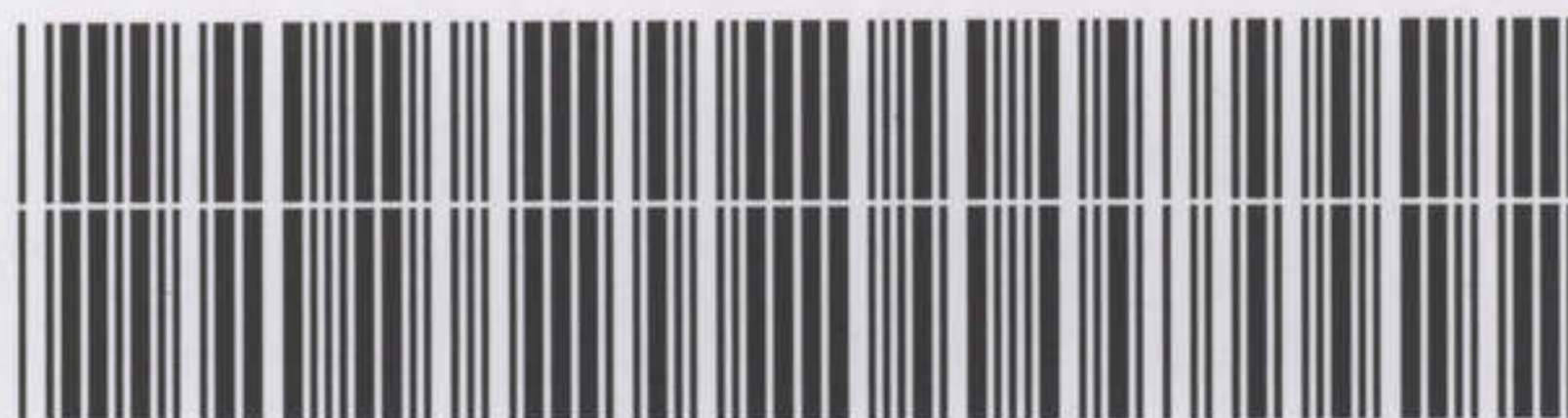


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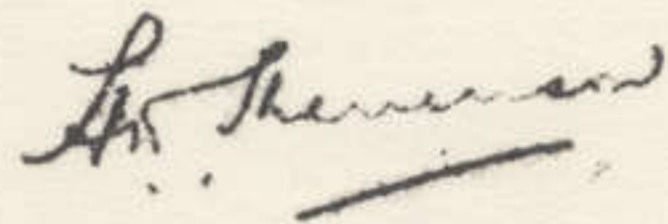
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,  
at Sea.

1st February, 1971

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of January, 1971. All times are zone times unless otherwise stated.

2. The New Year was greeted in the traditional Hong Kong manner followed by a very successful Ship's Company Party held at the China Fleet Club on the evening of the 1st January. The remaining few days in Hong Kong were very quiet. It was clear that finances were getting low and most were eager to leave on Monday 4th.

3. VENDETTA cast off and proceeded from the East Wall of the Basin at 1045H (-8) on Monday, 4th January. At 1145H (-8) when clear of Hong Kong, rendezvous was made with H.M.S. INTREPID (Captain W.D.M. STAVELEY, R.N.) flying the flag of the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet (Rear Admiral D. WILLIAMS) and R.F.A. STROMNESS (Commodore J. DINES, C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.). All ships proceeded in company for passage to the Singapore Exercise Area.

4. Passage south was most uncomfortable. The north east monsoon was blowing at gale force with rough seas and a moderate swell for the first three days which curtailed several of the planned exercises. Despite this, O.O.W. manoeuvres were conducted daily, giving the younger officers valuable experience in handling the ship in less than ideal conditions. Two of VENDETTA's Midshipmen and three from INTREPID were exchanged for the passage.

5. Clocks were retarded thirty minutes to zone GH (-7½) at 1815H (-8) on 6th January.

6. At 1100GH (-7½) on 7th January VENDETTA detached and proceeded at 23 knots to the south west to rendezvous with R.F.A. FORT ROSALIE (Captain C.E.C. PHIPPS) for replenishment of ammunition.

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7. VENDETTA and FORT ROSALIE rendezvoused at 1630GH (-7½) in position 02°20'N 104°43'E and replenishment commenced at 1640GH (-7½). This was the first AMRAS of the present commission and it proceeded satisfactorily, completing at 1745GH (-7½). VENDETTA remained in the Singapore exercise area overnight and proceeded up the Johore Strait early in the morning, passing Beaulieu Shoal Buoy at 0730GH (-7½) Friday, 8th January. The ship berthed outboard of H.M.A.S. YARRA at Number Two Berth, Stores Basin.

8. During the period 8th - 13th January the ship remained alongside progressing routine maintenance. Accompanied by the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA (Commander R.M. BAIRD, R.A.N.) I called on the Captain D1, Far East, Captain T.A.C. CLACK, R.N. (H.M.S. CHARYBDIS) at 0900GH (-7½) Monday, 11th January. He returned my call in VENDETTA later in the forenoon.

9. At 1000GH (-7½) 13th January, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to Penang, for an informal visit. The passage was uneventful and the ship came to starboard anchor in F Berth, Man-O-War Anchorage, at 1000GH (-7½) Thursday, 14th January. The programme for the visit had been arranged by the Resident Naval Officer, Royal Malaysian Navy, Lieutenant Z.A. bin MOHAMED, and a summary is shown at Annex Echo.

10. An official cocktail party was held onboard for 100 guests on the evening of 14th January. The guests were a representative cross section of the Australian, British and Malaysian communities.

11. At 1000GH (-7½) 15th January, I called on the Commander, R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH, Air Commodore I.S. PARKER, R.A.A.F., and was later entertained to lunch after an instructive tour of the establishment.

12. At 0830GH (-7½) on 16th January I called on the Chief Minister of Penang, Dr. LIM CHONG EU. This was followed by a brief press interview by members of the local news media who rapidly lost interest when informed that VENDETTA had not been sent specially to Penang to carry out surveillance of a Russian Sverdlov class Cruiser then transitting the Malacca Straits.

13. In addition to the foregoing official activities a number of sporting events had been arranged versus R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH and other local teams. The former, in particular, were very popular with both players and spectators and good liaison was established at all levels with our Air Force counterparts.

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14. Unfortunately, the visit had to be curtailed by one day and at 0850GH (-7½) on Sunday, 17th January, VENDETTA weighed and proceeded around the north of Penang Island. Two R.A.A.F. officers and six airmen embarked for passage to Singapore and in exchange two of the ship's officers remained at BUTTERWORTH to fly down in Mirage aircraft.

15. The ship secured to 'A' Buoy, Singapore Naval Base at 0730GH (-7½) on Monday, 18th January, shifting to Number Five Berth, Stores Basin at 0930GH (-7½).

16. On Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th the Court Martial of LEUT SLEX B.A. TAYLOR, R.A.N., of H.M.A.S. VENDETTA, was conducted at H.M.S. TERROR. This followed on from my 081535Z January and COMFEEF's 080920Z January (both NOTAL). Lieutenant TAYLOR was sentenced to be dismissed from the service with disgrace.

17. To minimise the effect of this Court Martial on the Ship's Company and as it was thought proceedings might become protracted VENDETTA sailed from the Naval Base at 0810GH (-7½) 19th January, leaving behind those officers and sailors required by the Court. In the event it was completed the same day and VENDETTA's personnel were brought out to the Exercise area in H.M.A.S. YARRA, being transferred by boat at 2100GH (-7½). H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA rendezvoused with H.M.S. CHARYBDIS (Captain T.A.C. CLACK, R.N. (D1FE)) at 2130GH (-7½). The following three days were most useful in progressing Weapon Training. A/S training was carried out with H.M. S/M ORPHEUS (Lieutenant Commander D.M. O'BRIEN, R.N.). Details of exercises conducted are shown in Annex Bravo.

18. On 21st January the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet visited the ship, being transferred by motor whaler from YARRA at 1215GH (-7½). Rear Admiral WILLIAMS lunched with me and then observed P.T.A. launching and firing from H.M.A.S. YARRA and the subsequent firing by CHARYBDIS. At 1420GH (-7½) Rear Admiral WILLIAMS departed by Wasp Helicopter for CHARYBDIS. Unfortunately, the P.T.A. that had been allocated to VENDETTA crashed shortly after take off from YARRA and brought to an end a rather frustrating serial that had been spent observing the other ships shooting at the target.

19. VENDETTA and YARRA remained in company over night on the 21st January and proceeded into Singapore Naval Base next morning, passing Beaulieu Shoal Buoy at 0730GH (-7½). VENDETTA berthed port side to on H.M.S. DIDO (Commander A.R. BARNDEN, R.N.) who was herself berthed on H.M.S. TRIUMPH (Captain C.J.A. JOHNSON, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N.) at Number Three Berth, Stores Basin.

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20. Routine Maintenance with assistance from H.M.S. TRIUMPH was carried out during the period 21st - 31st January inclusive. At the end of the month VENDETTA was well prepared for the rigours of Exercise FEBEX commencing on the 1st February and there were no major equipment or weapon defects.

21. MARINE ENGINEERING

Main and auxiliary machinery performance has been satisfactory during the month.

22. WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The materiel state has been generally satisfactory. Several minor defects have been cleared during the maintenance period 21st - 31st January. The Fleet Maintenance Group based in H.M.S. TRIUMPH have been most helpful in this regard.

23. All weapon equipments functioned correctly during a Surface Throw Off Firing carried out on H.M.A.S. YARRA.

24. OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

a. Arrivals

(i) 3rd January - LCDR SDEN OE A.C. DALGLEISH, R.A.N., joined from Williams-town Dockyard to relieve LCDR SDEN OE V.W. JONES, R.A.N.

(ii) 29th January - LEUT PSEN ME G.T. POLDING, R.A.N., joined from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY to relieve LEUT GLEN ME G.J. VAGG, R.A.N.

b. Departures

(i) 10th January - LCDR SDEN OE V.W. JONES, R.A.N. left to join H.M.A.S. LONSDALE.

(ii) 21st January - LEUT SLEX B.A. TAYLOR, R.A.N. posted to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.

(iii) 29th January - LEUT GLEN ME G.J. VAGG, R.A.N. left to join H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.

25. HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

Although there have been a rash of minor offences, in particular leave breaking and absence from place of duty, conduct is considered satisfactory. It is anticipated that the forthcoming busy month of February will see a decrease in these types of offence.

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26. Morale is good and is getting better as the end of the current deployment gets nearer. It was pleasing to note that the Court Martial referred to in paragraph 16, although naturally creating a lot of interest onboard, did not effect morale.


27. The general health of the ship's company has remained good. Only one case of V.D. remained at the end of the month. Since returning to the warmer climate after Hong Kong, cockroaches have begun to appear in increasing numbers. It is intended that disinfection be carried out on completion of FEBEX at Singapore Naval Base and arrangements are in hand.

28. It is considered that the large amount of sport played by VENDETTA personnel has been a big factor in maintaining the present level of health and morale. Details of matches played during the month are contained at Annex Charlie.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

  
( M.W. Hudson )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commander, FAR EAST FLEET. (2)  
Flag Officer Second-in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET. (1)  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. YARRA. (1)  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS. (1)

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STEAMING REPORT

1. Distance steamed during the month 3428.5
2. Total distance steamed since commissioning 463090.7
3. Hours underway during the month 211.6
4. Total hours underway since commissioning 32212.7
5. Occasions of exceeding economical speed:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED</u>	<u>TONS/ HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/ TON</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
4/7th	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours	19	3.6	5.4.	Passage in company with H.M.S. INTREPID (F02FEF)
7th	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	23	5.4	4.2	To rendezvous with R.F.A. FORT ROSALIE
13/14th	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	19	3.6	5.4	Passage
17	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	22	5.0	4.4	Passage
17/18th	6 hours	19	3.6	5.4	Passage
20	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	20	4.1	4.8	N.E.X.

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SPORT

Hong Kong

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VERSUS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
2nd	Rugby 1st XV	RAAF HK	Won	14 - 8
2nd	Cricket	RAAF HK	Won	94 - 45

Singapore

8th	Aust. Rules	YARRA	Draw	10.7 - 9.13
9th	Basketball	YARRA	Won	42 - 28
9th	Rugby 1st XV	YARRA	Won	24 - 6

Penang

15th	Water Polo	RAAF	Lost	5 - 11
15th	Cricket	RAAF	Won	124 - 48
15th	Basketball	RAAF	Draw	42 - 42
15th	Soccer	RAAF	Lost	0 - 10
16th	Rugby 1st XV	RAAF	Won	24 - 6
16th	Golf (4BBB)	RAAF	Won	3 - 2
16th	Basketball	RAF	Won	48 - 23
16th	Soccer	RAF	Lost	2 - 3

Singapore

22nd	Hockey	TRIUMPH	Lost	2 - 3
23rd	Rugby 2nd XV	INTREPID	Won	29 - 6
25th	Basketball 2nds	USS JOUETT	Lost	28 - 34
26th	Rugby 2nd XV	RNZAF	Won	10 - 5
26th	Basketball	RN COMBINED	Won	52 - 28
27th	Soccer	BRERETON	Draw	1 - 1
29th	Soccer	BRERETON	Lost	2 - 3
30th	Rugby 1st XV	RAF CHANGI	Won	12 - 8
30th	Rugby 2nd XV	RAF CHANGI	Lost	3 - 13
30th	Aust. Rules	1st R.A.R.	Lost	25.2 - 6.12
31st	Rugby 3rd XV	LLANDAFF	Lost	3 - 12

REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE MONTH : 325

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(ANNEX D to H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 1/16/8 of 1st February, 1971)

SUMMARY OF SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
4 - 8	Hong Kong - Singapore	Passage in company with H.M.S. INTREPID (FO2FEF)
8 - 13	Singapore	Self Maintenance
13 - 14	Singapore - Penang	Passage
14 - 17	Penang	Informal Visit
17 - 18	Penang - Singapore	Passage
19 - 21	Singapore Exercise Area	Weekly Practice Pro- gramme
22 - 31	Singapore	Self Maintenance

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(ANNEX E to H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 1/16/8 of 1st February, 1971)

PENANG VISIT PROGRAMME

<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
14th-1000	H.M.A.S. VENDETTA arrived at Penang.
14th-1900- 2030	Cocktail Party on board VENDETTA
15th-1100	Call on Air Commodore I.S. PARKER, R.A.A.F. - Commander R.A.A.F. Base BUTTERWORTH.
15th-1215	Golf vs R.A.A.F. Base BUTTERWORTH.
15th-1515	Soccer vs R.A.A.F. Base BUTTERWORTH.
15th-1515	Water Polo vs R.A.A.F. Base BUTTERWORTH.
16th-0900	Call on Honourable Chief Minister, Penang, Dr. LIM CHONG EU.
16th-1100- 1230	Visit by organised party from K.D. <del>S.M.</del> PENANG.
16th-1715	Soccer vs Penang Garrison Headquarters.
16th-1715	Hockey vs R.A.F. Penang.
17th-1000	H.M.A.S. VENDETTA departed.

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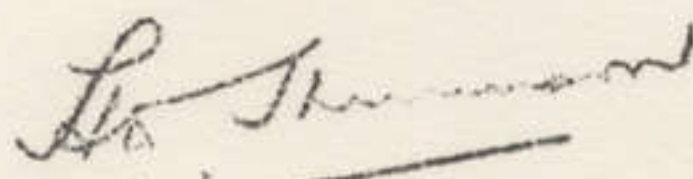
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at Hong Kong.

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4th March, 1971.

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of February, 1971. All times are zone times unless stated otherwise.

2. VENDETTA sailed from Singapore Naval Base at 0930 GH(-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) on 1st February for Exercise FEBEX, which was the year's major exercise organised by the Commander Far East Fleet and the Commander Far East Air Force. The Exercise Director was the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral D. WILLIAMS, and the exercise consisted of the following phases:

- a. Phase 1 - 1st-10th February. Weapon Training serials and Operation Awkward in the Singapore/Pulau Tioman exercise areas.
- b. Phase 2 - 10th-12th February. Transit of ships from the Singapore exercise area to the Penang exercise area, selected ships carrying out a 24 hour N.B.C.D. exercise.
- c. Phase 3 - 12th-16th February. Tactical phase consisting of opposed convoy transits.
- d. Phase 4 - 16th-18th February. Advanced Weapon Training serials in the Penang exercise area.
- e. Phase 5 - 18th-20th February. Passage to Singapore Naval Base.

3. The sea phases culminated in a Fleet entry into the Singapore Naval Base on the 20th February and the period 20th-26th February was taken up with post exercise discussions and sporting activity (FEBSPORT).

4. Ships participating in the exercise were H.M. Ships INTREPID (flying the flag of the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet), CHARYBDIS (D1FE), AURORA (D2FE), NAIAD, DIDO, LLANDAFF; H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA; H.M. Submarines FINWHALE, ORPHEUS, OBERON; the Minehunter H.M.S. KIRKLISTON and five Malaysian Minesweepers, 4 R.M.N. Fast Patrol Boats and 6 R.M.N. Patrol Craft. Ships acting in the support role were R.F.A.'s OLWEN, STROMNESS, FORT ROSALIE, GOLD RANGER, DERWENTDALE and TYPHOON. Two Wessex MK3 flown by H.M.S. ANTRIM's ship's flight were embarked in OLWEN.

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5. Participating Air Forces included elements of the following:

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Type of Aircraft</u>
a.	74 Squadron R.A.F.	Lightning MK6
b.	1574 TFF R.A.F.	Meteor
c.	R.M.A.F. Kuantan	Tebuan
d.	3 and 75 Squadrons R.A.A.F. Butterworth	Mirage III O-A
e.	R.M.A.F. Butterworth	Sabre
f.	205 Squadron R.A.F.	Shackleton MR MK2
g.	5 Squadron R.N.Z.A.F.	Orion LRMR
h.	11 Squadron R.A.A.F.	Orion LRMR
i.	R.N. FRU Unit	Canberra T.T.

6. Details of weapon practice serials conducted during Phase 1 (1st-10th February) are shown at Annex Echo. The Fleet anchored at Pulau Tioman at 1515 GH(-7½) on Friday 4th February and an opposed Operation Awkward was exercised that evening after sunset. During the weekend the opportunity was taken to land recreation parties on the beaches of Telok Tekek, Pulau Tioman, and on the morning of Sunday 7th February a briefing for the tactical phase of the exercise was conducted on board the flagship by the Admiral and his staff. The escorts sailed at 0430 GH(-7½) on 8th February for an F.P.B. opposed departure exercise and subsequently the continuation of Phase 1 serials.

7. At 1100 GH(-7½) on 9th February VENDETTA, in company with H.M.A.S. YARRA, proceeded to the vicinity of Pulau Aur, anchoring close to the island at 1500 GH(-7½). Both ships had been detached from the exercise for 24 hours to conduct written B.T.T. examinations, and remained at anchor overnight. At 0930 GH(-7½) the following morning VENDETTA and YARRA weighed and proceeded in company to the southern end of the Singapore exercise area for a multi-ship replenishment serial which completed Phase 1.

8. Phase 2 of the exercise consisted of a transit through the Singapore and Malacca Straits to the exercise areas to the West of Pulau Penang, and lasted from 10th-12th February. It was made in an exercise bacteriological and chemical environment, which required a high N.B.C. state to be maintained throughout the transit and VENDETTA was closed down to condition ZA for a period of 22 hours. The aim was to test the more modern units of the Fleet, but, nevertheless, this was an extremely valuable exercise from VENDETTA's point of view. It did expose the limitations of the ship, particularly in compartments containing electronic equipment, but living spaces remained surprisingly comfortable. Comment on the N.B.C.D. aspects of FEBEX will be included in a separate report on the exercise being forwarded to COMAUSFLT.

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9. On arrival in the Penang area the force moved straight into phase three which commenced at noon on 12th February. The scenario for the tactical phase was a force of two outboard and two inboard military convoys transiting from and to Penang, with a high probability of air, surface and sub-surface threats. The air threat consisted of missile and conventional bomb and rocket attacks; the surface, missile firing F.P.B's, and the sub-surface, missile firing nuclear submarines and conventional submarines. The area of the exercise was that enclosed by the Nicobar Islands to the West and Pulau Langkawi and Pulau Penang to the East. The track followed by the force allowed for a high incident rate and all were kept on their toes throughout the four days of this period. The phase ended on the morning of 16th February with the entry of INTREPID into a swept channel, leading to a landing area off Penang Island.

10. While INTREPID remained in the vicinity of Penang to continue her amphibious warfare work-up, and three ships detached for V.D.S. and MATCH operational evaluations in deeper water, the remainder of the ships stayed in the Penang area to conduct weapon practice serials of an advanced nature. Details are shown at Annex Echo. This period (Phase 4) lasted from 16th to 18th February, and was noticeable for one highly effective multi-ship naval gunfire support exercise conducted by VENDETTA and YARRA on 18th February. The phase ended with a force replenishment serial conducted by VENDETTA, on completion of which at 2200 GH(-7½) on 18th February, H.M. Ships INTREPID, AURORA, NAIAD, DIDO, LLANDAFF and H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA were formed into three divisions under the overall command of the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command Far East Fleet for passage back to Singapore. VENDETTA had command of the third division consisting of H.M.S. DIDO and H.M.A.S. YARRA.

11. On the afternoon of 19th February, Commanding Officers and Operations Officers transferred by helicopter to the flagship for an interesting hot wash-up of the Command and Control procedures exercised during FEBEX. These will be commented upon separately to COMAUSFLT. On completion of this meeting and when officers had been returned to their ships Divisions proceeded independently for passage of the Malacca and Singapore Straits.

12. The three Divisions rendezvoused off Changi at 0705GH(-7½) Saturday 20th February and a ceremonial Fleet Entry was carried out to the Singapore Naval Base. VENDETTA berthed outboard of H.M.S. NAIAD at 3 berth in the Stores Basin at 0845 GH(-7½).

13. The following seven days in harbour were extremely busy with several Post Exercise Discussions, FEBSPORT and routine maintenance. Of principal interest to the Ship's Company was VENDETTA's participation in FEBSPORT. Annex Charlie shows the wide variety of sports programmed and the response from all onboard was most gratifying. After a week of closely conducted events VENDETTA finished second to H.M.S. SIMBANG for the Small Ship's Trophy. Overall results were as follows:

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<u>Big Ships Trophy</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Small Ships Trophy</u>	<u>Points</u>
40 Commando	264½	H.M.S. SIMBANG	201
H.M.S. TERROR	207	H.M.A.S. VENDETTA	165½
H.Q. 3 DIV	185	H.M.S. AURORA	124
K.D. MALAYA	179½	H.M.S. CHARYBDIS	122
S.M.7	170½	H.M.S. LLANDAFF	107½
H.M.S. INTREPID	116	H.M.S. NAIAD	105
		H.M.S. DIDO	99
		9 M.C.M.	37½
		R.F.A.'s	32½
		FO2FEF	8

14. On Saturday 27th February VENDETTA cast off and proceeded from the Stores Basin at 0900 GH(-7½), thence down the Johore Strait for the penultimate time of this deployment. After clearing Johore Shoal, course was set for Hong Kong. However, all was not to go completely smoothly. At 1345 GH(-7½) the ship was stopped following the report of a high frequency vibration coming from the Hull Outfit 5A trunking. Investigation revealed that the nuts on the flanged joint between the lifting tube and the streamlined strut had "walked back" and allowed the strut to drop to the fully lowered position. Ships divers removed the strut, during which operation it was noted that one bottom stop plate was missing and the other was lost whilst being removed. Since it places no operational limitation on the ship at present, it is intended to carry out repairs and replacement of the unit during the ship's L.S.M. period in April/MAY. My 270839Z February refers.

15. On completion of this operation, which only took thirty minutes, the ship proceeded again for Hong Kong.

16. At 1615 GH(-7½), an aircraft carrier was sighted under tow, heading north at 8 knots. On closing, it transpired to be the ex-H.M.C.S. BONAVENTURE, presumably on its way to Japan for scrap. It was a sad sight.

17. The remainder of the month was uneventful. The weather was remarkably good for the time of the year and passage was made in almost flat calm seas.

18. At 2345 GH(-7½) on 28th February clocks were advanced thirty minutes to 0015 H(-8).

19. Weapons Electrical Engineering

- a. Several 4.5" tracking and firing exercises were carried out during FEBEX, and whilst the surface mode continues to be satisfactory, the A.A. results were again disappointing. The weapon equipments remained reliable throughout the exercise period, with only minor short duration defects arising. No firings were cancelled or delayed due to equipment failure.

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- b. For 24 hours on 11/12 February the ship steamed in a modified N.B.C.D. state 2 condition ZA, with short periods in state 1. In order to protect electronic equipments it was considered prudent to relax the ventilation state in the Amplifier Room E.W.O. and U.H.F. office when ambient temperatures rose above 105°F.
- c. Six W.E. sailors have taken the February B.T.T. written examination, and although results are not yet to hand, hopes are held for a high pass percentage.

20. Marine Engineering

Main and auxiliary machinery and boiler performance was satisfactory during the month.

21. Supply and Secretariat

- a. 'Chow to Chow' messing was used during most of Exercise FEBEX. This functioned well and proved to be popular. Whilst the ship was closed up at Defence Stations meals were provided at the following times:

Breakfast	0715-0830
Lunch	1115-1230
Supper	1830-2030
Light Meal	0130-0230

- b. The standard of provisions embarked by RAS(S) from R.F.A. STROMNESS during FEBEX was excellent.

22. Health, Conduct and Morale

- a. Health of the Ship's Company continues to be good and the incidence of V.D. low. One sailor contracted Malaria and it is suspected this occurred at Pulau Tioman. It has been ascertained that he failed to take his CHLOROTUIN tablets as directed.
- b. General conduct has been very good. There has been a marked decrease in the number of offences during the month and this is directly attributed to the activities of FEBEX and FEBSPORT keeping everyone fully occupied.
- c. Morale is high and all onboard are looking forward to the forthcoming visits to Hong Kong, Keelung and Nagasaki.

*M.W. Hudson*

(M.W. HUDSON)  
COMMANDER RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commander, Far East Fleet.  
The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command Far East Fleet.  
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA.  
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.  
The Senior Officer, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

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STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	6,703.5
Total distance steamed since commissioning	469,794.2
Hours underway during the month	456.2
Total hours underway since commissioning	32,668.9

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Tons/Hour</u>	<u>Dist/Ton</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1FEB	1 hour	22	5.0	4.4	
2FEB	49 mins.	20	4.1	4.8	
2FEB	1½ hours	21	4.7	4.5	
3FEB	1¼ hours	24	6.4	3.7	
3FEB	20 mins.	26	7.8	3.3	
3FEB	1¾ hours	20	4.1	4.8	
4FEB	1½ hours	22	5.0	4.4	
5FEB	7¾ hours	23	5.4	4.2	
8FEB	2¼ hours	22	5.0	4.4	
10FEB	½ hours	22	5.0	4.4	
12FEB	6½ hours	18	3.2	5.6	
13FEB	8½ hours	20	4.1	4.8	
14FEB	3½ hours	18	3.2	5.6	
14FEB	20 mins.	24	6.4	3.7	
14FEB	6½ hours	19	3.6	5.4	
15FEB	6 hours	20	4.1	4.8	
15FEB	45 mins.	24	6.4	3.7	
16FEB	3 hours	20	4.1	4.8	
17FEB	1 hour	20	4.1	4.8	
17FEB	2½ hours	21	4.7	4.5	
18FEB	½ hour	20	4.1	4.8	
18FEB	2 hours	19	3.6	5.4	
19FEB	7½ hours	18	3.2	5.6	
All above speeds required during Exercise FEBEX					
27-28 FEB	36 hours	22	5.0	4.4	Passage



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EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH

1. Gunnery
  - AATX - 1FEB, 4FEB
  - AATFX - RUSHTON 4FEB, RUSHTON & PTA 16FEB
  - AAGDX - 1FEB
  - ADX - 2FEB, 9FEB
  - GDX - 4FEB
  - NGSFX (ILLUMINANTS) - 1FEB, 8FEB
  - Multi-ship NGSFX - 17FEB, 18FEB
  - FPBX3A - 2FEB; 4 hours, 17FEB; 4½ hours
  - Search & Engage FPBs - 3FEB; 3 hours
  - Departure War (v FPBs) - 8FEB
  - Surface Raider Strike - 5FEB
  - SAGEX (SUTOF) - 18FEB
  - RIX/2 Ship Radar Cal. - 3FEB
2. T.A.S.
  - CASEX A4 - 2FEB 3 hours
  - 2FEB 3 hours
  - 16FEB 3 hours
  - CASEX A6/2 - 3FEB 3 hours
  - 17FEB 3 hours
  - CASEX C2 - 1FEB 3 hours
  - 3FEB 2½ hours
  - CASEX C3 - 4FEB 3½ hours (combined with SCREENEX)
  - 5FEB 4 hours
  - 9FEB 3½ hours
  - OPERATION AWKWARD - 5FEB
3. Seamanship
  - OOW MANOEUVRES - 2FEB 1 hour
  - RAS(L) - 3FEB
  - 4FEB
  - 10FEB
  - 18FEB
  - RAS(S) - 8FEB
  - Tow Aft (provide gear) - 8FEB
  - SEABOATS - Six exercises during month.
4. Communications
  - EWX 91 - 2FEB
  - EWX 92 - 8FEB
  - EWX 51 - 16FEB
5. AIO
  - SIMTEX - 3FEB 2 hours

Additionally four day tactical phase of FEBEX acting in an operational environment. This included three further RAS(L), operations against FPB's, aircraft and submarines, responses and reactions to communication jamming and a thorough testing of the operations room organisation. Phase 2 of the exercise consisted of a transit through a high probability nuclear and chemical attack area. The ship was in a modified state 2 condition ZA for 22 hours during this phase.

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SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>			
21FEB	Volley Ball	1sts	HQ3 SIMBANG OMCMS	Lost 8-7 Won 18-3 Won 21-4		
		2nds	TERROR KD MALAYA TERROR 40 CDO NAIAD HQ3 CHARYBDIS	Won 10-5 Won 18-3 Won 15-7 Lost 16-6 Won 19-5 Lost 21-9 Won 12-11		
		3rds	40CDO SM7 K.D. MALAYA DIDO SIMBANG	Lost 15-5 Won 19-2 Lost 23-3 Won 19-7 Won 12-9		
		4ths	AURORA TERROR DIDO SM7 HQ3	Won 12-7 Lost 20-3 Lost 11-8 Won 18-3 Lost 13-5		
		Hockey	9MCMS	Won 1-0		
			SIMBANG	Won 1-0		
			KD MALAYA	Lost 1-0		
			CHARYBDIS	Lost 2-0		
		22FEB	Squash	Knock out	Won 2 Lost 2	
				Knock out	Won 1 Lost 1	
				Knock out	Lost 1	
			Soccer	1sts	40 CDO HQ3 SM7 9MCMS	Lost 2-1 Drew 0-0 Drew 0-0 Lost 1-0
				2nds	DIDO	Won 2-0
					NAIAD	Lost 5-0
					CHARYBDIS	Lost 4-0
					SIMBANG	Lost 6-0
				KD MALAYA	Lost 6-0	
				Water Polo	CHARYBDIS	Lost 6-0
		Basketball	DIDO	Won 40-4		
			SIMBANG	Won 32-9		
23FEB	Golf	SIMBANG/TERROR/ KD MALAYA	Won			
		NAIAD	Won 2-0			
	Tennis	9MCMS	Won 2-0			
		40 CDO	Lost 2-0			
	Basketball	TERROR KD MALAYA	Won 16-15 Won 26-22			

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SPORT (CONTINUED)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>	
23FEB	Rugby 1sts	DIDO	Won 14-0	
		SM7	Won 6-3	
	2nds	SM7 2nds	Won 3-0	
		TERROR	Lost 5-0	
		DIDO	Won 10-6	
		9MCMS	Won 11-0	
		HQ3	Won 8-0	
		40 CDO	Lost 15-0	
		Tug-o-War	HQ3	Won
		Tug-o-War	NAIAD	Won
Boxing	Knock Out	7 wins 3 losses		
24FEB	Tug-o-War	LLANDAFF	Lost	
25FEB	10 Man relay swimming	9MCM, LLANDAFF, SIMBANG, AURORA	Won in 3.32.8	
		Final - 1st 40 CDO. 2nd VENDETTA. 3rd CHARYBDIS		
	Athletics 2 man mile		6th overall	
	Boxing	2nd day. 4 fighters into finals		
	Sailing	Won by SIMBANG VENDETTA 2nd.		
	Skittles	Won by TERROR VENDETTA 2nd.		
26FEB	Cross Country	8 to run, 1st 6 to count	4th overall	
	Boxing	Finals	Won 2 Lost 2	
	Cricket	VENDETTA PO's v LLANDAFF PO's	Lost 105-98	

TOTAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR FEBRUARY 448

FEBSPORT RESULTS

<u>Big Ships Trophy</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Small Ships Trophy</u>	<u>Points</u>
40 Commando	264½	H.M.S. SIMBANG	201
H.M.S. TERROR	207	H.M.A.S. VENDETTA	165½
H.Q. 3 DIV	185	H.M.S. AURORA	124
K.D. MALAYA	179½	H.M.S. CHARYBDIS	122
S.M.7.	170½	H.M.S. LLANDAFF	107½
H.M.S. INTREPID	116	H.M.S. NAIAD	105
		H.M.S. DIDO	99
		9 M.C.M.	37½
		R.F.A.'s	32½
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H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1971

SUMMARY OF SHIP'S MOVEMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Employment</u>
1-20 FEB	Singapore Practice areas and Malaysian West Coast Practice areas to north-west of Pulau Penang	FEBEX
20-27 FEB	Singapore Naval Base	FEBSPORT
27-28	Passage	Singapore-Hong Kong.

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PHASES 1 AND 4 OF EXERCISE FEBEX

Weapon Practice Serials conducted by H.M.A.S. VENDETTA

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participating Units</u>	<u>Exercise</u>
<u>A. Phase 1.</u>			
01FEB	1100-	VENDETTA (OCE)	AATX
	1145	TFF 1574	
	1230-	VENDETTA (OCE)	AATFX
	1400	R.N. FRU	
	1800-	VENDETTA (OCE)	CASEX C2
	2100	FINWHALE 205 Squadron	
	2200-	VENDETTA	NGS
	2359	148 AOBRA	
02FEB	0001-	INTREPID	NIGHT STEAM
	0600	CHARYBDIS (OCE) AURORA VENDETTA YARRA OLWEN	
	0800-	VENDETTA (OCE)	CASEX A4
	1100	YARRA ORPHEUS	
	1200-	VENDETTA	ADX/STRIKES
	1330	YARRA (OCE) 74 SQUADRON R.M.A.F. TEBUAN	
	1200-	VENDETTA	EWX 91
	1330	YARRA (OCE)	
	1330-	VENDETTA	CASEX A4
	1630	YARRA (OCE) FINWHALE	
	1700-	VENDETTA (OCE)	OOW MANOEUVRES
	1800	YARRA	
	2000-	FO2FEF (OCE AND OTC)	FPBX 3A
	2359	INTREPID CHARYBDIS AURORA LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA OLWEN 205 SQUADRON FINWHALE ORPHEUS 4 R.M.N. FPB ORANGE 6 R.M.N. P.C.	

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03FEB	0001- 0600	INTREPID (OCE) CHARYBDIS AURORA LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA OLWEN	NIGHT STEAM
	0730- 1030	VENDETTA (OCE) FINWHALE	CASEX A6/2
	1130- 1400	VENDETTA (OCE) OLWEN	RAS(L)
	1430- 1730	VENDETTA (OCE) Blue Forces P.C's KERAMBIT LEMBING NEGRI SEMBILAN KELATAN BADEK BALADAJ Orange Forces PERKASA (FPB11) PENDEKAR HANDALAN GEMPITA	Search and engage FPB's
	1930- 2130	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA	RIX/2 ship Radar Cal.
	2100- 2300	FO2FEF (OCE) INTREPID CHARYBDIS AURORA LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA OLWEN	SIMTEX
04FEB	0730- 1100	LLANDAFF VENDETTA (OCE) ORPHEUS 205 SQUADRON	CASEX C2
	1300- 1345	LLANDAFF (OCE) VENDETTA TFF 1574	AATX
	1415- 1545	LLANDAFF (OCE) VENDETTA R.N. FRU	AAFTX(RUSHTON)
	1615- 1700	AURORA (OCE) VENDETTA LLANDAFF TFF 1574	GDX(METEORS)

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		P.C's KERAMBIT LEMBING PAHANG NEGRI SEMBILAN KELANTAN BADEK BELADAU KD DUYONG	
08FEB	0600- 0900	Blue Forces FO2FEF (OCE) INTREPID CHARYBDIS AURORA NAIAD LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA 205 SQUADRON Orange Forces FPB 11 (OTC) PENDEKAR GEMPITA P.C's KERAMBIT LEMBING NEGRI SEMBILAN KELANTAN BADEK BELADAU	Departure War
	0900- 1030	LLANDAFF (OCE) VENDETTA	EWX 91/92
	1100- 1330	LLANDAFF VENDETTA (OCE)	SEAMEX TOW AFT BY VENDETTA
	1400- 1700	VENDETTA (OCE) LLANDAFF STROMNESS	RAS(S)
	1900- 2200	VENDETTA (OCE) 148 AOBRA	NGSFX
09FEB	2300- 0600	INTREPID (OCE) CHARYBDIS AURORA NAIAD LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA STROMNESS TRIUMPH	NIGHT STEAM

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09FEB	0730- 1100	Blue Forces FO2FEF (OTC OCE) INTREPID CHARYBDIS NAIAD LLANDAFF VENDETTA YARRA PULMA SALISBING OLWEN STROMNESS 205 SQUADRON 74 SQUADRON Orange Forces FINWHALE R.M.A.F. TEBUAN TFF 1574	CASEX C3/ADX
	1500	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA	Anchor
10FEB	1200- 1800	CHARYBDIS (OCE) AURORA NAIAD LLANDAFF OLWEN STROMNESS FORT ROSALIE VENDETTA YARRA DIDO	RAS(L)(S)(A)
<u>B. Phase 4.</u>			
16FEB	1000- 1230	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA LLANDAFF R.N. FRU	AATX/AATFX (RUSHTON)
	1400- 1700	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA LLANDAFF TYPHOON	AATFX (PTA)
	1900- 2200	YARRA (OCE) VENDETTA LLANDAFF FINWHALE	CASEX A4
17FEB	2300- 0600	LLANDAFF (OCE) VENDETTA YARRA	NS/EWX 51

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17FEB	1000-- 1300	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA 148 AOBRA	Multi-ship NGSFX
	1400-- 1700	YARRA (OCE) VENDETTA FINWHALE	CASEX A6/2
	1830-- 2300	INTREPID (OCE)(MAIN BODY) LLANDAFF VENDETTA (OCE from 1900) YARRA 847 SQUADRON LRMR FPB's	FPBX 3A
18FEB	0800-- 1130	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA 148 AOBRA	Multi-ship NGSFX
	1400-- 1700	YARRA LLANDAFF	SAGEX
	1800	VENDETTA (OCE) YARRA LLANDAFF AURORA NAIAD DIDO OLWEN	RAS(L)

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**15 APR 1971**

The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1971

1. Forwarded.
2. The ship's staff did well to rectify the turbo-alternator defects under difficult conditions.
3. With reference to paragraph 49. The advantages of Strategic Reserve ships having a turnover period are recognised. This will be programmed when possible in future.

*Antony M. ...*  
Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/8 dated 1st April 1971 (3 copies)

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

1st April, 1971.

In reply quote: 1/16/8.

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of March, 1971. All times are zone times.

2. At 0001 (-8), Monday, 1st March, VENDETTA was in position 11°54' N 111°21.5' E bound for Hong Kong. Weather conditions were exceptionally good and contrary to the norm for this time of year a set of 1½ knots to the north east was being experienced.

3. Hong Kong was approached in thick fog on the morning of 2nd March but, on arrival at Lei-U-Mun Pass, visibility in Victoria Harbour lifted to about five miles. At 1045 (-8) VENDETTA berthed starboard side to on H.M.A.S. YARRA at the South Wall of Victoria Basin.

4. At 1100 (-8) on Wednesday, 3rd March, I called on the Commodore-in-Charge Hong Kong, Commodore R.E.S. WYDES-SNEYD, R.N., and later that forenoon Commander J.F. GLENNIE, R.N., Commander MCM6, called on me, remaining to lunch afterwards. At 1500 (-8), accompanied by the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA, I called on the Australian Senior Trade Commissioner, Mr. R.J. BARCHAM. Mr. Barcham returned our call onboard VENDETTA at 1230 (-8) on Thursday 4th. He and the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA remained to lunch.

5. VENDETTA cast off from YARRA and proceeded from Hong Kong at 0800 (-8) on 5th March and, on clearing the harbour set course for Keelung, through the Taiwan Straits. E.T.A. was 1000 (-8) Saturday 6th. In marked contrast to VENDETTA's arrival in Hong Kong on the 2nd, the wind was force 5 from the north east, increasing to force 7-8 later that day. A high S.O.A. was required and initially VENDETTA was able to maintain 22 knots. As the Straits were approached increasing seas forced speed to be reduced in successive steps to 12 knots. The amended E.T.A. was finally signalled as 1430 (-8) on the 6th.

6. After the most uncomfortable passage of the current deployment VENDETTA finally embarked a pilot off Keelung at 1358 (-8) and berthed port side to Number 1B berth in the Inner Harbour at 1438 (-8), Saturday, 6th. Rain commenced as the ship approached her berth and did not stop for the next five days.

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7. As a result of VENDETTA's late arrival Official Calls on the Mayor of Keelung, Mr Su Teh-liang, and the Commandant, 3rd Naval District, Rear Admiral Lin Lien-fan, C.N., were cancelled, but at 1500 (-8) I proceeded by car to Taipei to call on His Excellency, The Australian Ambassador, Mr. H.A. DUNN.

8. An official cocktail party was held onboard for ninety five guests on the evening of Saturday 6th. This was a little crowded, as it had to be held between decks, but apparently enjoyed by all. In addition to the three gentlemen mentioned in the preceding paragraph, principle guests included:

Vice Admiral Liu Ting-pang, C.N.	Commander, Surface Command.
Rear Admiral Liu Ho-chien, C.N.	Deputy Commander, Surface Command.
Rear Admiral Liang Tien-chai, C.N.	Commander, First Patrol Squadron.
Rear Admiral Chen Hung-chi, C.N.	Superintendent, 3rd Navy Yard.
Rear Admiral Chi Jen-ngo C.N.	Deputy Commander, 1st Landing Ship Squadron.
Brigadier General D.R. SEARLES, U.S.A.F.	Chief, U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Group.
Mr. ROMERO	Minister, Philippines Embassy.
H.E. Monsignor CASSIDY	Apostolic Pro-nuncio.

9. My officers and I attended a Reception given by His Excellency the Australian Ambassador on the evening of Sunday, 7th March, and my Executive Officer and I attended the official opening of an Australian Trade Display in Taipei at 1300 (-8), on Monday 8th.

10. On the evening of Monday 8th I entertained the following to dinner onboard:

Ambassador and Mrs. H.A. DUNN.  
Rear Admiral and Mrs. Lin Lien-fan.  
Miss L. PRICE (United Nations Acting Resident Representative, Taiwan)

11. Rear Admiral Lin Lien-fan and his Staff Officers entertained seven of my officers and me to dinner on the evening of Tuesday, 9th March.

12. During the visit VENDETTA was open to the public on two occasions between 1400 and 1700 (-8). On Sunday 7th March, a total of 2929 visited the ship followed by a further 2020 the next day. It rained throughout. In addition to the open days, conducted tours were arranged for 60 Chinese Naval Officers on Tuesday 9th.

13. Three Rugby games and one basketball match were played in Taipei and Keelung. Details are given in Annex C.

14. A separate report on the visit to Keelung has been forwarded to D.N.I., Copy to COMAUSFLT under cover of my S.5/2/30 dated 22nd March, 1971.

15. Originally programmed to depart Keelung at 0900 (-8), Wednesday 10th March, VENDETTA was delayed until 0800 (-8) the following day due to defects in both G2 and K4 Turbo Alternators and H3 Diesel Generator. This was reported in my 100345Z March and subsequent signals.

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16. Wednesday 10th was a most frustrating day. Despite the determined efforts of the senior electrical sailors working on G2 T.A. success always just eluded them. The ship's departure was initially delayed until 1200 (-8), then 1500 (-8), then 1730 (-8). At 1729 (-8) with Special Sea Dutymen closed up, pilot embarked and tug secured it was reported that the defect on G2 was still not repaired and a firm estimate to complete the job could not be given. By this time personnel employed on the job were beginning to suffer from fatigue and in order to give them a break so that they could attack the problem with clearer minds, it was decided to defer departure until 0800 (-8) Thursday, 11th. G2 Turbo Alternator was reported serviceable in my 101415Z, March.

17. CSAP R.J. ASHTON, R42152, and A/SAP2 A.M. MOON, R42859 have been commended for their efforts in repairing G2 Turbo Alternator under extremely difficult conditions.

18. VENDETTA cast off from 1B wharf at 0810 (-8), Thursday 11th and on clearing Keelung harbour proceeded eastwards to the Okinawa Exercise Area. Visibility on leaving was reduced by rain to about one mile and the weather outside was unpleasant. The wind was blowing force 7-8 from the north east, the swell short and steep and sea rough. Speed made good was reduced to 12 knots but, fortunately, as Taiwan was left behind the weather slowly moderated and speed eventually worked up to 20 knots at 0700 (-9), Friday 12th.

19. Clocks were advanced one hour to Zone India (-9) at 2330 (-8) on Thursday 11th.

20. Exercises had been programmed in the Okinawa Area during the period 10th-13th March with R.F.A.'s. OLWEN (flying the flag of FO2FEF) and TARBATNESS; H.M. Ships NAIAD, SALISBURY, DIDO and PUMA; H.M. Submarine OBERON; H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA, and U.S.N. aircraft operating from Okinawa. In the event, due to the adverse weather conditions, H.M.A.S. YARRA proceeded direct to Nagasaki from Hong Kong and VENDETTA's participation was limited to the 12th March.

21. Rendezvous was made with R.F.A. TARBATNESS in position 25°32' N 28°50' E at 1100 (-9), 12th March and two Midshipmen transferred by jackstay. Midshipman WELLHAM was returned to VENDETTA having joined TARBATNESS in Singapore on 27th February, for passage experience and Midshipman WILLIS transferred to TARBATNESS for passage to Manila, via Yokosuka, to join H.M.A.S. OTWAY on 26th March.

22. From 1330 (-9) to 1700 (-9) VENDETTA participated in a Casex C2 with H.M. Ships NAIAD and DIDO, H.M. S/M OBERON and a U.S.N. LRMP aircraft. This was followed by a Casex C3 from 1800 (-9) to 2200 (-9) with H.M. Ships NAIAD, DIDO, SALISBURY and PUMA; R.F.A.s OLWEN and TARBATNESS; H.M. S/M OBERON and LRMP aircraft.

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23. At about 1800 (-9) VENDETTA's Medical Officer reported that ABQMG R.J. YORK R66979, was suffering from appendicitis and although it was not serious at that stage he would require hospitalization for possible operative treatment within the next 24 hours. After consultation with FO2FEF's staff it was decided that VENDETTA would detach on completion of RAS(L) at approximately 2359 (-9), proceed to Bruckner Bay on the east coast of Okinawa and land him to the U.S. Naval Hospital at Naha. CTF72 (COMPATFORSEVENTHFLT) was requested to arrange transport to meet the ship at 0600 (-9), Saturday 13th.

24. RAS(L) was commenced with R.F.A. OLWEN at 2318 (-9) and on completion at 0007 (-9) VENDETTA was detached to Bruckner Bay. By 0100 (-9) the patient's condition had deteriorated to the extent that an immediate operation was considered essential. Fortunately the Sick Bay had been fully prepared for the eventuality. Speed was reduced to eight knots, a suitable course chosen and the operation successfully completed by Surgeon Lieutenant R.F. CLARKE, R.A.N., at 0439 (-9).

25. At 0831 (-9) Saturday 13th, VENDETTA anchored in Bruckner Bay in position 055° Kanra Saki Light, 1.45 miles. Shortly afterwards Able Seaman YORK was transferred to a U.S.N. landing craft, thence to hospital ashore. VENDETTA weighed and proceeded for Nagasaki at 0857 (-9). Subsequent reports from U.S. authorities in Okinawa indicate that YORK's progress is satisfactory.

26. Apart from further adverse weather and a drop in temperature to 42° F the passage to Japan was uneventful and VENDETTA rendezvoused with YARRA off Nagasaki at 0630 (-9) Monday 16th in position 32°38' N, 129°32' E.

27. At 0800 (-9) the Nagasaki Pilot and the Australian Naval and Military Attache, Captain F.E. IRVINE, R.A.N., boarded VENDETTA in position 051° Iojima Light 1'.0. The original intention had been for VENDETTA and YARRA to proceed direct to their berths at Dejima Wharf, VENDETTA securing first at 0900 (-9). Unfortunately the pilot brought the news that the berth was still occupied by a merchant ship. Both ships proceeded to anchor in the Quarantine anchorage and a number of rapid changes were made to the official programme, including deferring all official calls to later in the afternoon and postponing a joint Commanding Officers' luncheon party onboard VENDETTA to Tuesday 16th.

28. After several false alarms VENDETTA weighed at 1350 (-9) and secured starboard side to Dejima Wharf at 1417 (-9). YARRA secured outboard of VENDETTA twenty minutes later.

29. At 1530 (-9) after presentation of flowers by the Nagasaki Prefecture Welcoming Committee both Commanding Officers, accompanied by Captain IRVINE and Mr. SODA of the Prefectural Office, departed to call on the following:

Mr. K. KAKEHASHI	-	Accountant General for the Nagasaki Prefecture, representing the Governor.
Mr. SOICHI URABE		Deputy Mayor, representing the Mayor of Nagasaki.
Mr. HIROKICHI YAMADA		President, Nagasaki Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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30. An official cocktail party for 120 guests was held in the Wardrooms of YARRA and VENDETTA that evening. On completion a joint Commanding Officer's dinner was held onboard YARRA for the following:

Mr. and Mrs. SHYOZO KIYOSHIMA	- Chairman, 18th Bank, Nagasaki
Mr. and Mrs. ZENZABURO TANAKAMARU	President, Educational Committee, Nagasaki, and President Tamaya Department Store.
Mr. and Mrs. TAKASHI OGAWA	Chairman, International Friendship Association, Nagasaki.
Captain F.E. IRVINE, R.A.N.	Australian Naval and Military Attache

31. On Tuesday, 16th March a joint Commanding Officers' luncheon was held onboard VENDETTA for the following Prefectural, City and Military representatives:

Mr. K. KAKEHASI	- Accountant General, Nagasaki Prefecture.
Mr. NIWA	Chief Planning Department, Mayoral Office.
Mr. WAKIYAMA	Vice President, Chamber of Commerce.
Mr. KUHARA	Chief of Maritime Safety Agency.
Mr. OHGUSHI	Chief Inspector of Customs.
Mr. OKIMOTO	Chief of Water Police
Mr. SATO	Chief of Harbour Development
Mr. HATATE	Deputy Commanding Officer, Ground Self Defence Force (A civilian posting)
LCDR H. YAMASHITA	M.S.D.F. Liaison Officer.
Mr. SODA	Prefectural Officer and Interpreter.

32. On Tuesday evening the Prefectural Officers entertained the Commanding Officers, Executive Officers and Australian Naval and Military Attache to a very pleasant Japanese style dinner.

33. A number of sporting events had been arranged for the visit and details are shown in Annex C.

34. On Tuesday 16th from 1400 (-9) to 1530 (-9) a total of 120 personnel from M.S.D.S. AMATSUKAZE (DDG 163) and Mitsubishi Ship Yards were shown over both ships. On Wednesday 17th VENDETTA and YARRA were opened to the public. 1300 came onboard. Both ships hosted a children's party for 30 orphan children from 1000 (-9) to 1200 (-9) on Thursday 18th March.

35. During the forenoon of 18th March both Commanding Officers and a number of their officers were taken on a most instructive tour of the Mitsubishi Ship Yards. It was an eye opener to see 260,000 ton tankers under construction and to learn that a new dry dock being constructed nearby at Kayagi would, theoretically, have capacity for a 1,000,000 ton tanker. This dry dock was commenced in September, 1970, and will be completed in 1974.

36. Bus tours were arranged for the Ship's Company on the 16th and 18th March and were well received.

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37. This very enjoyable visit came to an end on Friday, 19th and YARRA cast off at 1000 (-9), followed shortly thereafter by VENDETTA. It had been intended that VENDETTA and YARRA proceed from Nagasaki to Singapore in company, fuelling from R.F.A. GREEN ROVER on 23rd March. Unfortunately the RAS(L) with GREEN ROVER had to be cancelled (COMFEF 180735Z, NOTAL refers) and this necessitated YARRA proceeding independently to Hong Kong for fuel. It was decided that VENDETTA should not delay by remaining with YARRA as all available time was required at Singapore Naval Base to remedy a number of OPDEF's.

38. On clearing the harbour YARRA proceeded to Hong Kong and VENDETTA set course southwards for Singapore. The weather was fine, seas smooth and forecast good.

39. The weather during the passage proved, against expectation, to be probably the best experienced during the current deployment and was markedly different from the stormy seas met on the previous passages north of Hong Kong. The change in the elements after such a long unfavourable period enabled a great deal of upper deck painting, maintenance and ship husbandry to be brought up to date.

40. Clocks were retarded one hour to zone H(-8) at 1830 (-9) on 20th March and 30 minutes to zone GH(-7½) at 1815 (-8) on 23rd March.

41. At 2310 (-7½) on 23rd March identities were exchanged with H.M.S. INTREPID. She was in company with H.M.S. JUNO (Captain D2FE), H.M.N.Z.S. OTAGO and R.F.A.'s SIR GALAHAD and SIR LANCELOT proceeding to Manila for SEATO Exercise PX43.

42. The passage to Singapore was progressed without further incident and at 0805 (-7½) on 25th March, VENDETTA berthed starboard side to at number 7 berth, Stores Basin, Singapore Naval Dockyard.

43. At 1727 (-7½) on 25th March, H.M.A.S. YARRA, <sup>berthed</sup> outboard of VENDETTA.

44. The last week in Singapore was one of considerable activity as departments sought to ensure that all problems had been settled prior to departure from the station and that everything was ready for the turnover to H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.

45. On Sunday 28th March, the Commanding Officer of YARRA and I lunched with the Services Adviser to the Australian High Commission to Singapore, Captain J.L.W. MERSON, R.A.N.

46. On Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th March, farewell calls were paid as follows:

a. Monday 29th

0930

Vice Admiral L.D. EMPSON, C.B.,  
Commander, Far East Fleet.

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b. Tuesday 30th

0930 Commodore M.H. GRIFFIN, R.N.,  
Commodore Superintendent, Singapore.

1000 Rear Admiral D. WILLIAMS,  
Flag Officer Second-in-Command,  
Far East Fleet.

1100 Captain K.A. LEPPARD, R.N.,  
Chief Staff Officer  
(Operations and Training)

47. On Tuesday 30th March the following were entertained to lunch onboard:

Captain D.D.N. LONG, R.N.	Chief Staff Officer (Technical)
Captain K.A. LEPPARD, R.N.	Chief Staff Officer (Operations and Training)
Commander M.L. TUDOR-CRANG, R.N.	Fleet Operations Officer
Commander R.M. BAIRD, R.A.N.	Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA.
Lieutenant Commander M.J. TAYLOR, R.A.N.	Executive Officer, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA.

48. At 0745 (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Wednesday 31st, VENDETTA and YARRA were cold moved by dockyard tugs to No. 2 berth (North), VENDETTA inboard, bows north.

49. At 1000 (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) Wednesday 31st March, H.M.A. Ships PARRAMATTA and DUCHESS, reliefs for YARRA and VENDETTA, arrived at Singapore Naval Base and secured at No. 6 berth, PARRAMATTA inboard. They were a welcome sight and the remainder of the day was busy with turn-overs at all levels. This was the first occasion for some years that Strategic Reserve ships had the opportunity to hand over in harbour and it is considered most desirable that the practice be continued. With the forecast run down in staff support in the Singapore area the need for an adequate briefing for relieving ships becomes greater and it is recommended that in future two days be allowed for this to take place.

50. The following officers were entertained to luncheon on the 31st March:

Commander R.M. BAIRD, R.A.N.	Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA.
Commander P.G.N. KENNEDY, R.A.N.	Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.
Commander P.R. SINCLAIR, R.A.N.	Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.
Commander C.N. MacEACHARN, R.N.	Staff Officer Operations to FO2FEF.
Commander G.T.J.O. DALTON, R.N.	Staff Officer Operations (Desig) to FO2FEF.

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51. On the evening of 31st March, a farewell cocktail party was held by the Commanding Officers and Officers, H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA. Principal guests included His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador to Singapore, Mr. M.S. PARKINSON, the Commander Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral L.D. EMPSON, C.B., and the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral D. WILLIAMS.

52. Marine Engineering Department

The boiler, main and auxiliary machinery performance has been very satisfactory during the month.

53. Weapons Electrical Department

- a. Although no firing practices have been carried out during the month, the weapon systems have maintained a high degree of reliability. Routine user and maintainer checks have revealed only minor, readily rectified defects.
- b. Power generation problems have caused some concern, and on one occasion delayed sailing for 24 hours when both turbo-alternators and one diesel alternator developed simultaneous defects.
- c. Both T.A.'s are now serviceable and ship's staff in conjunction with the Fleet Maintenance Group are investigating the unreliability of control on H3 diesel alternator.
- d. Details of these defects are being reported on Forms TM 179.
- e. The excellent service given by storekeeping authorities in providing urgently required spares from Australia continues to be a major factor in maintaining the operational state of the weapons electrical equipment.

54. Health, Conduct and Morale

- a. Health of the ship's company has been good.
- b. Morale is high.
- c. Conduct has been above average.

55. Sport

Sport has continued to be actively supported and details are contained in Annex C.

*M. W. Hudson*  
( M.W. Hudson )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commander, Far East Fleet.  
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA.  
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STEAMING REPORT

Distance Steamed during the month	4856.5 miles
Hours underway during the month	293.25 hours
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OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL  
SPEED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Tons/Hour</u>	<u>Dist/Ton</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
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05MAR	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	22.0	5.0	4.4	Passage
12MAR	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	20.0	4.1	4.8	Passage
19-21MAR	42 $\frac{3}{4}$	18.4	3.2	5.6	Passage
23-24MAR	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	18.4	3.2	5.6	Passage

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EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH

1. Gunnery  
Small arms firing drills.
2. T.A.S.  
CASEX C2 - 12 MARCH 3½ hours  
CASEX C3 12 MARCH 4 hours
3. Seamanship  
RAS(S) Heavy Jackstay 12 MARCH  
RAS(L) 12 MARCH
4. Communications  
NAVCOMEX 251 20, 23, 25 MARCH  
NAVCOMEX 252 29, 31 MARCH  
NAVCOMEX 403 26 MARCH  
NAVCOMEX 402 1 (Two exercises), 2, 20, 22, 23, 24 MARCH  
NAVCOMEX 405 4, 5, 22, 23, 29, 31 MARCH

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## H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1971

### SPORT

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
03 MAR	Cricket	R.A.A.F. Hong Kong	Lost 72-89
	Rugby League	R.A.A.F. Hong Kong	Won 28-5
	Boxing	H.K. Novice Comp. (5 boxers)	Won 1 Lost 4
04	Rugby 3rds	H.M.S. TRIUMPH	Won 13-5
	Hockey	H.M.S. SALISBURY	Lost 1-2
07	Rugby 1sts	H.Q. U.S. SUPPORT ACTIVITY - TAIWAN	Won 14-3
08	Rugby 2nds	Republic of China, Navy.	Lost 0-8
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2-5 MAR	Hong Kong	Informal visit.
5-6 MAR	Passage	Hong Kong-Keelung.
6-11 MAR	Keelung	Informal visit.
11-13 MAR	Passage	Keelung-Okinawa Exercise Area - Weapon Training Period.
13-15 MAR	Passage	Okinawa-Nagasaki
15-19 MAR	Nagasaki	Informal visit.
19-25 MAR	Passage	Nagasaki-Singapore
25-31 MAR	Singapore	Maintenance Period.

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**19 MAY 1971**

The Secretary  
 Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1971

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 Rear Admiral

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Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/8 dated 4th May 1971

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

In reply quote: 1/16/8.

4th May, 1971.

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA-REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS-APRIL 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of April, 1971. All times are in Zone times.

2. Thursday 1st April marked the departure of H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and YARRA from Singapore Naval Base on completion of their six months Strategic Reserve deployment. This had been an extremely interesting and valuable experience for all onboard and a summary of VENDETTA's programme since leaving Sydney on 21st September, 1970 is contained in Annex Foxtrot.

3. At 0850(-7½), 1st April, the flag of Rear Admiral D. WILLIAMS, Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet was broken in VENDETTA as he embarked for passage down the Johore Straits. H.M.A.S. YARRA cast off from VENDETTA at 0900(-7½), followed shortly thereafter by VENDETTA. When clear of the basin, ships formed column and proceeded down the Straits. The Commander, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral L.D. EMPSON, C.B. farewelled both ships from Beaulieu Jetty.

4. At 1030(-7½), in the vicinity of Johore Shoal Buoy, Admiral WILLIAMS was transferred to the Malaysian minesweeper K.D. JERAI and his flag struck. On completion of the transfer course was set for Fremantle via Gaspar and Sunda Straits. The weather was fine and forecast for the passage good.

5. At 1700(-7½), 1st April, rendezvous was made with R.F.A. GOLD RANGER in position 0°04'S, 105°36'E for a final replenishment before VENDETTA and YARRA departed the station. This was to ease the rather critical fuel situation, especially for YARRA, for the long leg of 2220 miles to Fremantle. Fuelling was completed by 1800(-7½) and a final farewell said to GOLD RANGER, who had served both ships well during their deployment.

6. Clocks were advanced 30 minutes to Zone H(-8) at 2345GH(-7½) on the 1st April.

7. The traditional "Crossing the Line" ceremony was held on the afternoon of 2nd April.



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8. At 1437(-8), 2nd April VENDETTA detached from YARRA and proceeded ahead to rendezvous with HMAS SYDNEY, in the vicinity of NOORDWACHTER Light, to transfer her mail. Identities were exchanged with SYDNEY at 1750(-8) and the transfer was carried out by Gemini dinghy at 1815(-8). On completion VENDETTA rejoined YARRA for passage of Sunda Strait on the night of the 2nd/3rd April. The Indonesian Archipelago was cleared at 0330(-8), 3rd April and course set for Australia.

9. Exercises carried out on passage are shown in Annex B.

10. At 0900(-8), Thursday 8th April VENDETTA berthed starboard side to at G berth, Victoria Quay, Fremantle. YARRA berthed outboard ten minutes later. The Officer of the Guard boarded at 0910(-8), followed closely by Customs and Health Officials. Clearance did not take long and soon the West Australian natives were proceeding on leave.

11. At 1030(-8), 8th April, accompanied by the Commanding Officer, HMAS YARRA, I called officially on the Naval Officer Commanding, West Australia Area, Commodore J.M. RAMSAY, C.B.E., D.S.C., RAN. Following this, at 1100(-8) I called on the Mayor of Fremantle, Sir Frederick SAMSON. After the call he very kindly entertained both Commanding Officers and six officers from each ship to drinks.

12. On the evening of the 8th April I entertained the following to dinner onboard:

Commodore and Mrs. J.M. RAMSAY.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. M.W. VARLEY.

Commander R.M. BAIRD, RAN.

13. At 1400(-8) on Good Friday, 9th April, the Commanding Officer, HMAS YARRA and I accompanied the Naval Officer Commanding to the 30th Commemoration Service of the Rats of Tobruk Association, held at the Tobruk Memorial, Kings Park. The principal guest at this service was the Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Paul HASLUCK, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.St.J.

14. A families' day had been organised on Saturday 10th April and at 0900(-8), YARRA cast off and proceeded to sea, followed nine minutes later by VENDETTA. There was not time for a great deal to be done but, after clearing the approaches to the harbour, light mortar projectiles were fired and then recovered by the swimmer of the watch. A few manoeuvres were conducted with YARRA and both ships anchored in Gage Roads for lunch. VENDETTA weighed at 1230(-8), and proceeded into harbour, followed by YARRA. The ship secured starboard side to at F berth, Victoria Quay at 1255(-8), to disembark families and guests. At 1330(-8), VENDETTA proceeded from Fremantle for Adelaide with YARRA in company.

15. Clocks were advanced one hour to Zone I(-9) at 2330(-8), on 10th April and 30 minutes to Zone IK(-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ), at 2345(-9), on 11th April.

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16. Exercises were carried out on passage to Adelaide including Officer of the Watch manoeuvres and a good session of R.A.S. approaches which gave six of the junior officers the opportunity to handle the ship in close company.
17. At 0900(-9½), Wednesday 14th April VENDETTA berthed at H berth, Port Adelaide for fuel and Customs clearance of South Australian long leave libertymen. YARRA berthed at BP Fuel Wharf shortly afterwards. The Commanding Officer HMAS YARRA and I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, South Australia, Commander P. GOLDRICK RAN at 0930(-9½).
18. At 1145(-9½) VENDETTA shifted to No3 berth, Port Adelaide and at 1300(-9½) YARRA cast off and proceeded for Melbourne.
19. At 1515(-9½) I and two of my officers had the honour to attend at Government House for a Garden Party given by His Excellency Sir James HARRISON and Lady HARRISON. On the evening of 14th April I entertained to dinner Commander and Mrs. GOLDRICK and the President of the Navy League in South Australia Mr. T. MATTER and his wife.
20. The Mayor of Port Adelaide, Mr. H.C.R. MARTEN very kindly entertained my officers and me at a reception in his Chambers at midday on 15th April.
21. HMAS VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for Melbourne at 0900(-9½), Friday 16th April.
22. At 2345(-9½) on the 16th clocks were advanced 30 minutes to Zone K(-10).
23. In view of the adverse weather forecast for the passage Adelaide to Melbourne it was decided to increase speed to enter Port Phillip on the evening of the 17th and anchor overnight. Accordingly VENDETTA passed through the Rip at 1730(-10) on Saturday 17th and proceeded into the Bay via the South Channel, anchoring off Port Arlington at 1933(-10).
24. At 0815(-10) on the 18th VENDETTA weighed and proceeded alongside the Inner West berth, Station Pier at 0945(-10). There was a large crowd on the jetty waiting to greet the ship and once again formalities with the Customs were reduced to a minimum. It was not possible to fuel because of a local tug strike.
25. At 1530(-10) on the 18th VENDETTA cast off, followed shortly afterwards by YARRA, and both ships proceeded for Sydney. The Rip was cleared at 1850(-10) and course set eastwards.

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26. The Commanding Officer (designate) of HMAS ANZAC, Commander I.A. CALLAWAY RAN had embarked in Melbourne for passage, and on the 19th April he carried out a number of practical ship handling exercises, followed by R.A.S. approaches on YARRA by day and night.

27. At 2315(-10), Monday 19th, identities were exchanged with HMA Ships TORRENS and STUART, operating off Jervis Bay.

28. At 0630(-10), Tuesday 20th both ships anchored in Watson's Bay to await Customs clearance. Customs Officers embarked at 0735(-10) and, as in Fremantle, Adelaide, and Melbourne, cleared the ship's company swiftly.

29. Both ships weighed at 0940(K) and proceeded alongside Garden Island, VENDETTA berthing at 1000(K) at North End Cruiser Wharf and YARRA at Oil Wharf. It was a pleasure to welcome you aboard, Sir, shortly after the ship secured.

30. The ship went to 48 hours notice for steam on arrival and long leave libertymen were dispatched that afternoon. During the rest of the month routine maintenance was progressed with some assistance from HMAS STALWART and Garden Island Dockyard.

31. At 0900(K), Wednesday 21st I called on you formally, Sir, and at 1400(K) the same day called on the General Manager Garden Island Dockyard, Commodore H.J. BODMAN RAN. I called formally on the Flag Officer Commanding, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral G.J.B. CRABB, CBE, DSC, at 1400(-10), Thursday 22nd April.

32. You, Sir, returned my call at 1430(-10), Tuesday 27th April, followed by an informal walk round of the ship, and Rear Admiral Crabb returned my call at 0830(-10), Friday 30th April.

33. Marine Engineering Department

- a. The Boilers, Main Engines and Auxiliary Machinery have performed satisfactorily throughout the month.
- b. The quarterly Full Power trial had to be deferred when the valve spindle of the ~~main~~ main feed pump of the forward unit sheared en route to Melbourne, the valve lid effectively shutting off steam to the turbine. As insufficient time was available to repair the defect, the ship proceeded to Sydney, without incident, using auxiliary feed pumps.

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34.


Weapons Electrical Department.

- a. H3 diesel alternator, previously reported as being unreliable under load, has now been examined by Garden Island dockyard staff who have recommended that the amplidyne rotor be removed for further examination and possible replacement.
- b. Whilst alongside Garden Island on 24th April the port side interconnecting cable between the forward and after switchboards developed a short to earth in "B" boiler room. URDEF action has been taken and the dockyard technical services section are currently investigating the most economic and expeditious means of rectifying the defect.

35.

Health, Conduct and Morale.

- a. Health of the Ship's Company continues to be good. There were no cases of V.D. at the end of the month.
- b. General conduct during the month has been extremely good.
- c. Morale is high.

  
(M.W. HUDSON)  
COMMANDER RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

For Information:

Commanding Officer HMAS DUCHESS.

The Senior Officer HMAS VAMPIRE.

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Annex 'A' to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/8 dated 4th May 1971)

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1971

STEAMING REPORT

Distance Steamed During Month. 4940.6 Miles  
Hours Underway During Month. 349.50 Hours  
Distance Steamed Since Commissioning. 479591.3 Miles  
Hours Underway Since Commissioning. 33311.65 Hours

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL  
SPEED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED</u>	<u>TONS/HOUR</u>	<u>DIST/TON</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1 April	4.75 Hrs	22.0	5.0	4.4	PASSAGE
2 April	2.5 Hrs	18.0	3.2	5.6	PASSAGE
3 April	0.5 Hrs	20.1	4.1	4.8	PASSAGE
10 April	8 Hrs	17.0	3.0	5.8	PASSAGE
11 April	24 Hrs	17.0	3.0	5.8	PASSAGE
12 April	22 Hrs	17.0	3.0	5.8	PASSAGE
17 April	12 Hrs	17.0	3.0	5.8	PASSAGE
19 April	6 Hrs	17.0	3.0	5.8	PASS/EX

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1971  
EXERCISE CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH

1. T.A.S.  
Live mortar firings 3 April  
Light mortar firings 10 April
  
2. Seamanship  
RAS(L) 1 April  
OOW manoeuvres 3,5,10,12,19 April  
RAS approaches 13,19(2-90 Minute sessions) April  
Man overboard recovery practice 19 April
  
3. A.I.O.  
Surface plotting exercise 3,6 April  
Relative velocity quiz 2,13 April  
2 ship radar calibration 5 April  
Modex 1 12 April
  
4. Communications  
NAVCOMEX 455 2,7 April  
NAVCOMEX 252 5 April  
NAVCOMEX 207 2,7,13 April  
NAVCOMEX 651 5 April  
NAVCOMEX 501 6 April  
NAVCOMEX 603 12 April  
NAVCOMEX 402 12 April  
NAVCOMEX 404 13 April  
EWX 92 2,13 April  
EWX 91 5 April  
EWX 31 6,13 April

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1971

SPORTS RESULTS - MONTH OF APRIL

PERTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
9APR71	Rugby	VENDETTA 2nd V's Perth RUFC	Lost 25 NIL
9APR71	Rugby	VENDETTA 1st V's Perth RUFC	Lost 16-3

ADELAIDE

14APR71	VollyBall	VENDETTA V's HMAS ENCOUNTER	Lost 5-0
14APR71	Aust Rules	VENDETTA V's Police Academy	Lost 139-8

SYDNEY

28APR71	Rugby	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS NIRIMBA	Lost 8-6
28APR71	AustRules	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS ALBATROSS	Lost 117-37
	Soccer	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS ALBATROSS	Lost 1-5
	Golf	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS PENG/PLAT	Lost 249/255

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1971

MOVEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>
1-3	Passage	Singapore - Fremantle
3	10°S	Chopped To COMAUSTFLT operational control
3-8	Passage	Singapore to Fremantle.
10	Fremantle	Family Day
10-14	Passage	Fremantle to Adelaide
16-18	Passage	Adelaide to Melbourne
18-20	Passage	Melbourne to Sydney

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL 1971  
LIVE MORTAR FIRING

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Salvo's</u>
07°31'S 105°21'E	030007Z	1400 Fathoms	3(8charges)

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HMAS VENDETTA. - 1970 - 1971 STRATEGIC RESERVE  
PROGRAMME - DETAILS

Sailed	Sydney	20SEP70
	Cairns	24SEP70
	Darwin	27SEP70
	Singapore	2-12OCT70
	Labuan	16-17OCT70
	Tacloban	19-21OCT70
	Subic Bay	23OCT70
	Manila	24-28OCT70
	Vung Tau	31OCT-1NOV70
	Colombo	9-13NOV70
	Bombay	16-20NOV70
	Colombo	23NOV70
	Singapore	27NOV-3DEC70
	Paulo Tioman	10-12DEC70
	Hong Kong	19DEC70-4JAN71
	Singapore	6-13JAN71
	Penang	14-17JAN71
	Singapore	18-19JAN71
	Singapore	22-31JAN71
	Exercise 'FEBEX'	1-20FEB71
	Singapore	20-27FEB71
	Hong Kong	2-5MAR71
	Keelung	6-11MAR71
	Nagasaki	15-19MAR71
	Singapore	25MAR-1APR71
	Fremantle	8-10APR71
	Adelaide	14-16APR71
	Melbourne	18APR71
Arrived	Sydney	20APR71

Total Distance Steamed : 39,427 Miles

Total Hours Underway : 2,420

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HMAS VENDETTA

Report of Proceedings MAY 1971

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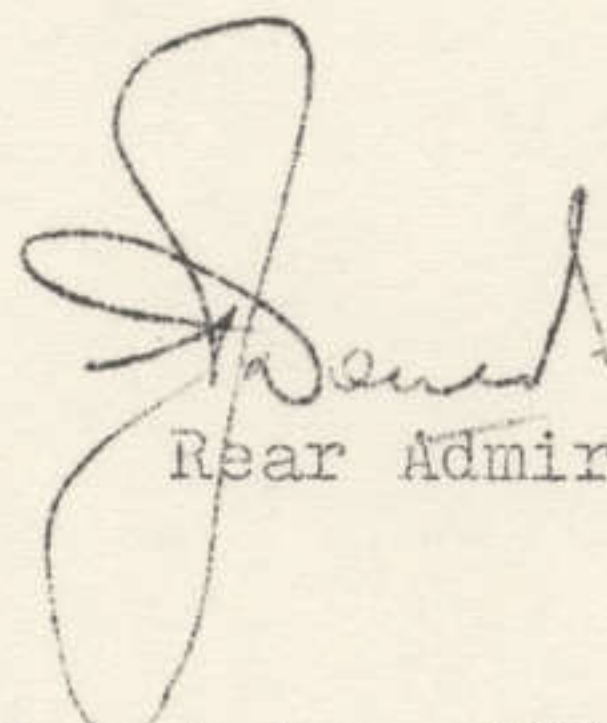
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The Secretary  
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HMAS VENDETTA  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1971

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Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/10 dated 3rd June 1971



HMAS VENDETTA,  
at Sydney.

In reply quote: 1/16/10

3 June, 1971.

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA--REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS--MAY 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of May, 1971. Times throughout are zone (-10).

2. The ship remained at Garden Island Dockyard throughout the month progressing a long self maintenance period and giving long leave, due to the ship's company after deployment in the Strategic Reserve.
3. At 0930 on 4th May the ship was cold moved from Cruiser Wharf and reberthed alongside H.M.A.S. STALWART at the E.M.S. Moorings. This was to facilitate the provision of maintenance from STALWART, a service that has been rendered very willingly and much appreciated.
4. At 1450 on 19th May the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral R.I. Peek, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.C., accompanied by you, Sir, visited the ship for an informal walk round. On completion of his walk round Admiral Peek spoke to the senior sailors before leaving the ship at 1525.
5. At 1315 on 31st May the ship was again cold moved, this time to the East Side, Captain Cook Dock. This was to enable B turret to be removed on 1st June for subsequent shipment to Bendigo for modifications.
6. Pre shake-down training commenced at H.M.A.S. WATSON on 31st May.
7. Several detachments of Sea Cadets were accomodated on board during the month, two remaining for weekend training only, but a detachment from Newcastle stayed for ten days. With the reduced complement at the time it was possible to give the cadets plenty of useful work to occupy their time and ensure that their visits were of value. All appeared to enjoy the novelty of living aboard a ship.

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8. Officers Movements.

- a. 16 May. Lieutenant A. Delamarta R.A.N.E.R. joined for two weeks A.C.T.
- b. 17 May. Lieutenant R.R.P. Spencer, R.A.N. left to join H.M.A.S. LAE.
- c. 17 May. Sub Lieutenant C.B. Strang, R.A.N. left to join H.M.A.S. AITAPE.

9. Marine Engineering Department. With assistance from STALWART all defects were completed during the month. Boilers were cleaned externally and washed through internally.

10. Weapon Electrical Department.

- a. The amplidyne rotor of H3 diesel generator has been replaced by Garden Island Dockyard staff following the detection of an intermittent fault in the original rotor. It is anticipated that load trials will be carried out during the first week of June.
- b. After Urdef action had been taken on the port inter-connecting cable, dockyard staff re-insulated a section of the run and are currently carrying out continuity and insulation tests.

11. Health, Conduct and Morale.

- a. Health, conduct and morale have been satisfactory.
- b. TO R.K. Lindberg, R96540 remains on the very seriously ill list at Sydney Hospital after suffering a fractured skull in an incident ashore.

*M.W. Hudson*  
(M.W. HUDSON)  
COMMANDER RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER

For Information:

Commanding Officer HMAS DUCHESS.  
The Senior Officer HMAS VAMPIRE.



(Annex 'A' to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/10 dated 3rd June 1971)

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1971

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	Nil
Hours underway during month	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning	479591.3 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	33311.65 hours



(Annex 'B' to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/10 dated 3rd June 1971)

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1971

SPORTS RESULTS MONTH OF MAY

SYDNEY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
19MAY71	Aust. Rules	Dest/Frig Vs PENG/PLAT/W'HEN	Won 58-34
19MAY71	Rugby	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS KUTTABUL	Won 15-3
19MAY71	Soccer	Dest/Frig Vs HOLDSWORTHY	Lost 9-1
26MAY71	Rugby	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS STALWART	Drawn 6-6
26MAY71	Soccer	Dest/Frig Vs PENG/PLAT.	Drawn 4-4
26MAY71	Aust. Rules	Dest/Frig Vs KUTT/WATSON	Won 59-40
26MAY71	Golf	Dest/Frig Vs HMAS WATSON	Lost 231-171
26MAY71	Squash	VENDETTA Vs HMAS STALWART	Lost 0-4



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HMAS VENDETTA

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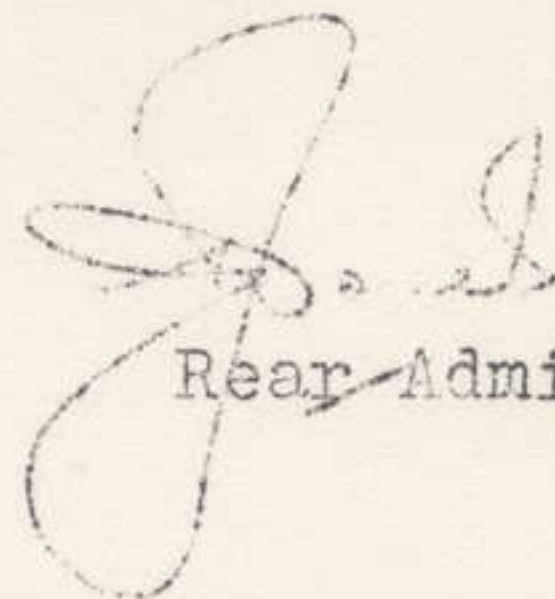
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Rear Admiral

RT Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA letter 1/16/10 dated 5th July 1971



In reply quote 1/16/10

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

- 5 JUL 1971

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the month of June, 1971. Times throughout are zone K (-10).

2. VENDETTA's long self maintenance and leave period alongside at Garden Island continued until the 15th June. At the beginning of the month she was berthed in the Outer Captain Cook Dock, having 'B' turret removed, and remained there until 3rd June, when berth was shifted to alongside H.M.A.S. STALWART at the E.M.S. Mooring.
3. Pre shake-down training for R.P., T.A.S. and Communication sailors commenced on 31st May and continued until the 11th June. In addition, the Command Team spent two days in the A.S.T.T. at H.M.A.S. WATSON.
4. On Monday, 7th June, 25 Cadet Midshipmen (G.L.), ex-H.M.A.S. CRESWELL, joined for training. This resulted from a delay to H.M.A.S. ANZAC's refit in Williamstown.
5. In preparation for VENDETTA's extended refit a preliminary refit conference was held onboard on Thursday, 10th June. This was chaired by the Director General of Naval Production and attended by representatives of all authorities concerned. Arrangements for the refit are well in hand and from the ship's point of view, no major problems are anticipated.
6. At 0850 on 15th June VENDETTA sailed for the Jervis Bay area until Friday, 25th June. The principal aims during this period were:
  - a. Shakedown.
  - b. participation in the AQS-13 Operational Evaluation
  - c. training of Cadet Midshipmen and Ordinary Seamen.
7. Although the above aims tended to conflict from time to time this ten day period was most valuable in brushing away the cobwebs of the previous eight weeks alongside. In company for the operational evaluation were H.M.A. Ships STALWART, STUART and YARRA, with opposition provided by H.M.A. Submarines OTWAY and OVENS. Aircraft for the trial were provided by Wessex Helicopters of HS 817 and 818. VENDETTA operated as Screen Commander throughout the opeval.





8. Details of exercises carried out during the period 15th - 25th June are shown at Annex Bravo.

9. At 1300 on 17th June VENDETTA anchored in C1 berth, Jervis Bay, for a liferaft and helicopter winching demonstration. On completion the ship weighed and proceeded to sea at 1450. At 1730 on Saturday, 19th June, the ship again anchored in C1 berth and immediately commenced an operation 'Awkward' which was completed at 2020. The ship remained at anchor overnight and on the following morning the ship's company went to divisions. VENDETTA weighed at 1800 on Sunday, 20th June, and proceeded for Sydney in company with H.M.A.S. YARRA

10. At 0800, Monday 21st, the ship berthed starboard side to at Chowder Bay for fuel. During this period, you, Sir, visited the ship to speak to the ship's company on the recent recommendations of the Kerr Committee. These recommendations have been very favourably received by all onboard.

11. VENDETTA cast off from the Chowder Bay berth at 1200 and proceeded to the Jervis Bay area for further exercises. The operational evaluation continued throughout the week and, as some serials had had to be cancelled through adverse weather, was extended to 1600, Friday 25th. On completion, a fast passage was made back to Sydney in company with STUART and YARRA. VENDETTA berthed alongside North End Cruiser Wharf at 1930, Friday 25th.

12. VENDETTA remained alongside at Garden Island for the remainder of the month carrying out routine self maintenance and preparing for the forthcoming training cruise with H.M.A.S. ANZAC. The Cadet Midshipmen transferred to ANZAC on Tuesday, 29th June.

13. OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

- a. LCDR RLSU E.K. DONAGHUE, R.A.N.R., joined 13th June for 13 days A.C.T.
- b. LEUT GLEX J.E. GRAY, R.A.N., departed 7th June for H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.
- c. LEUT SLEX J.V.W. HART, R.A.N., departed 28th June for H.M.A.S. BAYONET.
- d. Midshipmen P.E. COLE, B. SMITH and R.E. SWINNERTON joined 11th June from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.

14. MARINE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

All ship's staff defects programmed for the long self maintenance period were completed before going to sea on the 6th June. A number of defects appeared during the period of sea time from the 6th to 15th June, the most important of which being the pressure relief valve on the main steam line and leaking stern glands. These defects are being remedied and will be completed before the ship sails on 6th July.

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15. WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

- a. On completion of replacement of the amplidyne rotor of H3 diesel generator, load trials were successfully carried out. Although the dockyard report of these trials is not yet to hand the machine performed satisfactorily, and it was gratifying to be able to sail on 15th June with all power generating machinery serviceable.
- b. After URDEF action had been taken in respect of the defective port interconnecting cable, dockyard staff carried out an interim repair by re-insulating a section of the cable in 'B' boiler room. The cable is now in use and a supplementary defect item will be raised to have the complete cable run replaced during the forthcoming refit.
- c. Only one 4.5" AA firing was carried out during the month, and this was curtailed when the target towing aircraft developed a defect. However, gun functioning trials have proved the serviceability of all guns subsequent to the maintenance period and series inspection.
- d. Sonar equipments were operated extensively during the period 15th - 25th June, and with the exception of a defective pitch motor in the mortar Mk. 10, no major defect occurred. The mortar pitch motor was rectified at sea by ship's staff. Light mortar firings were carried out.

16. HEALTH, CONDUCT and MORALE

- a. Health. (1) TO R.K. LINDBERG, R96540, reported in May's Report of Proceedings as being on the seriously ill list, is now making satisfactory progress, although his recovery will be slow. He has been posted to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN.  
(2) The general health of the ship's company has been good.
- b. Conduct. Conduct during the month has been very good. There have only been 11 offences and all but one were of a minor nature. A Petty Officer had to be dismissed for stealing.

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- c. Morale. Morale has been satisfactory. There has been a slight rise in the number of sailors seeking postings ashore or discharge for compassionate reasons, but this is directly attributed to VENDETTA's impending absence from Sydney for several weeks and is not unexpected. Appropriate action has been taken in conjunction with the relevant Naval social workers.

*M.W. Hudson*  
( M.W. Hudson )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS

The Senior Officer, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE



(ANNEX 'A' to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/10 dated  
5th July, 1971.)

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	2974.2 miles
Hours underway during the month	220.2 hours
Distance steamed since commissioning	482565.5 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	33531.8 hours

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
16 JUN	3½ hours	18	Opeval
18 JUN	2 hours	18	Opeval
19 JUN	30 mins	24	To make ETA after delay with Opeval
21 JUN	30 mins	24	NEX
22 JUN	2 hours	18	Opeval
23 JUN	4 hours	18	Opeval
24 JUN	5 hours	18	Opeval
25 JUN	1 hours	20	Opeval
25 JUN	3 hours	22	To make ETA Sydney



(ANNEX B to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/10 dated 5th June, 1971)

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH

1. T.A.S.

Casex A2 - 18 JUNE  
Operation Awkward - 19 JUNE  
Light Mortar firing - 24 JUNE

A total of 68 hours as screen commander in trial 2/71  
(AQS 13 Opeval)

2. GUNNERY

Gun functioning trails - 15 JUNE  
3 ship radar calibration - 16 JUNE  
RIX/SPI - 16 JUNE  
AATX - 18 & 21 JUNE  
AAMFX - 18 JUNE  
NEX - 21 JUNE

3. SEAMANSHIP

Light jackstay transfer (receiving and supplying gear)  
- 16, 18, 22, 23, (night) JUNE  
OOW manoeuvres - 18, 20, 22, 23 & 24 JUNE  
Tow (provide gear forward) - 22 JUNE  
RAS approaches - 22, 23, JUNE  
Helo winching and ILR demonstration - 16 JUNE

4. N.B.C.D.

Mini NBCDX - 17, 18, 22, 25 JUNE



(ANNEX C to HMAS VENDETTA's letter 1/16/10 dated 5th June, 1971)

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>WHO PLAYED</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	
2 JUNE	A. RULES	D & F v. MELB/SYD/SUPPLY (8 REPS)	WON	- 17.11/6.5
2 JUNE	SOCCER	" " " " (6 REPS)	WON	- 8 - 2
2 JUNE	RUGBY	" v. SUPPLY	LOST	- 3 - 9
3 JUNE	BASKETBALL	VENDETTA v. YARRA	DRAW	- 22 - 22
9 JUNE	A. RULES	D & F v. STALWART/SUPPLY (7 REPS)	WON	- 14.11/6.6
9 JUNE	SOCCER	" v. NIRIMBA (5 REPS)	LOST	- 2 - 6
9 JUNE	RUGBY	" v. W/HEN/PLAY (7 REPS)	WON	- 11 - 3
21 JUNE	RUGBY	VEND v. YARRA	WON	- 11 - 6
21 JUNE	BASKETBALL	" "	WON	- 32 - 28
21 JUNE	"	" " (B teams)	LOST	- 30 - 34
21 JUNE	VOLLEYBALL	" "	DRAW	- 2 - 2
21 JUNE	"	" " (B teams)	LOST	- 4 - 1
21 JUNE	TENNIS	" "	DRAW	- 2 - 2
21 JUNE	"	" " (B teams)	DRAW	- 1 - 1
20 JUNE	RUGBY	VEND v. PERTH Small Ship's Trophy	WON	- 11 - 3

Total representatives for the month - 106



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20th August 1971

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The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1971

Forwarded.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/10 dated 3rd August 1971



In reply quote: 1/16/10

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

3rd August, 1971.

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
1ST JULY - 1ST AUGUST, 1971.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the period 1st July - 1st August, 1971. The latter date has been included to cover the last day on which H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and ANZAC were required in the Rabaul area. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. Routine self maintenance continued whilst alongside at Garden Island until Tuesday, 6th July.

3. At 0840, Tuesday 6th, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to sea, exchanging identities with U.S.S. JUNEAU and U.S.S. DULUTH on passing through the Heads.

4. H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and ANZAC were originally programmed to depart the Sydney area on 6th July for a Cadets training cruise but ANZAC was delayed 24 hours. Whilst waiting for ANZAC, VENDETTA carried out a number of exercises in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area including a surface firing, Casex A2, SPX/RIX and O.O.W. manouvres, being in company at various times with H.M.A. Ships YARRA and SWAN, H.M.A. S/M ONSLOW and aircraft of HT 725 and HS817.

5. Rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S. ANZAC at 1600, Wednesday 7th, in position 080° Barranjoey Head Light 25 miles and course set northwards for the Barrier Reef area. Exercises carried out on passage are shown in Annex B. Following a towing exercise on Saturday 10th, the ships parted company, ANZAC proceeding to Hayman Island and VENDETTA to South Molle Island for the weekend. At 1135 VENDETTA came to single anchor in position 045° Lamond Hill Peak 5.5 cables. A stiff wind was blowing from the south east, but the anchorage afforded good shelter.

6. Recreational facilities are limited at South Molle Island, but approximately one hundred libertymen were landed each day on Saturday and Sunday with the concurrence of the resort manager, Mr. W. BAUER, who is very pro-navy. VENDETTA's

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visit coincided with the South Molle Annual Golf Tournament and my Weapons Electrical Engineer Officer, Lieutenant Commander DALGLEISH, distinguished himself by getting a "hole-in-one". His prize: a week's holiday on South Molle Island with return air fare from anywhere in Australia.

7. After a very pleasant weekend VENDETTA weighed at 0800, Monday 12th July, and proceeded to clear Whitsunday Passage to the north. Seaboats were exercised throughout the forenoon and at 1355 ANZAC joined for passage to Cairns. Cadet Officer-of-the-Watch manouvres were conducted for two hours during the dog watches.

8. At 1910, Monday 12th July, identities were exchanged with U.S.S. HENDERSON, on passage to Sydney.

9. Both ships proceeded into Cairns on Tuesday, 13th July for fuel, VENDETTA berthing outboard of ANZAC at No. 10 berth, at 0821. On completion of topping up with F.F.O. VENDETTA cast off from ANZAC at 1126 and proceeded to No. 8 berth to embark Dieso. Both ships remained alongside until 1615 when VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to sea, closely followed by ANZAC. When clear of Cairns course was set for Port Moresby, via the Grafton Passage. Both ships were clear of the Barrier Reef by 1945. Exercises on passage were limited by the prevailing south-easter.

10. ANZAC secured alongside the Government Wharf, Port Moresby at 0800, Thursday 15th with VENDETTA berthing outboard at 0815. It was hoped that both ships could remain at this berth throughout the visit, but unfortunately, this was not to be so. On Friday the Port Manager stated that the berth was required for commercial shipping on Saturday and VENDETTA and ANZAC would have to move. VENDETTA shifted alongside the Army Wharf at 0800, Saturday 17th. There was insufficient water for ANZAC to berth outboard and she spent the rest of the visit at anchor in the Outer harbour. It was annoying to see the Government Wharf remain vacant throughout our stay.

11. On arrival on Thursday 15th, ships were met by the Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge, Papua and New Guinea, Lieutenant Commander P. STILWELL, R.A.N. Both Commanding Officers landed with him at 1050 to pay official calls on the following:

His Honour the Administrator	-	Mr. L.W. JOHNSON
The Acting Chief Justice	-	Mr. Justice CLARKSON
The Commander, P.N.G. Command	-	Brigadier R.T. ELDRIDGE, O.B.E.

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12. Following the call on Brigadier ELDRIDGE he very kindly entertained the Commanding Officers and Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge to lunch.

13. On the evening of 15th a combined official cocktail party for 120 guests was held onboard both ships. Guests included the Administrator and Mrs. L.W. JOHNSON. On the evening of the 17th a combined Commanding Officers dinner party was held onboard VENDETTA for the following:

Sir Donald and Lady CLELAND (an ex-Administrator)

Mr. and Mrs. I. NEWMAN (Deputy Administrator)

Brigadier and Mrs. R.T. ELDRIDGE (Commander, P.N.G. Command)

14. Both ships were open to visits by parties of school children on Friday, 15th July, and on the 17th and 18th July VENDETTA was open to the general public. A total of 2024 visited the ship on Saturday followed by 1761 on Sunday.

15. A busy programme of sporting fixtures, both between the ships and also against local teams, had been arranged and bus tours into the surrounding country were organised. All in all, Port Moresby was a popular visit and most were sorry to leave on Monday 19th.

16. At 1000 on Monday 19th VENDETTA and ANZAC proceeded from Port Moresby for Cairns, via the Great North East Channel and the Inner Barrier Reef route. Cadets' navigation and seamanship training was progressed on passage.

17. At 0945 on 21st July, when VENDETTA was about 15 miles north west of Lizard Island, M.V. SWAN RIVER, passing at this time, reported a possible overturned dinghy in position 14°43.4'S 145°12.4'E, on the beach of the centre island of the Turtle group. VENDETTA proceeded to investigate and eventually recovered a twelve foot aluminium dinghy (Registered No. 19688Q) complete with outboard motor. It had obviously been cast up on the beach by the prevailing southeaster and there was no sign of the owner. It was subsequently handed over to the Cairns Police on the 22nd July.

18. At 1258, Wednesday 21st, VENDETTA came to single anchor in position 297° Lizard Island Peak 1.25 miles with ANZAC anchored nearby. Both ships remained at anchor until 2000 when they proceeded for Cairns. After a quiet overnight passage VENDETTA secured port side to, outboard of ANZAC at Number 10 wharf at 0814, Thursday 22nd. On completion of fuelling VENDETTA shifted berth to No. 6 wharf at 1030. ANZAC secured outboard of VENDETTA at 1317.

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19. Accompanied by the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. ANZAC, I called on the Mayor, Mr. D.J. DeJARLAIS, at 1145.

20. An official cocktail party for approximately 120 guests was held in both ships on Thursday 22nd and a combined Commanding Officers dinner party was held on Saturday 24th. The guests for this dinner party were:

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. R. SHARPE ( C.O. 51st Royal Queensland Regiment) ✓

Mr. and Mrs. H. MELLICK (Prominent local solicitor)

Mr. and Mrs. R. NORMAN (Prominent local businessman)

21. VENDETTA and ANZAC were open to visitors on the Friday and Saturday of the visit, 256 visiting the ships on the 23rd and 406 on the 24th.

22. Accompanied by Commander I.A. CALLAWAY, R.A.N. (H.M.A.S. ANZAC) I attended the Opening Ceremony of the Cairns Show at 1200 on Friday 23rd. This was followed by lunch hosted by the Mayor, Mr. DeJARLAIS, who is also Chairman of the Show Committee. His Excellency Sir Alan James MANSFIELD, K.C.M.G., Governor of Queensland, opened the show and was present at lunch.

23. H.M.A. Ships VENDETTA and ANZAC departed Cairns at 1000 Monday, 26th July. Passage was made southwards in company until 1430 when ANZAC was detached on completion of Cadet-of-the-Watch manoeuvres to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. BARRICADE for a personnel transfer then proceed with her training programme. VENDETTA continued towards Sydney, E.T.A. 0800 Thursday, 29th July.

24. During the late afternoon of Monday 26th a number of signals were received from Honolulu Observatory indicating earthquake activity in the vicinity of 4°S 152°30'E, and it was no surprise when COMAUSFLT's 260719Z was received at 1737 directing ANZAC to make no further ground southwards. VENDETTA's course was reversed at this time in anticipation that she would also be required and her 260750Z signalled to COMAUSFLT reporting possible E.T.A. Rabaul.

25. COMAUSFLT's 260808Z ordering VENDETTA and ANZAC to proceed to Port Moresby with all convenient despatch was received at 1829 and speed increased to 24 knots. At this time ANZAC was approximately 30 miles north of VENDETTA. VENDETTA completed the transit of Grafton Passage at 2250 and course was set for Port Moresby, E.T.A. 1830 Tuesday 27th.

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26. Very little information was available on the extent of damage or assistance required and the passage to Port Moresby was one of intense planning activity to cover every contingency. By 1600, Tuesday 27th, I was confident VENDETTA was fully prepared to

- a. transport relief personnel and stores from Port Moresby to Rabaul
- b. evacuate personnel from Rabaul and adjacent areas
- c. land technical teams in the possible disaster area to assess damage, provide technical first aid and assist in restoration of essential services.
- d. land medical teams to provide basic first aid assistance
- e. establish a shore based medical centre to provide more advanced medical assistance
- f. provide a labour force if requested by local authorities
- g. assist the civil police if requested to do so
- h. provide fresh water if town supplies had been disrupted.

27. Assisted by a favourable northerly current VENDETTA's E.T.A. was advanced and she berthed outboard of ANZAC at the Main Wharf, Port Moresby, at 1715, Tuesday 27th. ANZAC had arrived at 1630. Discussions were held by both Commanding Officers with the following:

- a. Mr. S.J. PEARSALL - First Assistant Secretary to the Central Secretariat
- b. Mr. W.J. JOHNSTON - Director of Civil Defence and Emergency Services
- c. Mr. A. RENWICK - Chief Government Geologist in P.N.G.
- d. Mr. I.B. EVRINGHAM - Observer-in-Charge, Geophysical Observatory
- e. Lieutenant Commander P. STILWELL, R.A.N. - Deputy Naval Officer-in-Charge, P.N.G.

28. The overall situation in the Rabaul area was still not entirely clear to the authorities in Port Moresby but they were confident that the District Commissioner and his staff were coping adequately and no specific assistance was required from VENDETTA and ANZAC. However, secondary earthquake shocks were still occurring and reports had been received of public disquiet in Rabaul at the possibility of evacuation. For this reason, the Administrator, Mr. L.W. JOHNSON, requested the presence of VENDETTA and ANZAC in the Rabaul area to

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- a. indicate to the public that assistance was available if needed
- b. assist if evacuation was required.

29. Following my telephone conversation with you, sir, at 2005, I despatched my 271028Z, Sitrep Number One. (Enclosure Number One). VENDETTA sailed for the Rabaul area at 2100 followed shortly afterwards by ANZAC. At this stage it was anticipated that VENDETTA and ANZAC would be able to retire from the Rabaul area P.M. Friday 30th.

30. Ships proceeded via Jombard Passage and training for cadets, including seaboats, ship handling and Cadet-of-the-Watch manoeuvres was progressed on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th July.

31. Your 290738Z was received at 1902 Thursday, 29th July directing VENDETTA and ANZAC to comply with a request from the Administrator to remain in the Rabaul area over the coming weekend.

32. VENDETTA and ANZAC arrived in the Rabaul area A.M. Friday, 30th July. ANZAC continued with navigation training off the Crater Peninsular whilst VENDETTA proceeded into Simpson Harbour, stopping off Rabaul at 0800. Lieutenant Commander W.D.H. LEES, R.A.N. (COMAUSMINRON ONE) called at this time and accompanied me ashore. During my absence VENDETTA continued cadets' anchorage training in Blanche Bay.

33. At 0900 I called on the District Commissioner, Mr. J. MANUEL. Mr. T. ELLIS, Secretary to the Department of the Administrator, was present during this meeting. Mr. MANUEL briefed me on the situation and it was clear that the earthquake of Monday 26th with associated flooding and tidal wave movement had caused some damage in Rabaul and outlying districts but it was comparatively minor and no injury or loss of life had been reported. Local authorities were coping adequately with the situation and ships of AUSMINRON ONE (HAWK, CURLEW, SNIPE) were assisting with movement of officials to and from remote areas and evacuation of small numbers of villagers.

34. Secondary earthquake shocks had continued after Monday 26th and although these are normal they had caused some apprehension among sections of the public, principally among the European residents of Rabaul. This alarm was apparently aggravated when the local administration announced a contingency plan for evacuation of the town in the event of severe earthquake damage.

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35. Following my call on the District Commissioner I visited the Rabaul Observatory for a brief by the Officer-in-Charge, Mr. W. PALFREYMAN. I left on completion of this brief feeling confident that the chances of VENDETTA and ANZAC being required were very remote.

36. After my return to VENDETTA at 1200 I despatched my 300445Z, Sitrep Number Two. (Enclosure Number Two).

37. At 1557, Friday 30th, VENDETTA came to single anchor in position 002° Mushroom Rock, Makada Island 6.5 cables, in the Duke of York Island Group. ANZAC anchored nearby at 1800.

38. At 0700, Saturday 31st, VENDETTA proceeded for a busy day of cadets' anchorage training. At 1600 the ship proceeded into Simpson Harbour to pick up mail for both ships and anchored as before in the Duke of York Island Group at 1739. During the afternoon a mini-sports carnival was held onboard and that evening the fishermen were out in strength. For the first time in over 12 months the Navigating Officer had found a good fishing spot.

39. The ship remained at anchor until 1300, Sunday 1st August, proceeding once again into Simpson Harbour for mail. Rendezvous was made with ANZAC at 1630 in the approaches to Blanche Bay and course was set for Port Moresby, via the China Strait, E.T.A. 0700, Tuesday, 3rd August.

40. Although this diversion delayed our return to Sydney by nine days and resulted in cancellation of a visit to Portland, it was an extremely valuable exercise in contingency planning and it is believed amply demonstrated, once again, the mobility of the Royal Australian Navy. The change in our plans was cheerfully accepted by all personnel, who recognised that there was a job to be done, even though the chances of being actively required were small.

41. I was extremely pleased with the manner in which my officers and senior sailors responded to the challenge of preparing for the unknown and I am confident that the entire Ship's Company would have acquitted themselves well in an emergency.

42. The following letter has been received from the Administrator, Mr. L.W. JOHNSON:

"Before your ship leaves Port Moresby and Papua New Guinea waters, I would like to place on record the appreciation of the Government and people of Papua New Guinea.

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It is fortunate that there was no need to call on you for direct assistance. However, there is no doubt that the presence of the VENDETTA and ANZAC in New Britain waters did much to alleviate the anxiety of those affected by the recent earthquakes.

I would be grateful if you would pass to the officers and men of your ship my congratulations on the speed and efficiency with which the operation was carried out."

✓43. MARINE ENGINEERING

Boiler, main and auxiliary machinery performance for the month have been satisfactory. The full power trial programmed for 27th July had to be postponed due to the unexpected change to the ship's movements on 26th July. It is hoped to carry out the trial on the return passage to Sydney.

44. WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

- a. Apart from K4 turbo-alternator being non-operational for 24 hours due to defective brush gear in the amplifier, all power generating machinery has operated satisfactorily.
- b. Sonar equipments have developed only one serious defect, a low resistance reading of the top square of the 170 transducer which prevents accurate depth indication; range and bearing indications are correct. Since there has been no opportunity to change the transducer and carry out the necessary beam pattern and alignment procedure, a supplementary defect list item has been raised to have the defect rectified.
- c. Shortly after leaving Sydney early in July, the Sperry Minor Compass rotor casing and sensing system became overheated, indicative of worn bearings and loss of vacuum. An INDEF item has been raised to have dockyard replace the bearings and balance the rotor, or to replace the meridian seeking element if practicable. In the interim the unit has been shut down and will only be run up in an emergency.

45. HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

- a. Health. Health of the Ship's Company has generally been very good. One sailor suffering from Renal Colic had to be landed at Rabaul for onward movement by air to the Naval hospital at H.M.A.S. TARANGAU.

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- b. Conduct. Conduct continues to be very good.
- c. Morale. There was natural disappointment at the delayed return to Sydney but morale continues to be satisfactory.

*M. W. Hudson*  
( M.W. Hudson )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

- Annex A. Steaming Report.  
B. Exercises carried out during July.

- Enclosures: 1. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Message 271028Z July.  
2. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Message 300445Z July.  
3. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Message 310510Z July.  
4. H.M.A.S. VENDETTA Message 010631Z August.

Copy to: The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.  
The Senior Officer, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.



ANNEX 'A' TO H.M.A.S. VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 OF 3RD AUGUST, 1971.

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	5,125.0 miles
Hours underway during the month	336.5 hours
Distance steamed since commissioning	487,690.5 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	33,868.3 hours

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6th	2 hours	18	To make R/V for Casex
8th/9th	18 hours	18	Passage
21st	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour	20	To make E.T.A. anchorage Lizard Island after being delayed in recovering empty boat
26th/27th	22 hours	24.5	Passage to Port Moresby prior to proceeding to Rabaul



EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING JULY

1. GUNNERY

SUTF	6th
SPX B/RIX	6th, 9th
NGSCX/NAVEX	14th
SUCRF	

2. T.A.S.

Casex A2	6th
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3. SEAMANSHIP

OOW Manoeuvres	6th, 7th, 8th, 9th(twice), 12th, 14th, 19th, 26th
Seaboats	12th(6), 20th(3), 29th(3)
Tow Aft (providing gear)	10th
Tow Forward (receiving gear)	10th
RAS Approaches	6th, 8th
OOW Shiphandling	6th, 29th

4. COMMUNICATIONS

MF/DF & HF/DF Calibrations	19th
NAVCOMEX 251	8th, 9th, 12th, 14th, 19th
NAVCOMEX 207	20th 21st
NAVCOMEX 453	7th, 8th, 9th, 13th, 20th, 21st, 27th, 29th, 30th
NAVCOMEX 455	6th, 14th



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FM HMAS VENDETTA  
TO COMAUSFLT  
INFO ACNB  
D/NOIC PNG  
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HMAS ANZAC  
COMAUSMINRON ONE  
MILCOMD PORT MORESBY  
COMAUSMINPABFOR

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RESTRICTED COMAUSFLT 270250Z JUL. SITREP NUMBER ONE.  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN RABAU AREA ARE COPING ADEQUATELY WITH  
AFTERMATH OF VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES MON 26 JUL AND THERE IS NO  
SPECIFIC TASK FOR VENDETTA OR ANZAC. THERE HAS BEEN NO LOSS OF  
LIFE.

2. SUBTERRANEAN MOVEMENT IS STILL OCCURRING AND RABAU OBSERVATORY  
REPORTS QUOTE EVIDENCE OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. RABAU HARBOUR FLOOR  
RISING AND FALLING. SEVERAL BEACHES HAVE SUBSIDED. UNQUOTE.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD FROM D/NOIC PNG THAT AUSMINRON ONE WILL BE  
REQUESTED TO SURVEY RABAU HARBOUR.

4. THERE IS SOME PUBLIC CONCERN IN RABAU THAT VOLCANIC ERUPTION  
MAY OCCUR IN RABAU AREA OVER NEXT FEW DAYS AND DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
RABAU HAS CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR EVACUATING POPULATION TO TALILI  
BAY.

5. FOR REASONS IN PARAGRAPH 4 ADMINISTRATOR THROUGH D/NOIC PNG  
HAS REQUESTED PRESENCE OF VENDETTA AND ANZAC IN RABAU GENERAL AREA AS  
MORALE BOOSTER TO LOCAL POPULATION AND TO ASSIST IN EVACUATION  
IF REQUIRED

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6. INTEND VENDETTA AND ANZAC PROCEED FROM PORT MORESBY 272100K  
FOR RABAU AREA ETA THU 29 JUL. CADETS TRAINING WILL BE  
PROGRESSED ON PASSAGE.

7. PROVIDED THERE ARE NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSE VENDETTA  
AND ANZAC REMAIN RABAU AREA UNTIL PM FRI 30 JULY RETURNING TO  
FUEL PORT MORESBY SUN 1 AUG. PROPOSED SUBSEQUENT PROGRAMMES WILL  
BE SIGNALLED SEPARATELY BY VENDETTA AND ANZAC  
BT

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COMAUSMINRON ONE

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OR REFERENCE**

R E S T R I C T E D RABAUl SITREP NUMBER TWO. MY 290954Z JUL 71.  
ACCOMPANIED BY COMAUSMINRON ONE I CALLED ON DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
MR J MANUEL 300900K. MR T ELLIS (SECRETARY TO DEPARTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATOR) WHO HAD FLOWN FROM PORT MORESBY THU 29 JULY WAS  
ALSO PRESENT. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING I HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH MR W  
PALFREYMAN OFFICER IN CHARGE RABAUl OBSERVATORY.  
2. VOLCANIC ACTIVITY. NIL AND NONE EXPECTED.  
3. EARTHQUAKE ACTIVITY. DISTURBANCE ON MON 26 JUL CAUSED MINOR  
FLOODING AND DAMAGE IN RABAUl TOWN. SMALL TIDAL WAVE FLOODING AND  
DAMAGE HAS OCCURED IN SOME OUTLYING AREAS OF NEW IRELAND AND NEW  
BRITAIN. SOME SMALL VILLAGES HAD TO BE EVACUATED. THERE HAS BEEN  
NO INJURY OR LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED.  
4. SECONDARY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS HAVE OCCURED IN THE GENERAL AREA  
SINCE MONDAY. THIS IS NORMAL AND MAY PERSIST FOR SEVERAL DAYS.  
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT IF SECONDARY SHOCKS OCCURED IN IMMEDIATE  
VICINITY OF RABAUl FURTHER DAMAGE COULD OCCUR. THERE IS NO GREATER  
CHANCE OF THIS HAPPENING IN RABAUl THAN ELSEWHERE.  
5. RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY AUSMINRON ONE INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION  
OF OFFICIALS AND EVACUATION OF SMALL NUMBERS OF NATIVES HAS BEEN  
USEFUL AND NEED FOR THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE MAY CONTINUE FOR SOME DAYS.  
6. DISTRICT COMMISSIONER AND MR ELLIS NOW AGREE THERE IS PUBLIC  
CONCERN AT POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER SHOCKS AND A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN  
FAMILIES HAVE LEFT RABAUl BY AIR.  
7. PRESENCE OF VENDETTA AND ANZAC IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE BY ADMINISTRATION  
TO (A) INDICATE TO PUBLIC THAT RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED  
(B) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FRESH WATER IF DAMAGE OCCURS IN  
RABAUl ITSELF  
(C) EVACUATE PERSONNEL IF THIS BECOMES NECESSARY  
8. DESPITE 6(A) DISTRICT COMMISSIONER HAS REQUESTED THAT VENDETTA/ANZAC  
DO NOT ANCHOR IN RABAUl BAY AS THIS MIGHT BE TAKEN BY PUBLIC TO  
INDICATE EVACUATION IS IMMINENT AND AGGRAVATE PRESENT DELICATE SITUATION.  
9. FUEL FOR VENDETTA AND ANZAC IS CRITICAL FACTOR. IF SHIPS DEPART THIS  
AREA PM SUN 1 AUG FOR PORT MORESBY PERCENTAGE FUEL REMAINING WILL BE  
TWENTY AND TWENTY FIVE PERCENT RESPECTIVELY.

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COMAUSMINRON ONE  
MILCOMD PORT MORESBY

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R E S T R I C T E D (A) VENDETTA 310510Z JUL. ✓  
(B) COMAUSMINRON ONE 010140Z JUL.

RABAUl SITREP FOUR AND FINAL.  
VENDETTA AND ANZAC DEPARTED RABAUl AREA AT 011630K.  
2...ETA PORT MORESBY 030700K.  
BT

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TRANSMITTED TO COMAUSMINRON ONE UNDER 010710Z

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IF SHIPS STAY BEYOND SUNDAY THEY WILL HAVE TO FUEL MANUS.

10. PROPOSE

- (A) AUSMINRON ONE CONTINUE PRESENT TASK AS REQUIRED BY DISCOM RABAU.
- (B) VENDETTA/ANZAC CONTINUE TRAINING TASK IN RABAU AREA ANCHORING AS REQUISITE AND PROVIDED THERE IS NO FURTHER REQUIREMENT FOR THEIR PRESENCE DEPART FOR PORT MORESBY PM SUN 1 AUG.

11. MR ELLIS HAS BEEN INFORMED OF CONTEXT OF THESE PROPOSALS. HE AGREES AND WILL INFORM THE ADMINISTRATOR BY TELECON PM TODAY FRIDAY.

// 300445Z JUL 71

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HAND COMAUSMINRON ONE (TOD AM/31ST)

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MILCOMD PORT MORESBY

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R E S T R I C T E D A.. VENDETTA 300445Z JUL (NOTAL)  
B.. COMAUSFLT 310235Z.  
RABAU SITREP THREE. FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DISCOM RABAU AT  
311420K QUOTE THERE ARE STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF AFTER SHOCKS BEING  
RECORDED. THE SHOCKS SHOW SIGNS OF SLACKENING OFF A LITTLE  
BUT IT WILL POSSIBLY TAKE SEVERAL WEEKS FOR THE SEISMIC  
READING AT RABAU TO RETURN TO NORMAL. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE  
LEFT RABAU BUT THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO REMAIN CALM  
MORALE IS CONSIDERED TO BE GENERALLY GOOD. UNQUOTE  
2.. INTEND VENDETTA/ANZAC DEPART RABAU AREA I.A.W REFERENCE (B)  
AT 011600K AUG ETA PORT MORESBY 030700K AUG  
BT

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H.M.A. FLEET HEADQUARTERS  
GARDEN ISLAND N.S.W. 2000

23rd September 1971

A.F. 1/16/60

The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1971

Forwarded.

*Michael J. ...*  
Rear Admiral

Enclosure:

*e* HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/10 dated 1st September 1971



In reply quote: 1/16/10

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

- 1 SEP 1971

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
2nd - 31st AUGUST, 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship under my command for the period 2nd - 31st August, 1971. Times throughout are Zone K (-10).

2. As reported in the July Report of Proceedings VENDETTA and ANZAC departed the Rabaul area for Port Moresby at 1630, Sunday, 1st August. The passage was made via the China Straits and to facilitate training ships proceeded independently, with ANZAC remaining within 10 miles of VENDETTA.

3. VENDETTA passed through the China Straits on the afternoon of Monday 2nd and berthed port side to on ANZAC at the now familiar Government Wharf, Port Moresby, at 0740 on 3rd August. Fuelling was completed at 1030 and VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for Sydney at 1055. ANZAC remained for a two day visit.

4. VENDETTA cleared the Grafton Passage at 0810, Wednesday 4th and commenced a full power trial at 0830. The details of this trial have been reported separately and brief reference is made to it in paragraph 12 of this report. The trial completed at 1315.

5. On the 5th August, in the vicinity of Sandy Cape, the RAAF took the opportunity of carrying out a number of strikes on VENDETTA with F4 Phantom aircraft based at Amberley. During this period AA gun direction exercises were conducted onboard.

6. The remainder of the passage to Sydney was completed without incident and the ship berthed port side to on HMAS HOBART on Outer West Wall at 0800 on 7th July, remaining in Sydney until 30th August. The nine days delay in the ship's return resulted in the cancellation of the visit to Portland but the additional four days in Sydney were of great assistance in getting ahead with preparations for the forthcoming refit.

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7. There was a great deal of de-storing to be completed before the ship sailed and all departments were kept busy during the month. At 1340 on 10th August the ship was cold moved to Oil Wharf to facilitate the disembarkation of heavy stores. On completion the ship was again cold moved at 1430 to South End Cruiser Wharf, securing port side to.

8. At 0815 on 19th August, VENDETTA was cold moved to number 5 buoy in order to de-ammunition ship. The evolution was completed at 1330 and the ship was moved at 1445, securing port side to at North End Cruiser Wharf at 1515. In spite of their de-ammunition exertions the Rugby team were not too tired to regain the Small Ships and win the Big Ships trophies from ANZAC the following day in a hard fought game.

9. On 25th August a team of about 25 representatives of the local and national news media visited the ship to witness the preparation and serving of lunch to the ships company. This was part of publicity given to the recent publication of the R.A.N. Cookery Manual. Some little concern was felt beforehand that VENDETTA's galley was not ideal for the occasion but in the event the demonstration was successful and resulted in some reasonable publicity. The press team were entertained to drinks and lunch in the wardroom following the display.

10. On the 27th August a decommissioning cocktail party was held onboard at which you, Sir, and some members of your staff were present. The Flag Officer Commanding, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral G.J.B. CRABB, C.B.E., D.S.C., and representatives of the Dockyard and area stores organisation also attended.

11. At 0900, Monday, 30th August, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for Williamstown. The passage south was uneventful and at 1600, Tuesday, 31st August, the ship secured alongside East Pier, Williamstown Dockyard.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

12. Main and auxiliary machinery performance has been satisfactory throughout the month. A pre-refit power trial was carried out during the forenoon of Wednesday, 4th August when revolutions were restricted to a maximum of 280 (29.5 knots) due to known and listed boiler furnace defects. Forms AS346 covering the trial have been forwarded.

13. The final Supplementary Defect List was forwarded to all authorities concerned on Saturday, 7th August. Machinery preparations for the refit have proceeded satisfactorily according to plan.

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WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

14. No major defects have occurred during the month. At the request of GOSI, ALO sights and a considerable number of sonar equipment items were landed in Sydney to expedite overhaul by contractors and avoid the expense of road transport from Melbourne. Other stores landed prior to departure for Williamstown included all redundant weapon equipment spares and those items of permanent naval stores not required for passage.

HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

15. Health. Health of the Ships Company has been good.

16. Conduct. Conduct has been excellent. There have been only five defaulters during the month.

17. Morale. Morale is high.


GENERAL

18. At 1730, Tuesday, 31st August, I relinquished command to my Executive Officer, Commander M.J. TAYLOR, R.A.N., prior to taking up my posting on the Directing Staff of the Joint Services Wing of the Australian Joint Services Staff College. My 14½ months in VENDETTA have been a most interesting, instructive and happy period for me personally and it has been a pleasure to serve with a ships company of officers and sailors who have never hesitated to give of their best at all times. I have been most impressed with the high calibre of young officers and sailors joining the fleet and although they cause a few headaches I am confident the R.A.N. need have no concern for the future.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

  
( M.W. Hudson )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commanding Officer (Designate), H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.  
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.



Annex 'A' to H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 1/16/10 dated - 1 SEP 1971

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	2,863.7 miles
Hours underway during the month	167 hours
Distance steamed since commissioning	490,554.2 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	34,035.3 hours

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1/2nd August	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	19	Passage
3/4th August	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours	22	Passage
4th August	4 hours	29.5	Full power trial
4/5th August	23 hours	20	Passage







Annex 'C' to H.M.A.S. VENDETTA letter 1/16/10 dated

- 1 SEP 1971

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - LIVE MORTAR FIRING

<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Salvos</u>
10°45'OS 147°08'OE	3rd August	1430	1100 fathoms	2 (6 charges)



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H.M.A. FLEET HEADQUARTERS,  
GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W. 2000

22nd October, 1971.

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The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1971

1. Forwarded.
2. Sagging of superheater tubes has occurred in both boilers. A Boiler will be modified to compensate for the reduced clearances. B Boiler superheater tubes will be replaced. My message 170130Z of September 1971 refers.

*N.E. McDonald*  
(N.E. McDonald)  
Commodore, RAN  
for Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA 1/16/10 dated 29th September 1971

*J.*



In reply  
quote: 1/16/10

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA,  
at Williamstown.  
29 September, 1971

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

H.M.A.S. VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER, 1971

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of Her Majesty's Australian Ship VENDETTA for the month of September, 1971.

2. VENDETTA remained alongside East Pier, Williamstown Dockyard, for the entire month. During this period the ship was destored and defuelled and the ship's company was gradually reduced until only the standby party now remains. They have been posted to H.M.A.S. LONSDALE for VENDETTA as of this date.

3. The pre-refit conference was held on Tuesday, 7th September, the main topic for discussion being the ramifications of G.M.W.Ds message DTG 010630Z September Notal. This signal stated the tight position of the dockyard as far as money and labour are concerned for VENDETTA's refit. It raised for the first time the fact that, in addition to modernization work, only 50% of the Main Defect List and none of the Supplementary Defect List items will be undertaken unless approval is obtained for an extension of time and an increase in funds. G.M.W.D. forwarded proposals to the Naval Board during the month and COMAUSFLT message DTG 170210Z September Notal was received requesting the Naval Board to investigate a number of measures designed to increase the amount of work to be completed. To date no decision has been made.

4. A list has been drawn up showing the amount of work that can be undertaken by ship's staff and the Fleet Maintenance Party and it has been agreed by the Dockyard. The list, although extensive, covers only a small percentage of defect items since demarcation problems make it virtually impossible for uniformed personnel to tackle much of the outstanding work without causing labour disputes.

5. On Monday, 20th September, you, Sir, visited the ship prior to your walkround of VAMPIRE and H.M.A.S. STUART. I regret that I was on leave at the time and unable to receive you.

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6. At 1200K on Wednesday, 29th September, VENDETTA de-commissioned. Soon afterwards dockyard workers swarmed onboard and began the process of removing all fittings, cables etc. from those parts of the superstructure which are to be removed. Rapidly the interior of VENDETTA became a shambles and it was with some sadness that I left the ship, having handed her over officially to the Dockyard.

7. The standby party is now headquartered in a refit office within sight of the ship and is settling down for a lengthy sojourn in Williamstown.

#### MARINE ENGINEERING

8. Owing to a delay in the preparation of VAMPIRE's fuel tanks, approximately 110 tons of diesel fuel oil remaining in VENDETTA could not be transferred until Thursday, 10th September. However, the task of hand cleaning the tanks in use for the passage to Williamstown was completed and "gas free" certificates issued by the dockyard authorities by Friday 24th.

9. Boilers were emptied and opened for internal examination and cleaning soon after arrival at the dockyard and were inspected by the Fleet Boilermaker on Friday, 10th September. Their condition on opening was satisfactory. External cleaning was also completed by this date to the satisfaction of Fleet and Dockyard technical staff.

#### WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

10. Departmental effort throughout the month has been concentrated on returning weapon equipment, electrical and naval stores spare gear, and handing over lists of equipment to dockyard officers.

11. Dockyard work has commenced on disconnecting and removing electrical equipment in way of proposed structural alterations. This has been progressed in the Operations Room, Bridge, S.C.R. and E.W.O. areas.

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HEALTH, CONDUCT AND MORALE

12. Health. Health of the ship's company has been good.
13. Conduct. Conduct has remained at a very high standard.
14. Morale. Morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.



( M.J. Taylor )  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

For Information:

The Commanding Officer (Designate) H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.  
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. DUCHESS.

Enclosure:

Annex A - Steaming Report.



ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 OF 29 SEPTEMBER 1971

STEAMING REPORT

Distance steamed during the month	Nil
Hours underway during the month	Nil
Distance steamed since commissioning	490,554.2 miles
Hours underway since commissioning	34,035.3 hours



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6th July, 1973

The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

For information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge VICTORIA

The Commander FIRST AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER SQUADRON

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973

Forwarded. HMAS VENDETTA has expressed an intention vide his message 851/D50 260412Z JUN '73 to accept both M22 systems subject to a successful SAFA firing at a Delmar target during the ships shakedown period. The Mortar Mk 10(AN) has not yet been accepted (ACNB 260647Z Jun 73 refers)

(A.M. Synnot)  
Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding

✓ Enclosure: HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st June, 1973.

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS VENDETTA  
at Williamstown. 3016.

1st June, 1973.

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

For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, VICTORIA

The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY 1973

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the period 2nd to 31st May 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K (-10).

2. HMAS VENDETTA re-commissioned at Williamstown Naval Dockyard at 1157 on Wednesday 2nd May. Mrs Nancy Waller, VENDETTA's launching lady, was the guest of honour for the occasion. The ceremony was given considerable coverage by all media.

3. Post Refit Sea Trials and a number of Sea Acceptance Trials (SATS) had been successfully carried out during the period 2nd to 18th April ( My letter 16/12/2 dated 21st March 1973 gives details of the programme).

4. After commissioning, the ship remained alongside Dock Pier at Williamstown until Friday 11th to complete Gunnery Harbour Acceptance Trials (HATs). During this period, HATs were also carried out on Anti-Submarine weapons and equipment. With the exception of the Mortar MK 10 AN, all anti-submarine HAT's were completed satisfactorily. The Mortar MK 10 failed HAT's due primarily to design limitations, unreliability of equipment as fitted and test equipment ( RANTAU's 140045Z MAY73 refers).

5. Dockyard Sea Tuning (DST) of gunnery systems, scheduled to commence on Thursday 10th May, was delayed one day due to weather and radar alignment problems. At 0810 on Friday 11th, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea in Port Phillip Bay to commence DST of gunnery systems. Two Macchi aircraft were provided by NAS Nowra for the sea tuning period, operating out of RAAF LAVERTON from 10th to 17th and again on 21st May. The willing co-operation of these aircraft was much appreciated.

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6. At 1600 on Friday 21st, after disembarking dockyard personnel by boat off Williamstown, VENDETTA proceeded up the River Yarra and entered DUKES and ORR's Graving Dock at 1700. The ship remained in dock until Monday 14th to carry out a check tilt test to confirm readings obtained in Alfred dock, Williamstown in April.

7. HMAS VENDETTA undocked at 0800 on Monday 14th and was moved by tugs to No 18 South Berth. After engineer room sea checks were completed, the ship cast off and proceeded to Williamstown Naval Dockyard, berthing at Nelson Pier at 1040. Further alignment difficulties required that the ship berth alongside, thus causing cancellation of the day's tuning serials. At 1600, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea for OOW ship handling practice and to steam overnight in Port Phillip Bay. During the night, after carrying out a darken ship trial, action and defence stations were exercised in combination with damage control closing down and communication drills.

8. Dockyard technicians were re-embarked by boat off Gellibrand Light at 0800 on Tuesday 15th to continue gunnery sea tuning. Favourable weather allowed completion of the tuning, in accordance with the programme, by Monday 21st May.

9. The opportunity was taken to hold two guest days during DST period. On Wednesday 16th a party of thirty guests spent a day onboard while the ship was operating in Port Phillip Bay. The group consisted of six WRANS Officers from HMAS CERBERUS, four Social Workers from Victoria Barracks and twenty members of the EX-HMAS BENALIA Association.

10. Another party of guests was embarked on Thursday 17th. This party consisted of personnel from General Overseer and Superintendent of Inspections, and MB Johns and Hattersley Ltd. The latter is at present responsible for manufacturing a wide range of engineering valves for the Navy.

11. At 0800 on Tuesday 22nd, the ship cast off and proceeded to Point Wilson Pier in Outer Geelong harbour to embark ammunition for use in gunnery sea acceptance trials (SAT's). It had been planned to carry out measured mile runs to calibrate the log on completion of ammunitioning. However, force 8 winds made this impractical. VENDETTA berthed alongside, Nelson Pier at 1430 and remained alongside overnight.

12. Gunnery SAT's were commenced on Wednesday 23rd and at the end of the month, have not been successfully completed ( my 310748Z MAY73 refers). Generally, the daily programme was carried out in accordance with the Annexe to my letter 16/18/2 dated 13th April, 1973, and amendments which were subsequently produced. For the last few days of the month changes were made on a daily basis in an attempt to meet the programme completion date. The willing co-operation of all authorities concerned, particularly HMAS ARDENT, was greatly appreciated.

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( Page 3 of HMAS VENDETTA letter 1/16/70 of 1st June, 1973)

13. During the SAT's period opportunity was taken to steam overnight in Bass Strait, on Wednesday 23rd and Wednesday 30th to prove watch bills and carry out internal drills. A very successful families day was held on Saturday 26th May, The ship was underway in Port Phillip Bay from 1000 to 1500, during which time the visitors were given several displays of the capabilities of the ship, and various departments within the ship.

14. On Monday 28th I had the pleasure of welcoming aboard the Medical Director General, Surgeon Rear Admiral J.A.B.COTSELL, RAN, to spend the day onboard whilst the ship carried out gunnery sea acceptance trials in Port Phillip Bay.

15. On Tuesday 29th Mr Norman Banks, a well known personality from radio 3AW was embarked. He had featured VENDETTA's commissioning previously and had interviewed me as 3AW's Man of the Day on 3 May. Taped informal interviews with various members of the ships company were broadcast on Monday 30th in Mr Banks programme titled for the day ' Open line from the Open Sea'. The ships association with Radio 3AW has produced very favourable local publicity for the ship and the RAN during the month.

WEAPONS ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

16. The ships electrical power supply system and services have performed adequately since commissioning with a pleasing lack of serious defects. The weapons section has been engaged mainly in efforts to bring equipments into fully tuned and serviceable conditions, unfortunately with little success in the case of the M22 Fire Control Systems and the MK10AN Mortar Control System which have not yet been accepted into service.

17. The effect of vibration on the LW02 and after M22 aerials whilst the ship is at sea at certain speeds, is under investigation by ARL and ships staff, to date no firm conclusions can be drawn as to the cause of the vibration.

MARINE ENGINEERING.

18. The main and auxiliary machinery has functioned satisfactorily. The failure of H3 Diesel Alternator Cylinder Block (URDEF 1/76) the day after commissioning restricted standby power until final trials late in the month. K4 Turbo Alternator trip gear defect (URDEF 2/76) was repaired and proven by ships staff after extremely prompt spares delivery ex MSD Sydney.

19. The new stern glands have consumed by external leakage, excessive oil quantities and docking work has been requested. (INDEF3/76).

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20. Air conditioning is less than satisfactory, as reported by my SITREP Signal DTG250246ZMAY. Ships staff with dockyard assistance have eased some of the ventilation problem in the after accommodation areas however the chilled water circulation problem has not yet been resolved. The midships plant remains non operational due to delays in supply of a modified chilled water pump.

21. The Department has steamed in three watches to meet programme requirements and leave during the steaming week was often reduced to three watches for the AMTP's and POMTP's.

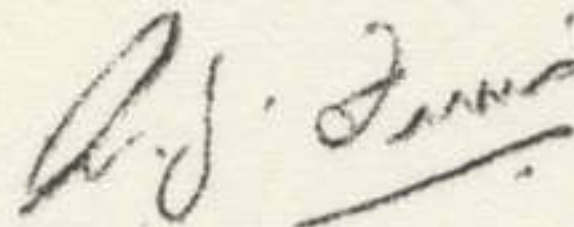
22. The end of the month saw HMAS VENDETTA alongside Nelson Pier. It has been an interesting and busy month and I am very pleased with the manner in which the ship's company has gone about the long task of bringing VENDETTA back to Fleet standards. My officers and senior sailors have displayed good managerial and leadership qualities and these qualities are reflected in the amount of work done. It is unfortunate that the Gunnery system did not measure up to standards and the prospect of remaining in the Melbourne area for a further four weeks has already had a dampening effect on enthusiasm, particularly as it will entail rescheduling leave periods and in some cases altering removal uplift dates.

23. The general health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is most satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander. RAN.  
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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST JUNE 1973.

## STEAMING REPORT

### Post Refit Sea Trials

Distance steamed prior to re-commissioning (Post Refit sea trials 5th-18th April)	:	826.2 miles
Hours underway prior to re-commissioning (Post Refit sea trials 5th-18th April)	:	71.8 hours
Distance steamed since first commissioning	:	491,380.4 miles
Hours underway since first commissioning	:	34,107.1 hours

### 2nd - 31 May 1973

Distance steamed during the month	:	1,831.0 miles
Hours underway during the month	:	170.6 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	:	493,211.4 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	:	34,277.7 hours

### OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

Nil.

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ANNEX 'B' TO HMAS VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST JUNE 1973.

SPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VERSUS</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
2MAY	Australian Rules	HMAS SWAN	Loss. 5-5-35 to 8-4-52
7MAY	Soccer	HMAS SWAN	Win. 2 Goals to 1 Goal
7MAY	Rugby League	RAAF LAVERTON	Win. 6 Points to 5 Points
9MAY	Deck Hockey	HMAS FLINDERS	Win. 8 Goals to 3 Goals.

INTER SERVICE

30MAY SBLT M.J.ALYWARD selected to play for NAVY in VICTORIAN Inter-service rugby competition.

TOTAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR MONTH

52.

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HMAS VENDETTA Report of Proceedings JUNE 1973

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SAT (G) completed.

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Docking (slim glands)

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CNTS 30/7. A reasonable settling down.

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17th July, 1973

The Secretary  
Department of the Navy

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1973

Forwarded.

(A.M. Synnot)  
Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure: HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st July, 1973.

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS VENDETTA  
at Williamstown. 3016.

1st July, 1973.

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

For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, VICTORIA.

The Commander, Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of June 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K (-10).
2. HMAS VENDETTA remained alongside Dock Pier at Williamstown Naval Dockyard from Friday 1st to Thursday 7th while dockyard personnel investigated possible causes for the M22 Gunnery Systems failing Sea Acceptance Trials (SAT).
3. At 0830 on Friday 8th, the ship cast off and proceeded to sea in Port Phillip Bay to repeat Dockyard Sea Tuning (DST) of the Gunnery Systems. The programme proceeded in accordance with the enclosure to my letter 16/18/2 dated 5th June 1973. R.A.N. Macchi aircraft operating from RAAF LAVERTON were used for tracking runs during the period Friday 8th to Tuesday 12th. At the end of the last tracking serial on 12th results achieved were considered satisfactory ( GMWD 120648ZJUN73 refers). On Wednesday 13th verification tracking runs were carried out on a Piaggio aircraft and sleeve target.
4. At 1515 on Wednesday 13th VENDETTA made a stern board to her berth at Dock Pier and remained alongside until Monday 18th.
5. On Friday 15th I called on your staff Sir, to discuss alterations to the ship's programme caused by present delays in SAT (G) and the requirement for VENDETTA to enter Alfred Graving Dock later this month for repairs to the outer stern glands.



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6. RANTAU's 150135Z JUNE 1973 confirmed that the M22 System was ready to repeat Sea Acceptance Trials (SAT). These commenced on Monday 18th in accordance with the enclosure to my letter 16/18/2 dated 11th June 1973. The first days results using Skyhawk aircraft showed that there was no further requirement for tracking, and therefore the programmed firing serials were advanced one day to Wednesday 20th.
7. VENDETTA remained alongside on Tuesday 19th to allow the dockyard to produce turret tuning records and ships staff to carry out preparations for firing. A defect in the centralised recording system was discovered at the end of the day. As no spare parts were readily available the ship's sailing time on Wednesday 20th was delayed until 1000 while the necessary spares were purchased ashore.
8. As no suitable target towing vessel was available for this second period of SAT (G), personnel from VENDETTA manned HMAS ARROW (My 140022ZJUN73 refers) to tow the Williams target provided by HMAS CERBERUS for surface firings on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd. A brief report of the proceedings of ARROW is attached at ANNEX B.
9. Air and surface target firings were carried out from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd, the ship remaining at sea overnight on Thursday 21st to allow early commencement of firings on Friday 22nd. SAT(G) were completed at 1100 on Friday 22nd. Consequent upon the trials team recommendations (My 220230Z JUN73 refers) I intend accepting the gunnery systems subject to successful firings against a Delmar target at the earliest opportunity ( My 260412Z JUN73 refers).
10. The Navigating Officer, LEUT R.Richards, RAN, berthed the ship alongside Dock Pier at 1545.
11. The dockyard took advantage of the early completion of the of the SAT(G) programme and planned to dock the ship for repairs to the outer stern glands on Saturday 24th. Winds of force 8 prevented the docking that day and on Sunday 24th the ship entered Alfred Graving Dock at 1000 and was docked down by 1530.
12. The Personnel Liaison Team visited VENDETTA on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th. Presentations were made to the ship's company covering such subjects as leave entitlements, DFRB, home loans, and Disturbance Allowance Survey. All personnel considered the lectures to be of considerable benefit.

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13. Main and auxiliary machinery has performed satisfactorily during the month. Initial dockwork on the stern glands (INDEF 3/76) confirmed that the port stern gland was the main cause of excessive oil consumption. Air conditioning trials have progressed, with the midships plant now operating and undergoing water flow trials.

14. The electrical supply system and domestic equipment continued to perform satisfactorily. Further efforts by HSE and WND personnel have resulted in the correction of some of the design and operating faults in the MK 10 AN mortar control system. A repeat harbour acceptance trial has been programmed for 4th July (GMWD 13035ZJUN73 refers). Concern is still felt regarding visible vibration effect on the LW02 Aerial at certain speeds. This vibration was seen by ARL personnel during M22 aerial vibration trials, but no measurements were taken. Investigations by ship's staff are continuing and a report will be forwarded when sufficient information is available.

15. The general appearance of the ship has continued to improve and at this stage is satisfactory. The docking period will allow more attention to be given to the smaller but important tasks to rid the ship of its refit cloak.

16. To alleviate the boredom of "Wildock daily running" for the ship's company, a liaison has been formed with RAAF Point Cook and 111 Signal Squadron. The former has offered familiarisation flights in Winjeel aircraft whilst the latter is taking ten volunteers on a 12 day bush exercise. The newly formed ship's sports teams show promise and have played several games against local teams. The manning of ARROW by four officers and eleven sailors provided good training and a pleasant diversion for those concerned. These diversions, plus the opportunity to play sport combined with the completion of SAT (G), have kept morale at a high level and have done much towards fostering a good ship spirit.

17. The end of the month saw VENDETTA in Alfred Graving Dock with work on the stern glands progressing satisfactorily. Timely completion of this task should allow the final reading of form TI338 to take place during the forenoon of 24th July and enable VENDETTA to sail for Sydney in company with VAMPIRE later that day.

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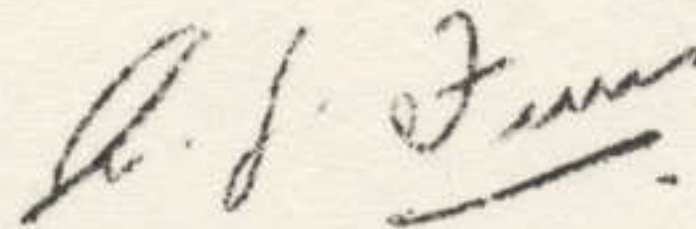
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18. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is most satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander. RAN.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST JULY 1973.

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during June 810.4 Miles
2. Hours underway during June 72.0 Hours
3. Total distance steamed since first Commissioning 494021.8 Miles
4. Total hours underway since first Commissioning 34349.7 Hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>HOURS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
20JUN73	22.5	1.5	To meet trials commitments
20JUN73	20.0	2.0	To make ETA alongside
21JUN73	24.0	1.75	To meet trials commitments.

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(18/6/4261. ARROW)  
HMAS VENDETTA  
At Williamstown. 3016.

26th June, 1973.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Victoria.  
Victoria Barracks  
St Kilda Road  
MELBOURNE. VIC. 3004.

For Information:

The Commanding Officer, HMAS CERBERUS.  
The Commanding Officer, HMAS LONSDALE.  
The Commanding Officer, HMAS VENDETTA.

HMAS ARROW - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS 20th/22nd June, 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the period 20th to 22nd June, 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K (-10).
2. At 0940 on Wednesday 20th, ARROW cast off and proceeded to Hanns Inlet Westernport. Junior Officers pilotage training was exercised on passage. Berthing alongside the Patrol Boat Wharf HMAS CERBERUS at 1455, I called on the Acting Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS Commander K.M. Barnett, RAN.
3. The ship remained alongside overnight sailing the next morning at 0920 with the Williams Target in tow. During the day the ship assisted HMAS VENDETTA with her Sea Acceptance Trials' Gunnery (SAT's G). On completion of surface firings at 1427 the ship proceeded to an overnight anchorage in Westernport Bay.
4. ARROW weighed and proceeded at 0500 on Friday 22nd to continue target towing for HMAS VENDETTA in marginal weather conditions for patrol boat operations.
5. Towards the end of the surface firings the Williams Target super-structure collapsed. The cause was attributed to metal fatigue. On being detached at 0927 the ship shaped course for Westernport Bay. At 0945 the tow parted inboard at the slip. After twenty minutes manoeuvring, the target and towing hawser were recovered and course was again shaped for Westernport Bay.

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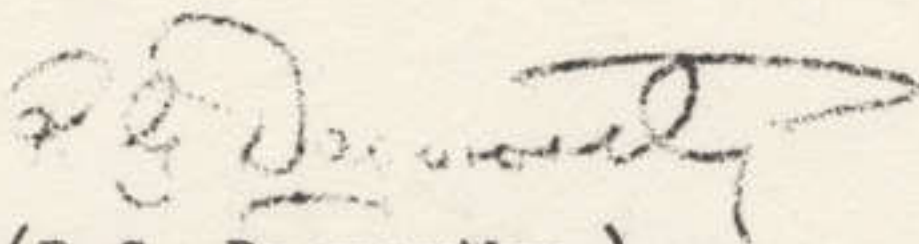
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6. At 1400 the target and towing hawser were passed to HMAS CERBERUS' tug at the entrance to Hanns Inlet. The ship then proceeded to Williamstown Naval Dockyard berthing at 1900. After being cleaned ARROW was transferred to the custody of the Staff Officer Reserves HMAS LONSDALE Lieutenant Commander J.S. Hines RLSP RAN.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

  
(R.G. Dagworthy.)  
Lieutenant, RAN.  
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10th August, 1973

The Secretary  
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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1973

1. Forwarded.
2. Repairs to the stern glands noted in paragraph 4 have since proved effective (HMAS VENDETTA Message DTG 262307Z JUL 73 refers) and oil consumption has been reduced to an acceptable level.

(A.A. Willis)  
Commodore  
for Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st August, 1973

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS VENDETTA  
at Garden Island.

1st August 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M.AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, VICTORIA.  
The Commander Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of July 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K(-10).
2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was in Alfred Graving Dock at Williamstown with repairs being carried out on the outer stern glands, and one Watch of the Hands absent on mid-winter leave.
3. A Board of Inquiry was convened onboard at 0830 on Wednesday 4th to investigate a possible breach of physical security which occurred during the night 30th June/1st July ( AF letter 5/2/91 dated 13th July 1973 refers).
4. Repairs to the stern glands (INDEF 3/76) were completed well in advance of the original estimate of 21 working days and the dry dock was flooded on Friday 6th. At 0930 on Saturday 7th, the ship undocked and was moved by tugs and Civilian Pilot to inner east Nelson Pier. Citadel vacuum and pressure tests were conducted on Sunday 8th with unsatisfactory results. Further tests will be programmed. VENDETTA remained alongside continuing the leave and maintenance period until Monday 23rd.
5. The Court Martial of Acting Sub-Lieutenant A.P. Love, RAN, presided over by Captain L.J.McInerny, RAN, was convened in HMAS LONSDALE on Tuesday 10th (COMAUSFLT's 050350ZJUL73 and ACNB's 100727ZJUL73 refer).

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6. The first leave period completed on Sunday 22nd. At 0930 on Monday 23rd, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded for vibration trials in Port Phillip Bay. Throughout the day the trials were hampered by very poor visibility in thick fog. Every attempt was made to complete the trial when visibility improved in patches, and the trials team, led by Doctor G. Long from the Aeronautical Research Laboratory eventually obtained satisfactory records ( ACNB 260117ZJUL73 refers).

7. It was symptomatic that the last trial planned for the ship in the Melbourne area was hampered by weather as were most trials during VENDETTA's period of sea acceptance trials. A press clipping has been included at Annex B giving a brief report on one aspect of the weather during the past six months. The excessive rainfall was accompanied by consistently strong northerly winds which added to trials team's difficulties, as well as hampering ship husbandry on the upper deck and sides.

8. At 1030 on Tuesday 24th, after the final reading of forms TI338 and TM165 , I accepted HMAS VENDETTA for operational service with the Fleet ( my 240035ZJUL73 refers).

9. The ship cast off at 1315 and proceeded to rendezvous with HMAS VAMPIRE in Port Phillip Bay. The rendezvous was effected at 1400 and VENDETTA proceeded on passage to Sydney in company with VAMPIRE. During the passage exercises were conducted with VAMPIRE in accordance with COMAUSDESRON II Operation Order "Two-Up" and with VAMPIRE, PARRAMATTA and DERWENT in accordance with EAXP 30/73.

10. After a most rewarding two days at sea, VENDETTA entered Port Jackson in company with VAMPIRE at 0900 on Thursday 26th and berthed starboard side to on HMAS TORRENS, port side of HMAS STALWART at 0930.

11. At 1000 on Friday 27th I had the honour to call on you Sir, at Fleet Headquarters.

12. Throughout the period in dock and alongside at Williamstown considerable work was done by the Ship's company in ship husbandry and in bringing the appearance of the ship up to Fleet standards. Work above decks was hampered by continual poor weather, however, the appearance of the ship is now satisfactory. During the month many

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activities were organised outside the ship including two days at the rifle range, two periods for Officers and Tactical Operators in HMAS CERBERUS' Fleetwork Trainer and regular sport. A party of six Junior Sailors attended a 12 day exercise with 111 Signals Squadron in Mount Beauty area of Victoria. The exercise was appropriately called "Brass Monkey".

13. Main and auxiliary machinery performed satisfactorily on passage to Sydney. During the leave and maintenance period at Williamstown repairs to the deck in the Wardroom flat (URDEF 3/76) and the balancing of air conditioning chilled water flows ( R.O.P. June 73 refers) were completed.

14. No serious problems were encountered with main electrical supply and distribution during the month. H3 diesel generator has developed a voltage instability problem which records show was occasionally experienced during previous commissions. The Electrical Department is in a satisfactory state after departure from Williamstown, although some stores and test equipments are still in short supply.

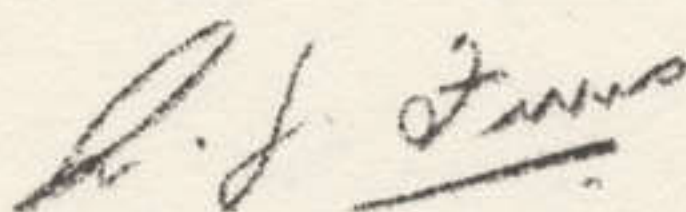
15. The end of the month saw VENDETTA berthed outboard of STALWART at the EMS mooring, carrying out an assisted maintenance period and completing the mid-winter leave cycle. Morale onboard is very high, having been given the extra boost with the ship's final departure from Dockyard hands. I believe the ship's reasonable results achieved in competitive serials during the exercises conducted on passage to Sydney did much to increase morale and foster a "ship's spirit".

16. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is most satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander. RAN.  
Commanding Officer.

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST AUGUST 1973)

## STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during July 706.5 Miles
2. Hours underway during July 49.4 Hours
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 494,728.3 Miles
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 34,399.1 Hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
24JUL73	19.5	1	RAS approaches
25JUL73	22	1.5	Exercise requirements
25JUL73	22	1	Exercise requirements (NEX).

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PRESS REPORT ON WEATHER IN VICTORIA DURING TRIALS PERIOD.

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Our wettest  
six months  
since 1911

Victoria is heading for one of its wettest years on record, following the great dry of last summer.

The State is being sodden with rain. In the past six months over 20 inches fell, only five inches short of the yearly average of 25.86 inches.

And, according to the Weather Bureau that is our wettest first six months since 1911.

Every month, with the exception of April, has had above average rainfall.

The Board of Works reported reservoirs in good shape and holding 44,000 million gallons—two-thirds of capacity. The reservoirs normally fill after the spring break.

A Weather Bureau spokesman (Mr. G. Wiseman) said yesterday that, even if average conditions return, Victoria can expect another 13.43 inches of rain, making it one of the wettest years on record.

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1973

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HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st September 1973

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS Vendetta  
at Sydney.

1st September 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M.AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Commander Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of August 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was alongside STALWART carrying out an assisted maintenance period with one watch of the hands on mid-winter leave.
3. At 1130 on Wednesday 1st, I had the pleasure to receive you onboard Sir.
4. On Friday 10th, 29 RANR Cadets and 3 RANR Cadet Officers joined from TS VENDETTA for 7 days annual training. TS VENDETTA is at Coffs Harbour, and although very new to the service the boys are very keen and the unit has a reasonably high "loss" rate through recruiting to the permanent service.
5. The ships diving team carried out pre-work up training during the week commencing Monday 13th.
6. A party of company strength from VENDETTA had the honour to take part, with others representing the ships of the fleet, in the ceremony of granting the freedom of the City of Sydney to HMA Fleet on Thursday 16th.
7. A group of children from HMAS PENGUIN's adopted nursery Brirely Street, visited the ship on Friday the 17th. This small invasion was followed by a visit by a group from Balgowlah High School on Monday 17th.



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8. With the major part of the maintenance period completed, on Wednesday 22nd, the ship was moved by tugs to No 2 buoy to embark ammunition. Only a very limited quantity of ammunition could be embarked due to an extended Transport Workers Union strike. The ship remained at the buoy overnight. Degaussing calibration ranging was carried out at Rose Bay on Thursday 23rd, and on completion, the ship berthed alongside STALWART and remained alongside until Monday 27th.

9. At 0830 on Monday 27th, the ship cast off and proceeded to Rose Bay dolphins and carried out mortar calibrations. The results achieved were unsatisfactory due to a combination of poor weather conditions and equipment defects ( RANTAU's 280435Z AUGUST refers ). Recommendations by RANTAU were that further calibrations should not be attempted until all defects were rectified and that a sea check firing programmed for early September be cancelled.

10. On completion of mortar calibration firings at 1500, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to sea to commence 'shake down'. Exercises, biased mainly towards ASW were conducted in accordance with EAXP 35/73. The ship returned to harbour on Friday 31st berthing at the Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island at 1030.

11. Engineering main and auxiliary machinery has performed most satisfactorily following the four weeks assisted maintenance period alongside HMAS STALWART. A steady steaming period was undertaken during the shakedown, culminating in a final power run of 285 RPM (80% nominal) for two hours during which all machinery performed with no signs of distress.

12. Main electrical supply and distribution has continued free of serious defects during the month. Unfortunately the degaussing equipment proved unable to bring the ship's magnetic signature fully under control during calibration ranging. RANTAU's proposals are still awaited. Further efforts are being made to bring the Mortar MK10 AN to an acceptable operational state. Although the first week of shakedown proved well worthwhile for the Electrical Department, the first attempt at main armament firings since SAT's was disappointing due to several unexpected defects.

13. The end of the month saw VENDETTA alongside at Garden Island, having completed the mid year leave cycle, and first week of shakedown.

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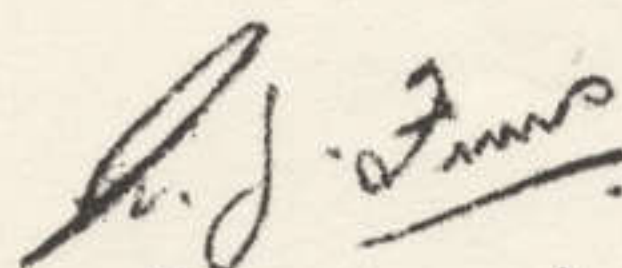
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14. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is most satisfactory and morale remains at a high level.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander. RAN.  
Commanding Officer.

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA'S LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST SEPTEMBER 1973.

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during August 1163.4 miles
2. Hours underway during August 95.1 hours
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 495891.7 miles
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 34494.1 hours
5. Occasions for exceeding fast routing speed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
27AUG73	21 Knots	2.3	AF Memo 31/72
27AUG73	25 Knots	1.5	AF Memo 31/72
28AUG73	25 Knots	1.0	AF Memo 31/72
28AUG73	28 Knots	3.0	AF Memo 31/72
28AUG73	30 Knots	3.2	AF Memo 31/72.

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*Exercises & trials in Sydney / JB area  
Para 7 split in shell plating.  
Docking.*

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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1973

1. Forwarded.
2. With reference to paragraph 8 of the enclosure, in the event the top-up of 4.5" ammunition could more sensibly have been deferred until arrangements for the repair of the shell-plating were known.

*(Signature)*  
(A.M. Synnot)

Rear Admiral  
Flag Officer Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st October, 1973

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS Vendetta  
at Cockatoo Island.

1st October 1973.

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M.AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Commander Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of September 1973. All times quoted in this report are zone K (-10).
2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was alongside at Garden Island half way through a two week shakedown period.
3. On Sunday 2nd, the ship was open to visitors. A total of 1441 persons toured the ship and viewed static displays placed at various points along a preplanned route. Members of the duty watch were on hand to assist and answer questions.
4. At 1000 on Monday 3rd, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to sea. During the week exercises and some outstanding trials were carried out in accordance with EAXP 36/73 including exercises in company with HMA Ships SUPPLY and TORRENS. An "Operation Awkward" with SUPPLY, TORRENS and CDT2 planned for the evening of Tuesday 4th was cancelled due to adverse weather, however the opportunity was taken to exercise the ships internal organisation.
5. Divisions were held onboard at 0830 on Wednesday 5th whilst still at anchor in Jervis Bay. On completion of Divisions I had the pleasure to present Petty Officer Marine Technical Propulsion B.J.Turner with the Herbert Lott Trust Fund Prize for obtaining the best pass in the 1972 Petty Officer Marine Technical Propulsion Course.
6. **Radiated** Noise Trials were carried out over the Jervis Bay Sound Range on Thursday 6th. These Trials were followed by a Self Noise Trial on passage to Sydney during the night of Thursday 6th/Friday 7th, with RANTAU personnel embarked.



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7. At 0410 on Friday 7th, after completing the Self Noise Trial, a 4 inch split appeared in the shell plating in 'B' Boiler Room ( my DAU/KOD 061930ZSEP73 refers ). The split rapidly extended to 8 inches in length thus causing water to enter the boiler room at the rate of approximately 80 tons/hr. Prompt action by damage control personnel in fitting a splinter box ( photo at Annex B ) reduced the ingress of water to a more controllable level ( 8 ton/hr ) and avoided a potentially serious incident.
8. VENDETTA entered Port Jackson at 0730 on Friday 7th and secured to No 2 buoy to embark ammunition. On completion at 1115, the ship proceeded alongside Garden Island, berthing outboard of HMAS TORRENS at West Dock Wall. Fleet Staff and dockyard personnel inspected the hull defect after berthing and it was decided the ship should not proceed to sea until permanent repairs were made ( my DAU 070210ZSEP73 URDEF 6/76 refers ). At 1600, the ship reverted to 24 hours notice for sea.
9. The ship remained alongside at Garden Island until Tuesday 18th. At 0820, VENDETTA was moved by tugs to No 3 buoy to de-ammunition in preparation for docking, returning alongside Garden Island on completion and remaining alongside until Monday 24th.
10. On Monday 24th, VENDETTA was moved by tugs to Sutherland Dock, Vickers Cockatoo Pty Ltd and docked down for repairs to the hull.
11. During the period 17th to 27th continuation training and exercises were carried out to minimise the disruption to the work-up due to the enforced period in harbour. The training included AIO harbour exercises with other ships and HMAS WATSON, various communication exercises, demolition training, landing party exercises and Command Team Training at HMAS WATSON. The continuation training at WATSON made use of the SOLARTRON, the ASTT and the ASUAT.
12. The Captains and officers of JMSDF Ships KITORI and KIKUZUKI were entertained to lunch onboard on Friday 28th.
13. Both Engineering main and auxiliary machinery and Electrical supply and distribution have continued free of serious defect. The unscheduled time in harbour has enabled technical departments to make good minor defects and complete planned maintenance routines.
14. The end of the month saw VENDETTA in Sutherland Dock with repairs to the hull plating progressing satisfactorily.

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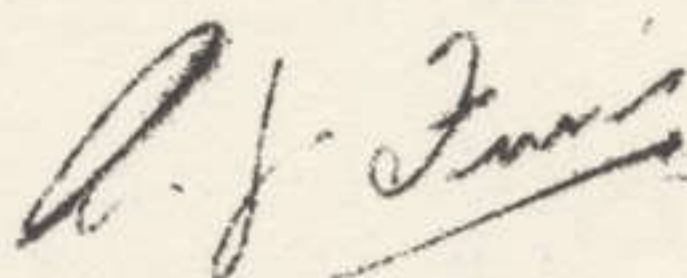
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15. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company is satisfactory. Although morale is still satisfactory it has suffered with the disappointment of not being able to commence ' work-up ' after an energetic ' shake-down '.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.G.Ferris)  
Commander. RAN.  
Commanding Officer.

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ANNEX 'A' TO HMAS VENDETTA's LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST OCTOBER 1973.

STEAMING FIGURES

- 1. Distance steamed during September 665.6 miles
- 2. Hours underway during September 57.0 hours
- 3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning. 495,393.9 miles
- 4. Total hours underway since first commissioning. 34,456.1 hours
- 5. Occassions for exceeding fast routing speed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
6SEP73	23 Knots	1.5	Speed requirements for Self Noise Trials.

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HMAS Vendetta

Report of Proceedings October 1973

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*Completion of hull repairs*

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*Workup. Visit to Newcastle*

6 DCNS GR Gleeson

*Army Staff course embarked.*

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HMAS VENDETTA,  
At Sea.

1st November 1973.

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

For Information:

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
East Australia Area.

The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of October 1973. Times quoted in the report are zone K (-10) until Sunday 28th and then zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was in Sutherland Graving Dock undergoing hull repairs, details of which were given in my report of Proceedings for September 1973.
3. Repairs were completed on Thursday 4th when the ship undocked at 1300 and was moved by tugs to No. 2 buoy in preparation for embarking ammunition on Friday 5th. On completion of embarking ammunition, on Friday 5th, VENDETTA slipped at 1420 and was moved by tugs to berth outboard of HMAS PERTH at the EMS mooring. The ship remained alongside until Monday 8th.
4. At 1400 on Monday 8th VENDETTA cast off and proceeded to sea overnight to carry out a shakedown prior to the Training Battle Problem. After steaming overnight VENDETTA entered Sydney Harbour at 0800 on Tuesday 9th. The Fleet Training Group was embarked at 0940 and at 1000 VENDETTA proceeded with PARRAMATTA in company to carry out a Training Battle Problem (Your EXOPORDER 22/73). The Training Battle Problem completed at 1400, when VENDETTA returned to Port Jackson disembarked Fleet Training Group Personnel, and sailed again at 1600 for exercises in accordance with EAXP 41/73. The majority of exercises during this "week one" of the work up mainly involved the action information organisation and anti submarine warfare organisation. The ship spent most of the week at Defence and Action stations and various internal exercises were carried out in conjunction with EAXP serials.
5. At 0600 on Friday 12th VENDETTA, in company with HMA Ships TORRENS and DERWENT, joined with HMAS SUPPLY to carry out underway replenishment before entering Port Jackson. During the RAS, VENDETTA received FFO at SUPPLY's maximum pumping rate. On completion of replenishment VENDETTA entered harbour in company with HMA Ships MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, BRISBANE, DERWENT, STUART and ONSLOW and secured to No. 4 buoy at 1053. The ship remained at the buoy until Tuesday 16th.

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6. Due to a main steam line defect in B Boiler Room, sailing was delayed on Tuesday 16th until 1105 at which time VENDETTA proceeded to sea for work up "week two". During the week exercises were conducted in accordance with EAXP 42/73 and were biased towards Gunnery and NBCD. At 1100 on Friday 19th VENDETTA berthed outboard of HMAS PERTH at the South East Cruiser Wharf and remained alongside until Monday 22nd.

7. At 1054 on Monday 22nd, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded in accordance with orders for "Westward Ho". VENDETTA detached at 1730 and proceeded in company with HMAS DERWENT to Jervis Bay exercise area to conduct exercises in accordance with EAXP 43/73 in work up "week three". An exercise Operation Awkward was carried out at anchor in Jervis Bay with HMAS DERWENT and CDT 2, from 2000 to 2200 on Thursday 25th. Unsuitable weather required the ships to shift anchor berths, thereby delaying the commencement of the serial. At 2300 VENDETTA weighed and proceeded with DERWENT in company on passage to Newcastle. DERWENT was detached at 0530 on Friday 26th to proceed to Sydney.

8. VENDETTA berthed at Merewether Street Wharf, Newcastle, at 1018 on Friday 26th and remained alongside until Monday 29th.. At 1045 I called on the Lord Mayor, Alderman G.C. Anderson. My officers and I entertained local dignitaries, including the Lord Mayor, to cocktails onboard Friday evening. During the week end the ship was open to visitors on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th, a total of 2560 people visited the ship. On Saturday 27th members of the Ship's Company were given a tour of surrounding districts by the RAN Parents Association, Newcastle Branch. There were numerous offers of hospitality from local clubs and organisations which contributed to a very successful visit. On Monday 29th, the ships sailing time was delayed six and a half hours while a cracked steam pipe weld (URDEF 12/73) was repaired by Newcastle State Dockyard. At 2234 on Monday 29th, VENDETTA cast off and proceeded on passage to Jervis Bay. After an uneventful passage, the ship anchored in B1 anchorage, Jervis Bay, at 0745 on Tuesday 30th.

9. At 0830, 29 Officers from the Army Staff College were embarked for a demonstration day at sea. VENDETTA weighed. at 0852 and proceeded in company with HMA Ships TORRENS and DERWENT to conduct exercises in accordance with EAXP 44/73 as a "shop window" for the Staff College students. Exercises included a SUTF, live weapon firings by Skyhawks, jackstay transfers, AATFX, and light mortar firings. On completion of the days exercises, VENDETTA entered Port Jackson at 1723, disembarked the Staff College students at Watson Bay and sailed again to continue work up "week four" in accordance with EAXP 44/73.

10. All main electrical supply equipment operated satisfactorily during the month. Poor results of the main armament weapon system in the anti aircraft mode has caused concern and at the end of the month dockyard personnel were onboard attempting to identify defects.

11. Main and auxiliary machinery have performed well during the month. Three URDEF's were raised. H3 Diesel Generator suffered damage due to a leaking heat exchanger tube (URDEF 11/73) and will be repaired during the next assisted maintenance period. A cracked cooling coil occurred in the steering system (URDEF 10/76) and was repaired by ship's staff. The third URDEF (12/76) was the cracked steam pipe weld previously mentioned as being repaired by Newcastle State Dockyard. On the night of 30/31st October, a two hour full power trial was attempted. High gas temperatures under the economisers of both boilers prevented the ship from reaching full power, but mean shaft revolutions of 282.9 RPM were held for two hours whilst maintaining satisfactory temperatures. A full report is being prepared.

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12. The end of the month saw VENDETTA operating in the Jervis Bay exercise areas having passed the half way mark for "work up".

13. The health welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been very good and morale is satisfactory.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander RAN  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

Enclosure: ANNEX A Steaming Annex.  
ANNEX B Exercise Annex.

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ANNEX A TO HMAS VENDETTA'S LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST NOVEMBER 1973.

STEAMING FIGURES.

1. Distance steamed during October 3396.7 mls
2. Hours underway during October 283.6 hrs
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 498,790.6 mls
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 34,739.7
5. Occassions for exceeding economical speed.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>REASONS</u>
30 OCTOBER	27.0	6 hours	Speed requirements for full power trial.

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ANNEX B TO HMAS VENDETTA'S LETTER DATED 1ST NOVEMBER 1973

EXERCISE ANNEX

1. SEAMANSHIP EXERCISES

NEX	1
Steering Breakdown	7
TOWEX	2
RAS Approaches	4
Jackstay Transfers	7
Exercise "Stationmaster"	2
RAS	1
Helo Transfers	2
OOW Manoeuvres	3
Heaving Line Transfers	1
Ships Handling Exercise	1
Laying Dan Buoy	1
Defence Stations	6
Action Stations	9
Emergency Stations	11
Leaving Ship Stations	1

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Emergency Diesel run up	1
NAVCOMEX 452 E.C.R.'s	3
Rainform reporting intership ratt	3
NAVCOMEX 454 TO/RO level TTZ	2
NAVCOMEX 453 MTX	3
NAVCOMEX 501 CRYPTO	2
Emergency Destruction	2
NAVCOMEX 455 SSB & RATT	4
NAVCOMEX 419 IFF/UHF relay	1
NAVCOMEX 604	1
Long COMEX	1
NAVCOMEX 406	1
NAVCOMEX 250 CRYPTO QUEST	1
NAVCOMEX 303 RO/TO	1
GOPEX	1
CRYPTO QUIZ	1
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T.T.X.	8
Voice Procedure	5
Flag Hoisting	2
Navcommex 501 INTERNAL CRYPTO	1
Navcommex 350 CRYPTO	13
EWX 23	1
EWX 5	1
EWX 22	2
RRX	2
EWXL	1
<u>3. GUNNERY.</u>	
Boardex	2
Ballon Tracking	1
AATX	4
NGSCX/NAVEX	2
SUTF	3
AACRF	2
NGSCX/FX	3
AATFX	2
AAFX	2
NGSFX	1
AAGDX	2
SUCRF	1
AAWDX	1
OFFSET BOMBARDMENT	1
<u>4. NBCD</u>	
NBCD Communications Exercise	2
Major NBCDX	2
Minor NBCDX	2
Nuclear Transit	1
<u>5. TAS.</u>	
CASEX A1	3
CASEX A6	2
CASEX C2	1
CASEX C3	4
Light Mortar Firings	5
Assessment Firing	2
Operation Awkward	1

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6. <u>AIO</u>	
ARRX	7
HPX	2
NAVCOMEX - ECR	4
RAINFORMEX	1
GOPEX	3 (with rainforms)
NGSCX/NAVEX	7
SHADEX AAWDX	4
ASAC TRAINING	2
Emergency Destruction CB's	2

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HMAS VENDETTA,  
at Sea.

1st December 1973.

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

For Information:

The Commander,  
Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of November 1973. Times quoted in this report are zone L (-11).
2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was half way through "work-up" exercising in the Jervis Bay area in company with HMA Ships TORRENS and DERWENT. Vendetta berthed alongside HMAS STALWART at 0900 on Friday 2nd and remained alongside until Monday 5th.
3. At 0820 on Monday 5th the ship was moved by pilot and tugs to Rose Bay dolphins to carry out Mortar calibration firings. These were completed at 1500 and the ship was again moved cold to berth alongside HMAS STALWART at 1530.
4. On Tuesday 6th VENDETTA cast off at 0921 and proceeded to sea to commence "week 5" of Work-up. During the week exercises were conducted in accordance with EAXP 45/73. Serials detailed covered most aspects of the ships work-up. Mortar Sea Check Firings were conducted in Jervis Bay from 0711 to 1126 on Thursday 8th. On completion of the Sea Check Firings VENDETTA anchored in Montague Roadstead in company with HMAS TORRENS to commence a DISTEX/ISEX in accordance with your Operations Order EXOPORD 19/73. This exercise, which combined aspects of disaster relief internal security, assistance to civil authorities, boarding a suspect vessel and defence of the ship against swimmers attack, was thoroughly enjoyed by all personnel. All departments were involved in both the organization and execution.
5. Although the DISTEX/ISEX completed at 2200, sailing from Jervis Bay was delayed until 0800 on Friday 9th due to an engineering defect, details of which are included in paragraph 12. VENDETTA returned to Sydney on Friday 9th and berthed alongside of HMAS ANZAC alongside the Cruiser Wharf at 1524 and remained alongside until Monday 12th.
6. At 1100 on Monday 12th VENDETTA cast off and proceeded in company with TORRENS to commence the final week of work-up. Exercises were conducted in accordance with EAXP 46/73. From Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th the exercises were mostly tactical periods exercising the ship in the Action and Defence States. VENDETTA anchored in Jervis Bay at 1041 on Wednesday 14th to make preparations for the Final Battle Problem.
7. At 1430 on Wednesday 12th I had the pleasure to receive onboard the retiring Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sir Richard Innes Peek KBE CB DSC by helicopter transfer from NAS NOWRA. After addressing my Officers and Ships Company Vice Admiral Peek departed by helicopter at 1607.

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8. HMAS VENDETTA's Final Battle Problem commenced at 0545 on Thursday 15th as the Ship weighed and proceeded from Jervis Bay in company with HMAS TORRENS. Thirty eight observers from Fleet Staff were embarked to initiate incidents and observe results as VENDETTA and TORRENS proceeded from Jervis Bay to Sydney. The Final Battle Problem completed at 1330. After a hot wash-up, VENDETTA entered harbour and berthed alongside the North-East Cruiser Wharf.

9. The ship remained alongside until Monday 26th and carried out an assisted maintenance period. During the weekend commencing Friday 16th, twenty Naval Reserve Cadets and two Cadet Officers from TS WARREGO carried out training onboard and a similar group from TS SYDNEY carried out training during the weekend commencing Friday 22nd.

10. The major event of this period in harbour, on completion of work-up, was the Ship's annual inspection. Department inspections were carried out by Staff Officers of COMAUSDESRON 2 and Staff Officers from Fleet Headquarters on Wednesday 21st. At 0900 on Thursday 22nd the Ship's Company was inspected at Divisions onboard by the Commander of the Second Australian Destroyer Squadron, Captain G.J.H. WOOLRYCH, RAN. On completion of divisions an inspection of the upper deck was carried out. An inspection of messdecks, store rooms and machinery spaces was carried out in the afternoon. After addressing the Ship's Company on the forecastle, Captain WOOLRYCH departed at 1540.

11. At 0900 on Monday 26th VENDETTA cast off and proceeded in company with TORRENS and DERWENT to take part in JUC 90. During the last week of the month whilst participating in exercises in accordance with EAXP 48/73 and AJASS Operation Order 4/73 the 500,000th mile passed under VENDETTA's bridge.

12. Main and auxiliary machinery has performed satisfactorily during the month. Two URDEF were raised. URDEF 13/76 concerned a cracked cylinder block in L5 Diesel Generator. This defect was rectified by fleet maintenance party during the maintenance period. URDEF 14/76 concerned a leaking cover joint from the ahead guarding valve in A Engine room. This occurred, as previously mentioned, while preparing to weigh after the DISTEX/ISEX on Thursday 8th. Ship's Staff worked overnight to replace the leaking joint. The level of defects on all Weapons Electronic Engineering equipment has been satisfactorily low.

13. The end of the month saw VENDETTA at sea in most uncomfortable weather conditions in the Jervis Bay exercise areas taking part in JUC 90. It has been a very busy month for the ship, work-up was completed and the Annual Inspection carried out. In both aspects I am fully satisfied that the ship has achieved the standards required of a Fleet Destroyer.

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14. The health welfare and conduct of the Ship's Company has been good and morale is high. There is an overall sense of pride and achievement amongst my Ship's Company who now see the results of many months hard work - work which in some cases began well before the ship commissioned. All onboard are looking forward to a well earned break, during the end of year leave period.

I have the honour to be,

Sir

your obedient servant



(A.G. Ferris)  
COMMANDER, RAN.  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Enclosures: A. Annex A - Steaming Annex.  
B. Annex B - Exercise Annex.

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ANNEX A

STEAMING FIGURES

1.	Distance Steamed during November	2,448.2
2.	Hours underway during November	202.0
3.	Total distance steamed since first commissioning	501,238.8
4.	Total hours underway since first commissioning	34,941.7
5.	Occasions of exceeding fast routing speed	NIL

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## ANNEX B

### EXERCISE ANNEX

#### SEAMANSHIP EXERCISES

JACKSTAY TRANSFERS	5
RAS APPROACHES	4
OOW MANOEUVERS	5
DISTEX/AWKEX	1
MINEFIELD TRANSIT	1
6 HOUR WAR	1
5 HOUR WAR	1
NUCLEAR TRANSIT	1
TOWEX	1
FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM	1
HELO TRANSFER	1
FORMATION ANCHORAGE	1
CONNING FROM E.C.P.	1
ACTION STATIONS	11
DEFENCE STATIONS	11
EMERGENCY STATIONS	1
LEAVING SHIP STATIONS	1

#### COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISES

EWX 13	2
EWX 14	1
EWX 12	1
EWX 5	1
EWX 6	1
EWX 24	1
EWX 22	1
NCX 251	2
NCX 252	1
EMERGENCY DESTRUCTION	1
NCX 501	1
NCX 604	2
NCX 350	1
NCX 657	1
NCX 455	1
EWX 28	1
EWX 20	1

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GUNNERY EXERCISES

AAWDX	2
AATFX	2
NGSFX	3
KENNELEX	1
SUTOF	2
AATX	2
5. HOUR WAR	1
DISTEX/ISEX/BORDEX	1
BOARDEX	1
6 HOUR WAR	1
FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM	1
INCLUDING	
AAFX	1
SUFX	1
NGSFX	1
AACRFX	1
SUCRFX	1
KOMAREX	1
AAWDX	1

NBCD EXERCISES

MINOR NBCDX	3
NUCLEAR TRANSIT	1
5 HOUR WAR	1
NBCDX	1
6 HOUR WAR	1
FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM	1

AIO EXERCISES

ARRX	5
AAWDX	2
NGSCX/NAVEX	2
KENNELEX	1
SPXB	1
CASEX C1	1
CASEX C2	2
CASEX C3	4
CASEX A2	2
CASEX A4	1
CASEX A5	2
GOPEX	2

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AIO EXERCISES (cont)

DISTEX/ISEX	1
STRIKEX	1
TACTICAL NGS	2
LOCAL ARRX	1
6 HOUR WAR	1
FINAL BATTLE PROBLEM	1

ASW EXERCISES

CASEX A2	2
CASEX A4	1
CASEX A5	2
CASEX C1	1
CASEX C2	2
CASEX C3	4
ASSESSED MORTAR FIRINGS	1
LIGHT MORTAR FIRINGS	2

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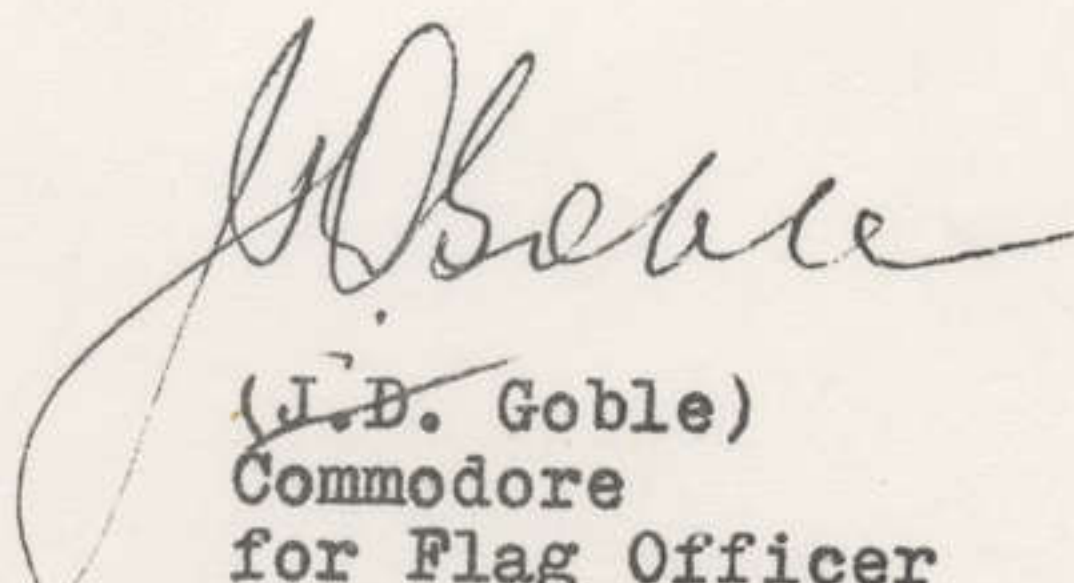
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HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1973

Forwarded.

  
(J.D. Goble)  
Commodore  
for Flag Officer  
Commanding

Enclosure:

HMAS VENDETTA Report 1/16/10 dated 1st January 1974

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In reply quote: 1/16/10.

HMAS Vendetta  
at Garden Island.

1st January 1974.

The Flag Officer Commanding  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

For Information:

The Commander Second Australian Destroyer Squadron.

HMAS VENDETTA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 1973.

Sir,

1. I have the honour to report the proceedings of HMA Ship under my command during the month of December 1973. Times quoted in this report are zone L (-11).

2. At the beginning of the month VENDETTA was participating in the LONGEX phase of JUC 90 in accordance with AJASS Operation Order 4/73 in company with HMA Ships TORRENS and DERWENT. During the exercise, VENDETTA carried out the duties of Commander of the Task Unit from 0001 to 2359 on Saturday 1st and again from 1500 on Monday 3rd to exercise stop time at 0830 on Tuesday 4th. Poor weather conditions detracted from the ship's effectiveness during the exercise, but much valuable experience was gained from the ship's first JUC.

3. On completion of JUC 90 at 0830 on Tuesday 4th, VENDETTA embarked records and personnel from HMA Ships DERWENT and OXLEY and then proceeded to Sydney. The ship berthed outboard of HMAS SWAN alongside the North End Cruiser Wharf at 1548.

4. VENDETTA reverted to twenty four hours notice for sea at 0800 on Monday 10th and commenced a leave and maintenance period.

5. Main and auxiliary machinery operated satisfactorily during the time at sea this month. Since reverting to twenty four hours notice for sea ship's staff have steadily progressed defect rectification and planned maintenance tasks. Dockyard personnel have progressed outstanding INDEF and URDEF items. Both boilers were inspected internally by Fleet Staff in conjunction with the Ship's Engineer Officer, and found to be in a very clean condition. The boilers have been subsequently water pressure tested.



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6. All electrical supply equipment operated satisfactorily during the month. Progress on H3 diesel generator ( URDEF 11/76) has been satisfactory with approximately 65% of repairs now completed.

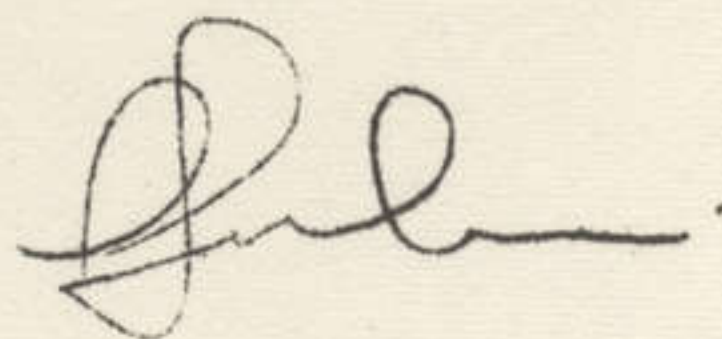
7. The end of the month saw VENDETTA alongside at Garden Island with one watch having completed annual leave and maintenance progressing well.

8. The health, welfare and conduct of the ship's company has been very good and morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(A.G. Ferris)  
Commander, RAN.  
Commanding Officer. (AOL).

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Enclosures:

Annex A - Steaming Annex.  
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(ANNEX A TO HMAS VENDETTA'S LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST JANUARY 1974 )

STEAMING FIGURES

1. Distance steamed during December 1163.0 miles
2. Hours underway during December 87.8 hours
3. Total distance steamed since first commissioning 502,401.8 miles
4. Total hours underway since first commissioning 35,029.5 hours
5. Occasions for exceeding economical speed

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Reasons</u>
4 December	19 Knots	4 hours	Delivery of JUC Records.

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(ANNEX B TO HMAS VENDETTA'S LETTER 1/16/10 DATED 1ST  
JANUARY 1974)

EXERCISE ANNEX

LONGEX Phase of JUC 90

GUNNERY

Small arms firing for 10 at Ingliburn Rifle Range.

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