and VENDETTA proceeded to patrol in the Horsburgh Light area on completion.

11. After the night patrol of 11/12th VENDETTA proceeded up the Kuala Johore and at 0800 anchored off Loyang. Banyan parties were landed on Pulau Serangoon at 1030 for a day on the beach, however, as a result of further Indonesian Warship movements VENDETTA was sailed with despatch for the Singapore Straits, getting under way at 1345 after recovering the parties

ashore.

On arrival in the Straits the Indonesian Warships, two Skoris and one Riga class, were sighted proceeding south westwards down the Phillip Channel. It was later discovered that the Riga class destroyer, KAKIALI, had run aground on the Helen Mar reef.

12. VENDETTA patrolled in the St Johns/Tanjong Ayam area on the night of 12/13th, proceeding to the Raffles Light area at 0700 on the 13th to photograph the stranded Indonesian destroyer.

Photographs taken, VENDETTA proceeded for an anti-aircraft tracking and firing exercise with H.M.S. BLACKPOOL, returning to the Horsburgh Light area for a night patrol on completion.

13. On Tuesday 14th, VENDETTA left the Singapore Strait area for a patrol in the Malacca Straits off the One Fathom Bank. A Replenishment at Sea with R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN was carried out on passage.

14. VENDETTA remained in the One Fathom Bank area until the morning of the 21st, carrying out day and night patrols. R.F.A. WAVE SOVEREIGN provided fuel underway on Thursday 16th and at anchor on Saturday 18th.

15. A fast passage was made to Singapore on Tuesday 21st, completing the annual full power trial during the forenoon. A speed of 30.5 knots was achieved with average revolutions for the two hours at full power of 285. The ship's displacement was 3,550 tons and the sea water temperature was 88° F.

16. VENDETTA berthed at number 2 berth H.M. Naval Base at 1645 for a welcome stand off in Singapore and five General List Midshipmen joined from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY soon after our arrival.

17. During the week commencing 13th December, the Sonar Control Room was closed up daily for non submarine searches in the Malacca Straits. A total of forty eight hours searching was carried out, with non firing urgent attacks followed by type 162 Sounder runs. All contacts investigated were classified as water disturbance.

18. The results of the Branch Technical Tests for the Engineering Branch, which were received during the month, gave great satisfaction. Two sailors passed for Chief Engineering Mechanic; two for Engineroom Artificer 1st Class; four for Petty Officer Engineering Mechanic and seventeen for Leading Engineering Mechanic.

19. Three days of weapon and anti-submarine training were arranged during the month but had to be cancelled at short notice because of the requirement to patrol. Exercises have been arranged for the passage to Hong Kong in company with H.M.S. ALBION and exercises on entering and leaving harbour. It is hoped that the New Year will provide more opportunities for weapon training.

20. VENDETTA sailed at 0900 on Christmas Eve, and after ammunitioning at a buoy proceeded for five days' patrol in the Singapore Strait. On arrival on patrol the ALRI Destroyer KAKIALI was seen under tow, having been refloated.

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21. Christmas Day was celebrated happily at sea complete with carols, crackers and turkey, and my rounds of the messdecks showed a lot of ingenuity in the decorations.

During the Christmas period seventeen radio telephone calls were made by the Ship's Company to their families.

22. Singapore Strait day and night patrols, with fuel from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER on the 27th, continued until the 29th, and at 1430 on the 29th VENDETTA berthed at Singapore Naval Base, having been relieved by H.M.S. MANXMAN.

23. The period 29th to 31st December, has been spent preparing for passage to Hong Kong, a long awaited and welcome re-visit.

24. Two sailors were flown home to Australia during the month for compassionate leave. Able Seaman Weapons Mechanic A.C. KNIGHT, R.52697, left on the 18th to go to his baby son who was dangerously ill with pneumonia, but has happily since recovered and Able Seaman Underwater Control R.J. HIGGINS, R.57867, went on the 26th to his father who is suffering from recurring cancer.

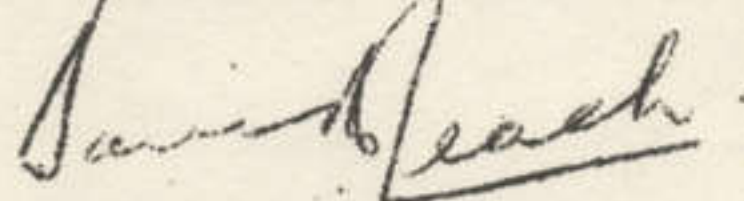
25. The wear-down of the Starboard "A" bracket is causing some concern and this has been represented separately.

26. The health of the ship's company during the month has been very satisfactory, the average monthly Venereal Disease figure, since leaving Australia, being 5.6 cases. The conduct has been very good with a total of offences for the month of nineteen; and the morale remains high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



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

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APPENDIX 'A'.

DISTANCE STEAMED AND HOURS UNDERWAY.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month-	6020.1
(b)	Total distance steamed -	264003.2
(c)	Hours underway during the month -	519.7
(d)	Total hours underway -	19372.3
(e)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed.	
	(i) 4th Dec - 4 hours - Operational requirement.	
	(ii) 14th Dec - 3 hours - Operational requirement.	
	(iii) 21st Dec - 8 hours - Annual full power trial.	
	(iv) 27th Dec - 1 hour - Operational requirement.	

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APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT.

GUNNERY.

GDX	1.	
MAXBUS	1.	
AALRX	2.	
NGSCX	1.	(Voice and CW)
AACRX	1.	
AALRF	1.	(Type B 6 Runs)
AACRF	1.	
SUCRF	1.	

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CASEX B11	-	2½ hours.
Armament Quarters		5
Non Sub search with 162 runs		48 hours
Initial Detection and Classification Trainer.		5 hours.
Diving.		69½ hours.

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R.A.S.	4.	
Minor NBCDX	1.	
Defence Watches	24 days..	

APPENDIX 'C'

SPORT.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>VENUE.</u>	<u>SPORT.</u>	<u>VERSUS.</u>	<u>RESULT.</u>
5th.	Tengah.	Rugby.	R.A.F. Tengah.	Won 14 - 3.
6th.	TERROR.	Hockey.	DUCHESS.	Won 10 - 1.
7th.	TERROR.	Rugby.	DUCHESS. (Hector Cup Challenge)	Won 5 - 3.
22nd.	TERROR.	Soccer.	RHYL.	Lost 11 - 0.
30th	TERROR.	Basketball.	TARANAKI.	Won 50 - 24.
30th	TERROR.	Tennis.	TARANAKI.	Lost 6 - 0.

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