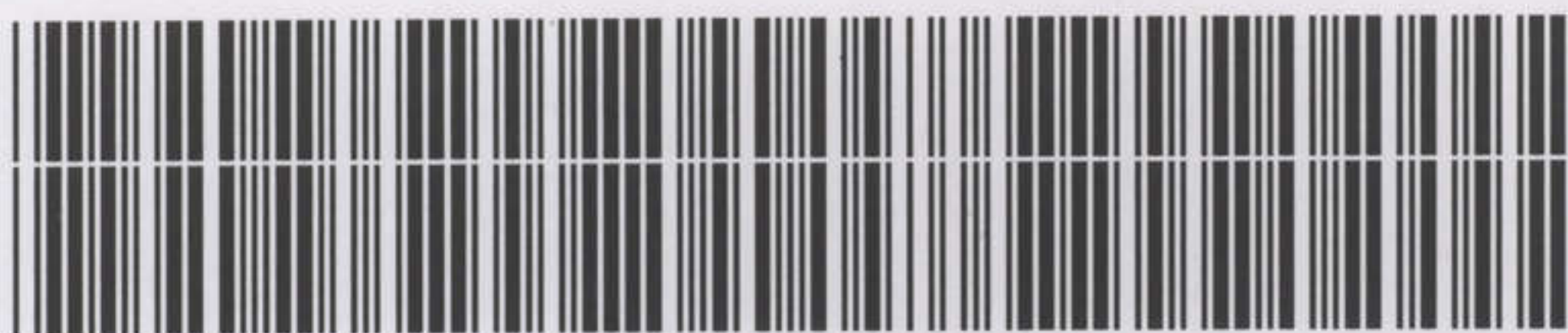


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The Secretary,
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Sea

7 February, 1964.

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

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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 - JANUARY, 1964.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of January, 1964.

2. The beginning of the month found VENDETTA alongside in Hong Kong under self maintenance. Quite apart from the pleasure of Christmas and the New Year in such a splendid setting, the period had been most valuable and a considerable amount of basic maintenance was completed. In addition a defective turbo alternator had been repaired by Taikoo Dockyard, although time did not allow the completion of full acceptance trials.

3. By programme VENDETTA and H.M.A.S. QUIBERON were to sail for Singapore on 4 January, but as H.M.S. AMPHION was due in the area on 8 January this was delayed until 9 January. However both ships sailed on the morning of Monday 6 January for shake down exercises in the Hong Kong area, exercises which included Operation Awkward, landing parties and night defence of an anchorage, in preparation for a return to the particular conditions in the Malaysian area.

4. AMPHION duly arrived on 8 January and some useful A/S exercises were conducted in conjunction with H.M.S. PLYMOUTH flying the broad pennant of the Commodore Hong Kong, Commodore G. O. Symonds, D.S.C..

5. That night VENDETTA and QUIBERON carried out a night encounter with PLYMOUTH. Carried out in close formation at 30 knots this was terminated by VENDETTA firing one torpedo. It is of interest to note that although the torpedo passed close to PLYMOUTH she was unable to hear it because of the noise created by the firing ship's propellers at about 5,000 yards range.

6. On the late afternoon of 9 January the R.A.N. ships topped up with fuel from the tank farm at Kun Tong and sailed for Singapore at 1930.

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7. Enroute defence stations and action drills were exercised followed by an economical steaming trial in conjunction with Operation Dusky.
8. At 2000 on 12 January a rendezvous was effected with H.M.S. LOCH KILLISPORT and mail transferred by high line. Shortly afterwards QUIBERON was detached for escort duties with H.M.S. ALBION in the Borneo area while VENDETTA continued to Singapore securing alongside in the Naval Base at 0815 on 14 January, 1964.
9. Fuel and stores were embarked and the ship sailed again at 1100 for a concentrated series of A/S exercises with H.M.S. ANDREW in the Singapore exercise area.
10. During one of the exercises a Shackleton carried out a mail drop, once again highlighting the first class service given by the section that handles mail on the Far East Station. This could not be improved upon and is a great contributor to high morale.
11. The ship returned to No. 6 berth in the Naval Base on the morning of 17 January, and immediately set to work training for the Perth Cup Competition due to be contested by the R.A.N., R.N., and R.N.Z.N. in rugby, basketball, tennis, golf and swimming.
12. The interest created by this event, which took place between 18 and 23 January, was considerable, and a very good sporting spirit was shown by all teams.
13. QUIBERON entered harbour on the morning of 19 January to the relief of the R.A.N. Contingent who had been disappointed at the prospect of her absence from the competition.
14. Overall the result was a draw between the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Navy, with the Royal New Zealand Navy third.
15. The Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral J. P. Scatchard, C.B., D.S.C.**, presented the trophy and forecast that this would become one of the most keenly contested trophies on the Station.
16. On the 22 January I was taken ill and though remaining onboard, turned over command to my Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander, J. A. Matthew, M.B.E., R.A.N. while QUIBERON took over as Senior Officer of the R.A.N. Division.
17. At 0830 on 24 January both ships sailed for Penang arriving at 1130 on 25 January and anchoring off the Esplanade.
18. Ceremonial and calls were reduced to a minimum as the visit was operational and co-incided with the Malay fasting month.

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19. A luncheon party was given by the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON on 26 January for the Chief Minister of Penang, The Honourable Dato Wong Now Pee, P.M.N., The Air Officer Commanding, R.A.A.F. Butterworth, Air Commodore N. Ford, O.B.E., A.F.C., the Director of the British Council, Mr. M. E. Dalziel and Major I. R. C. Greenleaf, Second in Command of the First Battalion, Green Jackets. The following day the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON and Lieutenant Commander Matthew called on the Chief Minister.

20. Ships were dressed overall on 26 January on the occasion of Australia Day.

21. The programme for the visit was arranged by Chief Petty Officer P. P. Webb, Royal Navy, who is attached to K.D. SRI PINANG. No problems were encountered thanks to his organisation and the visit was enjoyed by the Ship's Company.

22. The ships sailed on the morning of 28 January for the Singapore exercise area. For 72 hours an intensive trial of the U.S.N. "Chow to Chow" watchkeeping system was carried out. Although activity had to be simulated in the majority of cases, nevertheless some useful conclusions were reached and have been reported upon separately.

23. At 0815 on 31 January, VENDETTA secured alongside at the R.N. Armament Depot, Singapore, to top up with ammunition, shifting berth at 1115 to the Naval Base.


24. I resumed command at 0900 on the same day.

25. The health and morale of the Ship's Company remain satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(J. P. Stevenson)
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APPENDIX A.

- (a) Miles steamed.....4154.7
(b) Total distance steamed.....181,509
(c) Hours underway.....306
(d) Total hours underway.....13,408 15/60.
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

Date.	Hrs.	Fuel T/Hr.	Dist/Ton.	Av. Sp.	Reason.
7 Jan	1	2.8	6.4	18	Exercise Programme Hong Kong.
7 Jan	1	2.8	6.4	18	
8 Jan	1	2.8	6.4	18	
8 Jan	3	2.8	6.4	18	
9 Jan	2	2.6	6.8	17	
15 Jan	1	4.8	5.0	22	
29 Jan	1	3.6	5.5	20	N.E.X.

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APPENDIX B.

EXERCISES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Exercise.</u>
2 Jan	Voice procedure, logging, relative velocity.
3 Jan	Harbour Voice procedure and relative velocity.
6 Jan	A.M.E.W.X. UA3 Calibration. P.M.R.I.X. S.P.X. O.O.W. X. D.T.F.X. O.O.W. manoeuvres. Drills. Operation Awkward. Moor ship.
7 Jan	A.M.A.B.C.D.X. (Major)Landing party exercise. Weigh by deck tackle. P.M.R.I.X. S.P.X. P.A.C. Firing. Farsex. General Drills. O.O.W. Manoeuvres. Screenex.
8 Jan	A.M.CASEX A18. A.A. Tracking. Casex 4/5 P.M.Casex A10. Jackstay transfer. R.I.X. S.P.X. N.E.X. T.F.X. Night Security Exercise.
9 Jan	A.M.G.D.X. P.M.Hands closed up in Defence Watches, commenced Operation Dusky.
10 Jan	AM Action Stations. A.B.C.D.X. Shelter Stations. Base Surge Avoidance. Farsex. R.O.F.X. PM Cease Operation Dusky.
11 Jan	AM Commence economical steaming trial. A10 (Logging) R/V, Air Plot.
12 Jan	PM Cease economical steaming trial.
13 Jan	AM A.I.O. Exercises. S.P.X./R.I.X. Farsex. PM Close range surface firings. Exercise Divers.
14 Jan	PM A.A. Tracking. Casex A4/5. Casex A10.
15 Jan	AM Casex A2. Casex A3. R.O.F.X. PM Casex A5.
16 Jan	AM Casex A15. Casex A5. PM Casex A5. Casex B6.
18 Jan	Operation Awkward.
27 Jan	PM Commence "Chow to Chow" Watchkeeping
24 Jan	AM Minor A.B.C.D.X. Action Stations.
28 Jan	AM Action stations, Minor A.B.C.D.X. MAX/G.D.X. PM R.I.X./S.P.X. D.T.F.X. Farsex. O.O.W. Manoeuvres. Commence communications and A.I.O. exercises (24 hours)
29 Jan	PM N.E.X.
30 Jan	AM Action Stations, Major A.B.C.D.X. A.A. Tracking and A.A. Sleeve firing. PM R.I.X/S.P.X. Farsex. S.U.T.O.F. O.O.W. Manoeuvres.

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APPENDIX C.

OFFICIAL CALLS.

27 January.

Lieutenant Commander J. A. Matthew, M.B.E., R.A.N.
together with The Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON, called on the
Chief Minister of Penang, Honourable Dato Wong Now Pee.

APPENDIX D.

Officers leaving.

14 January.

WATSON. Lieutenant P. V. Blackman, R.A.N. to H.M.A.S.

Lieutenant J. D. Reece, R.A.N. to H.M.A.S. NIRIMBA.

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APPENDIX E

SPORT.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Event.</u>
2 Jan	Hockey V Loch Fada, Lost 2-3 Rugby 2nds V Albion, Won 8-6 Tennis V Albion, Drawn. Badminton V Tamar, Won.
3 Jan	Basketball training. Squash V Albion, Lost 2-3 Soccer V Albion, Lost 2-6 Cricket V Albion, Lost 186-88
5 Jan	Tennis-selection for Perth Cup Rugby 1sts V 2nds - Training.
6-14 Jan	Exercises (Circuit Training and 5BX) for all Perth Cup Teams.
15 Jan	Rugby Training. Swimming Training.
16 Jan	Rugby Training. Basketball Training. Swimming training.
17 Jan	Rugby Training Basketball Training Swimming Training Golf Training Tennis training.

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Perth Cup

18 Jan Basketball V R.N. Lost 28-52

19 Jan Rugby V R.N.Z.N., Lost 3-14
Basketball V R.N.Z.N. Won 40-12
Tennis V R.N.Z.N. Won 6-0

20 Jan Golf Practice
Rugby Training

21 Jan Tennis V R.N. Drew 3-3
Rugby V R.N. Won 14-3
Golf 1st R.N., 2nd R.A.N., 3rd R.N.Z.N.

22 Jan Swimming 1st R.A.N. 2nd R.N. 3rd R.N.Z.N.

Perth Cup Final Results

First: R.A.N. } 65 points
R.N.

Third: R.N.Z.N. 30 points.

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APPENDIX E (CONTINUED)

22 Jan Volleyball V Dampier Won 2-0
Basketball V R.N. Lost 28-80
Water Polo V R.N. Lost 1-8

25 Jan Rugby V R.A.A.F. Won 27-0
Australian Rules V R.A.A.F. Won 8.6-0.11
Basketball V R.A.F. V R.A.A.F. Won
Tennis V Penang Tennis Club, Lost 3-7.

26 Jan Water Polo V Penang Swimming Club Lost 3-7
Soccer V Greenjackets Lost 0-10

27 Jan Cricket V R.A.A.F. Lost 70-126
Water Polo V R.A.A.F. Drew 4-4

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

at Williamstown,

1 March, 1964,

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 - FEBRUARY, 1964.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of
proceedings for H.M.A.S. VENDETTA for the month of
February, 1964.

2. VENDETTA with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON outboard,
was alongside in Singapore Naval Base at the beginning
of the month.
3. On 3 February, I was honoured to have the
Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Vice
Admiral J. P. Scatchard, C.B., D.S.C.**., and his staff
as guests to a farewell lunch onboard and next day,
4 February, the Division held a farewell reception
for about 200 guests.
4. On the morning of 5 February, accompanied
by Lieutenant Commander P. M. Rees, R.A.N., Commanding
Officer of QUIBERON, I paid farewell calls on the Chief
of Staff, Rear Admiral F. B. P. Brayne-Nicholls, D.S.C.,
and the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East
Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E.,
D.S.C..
5. At 1330 the Division sailed for Darwin
on completion of Strategic Reserve service.
6. The period had been instructive and most
enjoyable.
7. A good degree of operational efficiency
had been achieved, a fine sporting spirit built up, and
behaviour in general was most satisfactory. The 70 Ordinary
Seamen, carried under the new rating structure trial,
performed creditably in all respects.

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8. The Division was farewelled by Vice Admiral and Lady Dreyer, Vice Admiral Scatchard, The Commodore Superintendent and Mrs R. C. Paige, The Captain of the Fleet and Mrs G. C. Crowley, and the Queen's Harbour Master and Mrs Sturdee.

9. The Rugby Team from H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI came around in their football rig to let our lines go, and while delighted to be going home, we nevertheless felt regret at leaving our many friends.

10. Some signals received are attached as Appendix 'D'.

11. On clearing the Malacca Straits course was set for Darwin via the Carimata and Wetar Straits.

12. During the afternoon of 7 February an unidentified aircraft operating 'S' band radar flew overhead and opened to the north west. It appeared to show no particular interest in the ships.

13. Passing through the Wetar Straits on the morning of 10 February, the ships headed for Darwin having chopped to operational control of the Flag Officer Commanding H.M. Australian Fleet at 091300Z.

14. All onboard were shocked to hear of the tragic collision between H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and H.M.A.S. VOYAGER on the night of 10 February.

15. On the morning of 11 February, four R.A.A.F. Sabres carried out a reconnaissance and strafing exercise on the ships.

16. Then at 1045, Customs officials and the Officer of the Guard were embarked prior to berthing at Stokes Hill Wharf, **DARWIN at 1115.**

17. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, North Australia Area, Captain J. A. Gledhill, D.S.C., then called. Accompanied by the Captain of QUIBERON and both Executive Officers I returned the call and had lunch with N.O.I.C., N.A.. Both ships despatched Western Australian libertymen and fuelled during the day.

18. At 2100 I received the Naval Boards Message DTG 111015Z directing me to relinquish command and appointing me to Navy Office for temporary duty. I left **Darwin** by Q.A.N.T.A.S. flight at 0230.

CHANGE OF COMMAND - LIEUTENANT COMMANDER J. A. MATTHEW, M.B.E., R.A.N.

19. After a necessarily rapid turnover I assumed command. All personnel were sorry to see Captain J. P. Stevenson, A.D.C., leave before the finale of our most successful period of service in the Far East. Casting off from Stokes Hill Wharf at 0900 on Wednesday 12 February, VENDETTA followed QUIBERON on the next leg to Cairns.

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20. This section via the Inner Reef Passage was favoured by perfect weather, and was only eventful due to the information received that the ship would return to the Strategic Reserve after Mid Cycle Docking period.

21. At 0930 on Sunday 16 February, VENDETTA secured alongside QUIBERON at No. 10 Wharf, Cairns to fuel. A request having been made by the local R.S.S.-A.I.L.A. branch for normal representation at the annual service commemorating the fall of Singapore, a combined Ships' Platoon of 40 men was landed. As the service was also in memory of those lost in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER a wreath was laid by Commander J. A. Shearing, R.A.N. At 1530 VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for Gladstone.

22. A short halt was called at Auckland Point Jetty, Gladstone from 0930 to 1230 on Tuesday 18 February to land the Queensland leave party. From there to Sydney passage was made in almost continuous rain and strong wind. The sun finally shone through in an appropriate manner as VENDETTA secured at the Oiling wharf, Garden Island at 1400 on Tuesday 20 February. The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral O. H. Bocher, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C.*, was kind enough to personally welcome both ships back to Australian Service.

23. On Friday 21 February, I attended the Memorial Service for H.M.A.S. VOYAGER at St. Andrew's, a deeply moving ceremony. I then had the honour of calling on The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet and remained to lunch. That afternoon members of the Royal Commission investigating the loss of H.M.A.S. VOYAGER toured VENDETTA.

24. On Monday 24 February, at 1330 VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for Williamstown, and her Mid Cycle Docking period, securing alongside the Dock Pier at 100 on Wednesday 26 February, 1964.

CHANGE OF COMMAND - COMMANDER A. A. WILLIS, R. A. N.

25. On 28 February, I relieved Lieutenant Commander J. A. Matthew, M.B.E., R.A.N., in Command.

26. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(A. A. Willis)
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1964.

- (a) Miles Steamed.....5200.6
(b) Total distance steamed.....136,710.
(c) Hours underway.....374
(d) Total hours underway.....13,782 15/60.
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:- Nil.

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1964.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Exercise.</u>
16 February. AM.	A.A. Tracking of R.A.A.F. Sabres.
24 February. PM.	Steering gear breakdown. Abandon Ship Stations.

APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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<u>Place.</u>	<u>Sport.</u> <u>Event.</u>
Singapore.	Rugby 7 a-side Knock Out Competition. Entered 5 teams. Drew R.N.Z.N. and R.A.N. Rugby V QUIBERON. Lost 0-15.
Darwin.	Division V Army/Navy., Rugby League, Won 43-3. Water Polo V R.A.A.F.
At Sea.	22/ Shoot. Wardroom Winners.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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Signals.

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ROUTINE

FM FOCINFEE

TO VENDETTA
QUIBERON

I AM SORRY TO LOSE TWO SUCH EFFICIENT SHIPS-
GOOD LUCK AND A GOOD LEAVE

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REPLY

050728Z

FM VENDETTA

ROUTINE

TO FOCINFEE

INFO QUIBERON

V M T FOR YOUR 050142Z IT HAS BEEN AN HONOUR
AND A PLEASURE TO SERVE UNDER YOUR FLAG.

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TO DIO
VENDETTA
QUIBERON

GOODBYE GOOD SAILING MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY LEAVE -
IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US AND YOU
WILL BE MISSED ON THE STATION

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FM F02FEF

TO DTG
VENDETTA
GUIBERON

GOODBYE GOOD SAILING MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY LEAVE.
IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU WITH US AND YOU WILL BE
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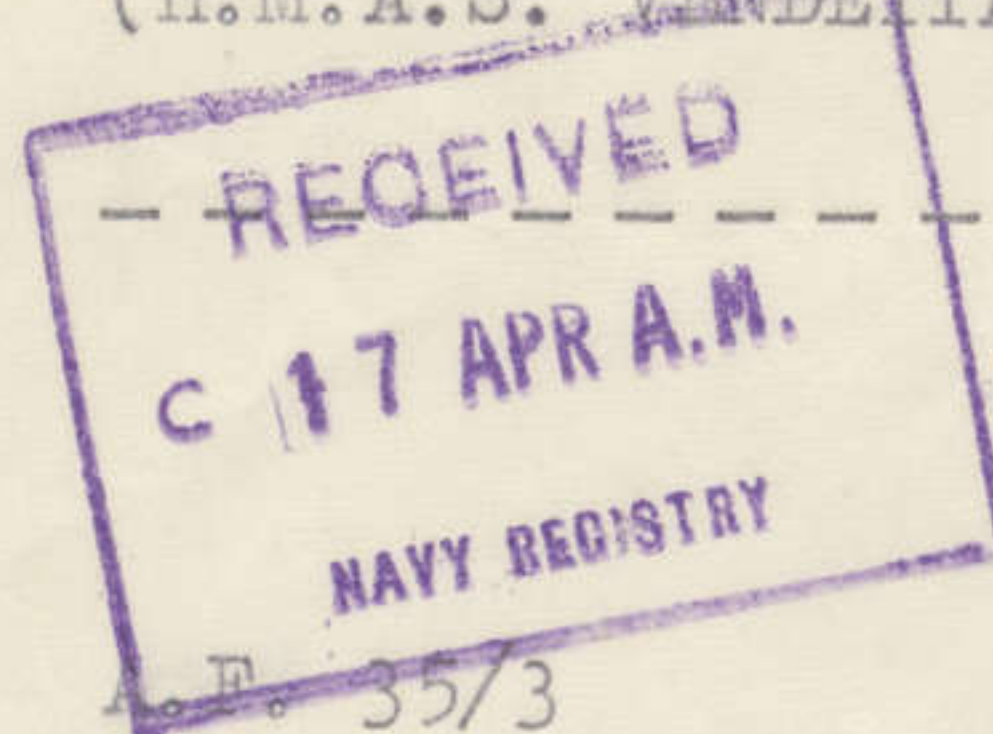
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The Secretary,
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IN REPLY
QUOTE No. 201/1/1H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Williamstown.

3 - APR 1964

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

(Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG))

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1964.

Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) 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, 1964.

2. VENDETTA remained at Williamstown Naval Dockyard during the month, undergoing mid-cycle docking and self maintenance. Berth was shifted from Dock Pier to Alfred Dock on 10 March and the ship was undocked on 31 March, returning to Dock Pier.

3. Dockyard work on the ship has progressed satisfactorily, but self maintenance has of necessity been curtailed due to leave requirements and pre-work up training. This will be the subject of a separate report.

4. During the month 84 Ordinary Seamen (various) have joined the ship, and altogether a total of 64% of the Ship's Company has changed. A large proportion of the new Ship's Company has carried out pre-work up training. Most are only now starting to find their feet.

5. Living conditions onboard have remained reasonable if not comfortable during the period.

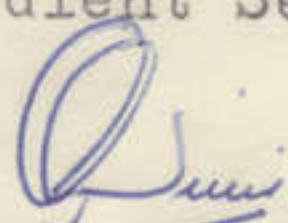
6. From the 23 to 26 of the month I was absent from the Port undergoing Command Team Training at H.M.A.S. WATSON.

7. Health and morale have remained satisfactory throughout the period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


(A.A. Willis)

 COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
C A P T A I N.

APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
MARCH, 1964.

(a) Miles steamed	Nil
(b) Total distance steamed	186,710 miles
(c) Hours underway	Nil
(d) Total Hours underway	13,782 $\frac{1}{4}$
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed	Nil

APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
MARCH, 1964.

SPORT

Cricket versus H.M.A.S. LONSDALE on 4 March, 1964.

LONSDALE 4/82 defeated VENDETTA 8/81

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Para 18 is a rather novel way of giving Chief and Petty Officers responsibilities.

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The Secretary,
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10 March
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Sydney.

4 MAY 1964

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1964.
(ALL TIMES KILO)

- Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Sport.
(D) Report of mortar firings.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of April, 1964.

2. At the beginning of the month, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA was berthed port side to at East Dock Pier, Williamstown. The new Ship's Company had joined by this time and all Pre-Work-up Training had been completed.

3. Tuesday 7th was the last day spent in Williamstown, and final storing and preparation for sea was carried out in a continuous torrent of rain.

4. During the evening of the 7th, a train was de-railed on the Williamstown-Melbourne line, and on the morning of the 8th, the Williamstown Ferry became unserviceable. Despite these slight handicaps all libertymen returned onboard prior to VENDETTA's sailing at 0800 on the 8th. The ship's departure was witnessed by a number of wives and friends who stood dejectedly in the driving rain.

5. The ship cleared Port Phillip Heads at 1045 and there are few of our Ordinary Seamen who will forget their first day at sea. Very rough and confused seas soon reduced the Ship's Company to a very ineffective fighting strength and did little to aid the initial settling in period other than helping diminish the General Mess debt. The enthusiasm of our Ordinary Seamen at the end of their first 24 hours at sea may fairly be judged by the action of one very white youth who on hearing the pipe 'Lower the dome' was heard to remark "Does that mean I can get my head down now?"

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6. On arrival in Jervis Bay on the evening of the 9th, Task Group 327.2, ANZAC (C.T.G.) (Commander D.A.H. Clarke, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.), VENDETTA and QUIBERON were together for the first time, if only for 3 hours, ANZAC and QUIBERON proceeding for Sydney at 2359.

7. For a change, the weather over the next three days allowed the ship's work-up programme to proceed without amendment. During this period an excellent liferaft demonstration was given to the Ship's Company by the Safety Equipment Section at H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS, and intelligence lectures by officers of the staff of Director of Naval Intelligence were similarly well received. A list of exercises conducted during this week and for the remainder of the month is included at Appendix Bravo.

8. On the evening of Sunday 12th, VENDETTA proceeded towards Sydney to rendezvous with H.M. S/M TACITURN for a week of pro-submarine exercises. Internal exercises and evolutions were progressed during the week. The ship fuelled at Chowder Bay a.m. Tuesday 14th and a quarterly full power trial was carried out the same day.

9. Friday the 17th saw VENDETTA continuing exercises with TACITURN until 1000 and at 1200 the ship berthed alongside QUIBERON at South East Cruiser Wharf in Sydney.

10. On the afternoon of the 17th, you came onboard, Sir, and addressed my Ship's Company.

11. VENDETTA sailed from Sydney at 0800 on Monday, 20 April, and carried out U.A.3 and M.F./D.F. Calibrations off WATSON and measured distance runs during the forenoon, the slower speeds proving quite effective for Tuna fishermen. A Battle Practice Target shoot was completed in marginal visibility conditions in the afternoon. By the time a rendezvous was made off Macquarie Light with ANZAC at 1830, heavy rain was falling.

12. That evening ANZAC and VENDETTA carried out a demonstration of simple manoeuvres at sea for the benefit of parties involved in the Royal Commission into the loss of H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, eleven members being embarked off Garden Island at 1930 and 2 hours manoeuvres being conducted east of Sydney Heads, passengers being disembarked at 2235. A miserable, uncomfortable and wet night was not enjoyed by all. In company with ANZAC, VENDETTA once again proceeded to sea at 2300, QUIBERON joining at 2320.

13. The following two days of the ship's work-up programme were washed out. This was a severe blow as it was one of the few periods allocated during the work-up period for VENDETTA to operate in company. Weather conditions during this period were such that R.A.S. approaches and simple manoeuvres inside Jervis Bay had to be abandoned.

14. The conditions improved considerably on the night of Wednesday 22nd and on the morning of Thursday, 23 April, Task Group 327.3 was able to proceed and carry out a full day's programme. A scheduled torpedo firing exercise was postponed however, to the following day, due to a heavy swell, which would have made torpedo recovery uncomfortable, if not hazardous.

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15. Exercises on Friday 24th were chiefly notable for a little light relief introduced into a towing evolution with QUIBERON. Having successfully passed the tow, the ships were somewhat alarmed by the approach of a merchant ship at high speed, apparently intent on separating the tow. The final recourse of informing the approaching merchant ship by 10inch light "Am towing" produced the desired alteration of course, and an indication of Japanese nationality by the reply "Me Melbourne".

16. On the evening of Friday 24th, VENDETTA anchored in Montague Roads, and the following morning calibrated H.F. D/F. On completion berth was shifted to Captain's Point for the weekend.

17. 'Anzac' weekend had been allocated as a sports and recreation period, and fishermen, footballers and golfers turned out in large numbers. This weekend break proved extremely popular after two weeks of fairly intensive exercises, carried out for the greater part in most unpleasant weather.

18. On Monday 27th, VENDETTA sailed from Jervis Bay to carry out independent exercises. On completion of the last serial for the day the ship's company was informed that for exercise purposes all officers had been poisoned by the Wardroom cook. Chief and Petty Officers were invited to set course for Jervis Bay and anchor the ship in a pre-determined position. This evolution was quite successfully completed largely due to the efforts of the Radio Supervisor.

19. After conducting sea-boat drills in Jervis Bay the ship proceeded for Sydney and fuelled at Chowder Bay on the morning of the 28th.

20. At 0650 on Thursday 30th, VENDETTA entered Sydney Harbour and carried out routine D.G. ranging, securing to No.2 buoy on completion. Ammunition lighters were quickly alongside and ammunitioning was completed by 1345 in time for the ship to cold move alongside VAMPIRE at 1400.

21. During the month health has been satisfactory and morale is considered good. The amendment to the ship's programme which delays the departure for the Strategic Reserve has in no way dampened the spirit of the Ship's Company.

22. The Ordinary Seamen (various) have settled in remarkably well and what they lack in experience is more than made up in enthusiasm - be it at times mis-directed. It has become obvious during this period, particularly during evolutions, that every available senior rating must be used in a supervisory capacity not so much to expedite the evolution as to protect life and limb.

23. Although weather conditions during the work-up have caused many amendments to the planned programme, the requirements have all been met. No major worries have been experienced with equipment, and the settling in of many untrained youngsters into an effective team has been achieved without tears.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(A.A. Willis)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
CAPTAIN.

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FOR APRIL, 1964.

- (a) Distance steamed 3203⁰7 miles.
- (b) Total distance run 189914 miles.
- (c) Hours underway 254 hours.
- (d) Total hours underway 14036 $\frac{15}{60}$ hours.
- (e) Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Hours.</u>	<u>Av. Speed.</u>	<u>Fuel Exp.</u> <u>/tons Fuel.</u>	<u>Dist. Run</u> <u>/tons Fuel.</u>	<u>Reason/</u> <u>Authority.</u>
13 April	2	18	2.8	6.4	CASEX.
15 April	2	18	2.8	6.4	CASEX.
16 April	4	19	3.2	5.9	CASEX.
16 April	1	20.5	3.6	5.5	CASEX.
16 April	3	18	2.8	6.4	CASEX.
17 April	2	17	2.6	6.8	CASEX.
20 April	1	17	2.6	6.8	Royal Commission.
23 April	1	18.5	3.2	5.9	Workup Ex.
23 April	1	20	3.6	5.5	Workup ex.
23 April	1	19	3.2	5.9	Workup Ex.
23 April	1	18	2.8	6.4	Workup Ex.
28 April	1	17	2.6	6.8	Workup Ex.

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FOR APRIL, 1964.EXERCISES.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Exercises.</u>
6 April P.M.	AA tracking.
8 April P.M.	Sub calibre firings; PAC firings.
9 April A.M.	SCR crew drill; SSPX; leaving ship stations.
10 April A.M.	Mortar crew drill; NGSCX; AA tracking.
11 April A.M.	Liferaft and lifejacket demonstration.
P.M.	General drills.
12 April P.M.	Intelligence lectures; operation Awkward.
13 April A.M.	Light mortar firings; seaboat; CASEX A14; Action and shelter stations.
P.M.	Steering gear breakdown (3); seaboat; CASEX A14.
14 April A.M.	NGSCX.
P.M.	Quarterly full power trial; AA tracking; CASEX A14; GDX; Thornproof 1 and 2 overnight; muster landing party.
15 April A.M.	Stream surface and splash target; GDX.
P.M.	CASEX A17; Darken ship/action stations; CASEX A15.
16 April A.M.	CASEX A16; NAVCOMEX; GDX; CASEX A17; CASEX A17;
P.M.	CASEX A17; OOW manoeuvres; CASEX A17; cleansing stations; CASEX A16.
17 April A.M.	CASEX A15.
20 April A.M.	UA3 and FM12 calibration; measured distance runs.
P.M.	SUCAL and BPT firings; muster boarding party; manoeuvres.
21 April A.M.	SSPX; OOW manoeuvres; Formation anchorages (2); seaboat.
22 April A.M.	OOW manoeuvres; seaboat.
23 April A.M.	AA WR and CR firings (2); DTFX (2); Massed air attack.
P.M.	DTFX; RAS approaches and jackstay transfers.
24 April A.M.	RAS approaches and jackstay transfers; SUTOF;
P.M.	Starshell firings; RIX; TFX.
	Tow aft; NGSFX.
25 April A.M.	HF D/F calibration.
27 April A.M.	Seaboats; 3 pattern light mortar firings; action stations; major ABCDX; Shelter stations; SSPX.
	P.M. ROFX; GDX; CPO's & P.O.'s anchor ship in Jervis Bay; General Drills; seaboats (2); NGSCX.
28 April A.M.	Measured distance runs (2); PM BPT firings; NGSCX.
29 April A.M.	NGSFX; LR and CR AA firings.
P.M.	Live mortar firings; NGSFX (airspot).
30 April A.M.	D.G. Ranging.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR APRIL 1964.

SPORT.

23 April.

Rugby and Australian Rules Football
Pre-selection Trials at Jervis Bay.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR APRIL, 1964.

MORTAR FIRINGS.

30 April.

Time 1256.

Position 35° 02.9 S.

151° 03.5 E.

Depth 120 fathoms.

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2. The Captain H.M.A.S. VENDETTA has been
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3 - JUN 1964

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1964
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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May, 1964.

2. The 1st of May saw VENDETTA berthed alongside VAMPIRE, with ANZAC and QUIBERON outboard, at North East Cruiser Wharf, Sydney - the somewhat congested berth being due to the visit of United States Naval units for the annual Coral Sea Battle Celebrations. Monday 4th was spent alongside maintaining and cleaning ship.

3. VENDETTA sailed at 0800 on Tuesday 5th to rendezvous with VAMPIRE and U.S.S. SCULPIN (Commander R.W. Dickieson U.S.N.) for exercises south-east of Sydney. A report on these exercises is contained in Captain D.10's letter 1/9/02 dated 14 May, 1964.

4. That evening a CASEX A4/5 was conducted with VAMPIRE and TRUMP in much improved conditions.

5. VENDETTA exercised with TRUMP on Wednesday 6th and again on Thursday 7th, the latter day with helicopters. Poor weather conditions caused the recall to Nowra of these all weather aircraft.

6. A further CASEX was conducted on the morning of Friday 8th, once again with H.M. S/M. TRUMP. On completion of this exercise VENDETTA acted as target for TACITURN during her work-up inspection. The attack carried out by the submarine was considered to be successful.

7. VENDETTA entered harbour at 1235 and secured outboard of ANZAC at North East Cruiser Wharf at 1300 to carry out a very welcome and necessary week's self maintenance. Since leaving Williamstown in early April, the ship's programme had virtually allowed breakdown maintenance only.



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8. At 1020 the following morning H.M.N.Z.S PUKAKI (Lieutenant Commander A.G. Rhodes, R.N.Z.N.) berthed alongside for the weekend. Once again four ships were berthed at North East Cruiser Wharf. This necessitated VENDETTA being cold moved to No. 1 buoy at 0800 Monday morning to allow VAMPIRE and ANZAC to sail for Manus. Movements were frequent during the forenoon and it was not until 1100 that VENDETTA secured alongside North East Cruiser Wharf in an almost deserted dockyard.
9. Self maintenance was progressed during the week, full use being made of the Fleet Maintenance Party whose assistance was greatly appreciated. During the week exercises were carried out with WATSON.
10. VENDETTA sailed from Sydney at 0830 on Monday 18th to exercise in accordance with your 'MAYTIME' Orders, Sir, and aided by perfect weather the programme was progressed without amendment.
11. A Naval Gunfire Support Firing Exercise was carried out on 21st May. This exercise was delayed until the S.A.R. craft responsible for clearing the range removed a fishing boat fouling the area, and again, when on completion of this duty, the S.A.R. craft herself fouled the range.
12. R.A.S. approaches and jackstay transfers were exercised with PUKAKI during the afternoon. An R.N.Z.N. seaman at PUKAKI's transfer point provided the highlight of the afternoon's exercise by falling over the side and displaying a brilliant exhibition of the Australian crawl. Happily inhaling fumes from the calcium flare of VENDETTA's lifebuoy, the rating was subsequently recovered by PUKAKI's whaler.
13. VENDETTA entered Sydney harbour at 1140 on Friday, 22 May, securing at Chowder Bay at 1200 to fuel, and subsequently securing alongside DERWENT at North East Cruiser Wharf at 1400.
14. After a weekend's rest, VENDETTA sailed from Sydney at 0830 on Monday 25th in company with MELBOURNE, flying your flag, Sir, and QUIBERON. During the week 'MAYTIME' exercises were carried out and VENDETTA anchored in Jervis Bay at 2235 on Friday 29th. Full advantage was taken of the excellent recreational facilities on offer over the weekend.
15. During the period the performance of ship's machinery has been satisfactory, with the exception of K4 Turbo Generator, which has been a trifle erratic in its behaviour since the modification of the speed governor in accordance with Navy Office Drawing D5836. The spare unmodified governor complete has now been fitted and the machine appears to operate satisfactorily at various loads.
16. Health has been satisfactory during the month and the morale good. Competition between the ship and MELBOURNE has done much to improve the standard of training and the performance of the Ship's Company in their various duties.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(A.A. Willis)

COMMANDER, R.A.N.,
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APPENDIX 'A'

(A) Distance steamed 3,187.2 miles
(B) Total distance run 193,101 miles
(C) Hours underway 300 hours
(D) Total hours underway 14,336 hours
(E) Occasions of exceeding economical speed : -

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp. /Tons fuel</u>	<u>Dist. run /Tons fuel</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
6 May	1	18.5	3.2	5.9	CASEX
18 May	1	21	4.2	5.3	Workup Ex.
19 May	1	17.5	2.6	6.8	"
19 May	1	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
21 May	1	17	2.6	6.8	"
26 May	1	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
28 May	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
28 May	1	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
28 May	1	20	3.6	5.5	"
29 May	1	18	2.8	6.4	"

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APPENDIX 'B'

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EXERCISES.

Seamanship

O.O.W. Manoeuvres	-	18th., 20th., 22nd.
Exercise Seaboats	-	18th., 20th.(2), 26th.
Tow Foreward	-	19th., 28th.
Tow Aft	-	21st., 28th.
R.A.S.	-	20th., 25th., 27th.
Jackstay Transfers	-	20th., 21st.(3), 25th.
Boarding party lecture	-	25th.

Navigation and A.I.O.

CASEX - as listed under T.A.S.

Harbour Plotting Exercise	-	4th., 12th., 14th., 15th.
Swing and Adjust Compass	-	18th.
Radar Calibration	-	20th.
S.P.X.(B)	-	20th., 21st.
A.A.G.C.X.	-	22nd., 27th.
Surface Plotting Exercise	-	25th.
Night Encounter Exercise	-	28th.

Gunnery

A.A. Tracking	-	5th., 19th., 20th., 28th.
A.A. Firing	-	19th., 20th., 28th.
N.G.S.C.X.	-	13th., 21st., 22nd.
N.G.S.F.X.	-	21st., 27th.
Radar Calibration	-	20th.
G.D.X.	-	20th.
R.O.F.X.	-	20th.
B.P.T. Firing	-	25th.
Massed Air Attack	-	29th.

T.A.S.

CASEX A2	-	6th.
CASEX A4/5	-	4th., 6th., 7th., 8th., 21st., 26th.(2)
CASEX A10	-	6th.
CASEX A15	-	6th., 8th.
CASEX B1	-	29th.(2)
CASEX B3	-	4th., 26th.(2) 29th.
CASEX B11	-	7th.(2)
D.T.F.X.	-	18th.(2), 25th., 27th.
Light Mortar Firing	-	20th., 26th.

A.B.C.D.

A.B.C.D.X.	-	18th., 20th., 28th.
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APPENDIX 'C'

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Venue</u>
13 May	Rugby (Dempster Cup)	Destroyers/Frigates (VENDETTA & STUART) v WATSON	Lost 6-26	Rushcutter
13 May	Australian Rules (Eastern Command Competition)	Fleet(VENDETTA & STUART) v Police	Won 66-60	Erskineville
30 May	Australian Rules (Challenge Cup)	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Lost 92-42	CRESWELL
31 May	Rugby	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Lost 39-3	CRESWELL
31 May	Rugby 2nd XV	Training		CRESWELL
31 May	Soccer	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Lost 2-0	ALBATROSS
31 May	Hockey	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Won 2-1	ALBATROSS

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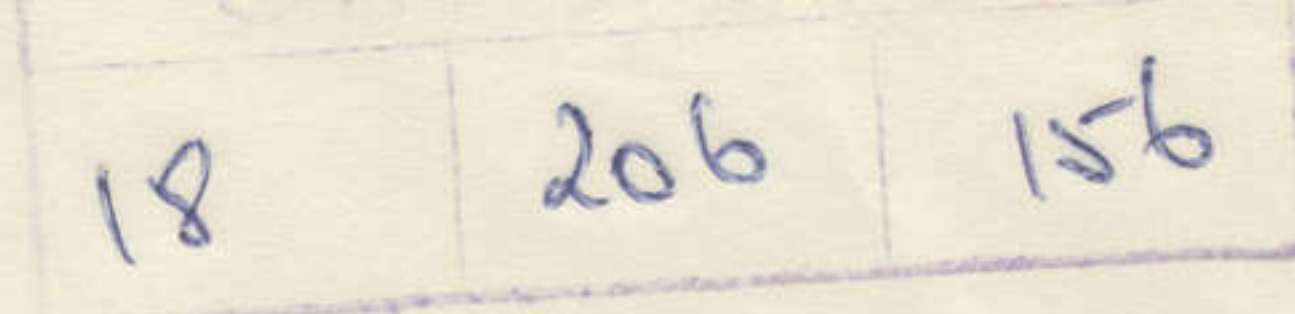
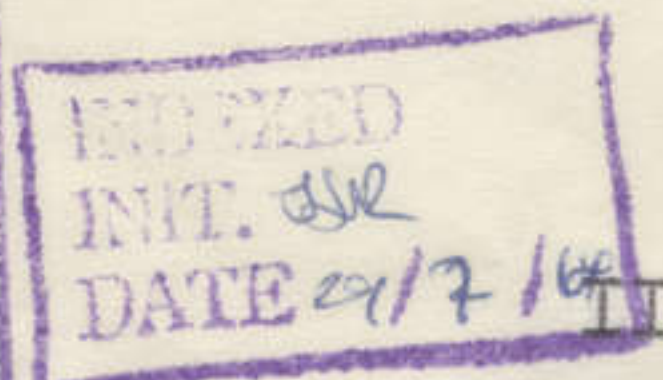
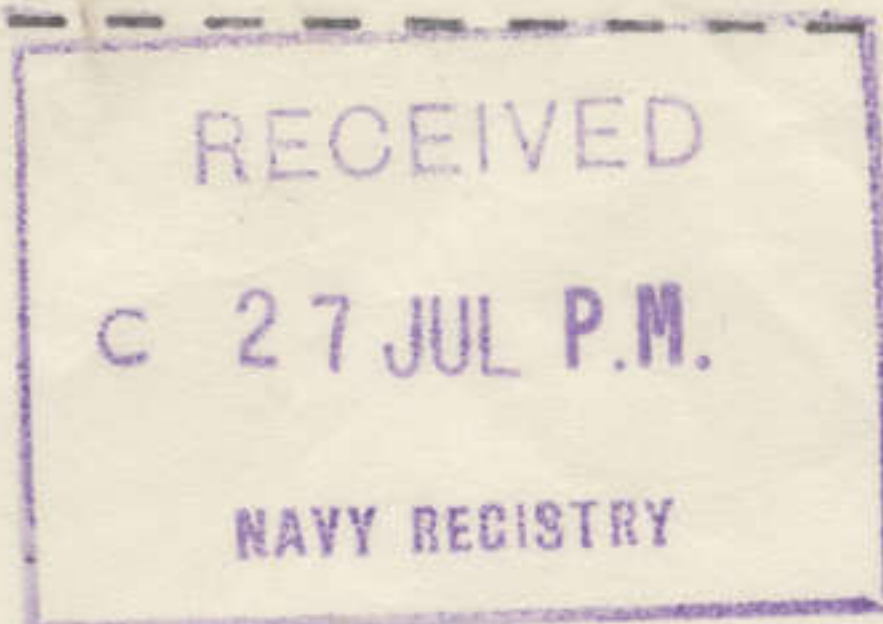
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1964

(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 4th July, 1964.)



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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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REAR ADMIRAL

Office of the
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H.M. Australian Fleet.

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

4 JUL 1964

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copy to: The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE)

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - JUNE, 1964.
(ALL TIMES KILO)

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 June, 1964.

2. VENDETTA was anchored in Jervis Bay in company with MELBOURNE on the morning of 1 June, sailing at 0645 to exercise in accordance with your JUNETIME Orders.

3. The first exercise of the period, a departure and cruising screen exercise using five helicopters, provided some very good experience for VENDETTA's controlling team.

4. Exercises were conducted during the week as planned until A.M. Friday, when bad weather prevented VENDETTA from replenishing from MELBOURNE, and the ship berthed at Chowder Bay to fuel at 1200. Fuelling was quickly effected, and VENDETTA secured alongside GASCOYNE at South East Cruiser Wharf at 1400.

5. VENDETTA sailed in company with MELBOURNE to continue JUNETIME exercises at 0830 on Monday, 8 June. Weather conditions were unpleasant with south-east winds and squalls. This weather deteriorated during the next 36 hours, causing the programme to be severely curtailed and eventually both ships anchored in Jervis Bay at 1400 on Tuesday, 9 June.

6. At 2200 that evening VENDETTA sailed from Jervis Bay and after an uncomfortable night, made more unpleasant for some by the inoculations received that day, berthed at North East Cruiser Wharf, Sydney, at 0700 the following morning to effect repair to the UHF aerial feeder, and to carry out self maintenance. Conditions during the passage from No.1 buoy to Bradley's Head were probably the worst I have encountered in the harbour, with gale force winds, driving hail and almost negligible visibility.

7. It was hoped that on arrival, the Dockyard would be able to start repairs to the aerial feeder, but continuous rain and strong winds delayed commencement until a.m. Saturday, 13th.

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8. During the following week, work progressed at a furious pace to make good all defects, store ship, and catch up on outstanding planned maintenance before proceeding for the Strategic Reserve.

9. On Friday, 19 June, make and mend leave was given, with leave expiring at 0900, Monday 22nd., to enable friends and relatives to farewell the Ship's Company.

10. At 1000, Monday, 22nd., VENDETTA sailed from Sydney in company with MELBOURNE, flying your flag, Sir. Exercises were carried out enroute to Manus in accordance with PASSTIME orders.

11. At 0730 on Monday, 29th, the ship anchored in formation with MELBOURNE off Lombrum Point in Seeadler Harbour. Full use was made of TARANGAU's good sporting facilities in the afternoon. VENDETTA weighed and proceeded in company with MELBOURNE at 0800 on Tuesday, 30 June, course being set for Subic Bay on clearing the harbour.

12. On passage to Subic Bay, Defence Watches have remained continuously closed up. This has been a salutary experience for the Ship's Company who until now have been exercised for limited periods in either the Action or Cruising state.

13. Health has been good during the month, and the morale, aided by exceptionally pleasant weather over the last two weeks, very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

(A.A. Willis)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE, 1964.

- (a) Miles steamed 4,292.9 miles
 (b) Total distance steamed 197,394 miles
 (c) Hours underway 301 hours
 (d) Total hours underway 14,637 hours
 (e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours.</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp. /Tons fuel</u>	<u>Dist. run /Tons fuel</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
1 June	1	17	2.6	6.8	Workup Ex.
2 June	1	17	2.6	6.8	" "
4 June	2	17	2.6	6.8	" "
22 June	2	17.5	2.6	6.8	PASSTIME Ex.
23 June	1	18	2.8	6.4	" "
23 June	2	19	3.2	5.9	" "
23 June	1	21.5	4.2	5.3	" "
23 June	1	23	5.4	4.9	" "
24 June	2	17	2.6	6.8	" "
24 June	1	22	4.8	5.0	" "
25 June	3	17.5	2.6	6.8	" "
25 June	1	19.5	3.2	5.9	" "
25 June	2	21	4.2	5.3	" "
26 June	3	17.5	2.6	6.8	" "
27 June	10	17	2.6	6.8	" "
27 June	3	17.5	2.6	6.8	" "
27 June	2	18	2.8	6.4	" "
28 June	7	17	2.6	6.8	" "
28 June	4	18	2.8	6.4	" "
28 June	2	18.5	2.8	6.4	" "
28 June	4	20	3.6	5.5	" "
30 June	4	17	2.6	6.8	" "
30 June	1	19	3.2	5.9	" "

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

JUNE 1964

E X E R C I S E S

Seamanship

O.O.W. Manoeuvres	-	2nd., 4th., 22nd., 26th., 30th.
R.A.S.	-	1st., 26th., 28th.
Jackstay transfers	-	8th., 26th.
Exercise seaboats	-	22ns., 24th.(2), 30th.

Navigation and A.I.O.

Surface Plotting Exercise	-	1st.
S.P.X. (B)	-	8th., 22nd., 24th., 26th.
A.A.G.C.X.	-	8th., 9th., 19th., 22nd., 26th.
Multi-incident Plottex	-	8th., 17th.(2), 24th., 30th.
Harbour Plotting Exercise	-	17th.(2), 18th.
Manoeuvring problem Exercise	-	27th.

Gunnery

R.I.X.	-	1st., 8th., 22nd., 24th., 26th.
A.A. Tracking	-	1st., 23rd.
A.A. Firing	-	1st.
G.D.X.	-	22nd.(2), 3rd.(2), 4th.(2).
Massed Air Attack	-	25th.
SUTOF (Dawn Encounter)	-	26th.
REW/PAC	-	9th., 30th.,

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Departure-entry screen	-	1st., 27th.
D.T.F.X.	-	9th., 24th.,
T.F.X.	-	1st., 26th.
CASEX C1	-	5 hours
CASEX B3	-	6 hours
O.O.W. & O.R.O. urgent attacks	-	23rd.
Light mortar firing	-	24th., 30th.
Synthetic A/S exercise	-	25th.
Bottomsearch	-	29th.

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A.B.C.D.X.	-	8th., 25th.
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E.W.X.	-	15	}	External Exercises.
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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JUNE, 1964.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Venue</u>
17 June	Rugby (Dempster Cup)	Destroyers/Frigates (VENDETTA, STUART, DERWENT) v NIRIMBA	Lost 6-27	NIRIMBA
29 June	Cricket	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Lost	TARANGAU
"	Rifle Shoot	TARANGAU v MELBOURNE v VENDETTA	TARANGAU 139 MELBOURNE 132 VENDETTA 129	TARANGAU
"	Badminton	TARANGAU v MELBOURNE v VENDETTA	TARANGAU 5 VENDETTA 4 MELBOURNE 1	TARANGAU
"	Tennis	TARANGAU v MELBOURNE v VENDETTA	VENDETTA 25 TARANGAU 19 MELBOURNE 8	TARANGAU
"	Soccer	VENDETTA v TARANGAU	Lost 0-8	TARANGAU
"	Hockey	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Won 2-0	TARANGAU
"	Water Polo	VENDETTA v TARANGAU 'B'	Lost 0-8	TARANGAU
"	Volley Ball	VENDETTA v TARANGAU 'A'	Won 2-1	TARANGAU
Basket	Basketball	VENDETTA v TARANGAU 'B'	Won 28-26	TARANGAU

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 10th August 1964)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. I can confirm from my own observations that VENDETTA has become an efficient and happy ship. She was a credit to the R.A.N. during FOTEX 64.

M. M. M.
REAR ADMIRAL.

Office of the
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H.M. Australian Fleet.

27 AUG 1964

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27th August 1964.

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

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

10 AUG 1964

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1964.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Official Calls.
(D) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of July, 1964.

2. On the first of July VENDETTA was in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, flying your flag, Sir, and that morning a rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY some 350 miles north-west of Manus for replenishment. On completion of this replenishment, SUPPLY detached for Manus and MELBOURNE and VENDETTA continued on passage to Subic Bay.

3. The afternoon of the first of July heralded the arrival of King Neptune and Court. Most Ordinary Seamen and several "carefully chosen" members of the Ship's Company were initiated with due ceremony. The following day MELBOURNE and VENDETTA chopped to OPCON of COMFEE.

4. Exercises continued in accordance with PASSTIME Orders on the third and fourth and included an economical steaming trial.

5. At 0900 on the sixth of July, VENDETTA passed ahead of MELBOURNE off Grande Island at the entrance to Subic Bay and berthed at A5/6 berth, Alava Wharf.

6. A rather nondescript berthing party had been provided and I was a little surprised at the apparent lack of interest shown in our visit. A short, but happy liaison was made, however, with the two U.S.N. ships in harbour, U.S.S. PIEDMONT and U.S.S. BELLATRIX and the day alongside proved a welcome break for the Ship's Company.

7. VENDETTA cast off and proceeded at 0710 on the seventh. No slipping party had been provided although the requirement had been stated to the local authorities the previous day. On clearing Subic Bay, Gunnery Tracking Exercises were carried out in the local Practice Areas, with a Tracker S2E aircraft. Considerable trouble was experienced in establishing communications, and further confusion followed

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when it became evident that the aircraft was not using his scheduled callsign and was unaware of that allocated to VENDETTA. A.A. firing runs due to take place later in the forenoon were cancelled owing to poor visibility and heavy rain.

8. VENDETTA joined MELBOURNE on completion and passage was continued to HONG KONG, with Typhoon Cora following some seven hundred miles astern. Some anxiety was felt at this stage that the approaching weather might well jeopardise the Hong Kong visit - in the event Cora petered out tamely some few days later.

9. VENDETTA berthed starboard side to on VAMPIRE (Captain D.J. HAMER, D.S.C., R.A.N.) on South Wall in Victoria Basin on Thursday, 9th at 0850.

10. During the day, in company with the Captain, H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Captain H.D. STEVENSON) I attended you, Sir, during the programme of official calls, as shown in Appendix C. Other official entertainment in Hong Kong is also shown in this Appendix.

11. The short spell in Hong Kong was a golden opportunity to progress the odd defects and outstanding Planned Maintenance in the Engineering Department. This period was marred to some extent, however, by consistent blocking of all under water inlets with plastic bags and other foreign matter. These bags which floated in suspension at various depths polluted the whole dockyard basin when the boom collapsed in a nearby reclaimed area at Gin Drinkers Bay. As a result of these frequent blockages firemain pressure was lost and the diesel generators and air conditioning plants had to be shut down on many occasions. The 'Cub' diesel portable pumping unit was in constant use to assist in maintaining firemain pressure and divers were employed constantly clearing inlets. As a last resort the ship was cold moved to a buoy the day prior to sailing on the 16th July, 1964. This action was taken to ensure that the divers could clear all inlets and discharges in addition to the Engineering Staff inspecting the main condensers and suction strainer boxes within the ship before departure.

12. In company with VAMPIRE and LEOPARD (Captain T.H.P. WILSON, R.N.) VENDETTA sailed with MELBOURNE, flying your flag, Sir, and commenced passage to Singapore p.m. on Thursday, 16th. Exercises in accordance with SHORTTIME were carried out on passage. The ship berthed on R.F.A. RELIANT at No. 6 berth at 1820 on Monday, 20th July, having waited for some time in Quarantine anchorage while shipping movements continued in the basin.

13. The next four days were spent ship maintaining, carrying out harbour drills and preparing for FOTEX 64.

14. FOTEX 64 was conducted by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET (Rear Admiral P.J. HILL-NORTON, C.B.) and was divided this year into two distinct phases, training and tactical. For the training phases which commenced on 20th July and continued throughout the month, VENDETTA operated with BERWICK, D21, (Captain R.K.N. EMDEN, D.S.C., R.N.) and CAESAR, D26, (Captain H.W.E. HOLLINS, R.N.), the three ships comprising Task Group Bravo. Exercises were carried out in accordance with FOTEX Orders and a summary of these exercises is contained in Appendix B.

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15. The FOTEX fleet sailed from Singapore on the 24th and after two days exercising, anchored off Pulau Tioman at sunset on the 25th. Operation Awkward was exercised throughout that night.

16. All ships sailed a.m. Monday, 27th, and exercises continued until the end of the month.

17. Flag Officer Commanding, FAR EAST FLEET, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond DREYER, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., transferred by helo to VENDETTA at 1030 on the 29th and his flag was hoisted for the 1½ hour period he was onboard. The Admiral appeared to enjoy his visit, during which time he visited most compartments onboard, and talked individually to a large number of the Ship's Company.

18. During the afternoon of the 31st July, having some short time previously completed a helo transfer of a Staff Officer to R.F.A. TIDESPRIING, a message was intercepted stating that this same helo had ditched alongside H.M. S/M AMBUSH and that the crew had been recovered. VENDETTA returned to the area, some five miles distant and laid two danbuys at the position of the sunken aircraft.

19. I consider VENDETTA has settled down well during the first phase of FOTEX and the Ship's Company, in their pride in performance, are at last reaping the rewards of an almost continuous work-up programme since leaving the Dockyard at Williamstown in April.


20. Health has been good during the month and the morale very high. It is considered however, this will be difficult to maintain in the many programmed periods in Singapore which lie ahead.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.




(A.A. Willis)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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APPENDIX A TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY, 1964.

- (a) Miles steamed 6,602.9 miles
 (b) Total distance steamed 203,996.5 miles
 (c) Hours underway 410 hours
 (d) Total hours underway 15,047 hours
 (e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp./ Ton fuel.</u>	<u>Dist. run/ Ton fuel.</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
1 July	12	17.5	2.6	6.8	PASSTIME Exer.
2	18	18	2.8	6.4	"
2	1	19	3.2	5.9	"
3	7	17.5	2.6	6.8	"
4	5	17.5	2.6	6.8	"
5	1	17	2.6	6.8	"
8	4	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
8	1	20	3.6	5.5	"
16	5	17	2.6	6.8	SHORTIME Exer.
17	11	17	2.6	6.8	"
17	3	18	2.8	6.4	"
17	2	20.5	3.6	5.5	"
18	16	19	3.2	5.9	"
19	12	18	2.8	6.4	"
20	9	19	3.2	5.9	"
24	4	20	3.6	5.5	FOTEX 1964
27	6	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
28	9	19	3.2	5.9	"
29	8	18.5	2.8	6.4	"
30	1	17.5	2.6	6.8	"
30	3	24	6.0	4.6	"
31	3	18	2.8	6.4	"
31	6	20.5	3.6	5.5	"

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APPENDIX B TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY, 1964.

E X E R C I S E S

Seamanship

O.O.W. Manoeuvres	-	1st., 16th., 19th., 25th.
R.A.S. (liquids)	-	1st., 4th., 20th., 27th., 29th.
R.A.S. (solids)	-	4th., 27th.
Manoeuvres	-	25th., 27th., 31st.
Boarding party	-	25th.
Danbuoy	-	31st.

Navigation and A.I.O.

Surface Plotting Exercise	-	1st., 8th.
A.A.W.C.X.	-	2nd., 17th.
S.P.X.(B)	-	17th.
Efficiency Test	-	18th., 22nd.
Voice Procedure	-	21st.(2), 22nd., 23rd.
N.E.X.	-	30th.
Radar Calibration	-	16th.
A/S Exercises as listed under T.A.S.		

Gunnery

Starshell firing	-	1st.
R.O.F.X.	-	1st., 2nd.
G.D.X.	-	2nd., 17th., 28th., 31st.
A.A. Tracking	-	7th., 17th., 21st., 22nd., 24th.
Massed Air Attack	-	8th.
Radar Calibration	-	16th.
R.I.X.	-	17th., 27th.
A.A. Firing	-	20th, 30th, (PTA)
S.U.T.O.F.	-	27th.
N.G.S.C.X.	-	21st., 22nd.
S.U.H.S.F.	-	25th.
N.G.S.F.X.	-	29th.(2)

T.A.S.

Synthetic A/S Exercise	-	2nd., 8th., 17th.
Urgent Attacks	-	2nd.
D.T.F.X.	-	8th., 18th.
Demolition (index)	-	17th.
Casex A17	-	1 hour
Casex A4/5	-	2 hours
Casex C1	-	9 hours
Casex B12	-	13 hours
Casex B3 (T.A.S. Efficiency	-	2 hours
T.F.X. (T.A.S. Efficiency	-	28th.
Operation Awkward	-	26th./26th.

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A.B.C.D.

Efficiency Test - 2nd.

Engineering

Economical Steaming Trial - 3rd./4th.

Communications

E.W.X.	-	13	}	External Exercises
NAVCOMEX (W/T Department)	-	7		
" (V/S Department)	-	6		

Communications Efficiency Test - 1st.

Major Exercises

FOTEX 64 - 20th. - 31st.

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APPENDIX C TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS JULY, 1964.

OFFICIAL CALLS

TIME

EVENT

Thursday, 9 July.

0915

Commander J.G. COKER, O.B.E., R.N., the Chief Staff Officer to Commodore, Hong Kong, waited on F.O.C.A.F. in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

0945

Air Commodore D. CROWLEY-MILLING, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., the Air Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Hong Kong, called informally on F.O.C.A.F. in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

1015

Mr. E.E. JARVIS, the Australian Government Senior Trade Commissioner, called on F.O.C.A.F. in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

1145

F.O.C.A.F. called on His Excellency, the Governor, Sir David TRANCH, D.C.M.G., M.C., at Government House.

F.O.C.A.F. returned Senior Trade Commissioner's call at Union House, 9th Floor, Connaught Road.

1430

F.O.C.A.F. called informally on the Commander British Forces, Lieutenant General Sir Denis O'CONNOR, K.B.E., C.B., at Flagstaff House.

Friday, 10 July.

1830

Australian Fleet Reception in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

Tuesday, 14 July.

2000

F.O.C.A.F. Dinner with Australian Government Senior Trade Commissioner and Mrs. JARVIS, at 44 Plantation Road.

APPENDIX D TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, JULY, 1964.

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>FIXTURE</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
10 July	Volleyball	VENDETTA v MELBOURNE	Won 2-0	TAMAR
13 July	Volleyball	v VAMPIRE	Won 2-0	"
	Basketball	v MELBOURNE	Won 24-22	"
	Swimming	v MELBOURNE	1. VAMPIRE	"
	Relay	& VAMPIRE	2. MELBOURNE	
	(15 man team)		3. VENDETTA	
14 July	Tennis	v VAMPIRE	Lost 3-2	"
	Squash	v VAMPIRE	Drew 4-4	Victoria Barracks
15 July	Badminton	v VAMPIRE	Won 3-0	TAMAR
	Basketball	v VAMPIRE	Lost 29-15	"
21 July	Soccer	v TARANAKI	Won 9-1	TERROR
23 July	Tennis	v MELBOURNE	Drew 3-3	"
	Soccer	v HAMPSHIRE	Lost 13-2	"
	Volleyball	v VAMPIRE	Won 2-1	"

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 5 September 1964)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval
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REAR ADMIRAL.

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

- 5 SEP 1964

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1964.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Official Calls.
(D) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings
of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August, 1964.

2. At 0001 on 1st August, VENDETTA and VAMPIRE assumed
the role of Orange Force destroyers for a Dawn Encounter Exercise
in FOTAC 1, the first tactical exercise conducted during FOTEX 64.

3. FOTAC 1 continued for the next 18 hours, and at 1840
that evening, VENDETTA moored in the fleet anchorage at Pulau
Tioman. As the ship is fitted with only 4 shackles on the
port cable, the moor was carried out with 2 shackles on the
port and 4 on the starboard.

4. The ship remained moored until the morning of the 3rd
when all Fleet units carried out general drills. During the
drills the ship unmoored and remained at single anchor.

5. The two day break at Pulau Tioman was very much
appreciated by the Ship's Company and it is considered that this
type of 'banyan' visit does much to keep the morale at a satis-
factory level during a long exercise period.

6. VENDETTA sailed for FOTAC 2 in company with CENTAUR
(Captain O.H.M.St.J. Steiner, R.N.) flying the flag of the
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET (Rear Admiral
P.J. Hill-Norton C.B.), BERWICK (Captain R.K.N. Emden, D.S.C.,
R.N.) and CAVENDISH (Commander D.W. Brown, R.N.) during the
evening of the 3rd, ships forming a carrier strike group for
the first part of the exercise, and subsequently joining the
remainder of the FOTEX Fleet for a Convoy exercise.

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7. VENDETTA detached from the Exercise at 2110 on the 4th of August, and proceeded to rendezvous with H.M.S. BARBAIN (Lieutenant Commander J.H. Coke, R.N.) in the position of the ditched helicopter marked by VENDETTA on 31st July. Rendezvous was made at 0600 and at 1430 the Fleet Clearance Diving Team, who had been embarked in BARBAIN called off the search for the helicopter due to poor visibility and their inability to operate at the depth at which the wreck lay. VENDETTA rejoined FOTAC II that evening.

8. The Exercise completed at 2200 the following evening and all ships entered harbour on the morning of the 7th to conduct exercise FOSEC (an Internal Security Exercise designed to train ships' landing parties). The ship secured at No. 6 berth Stores Basin, Singapore Naval Base, at 0700, reverting to extended notice for steam for self maintenance. Later that forenoon, TARANAKI (Captain L.G. Carr, D.S.C., R.N.Z.N.) and CAESAR (Captain H.W.E. Hollings, R.N.) berthed outboard.

9. Specialist post exercise discussions took place on Saturday 8th. and a General Post Exercise Discussion followed on Monday 10th. Comments concerning the exercise have been forwarded to the authorities concerned under separate cover.

10. During the period 7th to 17th August, VENDETTA carried out self maintenance alongside in Singapore Naval Base, reverting to normal notice for steam at 1200 on the 17th. Opportunity was taken to catch up on some of the outstanding planned maintenance routines and remedy the constantly occurring stream of steam and water leaks in the machinery spaces. Both evaporator shells were chemically descaled with a locally obtained fluid called "Condenflu". Results were excellent, and the evaporator output revived considerably. Despite the busy programme much has been achieved towards cleaning the machinery spaces for the impending inspection by Captain D10.

11. VENDETTA sailed from Singapore Naval Base at 0830 on Wednesday 19th, and carried out an A.A. tracking practice off Johore Shoal Buoy. D.G. Ranging was carried out in the afternoon and the ship rendezvoused with 814 Squadron helicopters embarked in VICTORIOUS (Captain P.M. Compston, R.N.) at 1900 for an A/S exercise with AMBUSH (Lieutenant Commander C.E.T. Baker, R.N.). During the next 24 hours exercises were conducted with VICTORIOUS and DIDO (Captain J.W.D. Cook, R.N.) LOCH KILLISPORT (Commander G.M. Sayer, R.N.) and AMBUSH as shown in Appendix 'B'.

12. On completion of these exercises, VENDETTA detached and proceeded to the Jason Bay-Mersing area to conduct an anti-Indonesian infiltration patrol. Many fishing craft were observed inshore and as the task of identifying each craft in the confined waters would have been completely beyond the capabilities of one ship, the patrol was conducted outside the islands bordering this stretch of the Malayan coast.

13. On completion of the patrol at 0630 on 21st, the ship proceeded to Johore Shoal Buoy to rendezvous with BULWARK (Captain P.J. Morgan, D.S.C., R.N.) for passage to the Sarawak area, where BULWARK was to support 845 Squadron stationed at Sib. The ship closed up in Defence Stations during the afternoon and remained in this state until a.m. Monday 24th.

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14. Both ships arrived in the Kuching-Sibu area early Saturday morning, 22nd August, and BULWARK commenced operating helicopters. During the forenoon, VENDETTA fuelled from BULWARK. That evening VENDETTA detached to carry out a patrol north of the Kuching area and rejoined the following morning.
15. The mail service during this period was particularly good, and after the final transfer at 1230 on Sunday 23rd, the ship detached for the Singapore area.
16. On the evening of 24th, VENDETTA was engaged in a patrol to the east of Horsburgh Light. On completion the ship entered Johore Strait, berthing on VAMPIRE at No. 7 south, Singapore Naval Base, at 1030 on the 25th.
17. On arrival I called on the Fleet Operations Officer on the staff of Commander, Far East Fleet, to discuss the use of R.A.N. ships in operations in Malaysian waters and the briefings, intelligence arrangements, and provision of interpreters for ships on patrol.
18. VENDETTA sailed in company with VAMPIRE at 0730, Thursday 27th for Penang and anchored off Fort Cornwallis Light at 1030 the following day after a passage marred by strong winds and driving rain during the night.
19. Shortly after arrival, the Royal Malaysian Navy Resident Naval Officer, Lieutenant Syed Hamil, R.M.N., called with the details of the visit. These proved both comprehensive and extremely well organised. Calls were carried out as shown in Appendix 'C'.
20. A cocktail party was given by VAMPIRE and VENDETTA on VAMPIRE's forecastle on Saturday 29th.
21. Whilst at Penang, bus tours were arranged for the Ship's Company and facilities and teams were provided by R.A.A.F. Butterworth for a number of sports.
22. Health and morale have been good during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

(A.A. Willis)

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 1964

(a) Miles Steamed during the month 4,246.9 miles
 (b) Total Distance steamed 208,243.4 miles
 (c) Hours Underway during the month 276 hours
 (d) Total Hours underway 15,323 hours
 (e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp./ Ton fuel.</u>	<u>Dist. run/ Ton fuel.</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
1	4	17	2.6	6.8	FOTEX 64
1	1	23	5.4	4.9	"
3	2	20.5	3.6	5.5	"
4	15	22	4.8	5.0	"
4	7	19	3.2	5.9	"
4	2	25	6.6	4.1	"
5	7	25	6.6	4.1	"
5	3	18	2.8	6.4	"
5	2	23	5.4	4.9	"
6	2	17	2.6	6.8	"
6	7	19	3.2	5.9	"
6	9	20	3.6	5.5	"
7	1	21	4.2	5.3	"
7	3	24	6.0	4.6	"
20	1	17	2.6	6.8	Exercise with VICTORIOUS
21	6	17	2.6	6.8	Exercise with BULWARK
21	10	20	3.6	5.5	"
22	8	19.5	3.2	5.9	"
23	1	22	4.8	5.0	"
27	5	17.5	2.6	6.8	Passage to Penang
28	6	17.5	2.6	6.8	" "
28	1	21	4.2	5.3	" "

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 1964

E X E R C I S E S

FOTEX 64

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Convoy Screening
Carrier Screening
Close A/S Action
Massed Air Attack
A.A.W.C.X.
F.P.B. Attack
Helicopter Direction
Starshell Firing
R.A.S. (Liquids and Solids) (2)
Exercise Landing Party
Entry and Departure Screens
Moor Ship
General Drills
Surface Action Group Exercise
Dawn Encounter Exercise
Exercised Divers

Seamanship

Recover Danbuoy	-	5th
R.A.S.	-	22nd
Heaving Line Transfer	-	21st

Navigation

D.G. Ranging	-	19th
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Gunnery

A.A. Tracking	-	19th
Close Range Firing	-	20th
Gun Functioning	-	20th
Small Arms Firing	-	20th, 24th

T.A.S.

Casex B3	-	5 hours
Casex A16	-	1 hour
Casex A17	-	3 hours
Casex B5	-	3 hours
Operation Dusky	-	60 hours
Diving Exercise	-	31 st.

A.B.C.D.

Minor A.B.C.D.X.	-	1st, 6th
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Communications

V/S, W/T, and E.W.X. as required during sea and harbour
Exercise Periods.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 1964

OFFICIAL CALLS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
<u>Wednesday, 26 August</u>	
0930	In company with Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N., I called on Admiral Sir Varyl Cargill Begg, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.S.C., Commander-in-Chief, Far East.
1230	In company with Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N., I lunched with Mr. W.B. Pritchett, the Deputy Australian High Commissioner.
<u>Friday, 28 August</u>	
	In company with Captain D.J. Hamer, D.S.C., R.A.N., I called on Dato Wong Pow Nee, the Chief Minister of the Island of Penang.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AUGUST 1964

S P O R T

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Result</u>
<u>August</u>		
7 - 18	Soccer training at TERROR	
8	Volleyball vs VAMPIRE Whaler Pulling - Training	Won 2 - 0
9	Water Polo vs TARANAKI Far East Fleet Sailing Regatta Cricket vs MELBOURNE	Lost 7 - 1 3rd in Whaler Won by 30 runs
10	Inter Mess Volleyball Competition Volleyball vs TERROR Chinese Staff Whaler Pulling - Training	Lost 3 - 0
11	Inter Mess Volleyball Hockey vs TARANAKI Water Polo vs VAMPIRE Whaler Pulling - Training	Lost 7 - 4 Lost 5 - 0
13	Inter Mess Volleyball Soccer vs TARANAKI Basketball vs 18th Singal Brigades Hockey vs CAVENDISH	Lost 2 - 1 Won 48 - 46 Lost 3 - 0
14	Water Polo Pickup Match and Selections Hockey vs VICTORIOUS Cricket 'A' vs 'B' for Ship Selections Inter Mess Volleyball	Won 3 - 2
15	Inter Mess Volleyball Tennis Selections and training Squash vs TARANAKI Basketball vs LINCOLN	Won 3 - 2 Won 46 - 28
16	Cricket vs LINCOLN Softball vs TARANAKI Tennis vs CENTAUR - 8 a side Rugby Pickup Trials	Won 3 wkts & 30 runs Lost 18 - 3 Draw 4 all
17	Semi-finals Volleyball Competition Tennis vs CAVENDISH - 4 a side Soccer vs R.M.H. Malays	Won 4 - 0 Lost 5 - 2
18	Final Volleyball Competition Hockey vs VAMPIRE Rugby vs TARANAKI Swimming relay vs VAMPIRE (16) Badminton vs K.D. MALAYA	3Cz def. 3M 2 - 0 Won 5 - 4 Lost 25 - 0 Lost Lost 5 - 0
8 - 18	Early morning swimming and water polo training daily.	
18 - 25	At sea. Voluntary P.T. during Dog Watches	
25	Far East Fleet Swimming Championships	D10 won 120 points CENTAUR 106 points
26	Rugby vs TERROR	Won 9 - 0
28	Basketball vs R.A.A.F. Aust. Rules VENDETTA/VAMPIRE vs RAAF	Lost 72 - 42 Won 8/7 - 7/7
29	Rugby vs VAMPIRE 2nds.	Won 29 - 3
30	Cricket vs R.A.A.F.	Lost by 3 runs
31	Aust. Rules vs VAMPIRE (Small Ships Trophy) Volleyball vs R.A.A.F. Badminton vs R.A.A.F. Water Polo vs VAMPIRE	Won 6/10 - 3/12 Lost 4 - 2 Lost 2 - 0 Lost 9 - 1

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Hong Kong.

- 7 OCT 1964

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1964.
(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 September, 1964.

2. VENDETTA sailed from Penang at 0730 on the 1st of the month, proceeding independently for Singapore Naval Dockyard. That afternoon the Quarterly Full Power Trial was successfully completed.

3. After an uneventful passage VENDETTA berthed at No. 2 berth at 1015 on the 2nd September and later that afternoon VAMPIRE berthed alongside.

4. On the evening of the 2nd, Lieutenant Commander M.W. Hudson, R.A.N., joined as Executive Officer, and the following day his predecessor, Lieutenant Commander G.J.H. Woolrych, R.A.N., left to take up his new appointment in Australia.

5. VENDETTA sailed in company with VAMPIRE at 0730 on Friday, 4th, and the intention was to carry out exercises with CENTAUR (Captain O.H.M.St.J. Steiner, R.N.) and KENT (Captain J.G. Wells, R.N.) until noon Saturday 5th, and then proceed for Hong Kong. However, during the evening of the 4th, ships were ordered to remain in the Singapore area until further orders. This change in programme was a direct result of the deteriorating internal security situation in Malaysia. On 17 August, seaborne Indonesian infiltrators had landed in the vicinity of Pontian, and on the night of 2 September, Indonesian paratroops had been dropped near Labis. The requirement from H.M. Ships at this time was an increase in seaborne anti-infiltration patrols, the initiation of anti-air patrols, and the upgrading of states of readiness. In the event VENDETTA was to remain in the area for a further two weeks, until the situation improved sufficiently to allow detachment of ships.

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6. VENDETTA fuelled from R.F.A. TIDESURGE on the morning of the 5th, and anchored off Pulau Tioman at 1230. Banyan leave was given and shortly after the last boat had returned from shore at 1800, VENDETTA was ordered by Flag Officer Second-in-Command to proceed and act as planeguard for CENTAUR, who was to carry out anti-air patrols off the east coast of Malaya. This proved an instructive evolution for the Ship's Company. From four hours notice for steam, with all booms and ladders out and boats in the water, the ship was under way in forty-five minutes. VAMPIRE joined during the night and all ships anchored off Pulau Tioman at 0700 on Sunday 6th. Beach leave was given, and in the evening ships were sailed to carry out patrols. On this occasion VENDETTA was detached to patrol off Horsburgh Light at the eastern entrance to Singapore Strait to counter infiltration by boat from the Rhio Islands. This patrol, known as the "Parallelogram", became well known to most ships during the ensuing two weeks.
7. The patrol passed without incident and the following morning VENDETTA rejoined CENTAUR for exercises. During the next 5 days, comprehensive gunnery and A/S exercises were conducted, details of which are shown in Appendix (B). The forces involved in these exercises gradually built up during the week and ships exercised by day and patrolled by night on completion of exercises.
8. The ship was instructed to patrol the "Parallelogram" on the night of the 8th/9th, and detected an unlit sailing craft proceeding towards the Malaysian coast. This craft was closed, illuminated, and a sighting report passed. Radar observation of the vessel continued throughout the night. Experience on this occasion indicated that the effectiveness of these patrols is severely limited by the absence of interpreters.
9. The week's exercise programme concluded on Friday 11th with a tactical exercise and on completion at 2300, VAMPIRE and VENDETTA detached and proceeded for Singapore Naval Base, berthing at No.2 berth, VAMPIRE inboard, at 0845, Saturday 12th. Both ships remained alongside until the forenoon of Tuesday 15th, when KENT, flying the flag of Flag Officer Second-in-Command, AJAX (Captain The Honorable D.P. Seely R.N.), VAMPIRE and VENDETTA left harbour for the exercise areas.
10. Exercises and patrols which continued throughout the week, were marred by the loss of a Wessex and three crew members from CENTAUR during A/S exercises on Friday 18th. That same day I was hoisted from VENDETTA to CENTAUR to be briefed by Flag Officer Second-in-Command, who had shifted back to CENTAUR at 1700 on 17th, on the programme for the following three days.
11. After fuelling on Saturday morning, ^{19 SEPT.} VENDETTA steamed in company with VAMPIRE until rendezvous was made with CENTAUR, KENT and AJAX at 1700, the ships forming Task Unit 320.0.1. The ship went to Defence Stations at this time.
12. For the next 30 hours the Task Group provided distant cover for the VICTORIOUS and her escorts, who at this stage were transitting Carimata Strait en route to Singapore. Indonesian activity was sparse, a few long range detections of aircraft and the sighting of a BT class patrol boat providing the only interest. By late Sunday evening 20th, the Task Group was once again in the Singapore Exercise Areas.

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13. At 0600 on Monday 21st VENDETTA was detached to act independently and later in the forenoon joined HAMPSHIRE (Captain R. White, C.B.E., R.N.) O.T.C., CENTAUR (Flag Officer Second-in-Command having transferred his flag to KENT) DIDO (Captain J.W.D. Cook, R.N.) and R.F.A. TIDESURGE for passage to Hong Kong.
14. Passage to Hong Kong was uneventful except for the sea state which rose above the accustomed calm of Singapore waters with consequent disastrous results for many of the ship's company. Exercises on passage were limited and thus provided some welcome time to progress ship maintenance.
15. VENDETTA fuelled from TIDESURGE during the dog watches on Thursday 24th, in unpleasant weather, a strong north easterly wind having blown all day and built up a confused and uncomfortable sea. This was the first occasion since leaving Australia that conditions for R.A.S. have been other than perfect.
16. The following morning ships proceeded independently into a crowded harbour, the Flag Officer Second-in-Command having rejoined CENTAUR by helicopter outside the entrance. During the previous three weeks Hong Kong had been affected by 3 typhoons which had stopped all cargo handling in the harbour, and over 140 overseas ships were being worked on arrival. VENDETTA berthed port side to on North Wall, Victoria Basin, shortly before midday, a most acceptable berth for the Self Maintenance period.
17. Until the end of the month work was progressed for the impending inspection by Captain D.10 on the 7th, 8th and 9th of October. Unfortunately continuous rain for the first five days, although acceptable to the Colony, did little to help in this regard. Good progress has been made in the machinery bilge space areas using contract labour.
18. The period in Hong Kong has by no means been all work and no play. "Rabbit" buying has progressed at a tremendous pace and on the last night of the month a Ship's Company party was held in the China Fleet Club and voted an outstanding success.
19. Health has been good throughout the month, and morale high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(A.A. Willis)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER

(a) Miles steamed during the month 6,478.2 miles
 (b) Total distance steamed 214,721.6 miles
 (c) Hours underway during the month 447 hours
 (d) Total hours underway 15,770 hours
 (e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp./ Ton fuel</u>	<u>Dist. run/ Ton fuel</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
1	3	17.5	2.6	6.8	Passage to S'Pore
1	1	24	6.0	4.6	Quart. Full Power
2	6	18	3.8	6.4	Passage to S'Pore
4	3	20.5	3.6	5.5	Exercises/FO2PEE
4	6	17	2.6	6.8	"
5	4	18	2.8	6.4	"
6	3	17	2.6	6.8	"
6	4	20	3.6	5.5	"
7	1	23	5.4	4.9	"
7	4	18	2.8	6.4	"
8	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
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9	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
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10	6	19	3.2	5.9	"
11	7	18	2.8	6.4	"
15	4	20	3.6	5.5	"
16	2	19	3.2	5.9	"
18	6	18	2.8	6.4	"
18	2	22	4.8	5.0	"
19	7	18	2.8	6.4	"
20	6	17	2.6	6.8	"
20	4	18	2.8	6.4	"
21	4	17	2.6	6.8	Passage to Hong Kong
22	5	17	2.6	6.8	"
23	11	17	2.6	6.8	"

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER

E X E R C I S E S

Seamanship :

R.A.S. Liquids	-	5th, 9th, 11th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th
R.A.S. Solids	-	9th, 19th
Seaboats	-	7th
Action Stations	-	20th
Defence Watches	-	19th-20th

Navigation and A.I.O.

Radar Calibration	-	7th
Clap Reporting Exercise	-	8th, 10th, 11th
S.P.X.	-	7th, 15th, 23rd, 24th
N.E.X.	-	17th
Mock F.P.B. Attacks	-	5th, 17th

Gunnery

A.A. Tracking	-	4th, 7th, 15th
A.A. Firing	-	4th, 7th
N.G.S.F.X.	-	11th
G.D.X.	-	8th, 10th, 11th
Surface Close Range	-	15th
S.U.T.O.F.	-	4th, 8th
Starshell Firing	-	17th
R.I.X.	-	7th, 15th, 23rd, 24th
Small Arms Drill	-	5th, 6th, 7th
A.A.R.O.F.	-	10th

T.A.S.

Farsex	-	4th, 7th, 17th
A.10.	-	6½ hours
A11	-	2 hours
A17	-	36 hours
B3	-	7½ hours
B12	-	3 hours
D.T.F.X.	-	17th
T.F.X.	-	8th
TART Trial	-	18th
A/S Mortar Sea Check Firing	-	16th
A/S Mortar drills	-	3
Continuous Sonar operating at Defence Stations	-	31 hours
Total Sonar operating periods (non-exercise)	-	96 hours

Communications

Navcomex (W/T)	-	3
(V/S)	-	2
(E/W)	-	in conjunction with CASEX Serials

Engineering

Quarterly Full Power Trial	-	1st
Steady Steaming Trials for Graph	-	7 runs

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

S P O R T

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Result</u>
3rd	Rugby vs Mineweepers	Won 12-6
	Soccer vs Lincoln	Won 3-1
13th	Rugby combined with VAMPIRE vs KENT	Won 17-8
14th	Rugby Trial vs VAMPIRE	Lost 15-6
4-11th	At sea -- P.T. for Rugby and Australian Rules Teams daily.	
15-25th	At Sea - P.T. for Rugby and Australian Rules Teams daily.	
28th	Rugby vs Hong Kong Football Club	Lost 9-6
	Soccer vs DIDO	Lost 6-1
29th	Rugby (2nds) vs CENTAUR (2nds)	Lost 15-3
	Volleyball vs CENTAUR	Won 15-9, 15-3
	Rugby vs CENTAUR	Lost 6-3
	Tennis vs DIDO	Won 3-1
26-28th	Backward Swimming classes daily at HMS TAMAR Pool	

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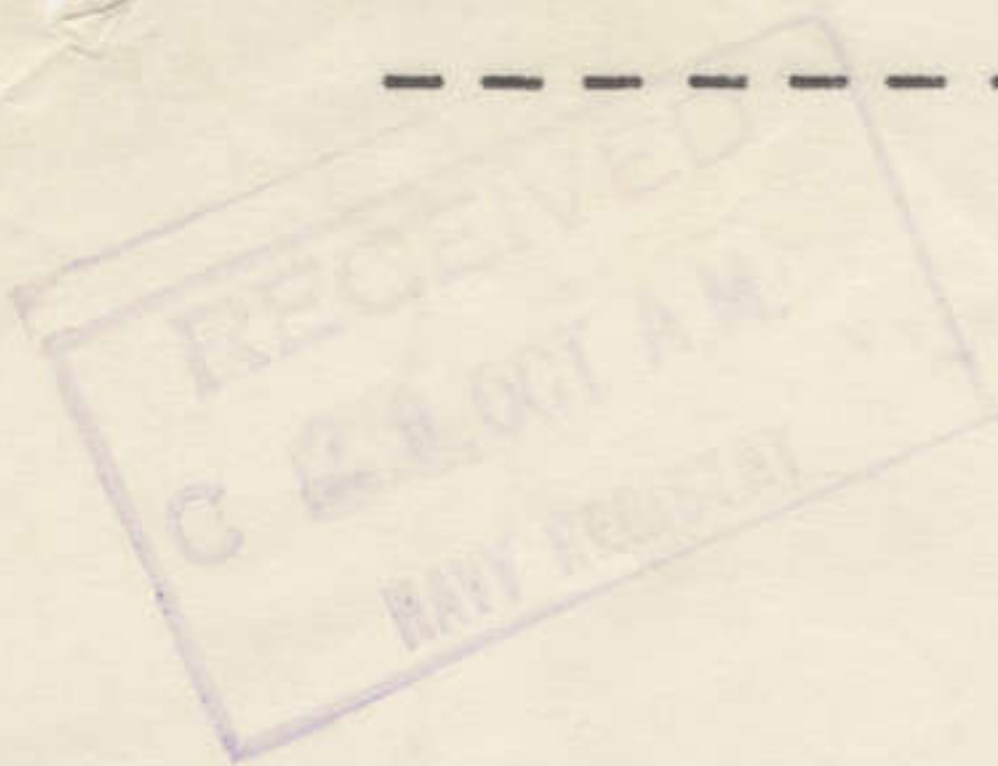
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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 7th October, 1964.)



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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 2nd November, 1964.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA is the first R.A.N. escort to have carried out the duties of TAWAU guardship and the remarks on this duty have been read with interest.
3. The remarks contained in paragraph 20 (a) have been forwarded to the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area.

[Signature]

REAR ADMIRAL.

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

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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,
at Hong Kong.
2 November, 1964.

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE).

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(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Calls and Official entertainment.
(D) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October, 1964.

AT HONG KONG

2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was berthed alongside North Wall, Victoria Basin, Hong Kong, having arrived on the 25th September. Weather conditions whilst at Hong Kong hampered severely the progress of upperdeck work, torrential rain falling on a number of days and three typhoon warnings being experienced. During 1964, the number of typhoon warnings in Hong Kong has far exceeded the previous record figure.

3. Departmental inspections by the staff of Captain D10 (Captain D.J. HAMER, D.S.C., R.A.N.) commenced during the forenoon of the 7th, and continued over a two day period. In some cases these departmental inspections appeared to cover many areas which had only recently been thoroughly inspected by F.O.C.A.F.'s staff during VENDETTA's Annual Efficiency Assessments. Captain D10's Inspection of VENDETTA's Ship's Company and subsequent inspection of the upperdeck and all compartments was carried out on Friday 9th. Rig for Divisions was No. 6's, and the glare from the hundreds of white uniforms was in some way relieved by the splash of colour of "Suzie's Side Party" resplendent in red silk tops and black bottoms and laden with gladioli for Captain D. Prior to the inspection, caps of the entire ship's company had been checked and where necessary, ratings were ordered to purchase new caps. These were obtainable from R.N. sources only, and almost without exception VENDETTA's ratings complained of the discomfort these caps caused compared to the R.A.N. item.

4. The 10th of October is commonly referred to in Hong Kong as the Double Tenth - the anniversary of the founding of Nationalist China, now a Communist celebration, and 1964 being the 53rd anniversary. In the past, this celebration has led to riots and scenes of violence in the Colony between Nationalist and Communist sympathisers and as a precautionary measure all leave

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for service personnel was restricted to selected buildings from 1700 until 2300. As the 10th October this year fell on a Saturday, a "round robin" sports carnival between all H.M. Ships present was held during the afternoon within the dockyard area and further entertainment was provided for the ships' companies of VAMPIRE and VENDETTA by a very competent Chinese Concert team. During the evening a most successful R.N. versus R.A.N. novice boxing tournament was held on the flightdeck of H.M.S. CENTAUR.

5. An interesting sideline on the "Double Tenth" celebration is the lavish decoration of many public buildings, a centrepiece in many being the display side by side of the Union Jack and the Chinese Communist flag, this arrangement having superseded that of the Union Jack and the Chinese Nationalist flag on the 1st of October - this date in 1964 marking the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Peoples' Government.

6. Sunday 11th was chiefly notable for the interest taken in the approach of typhoon 'DOT', which had first been reported in mid-Pacific some 10 days previously and now, three hundred miles distant, was giving every indication of passing close to Hong Kong. This forecast was borne out by the early hours of Monday, 12th, and VENDETTA cast off and proceeded from Victoria Basin in most unpleasant conditions at 0815. The departure was accompanied by thick black smoke from the remaining H.M. Ships in Hong Kong who had been ordered to raise steam and proceed.

7. PASSAGE TO TAWAU.

On clearing Lei-u-mun Passage the ship was greeted by winds increasing Force 7 to 8 and a remarkably short and steep swell which limited the ship's speed to 8 knots whilst cable was being secured on the forecastle. Although VENDETTA had sailed from Hong Kong to proceed to Tawau, orders were received from Commodore, Hong Kong, to proceed southwest at best speed to pass ahead of the typhoon which at this stage was approximately 140 miles southeast, tracking northwest but forecast to curve to the north. An uncomfortable few hours followed and the resultant sea-sickness of the ship's company appeared to be justly apportioned according to individual excesses over the previous 17 days. By 2345 conditions were such that course could be altered to the eastwards without discomfort, and accordingly course was set for Tawau at this time. Speed was increased to 22 knots at 1140 on Tuesday 13th to make good a rendezvous with H.M.S. MANXMAN at Tawau.

8. This increase in speed was also intended as a safeguard for an acute appendicitis case which had been reported during the forenoon. At 1800 the condition of the patient, Ordinary Seaman G.A. HUGHES, had deteriorated and course was set for Subic Bay, and arrangements made to transfer the rating to the Naval Hospital at this base for surgery. VENDETTA was met off the Mid Channel Buoy at 0300 on Wednesday 14th by a Special Services Unit L.C.A. and the rating was transferred to this craft. At this time, both written and signalled requests had been made to the U.S. Naval authorities to inform VENDETTA of progress reports on completion of the operation. In the event, the appendectomy was performed on the 14th October, but no progress report was received until the 17th.

9. The delays experienced on passage necessitated an amended E.T.A. Tawau, and VENDETTA came to single anchor off Tawau jetty at 0900 on Friday 16th, having replenished from RFA GOLD RANGER in the approaches to the harbour during the morning.

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10. TAWAU 16th - 29th

The handover meeting for VENDETTA to assume the duties of Tawau Guardship and Senior Officer Afloat took place in MANXMAN (Captain The Hon. T.V. STOPFORD, R.N.) at 0930. This meeting, which covered not only the general area briefing but also the detailed requirements for all specialist departments lasted two hours, and it is considered that this should be regarded as the minimum period for ships who have not been previously briefed at Labuan by COMNAVBOR. MANXMAN sailed at 1200, and during the afternoon I attended Intelligence briefings from service and civilian sources under COM EAST BDE, Brigadier Ibrahim bin Ismail.

11. Naval Forces. Ships and craft operating with VENDETTA during this period were:-

H.M.S. MARYTON (Lieutenant Commander D.K. HOLDER, R.N.) relieved by H.M.A.S. CURLEW (Lieutenant M.de V. SALMON, R.A.N.) on 23rd October, H.M.A.S. TEAL (Lieutenant K. MURRAY, R.A.N.) sailed Tawau on 23rd, being relieved by H.M.A.S. IBIS (Lieutenant A.R. CUMMINS, R.A.N.) on 25th.

K.D. SRI PERAK (Lieutenant Commander B.E.I. HYDE-SMITH, R.M.N.)

K.D. JERAI (Acting Lieutenant Commander C. THONG YIN SIN, R.M.N.)

12. Naval Requirements. With this force availability, and current Indonesian activity and barter trade traffic, it was found that both patrol requirements and those of COM EAST BDE could be quite adequately met and still theoretically allow each ship one day off in five. It should be emphasised however, that existing patrols do not provide a one hundred percent cover of all barter trade and fishing boat activity in the area and that in the event of Indonesian policy of deliberate covert infiltration by this means, a vastly increased effort would be required. In fact, owing to unserviceabilities it was necessary for VENDETTA to remain at sea every night.

13. Indonesian Activity. There was no Naval activity during the period and general activity was minimal. PC3, a Police patrol craft, watching the borderline area off Sebatik and Nunukin Islands came under fire on Friday 23rd, but as the general area was sprayed at this time, it is thought that this was an Indonesian practice firing, rather than a deliberate attack on this craft.

14. Barter Trade. 21 craft were searched by VENDETTA during her tour of duty. Briefing received by VENDETTA that the Indonesian authorities regarded these traders returning to Indonesia as smugglers was borne out on several occasions. In one instance a kumpit with 46 personnel onboard disclosed the fact that amongst these personnel were two spare kumpit crews whose craft had been seized, and who had been picked up from a beach by the Tawau bound kumpit.

15. One search of an outgoing kumpit revealed that four crew members were missing. The authorities in Tawau were not aware of this fact. It has been emphasised to all ships that particular care must be taken in examination of clearance papers to stop what could otherwise be a simple method of landing infiltrators.

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16. It is apparent that many of the smaller craft engaged in the barter trade remain at sea for long periods under arduous conditions. One Jalampa of approximately 35 feet with 2-3 inches freeboard with a crew of 4 and 5 passengers had been at sea for 11 days. The craft had no food, one inch of filthy water in a stone jar and was still two days sailing time from Tawau. Although this represents an extreme case, all craft with the exception of the large kumpits were invariably short of water and the crews were extremely grateful for assistance in this regard.

17. It was noticeable that the movement of barter trade craft increased outside the full moon period, an obvious attempt at self preservation from piracy and the attention of Indonesian authorities.

18. Without exception all crews and passengers were well behaved and helpful whilst being searched.

19. Bombardment. The possibility of a "call for fire" from Army forces under certain circumstances is very real and opportunity was taken to carry out a bombardment from Wallace Bay, controlled by an army spotter in a R.M.A.F. Alouette helicopter. The target, a lone tree in the River Complex some 7 miles to the west, had a pronounced lean on completion of the shoot. This impressed the Army.

20. General.

(a) C.M.S.'s and F.P.B.'s. I was particularly impressed by the efficiency of these units. They obviously take pride in doing a worthwhile job well, and their morale is very high. R.A.N. C.M.S.'s are currently experiencing trouble with the modulator unit of radar type 975. Both CURLEW and IBIS arrived Tawau with defective units and as spares are not carried both ships remained virtually non-operational until air freight from Singapore, through Malaysian and Borneo Airways (of doubtful efficiency) had supplied replacement units. It is understood that eight modulator units have become defective in the R.A.N. C.M.S.'s serving in the Strategic Reserve, and it is for consideration, if practicable, that a spare unit be carried by these ships at all times.

(b) Liaison with R.A.F. Tawau. During a quiet day period 20 officers and other ranks were taken to sea for the day. All appeared to enjoy themselves thoroughly and this formed the basis of a happy liaison during the ship's stay.

(c) 40 Commando. I was fortunate enough to spend one day with 40 Commando (Lieutenant Colonel J.M. TAPLIN, M.B.E., R.M.) at Kalabakan and toured the River Complex in this area in an assault craft. My last meeting with Colonel TAPLIN was in the Painted Hall at Greenwich - a far cry from the present surroundings.

(d) Logs. Many immense logs are carried back and forth daily by the tide in the Tawau-Wallace Bay area, which present not only a hazard to shipping, but a grave danger to boats at booms. These logs are valued at 200 Malaysian dollars by the timber company at Wallace Bay but as the reward for the recovery of same is 8 dollars, little effort is made by the locals to help overcome this menace.

21. Guardship Duty Period. It is considered that the present period of two weeks is too short, and I believe this view is held by the other Services in this area. Certainly, this lack of continuity requires additional effort on the part of

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those forces based ashore in maintaining an up to date briefing and liaison with the Guardship. VENDETTA's ship's company enjoyed their period of duty, and although possibly not volunteers for an extension of time, it is quite apparent that a three or four week duty period would not create a morale problem.

22. VENDETTA was relieved as Guardship and Senior Officer Afloat by H.M.S. ZEST (Commander J.H. FIDDIAN-GREEN, R.N.) at 0600 on Thursday 29th, briefing and turnover having taken place the previous day.

23. PASSAGE TO HONG KONG.

On being relieved, VENDETTA set course for Hong Kong, live mortar firings being exercised during the afternoon. Gunnery surface firings were carried out in the Sulu Sea on the 30th October, Midshipmen under training forming adequate but slow guns crews for both 4.5" and 40/60.

24. The month ended on a high note with a riotously successful ship's concert, notable more for the enthusiasm of the performers than the finesse of performances or the desire to satisfy any moral code.

25. During the month health of the ship's company has been very good and morale has remained at a most satisfactory level.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



(A.A. Willis)

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
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OCTOBER, 1964.

- (a) Miles Steamed during the Month 5,135.9
(b) Total Distance Steamed 219,857.5
(c) Hours underway during the Month 378
(d) Total Hours Underway 16,148
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp./ Ton Fuel.</u>	<u>Dist. run/ Ton Fuel.</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
12	1	17	2.6	6.8	Typhoon 'DOT'
13	13	21.5	4.2	5.3	Diversion Subic
13	2	18	2.8	6.4	" "
14	2	21.5	4.2	5.3	" "
16	2	18.5	2.8	6.4	Patrol Tawau
16	1	20	3.6	5.5	" "
18	9	20	3.6	5.5	" "
22	1	22	4.8	5.0	" "
23	1	18	2.8	6.4	" "
27	1	17	2.6	6.8	" "
28	2	20.5	3.6	5.5	" "

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
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EXERCISES

Seamanship

R.A.S. Liquids - 16th, 20th, 24th, 28th.
Heaving Line Transfers - 19th, 22nd, 24th, 26th.
Seaboats - 18th, 20th(2), 22nd(2), 25th.
Boarding Party Exercises - 40
A.B.C.D. Exercises - 3
Steering Gear Breakdown Exercised - 13th, 20th, 29th.

Gunnery

P.A.C. Firing - 22nd.
Surface Firings (MRS8 & FPS3 Systems) - 30th.
R.O.F.X. - 30th.
C.R. Surface Firing - 30th.
N.G.S.F.X. - 27th.
Small Arms Firing - 10

Navigation & A.I.O.

H.P.X. - 2nd, 7th.
S.P.X. - 14th, 24th, 27th, 30th.

T.A.S.

I.D.C. Tapes - 9 hours
Live Mortar Firings - 29th: 2 salvoes (4 projectiles)
Mortar Drills - 4
Diving - 2½ hours(night) 21 hours(day).
Sonar Operating - 48 hours.
Bathy Dips - daily.

Communications

Internal exercises daily. V/S, W/T, E.W.K.

Engineering

Steady steaming trials for graph - 6 runs
A.B.C.D. Exercises - 3

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR
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CALLS AND OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
5th	I lunched at Government House with the Governor, His Excellency Sir David Trench, K.C.M.G., M.C.
8th	Mr. E. Jarvis, the Senior Trade Commissioner dined onboard.
17th.	I called on the Resident Officer, Tawau, Mr. George. I called on Wing Commander P. Prior, A.F.C., R.A.F., the Commanding Officer, R.A.F. Tawau.
19th	I called on Brigadier General Mohammed Yusoff Bin Din, the Commander East Brigade.
21st	Major General W.C. Walker, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., Director of Borneo Operations visited the ship.

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APPENDIX 'D' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR OCTOBER, 1964.

SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Venue</u>
2	Squash	Ship's Trials	-	Vic. Beks. Hong Kong.
2	Badminton	V's HAMPSHIRE	Won 5-1	TAMAR
3	Rugby (Combined DIDO & VENDETTA)	V's CENTAUR	Lost 11-8	Happy Valley
4	Hockey (Combined DIDO & VENDETTA)	V's H.K.F.C.	Lost 6-1	Happy Valley
5	Rugby	9 members of ship's team were picked to play for the R.N. 1st & 2nd XV's against HKFC 1sts & 2nds; Result: 1st Lost 16-8 2nd Won 13-3		H.K.F.C.
6	Badminton	V's OKLAHOMA CITY	Won 2-0	Vic. Beks.
4-10	Boxing	Training 0630 and 1800 daily; 0630 - early morning road work; 1800 - boxing circuits		
9	Rugby	Navy 1st & 2nd XV V's Hong Kong Colony; 8 members of the ship's team represented the Navy in these matches; Results: 1st Lost 6-3 2nd Lost 11-3		H.K.F.C.

10th October 1964 "Double Tenth" sports meeting at H.M.S. TAMAR

<u>Ships taking part:</u>		<u>VENDETTA</u>	<u>VAMPIRE</u>	<u>BERWICK</u>	<u>DIDO</u>
		<u>CENTAUR</u>	<u>ALLIANCE</u>		
(i)	Soccer (6 a side)	V's CENTAUR		Lost 3-1	
(ii)	Hockey (7 a side)	V's VAMPIRE		Won 2-0	
		V's BERWICK		Lost 3-1	
(iii)	Basketball	V's DIDO		Won 40-0	
		V's CENTAUR		Lost 14-12	
(vi)	Volley Ball	V's CENTAUR		Won 15-8	
		V's VAMPIRE		Won 15-7, 13-15, 16-6	
(v)	Water Polo	V's DIDO		Lost 3-0	
(vi)	Tennis (4)	V's BERWICK		Won 18-0	
		V's VAMPIRE		Won 18-14	
		V's DIDO		Won 18-0	
(vii)	Badminton (Dbles)	V's DIDO		Won 11-6	
		V's VAMPIRE		Won 11-8	
	Badminton (Sgles)	V's BERWICK		Won 11-5	
		V's VAMPIRE		Lost 11-0	

All competitions were held on a knock-out basis. Final results:

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<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Six a side Soccer	DIDO
Seven a side Hockey	BERWICK
Basketball	VAMPIRE
Volleyball	VENDETTA
Water Polo	CENTAUR
Tennis	VENDETTA
Badminton	VENDETTA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Venue</u>
10	Boxing	VENDETTA/VAMPIRE V's CENTAUR/DIDO	Won 7 bouts to 5	CENTAUR Flight Deck
1-11	Backward swimming classes and instruction 0700 -0800 each morning at H.M.S. TAMAR Pool.			
15	Fishing	Intra Ship's Company	L.Ck Ramsay	At Sea.
17	Tennis	Team practice	-	Tawau
17	Badminton	Team practice	-	Tawau
17	Volley Ball	V's Tawau Police	Lost 2-0	Tawau
17	Hockey	Team training	-	Tawau
19	Soccer	V's Tawau Police	Draw 2-2	Tawau
19	Tennis	Team training	-	Tawau
21	Tennis	Social	-	Wallace Bay
21	Soccer	V's Army (14th Malay Reg.)	Lost 3-0	Wallace Bay
21	Basketball	V's Royal Artillery	Won 20-10	" "
21	Volley Ball	V's Army (14th Malay Reg.)	Won 3-0	" "
22	Rugby	V's Tawau	Won 21-11	"Abaca" Estates
23	Volleyball	V's Tawau Police	Draw 1-1	Tawau
23	Soccer	V's Tawau Police	Lost 3-1	Tawau
25	Hockey	V's Tawau Sports Club	Lost 3-0	Tawau
		V's RAF Tawau	Draw 1-1	Tawau
25	Soccer	V's RAF Tawau	Lost 3-2	Tawau
27	Rugby	V's Tawau Rugby	Won 19-0	"Abaca" Estates
27-31	Rugby team training daily on the FX.			

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I have discussed visit to Bangkok with the Captain. Bangkok is a bad liberty port but we should do more about indoctrination of our men so that they won't smuggle liquor into the ship. 18/12.

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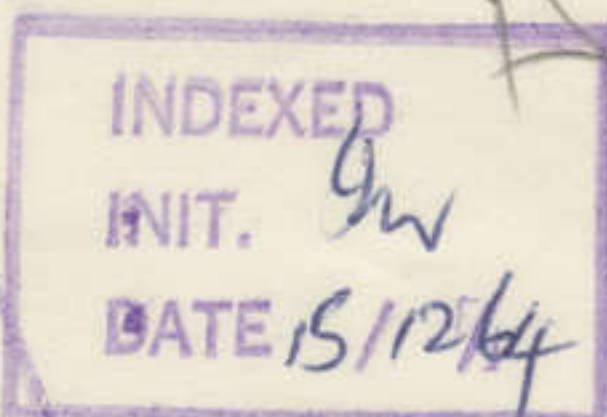
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1964

(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 3rd December, 1964)



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

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Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.)

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1964.
(ALL TIMES LOCAL)

Appendices: (A) Distance steamed and hours underway.
(B) Exercises.
(C) Calls and Official Entertainment.
(D) Sport.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of November, 1964.

2. VENDETTA berthed alongside North Arm (West) Victoria Basin, Hong Kong, at 0815 on Monday, 2nd November, after completing an uneventful passage from Tawau.

3. The week in Hong Kong at this time, had been programmed primarily to allow the ship's company to complete their shopping before departure from the Strategic Reserve. Without exception all onboard availed themselves of this opportunity.

4. On Sunday 8th, a most colourful Remembrance Day Parade and Service was held at the Cenotaph. All Services in Hong Kong were represented, VENDETTA providing a platoon of Ordinary Seamen who performed with credit.

5. The ship cast off from her berth at 0845 on Monday, 9th, and proceeded in company with H.M.S. AJAX (Captain D24, Captain The Honourable D.P. SEELY, R.N.) for a rendezvous at Koh Samui, in the Gulf of Thailand, with H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO (Captain E.C. THORNE, R.N.Z.N.), H.M.S/M ALLIANCE (Lieutenant Commander A.G.A. POGSON, R.N.), R.F.A. GOLD RANGER (Captain C.S.B. IRWIN, D.S.O., D.S.C.) and units of the Royal Thai Navy, for Exercise "Reefknot".

6. Weather conditions on passage were unpleasant, a strong northerly wind and heavy swell being encountered on clearing Hong Kong and again when entering the Gulf of Thailand.

7. AJAX and VENDETTA anchored in company off the western shore of Koh Samui, at 1700 on Thursday 12th. In the existing strong northerly winds, the anchorage was extremely exposed, such lee as was available having been taken by units of the Royal Thai Navy which comprised H.M.T.S. PINKLAO, H.M.T.S. PRASAE, 3 Patrol Craft and 2 Coastguard cutters. The remaining units for Exercise "Reefknot" had anchored in the vicinity by 1900, and Commanding Officers and staffs from all ships attended a final briefing in the Wardroom of H.M.S. AJAX at 1930.

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8. Exercise "Reefknot" commenced at 0500 the following morning, when all ships sailed for allocated exercise areas in the Gulf of Thailand, and continued until 2300 on Saturday 14th. During this time, a departure screen, convoy screening, simple A/S exercises, fleetwork, gun direction exercises, replenishment at sea, and general drills were carried out.

9. Weather conditions throughout the period were appalling for the Patrol Craft and Coastguard cutters. A signal "Sonar conditions are unsuitable" from a Coastguard cutter best describes the existing sea state, and was meant to convey that the transducer was seldom in the water and the sonar operator in no fit state to operate.

10. A detailed report on this exercise has been forwarded by Captain D24. Brief but lasting impressions of the R.T.N. units gained by VENDETTA were : -

- (a) Difficulties with communications
- (b) Equipment limitations and failures
- (c) The ability, particularly of the younger officers, providing signals were understood.

11. VENDETTA secured alongside Klong Toei wharf, Bangkok New Harbour at 0915 on Sunday 15th. An extremely well organised and most enjoyable four days followed, the ship sailing in company with AJAX for Singapore at 1030 on Thursday 19th. On clearing the river VENDETTA fuelled from R.F.A. GOLD RANGER and on completion was detached for Singapore, carrying out a patrol on the East coast of Malaya on passage.

12. It was hoped on arrival in Singapore to berth at R.N.A.D. to discharge ammunition. This was not possible. VENDETTA secured at No. 7 berth, Stores Basin, at 1030 on Saturday 21st, and arrangements were made for subsequent R.A.S. with R.F.A. RESURGENT.

13. At 1030 on Monday 23rd, VAMPIRE berthed on VENDETTA and 4.5" cartridges were transferred during the forenoon. Opportunity was taken at this last meeting with VAMPIRE to play the long awaited challenge for the R.A.N. Small Ships' Rugby Trophy. A large team of barrackers from both ships, together with the teams, returned the best of friends with honour satisfied following a most exciting match and a 0 - 0 draw.

14. VENDETTA sailed from Singapore for the last time this commission at 0830 on Tuesday 24th, and proceeded in company with VAMPIRE to Johore Shoal Buoy, a spectacular farewell being received from our sister ship at this point.

15. That afternoon, in uncomfortable weather conditions, 460 rounds were transferred in 46 minutes to RESURGENT and on completion course was set for Balabac Strait.

16. Rendezvous was made with R.F.A. TIDESURGE at 0800 on Saturday 28th, in the eastern Sulu Sea, and in the most unpleasant weather conditions experienced during the ship's service in the Far East, the last R.A.S. of this commission was carried out.

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17. The health and morale of the ship's company during the month remained good, but conduct has been disappointing. This lapse is directly attributable to the ship's visit to Bangkok and almost without exception the offences committed were directly attributable to alcohol. The intake of this commodity came from three sources : -

- (a) ashore, where the price of a bottle of local whisky was much the same as a bottle of beer.
- (b) 'bumboats', which throughout the period attempted to smuggle liquor onboard, and
- (c) H.M. and H.M.N.Z. Ships in company, whose hospitality, whilst appreciated, had far reaching after effects.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

(A.A. Willis)
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN



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APPENDIX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER, 1964.

(a) Miles steamed during the month 5,052.6 miles
(b) Total distance steamed 224,910.1 miles
(c) Hours underway during the month 371 hours
(d) Total hours underway 16,519 hours
(e) Occasions of exceeding economical cruising speed :

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel Exp./ Ton fuel</u>	<u>Dist. run/ Ton fuel</u>	<u>Reason/ Authority</u>
9	14	18	2.8	6.4	Passage to "Reefknot"
10	24	18	2.8	6.4	"
11	15	19	3.2	5.9	"
11	6	18	2.8	6.4	"
12	12	18	2.8	6.4	"
13	1	19	3.2	5.9	"Reefknot"
14	1	18	2.8	6.4	"
15	6	17	2.6	6.8	"
19	9	19	3.2	5.9	Passage to Singapore Patrol Areas
20	24	18	2.8	6.4	"

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APPENDIX 'B' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH
OF NOVEMBER, 1964.

E X E R C I S E S

SEAMANSHIP

R.A.S. Liquids	-	13th, 19th, 28th.
Heaving Line transfers	-	13th, 14th (4).
R.A.S. Ammunition	-	24th.
Jackstay Transfers	-	11th (2), 13th (2).
Seaboats	-	3
Steering gear breakdown	-	4
A.B.C.D. Exercises	-	3

GUNNERY

G.D.X.	-	13th (2)
Small arms firing	-	5

NAVIGATION & A.I.O.

S.P.X.	-	10th, 11th.
A.A.W.C. Plotting	-	10th, 11th.
Radar Calibration	-	12th.

T.A.S.

Mortar Drills	-	3
Casex 6 (A4)	-	6 hours
Casex 7 (A5)	-	3 hours
Casex 15 (A17)	-	5 hours
Bathy dips	-	Daily
Diving	-	10 hours

COMMUNICATIONS

Internal exercises daily V/S, W/T & E.W.X.
External exercises daily Exercise "Reefknot"

ENGINEERING

Steady steaming trials for graphs - 5.

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APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1964.

OFFICIAL CALLS

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
<u>Tuesday 3rd.</u>	I called on the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore G.O. Symonds, D.S.C.
<u>Thursday 5th.</u>	The Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, returned my call.
<u>Sunday 15th.</u>	Reception given by The Australian Services Attache, Captain A.G. McFarlane, R.A.N.
<u>Monday 16th.</u>	
0915	I called on His Excellency the Australian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Thailand Mr. A.H. Loomes, O.B.E.
0950	In company with the Captain (D) 24th Escort Squadron, Captain The Honorable D.P. Seely, R.N., and the Captain, H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO, Captain E.C. Thorne, R.N.Z.N., I called on the Chief, Military Planning Office, Major General H.A. Prince, C.B.E.
1030	Signed the King's Book at the Grand Palace.
1045	Called on the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Fleet, Admiral SiriGrangnetara.
1245	His Excellency the Australian Ambassador returned my call.
1300	His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador, The Australian Services Attache Captain A.G. McFarlane, Rear Admiral Sawad Pavanarit, Rear Admiral Amorn Sirigaya and Captain Adul Tulyanon, R.T.N. lunched onboard.
1830	Reception given by Rear Admiral Stap Kayanon, the Commanding Officer, Royal Thai Navy Anti-Submarine Squadron.
<u>Tuesday 17th.</u>	
1830	Reception given by the visiting ships in AJAX.
<u>Wednesday 18th.</u>	Reception given by His Excellency the Australian Ambassador.
<u>Monday 23rd.</u>	I called on the Commander Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.

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OF NOVEMBER, 1964.

S P O R T

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sporting Event</u>	<u>Result</u>
2	Basketball vs U.S.S. TORTUGA	Lost 44-36
3	Rugby (Combined Navy) vs. Combined Army	Lost 67-3
4	Grid Iron/Rugby vs. U.S.S. TORTUGA	Draw
5	Rugby vs. 48th Field Regiment	Lost 16-10
6	Rugby vs. Hong Kong Police	Won 13-9
9 -- 15	Circuit training & 5BX during 'Dogs'	At sea
16	Rugby (Combined Navy) vs. Bangkok Sports Club	Won 47-3
17	Soccer (Combined Navy) vs Bangkok Sports Club	Won 7-1
17	Waterpolo(Combined Navy) vs " " "	Lost 7-3
19-21	Physical Training Daily (voluntary)	At sea
21	Rugby Training at TERROR	
23	Tennis vs. VAMPIRE	Lost 18-8
23	Rugby vs. VAMPIRE for Small Ships Trophy	Draw 0-0

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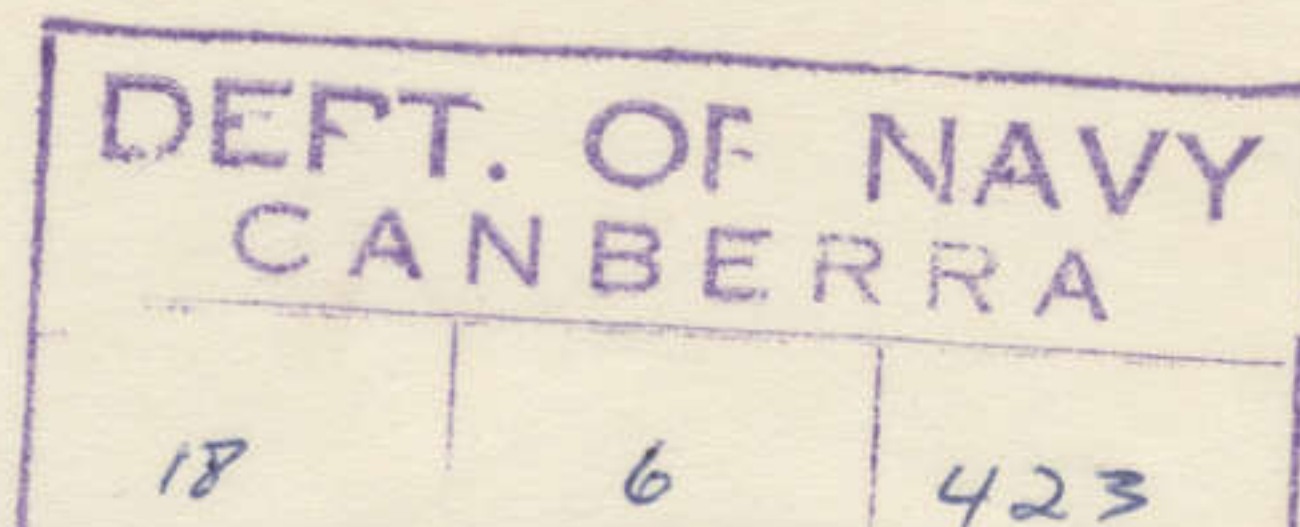
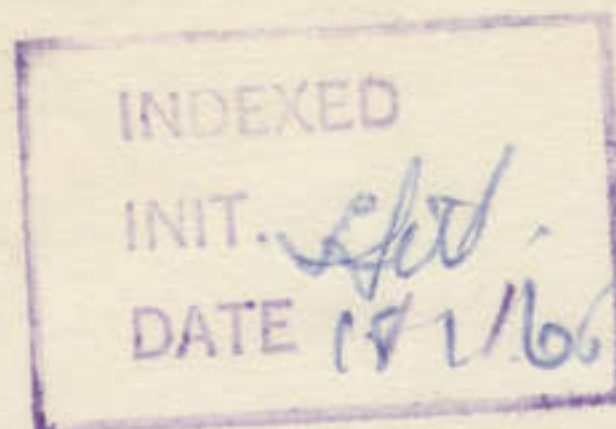
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(H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 201/1/1 dated 6th January, 1965.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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

- 6 JAN 1965

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET.
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.
The Captain, H.M.A.S. DERWENT.)

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(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 the command of my predecessor from 1st to 21st December, 1964, and under my command from 21st - 31st December, 1964.

2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was proceeding from Basilan Strait to Manus, and on completion of an uninteresting passage, anchored off Lombrum Point in Seeadler Harbour at 0800 on Friday, 4th.

3. An entertaining day was spent at Manus, during which time I toured parts of the island with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea, (Commander M.G. Pechey, D.S.C., R.A.N.). That evening, VENDETTA entertained thirty of the local populace to buffet supper onboard.

4. The following morning, Saturday 5th, the ship weighed and proceeded at 0600, and two days later, in pleasant conditions, transitted Jomard Passage to enter the Coral Sea. During this two day period, there was some anxiety concerning the approach of Cyclone FLORA, which was at this stage crossing Northern Queensland.

5. Conditions remained good until the forenoon of Tuesday 8th, when strong east-south-east winds accompanied by a heavy swell were experienced. By late forenoon on Wednesday 9th, a landfall had been made at Sandy Cape and the following morning VENDETTA anchored off the Pile Light, Moreton Bay, at 0730.

6. At 0900, 7 officers of H.M. Customs arrived onboard, and very speedily and effectively cleared the ship, allowing VENDETTA to proceed at 1300.

7. The weather whilst in Moreton Bay was marred by gale force westerly winds, and I was a little surprised to find conditions most pleasant on rounding Cape Moreton. This lull was shortlived as the following day the ship ran into a very steep and uncomfortable swell.

8. At 0825 on Saturday 12th, VENDETTA entered Port Jackson, embarking a number of Customs officers off No. 1 Buoy. An interesting feature was the complete lack of movement on the harbour, probably made more noticeable after the bustle of Hong Kong Harbour. VENDETTA berthed at South East Cruiser Wharf at 0900, to be greeted by a very large and enthusiastic crowd of relatives and friends.

9. The ship was moved, cold, to a buoy on Monday 14th for de-ammunitioning, returning alongside on completion at 1500, and during the remainder of the week preparations for the forthcoming refit were progressed.

10. The ship's refit commenced on Monday, 21 December, and considering the close proximity of the holiday period, the start that has been made in the ship has been very satisfactory.

11. I called on you, Sir, at 1000 on Tuesday, 22 December, and had the pleasure of attending a luncheon onboard your Flagship on the same day and meeting the Primate of the Church of England in Australia, His Grace, Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. H.R. Gough, O.B.E., O.St.J., T.D., M.A., D.D., and the Commissioner of N.S.W. Police, Mr. N.T.W. Allen.

12. The health, conduct and morale of the ship's company has been satisfactory and the great majority of ship's company will be spending Christmas and the New Year with their families.

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 DECEMBER, 1964.

(a) Miles Steamed during the month	3,111.5 miles
(b) Total distance steamed	228,453.1 miles
(c) Hours underway during the month	246 hours
(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 DECEMBER, 1964.

E X E R C I S E S

A.I.O.

S.P.X. - 3rd.

T.A.S.

Bathy Dips - 6 hourly.

Communications

Internal exercises daily - V/S and W/T
Midshipmen's examinations - 4th.

Engineering

Steady steaming trial for graphs - 4

APPENDIX 'C' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1964.

S P O R T

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fixture</u>	<u>Result</u>
4th	Waterpolo vs TARANGAU	Lost 1 - 7
4th	Cricket vs TARANGAU	Won
		TARANGAU - 51
		VENDETTA - 2/52

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