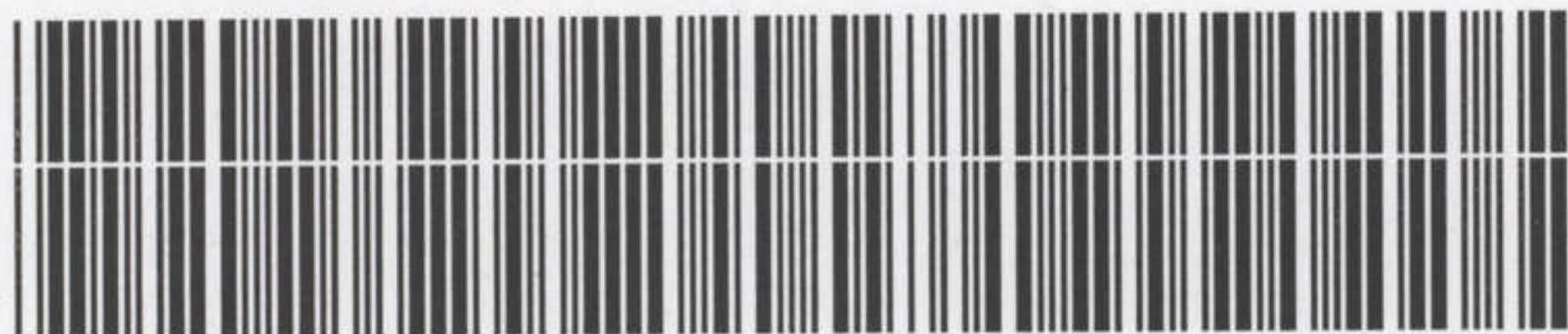


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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1963

(H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's letter 180/10 dated 7th February 1963)

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.  
at Sea.

7 FEB 1963

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

Copy to:- The Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron.

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached appendices:-

- 'A' Ship's movements.
- 'B' Distance and Steaming figures.
- 'C' Exercises and Drills - Section 1 - Chronological  
Section 2 - Specialist
- 'D' Sport.
- 'E' Officers movements.

TUESDAY 1st - MONDAY 14th.

3. At the beginning of the month H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was in Captain Cook Dock at Garden Island.

4. I assumed command at 1000 on Wednesday 2nd January relieving Commander A.A. WILLIS, R.A.N.

5. The Ships Command Team took part in the Fleet Tactical Period held at H.M.A.S. WATSON from 2nd - 4th January, and I was able to join in from 3rd January.

6. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was moved by tugs to No.4 buoy at 0900 Saturday 5th in preparation for ammunitioning on Monday 7th. The ship was moved by tugs the following day to the North End, Cruiser Wharf where the ship remained until completion of a long self maintenance period on Monday, 14th January.

7. I had the honour to lunch with the Flag Officer in Charge, East Australia Area Rear Admiral G.G.O. GATACRE, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C. and Bar, on Thursday 10th at Trescow and subsequently attended the memorial service held at the Chapel of Saint George the Martyr, H.M.A.S. WATSON in memory of the late Commodore J.C. MORROW, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.

TUESDAY 15th - FRIDAY 18th.

8. As 0830 on Tuesday, 15th, the ship cast off and proceeded for miscellaneous exercises, details of which are shown in Appendix 'C'.

On completion H.M.A.S. VOYAGER joined H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1550 and proceeded as requisite for JUCEX 45. The details of A/S exercises carried out are also shown in Appendix 'C'. A.A. tracking and A.A. sleeve target firing serials scheduled for Wednesday 16th were cancelled due to unsuitable weather. The poor weather also restricted maritime aircraft sorties and resulted in some JUCEX 45 serials being modified or cancelled.

9. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER entered Jervis Bay in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1100 on Wednesday 16th, to embark AJASS observers, proceeding to sea on completion.

10. The Fleet Gunnery Officer was embarked from a SAR off Jervis Bay at 0815 on Thursday, 17th, to witness the ship's half yearly naval gun fire support efficiency firings. Weather conditions were such that this serial also had to be cancelled. After taking part in further A/S exercises H.M.A.S. VOYAGER proceeded to Sydney in company with H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH.

11. A.A. efficiency firings were carried out by H.M.A.S. VOYAGER at 0600 on Friday 18th. On completion H.M.A.S. VOYAGER entered harbour and berthed on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at the Oil Wharf, Garden Island, at 0815.

12. A mid exercise discussion on JUCEX 45 was held in H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1500 that day. This discussion was conducted by AJASS staff and attended by ships' command teams and RAAF aircrew participating in the exercise.

13. In the evening I had the pleasure of entertaining Mr S.C. GRIFFITH, the acting manager of the M.C.C. touring side together with Messrs Ken BARRINGTON and John MURRAY. They later claimed that this visit to one of H.M.A. Ships was the highlight of their tour.

MONDAY 21ST - THURSDAY 24TH

14. On Monday, 21st January, I had the sad duty of conveying the ashes of the late Commodore J.C. MORROW, CBE, DSO, DSC, to sea to be scattered in accordance with the wishes of his widow, Mrs Dulcie Morrow. Mrs Morrow accompanied the ship to sea and laid a wreath after a simple but impressive ceremony carried out beneath the Chapel of St George the Martyr, H.M.A.S. WATSON. On completion, the ship proceeded to Watson's Bay where Mrs Morrow and representatives of the Press were landed. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER then rendezvoused with H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH and proceeded as required for 'LONGEX'. This was the second phase of JUCEX 45 and the exercises carried out are listed in Appendix C.

15. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER anchored in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE in Jervis Bay at 1615 on Wednesday, 23rd. H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE was also anchored in Jervis Bay at this time. The ship proceeded at 0600 on Thursday, 24th, and after carrying out naval gunfire support efficiency firings proceeded to Sydney, carrying out a quarterly full power trial en route. Entry into Sydney was advanced half an hour due to a case of acute appendicitis being reported onboard. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER berthed on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at N.E. Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island at 1230. The rapid provision by the Flag Officer-in-Charge, East Australia Area, and the Captain of the Port of the ambulance and other facilities requested in my signal timed 240144Z was much appreciated.

FRIDAY 25TH - THURSDAY 31ST

16. Together with representatives of my command team, I attended



(3)

the post exercise discussion of JUCEX 45 at H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS during the forenoon of Friday 25th being flown to and from by the R.A.N. Dakota. At 1430 together with my Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and Ship's Company I was present in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY for an address by the Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral W.H. HARRINGTON, C.B.E., D.S.O. That evening a farewell reception was given onboard H.M.A.S. VOYAGER prior to her departure for the Far East Strategic Reserve.

17. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER remained at Garden Island until 0900 Thursday, 31st, when in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE the ship proceeded for Darwin.

18. Despite the appallingly wet weather many friends and relations were present to see the two ships off, and the umbrellas of the ladies struck the only colourful note in an otherwise drab departure. Because of this poor weather an A.A. tracking and A.A. target firing exercise scheduled for that day were cancelled.

19. HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT.

Throughout the month the morale of the Ship's Company has been good and the conduct satisfactory. The health of the Ship's Company has also been good. A Medical Officer Surgeon Lieutenant M.C. TILLER, R.A.N. has been appointed, together with the Fleet Dental Team. The Fleet Dental Team will be carried until late March when they will be disembarked to H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*D.H. Stevens* (2)

(D.H. STEVENS.)  
C A P T A I N.



APPENDIX "A"

Ships Movements.

Tuesday 1st. - Monday 14th.		At Garden Island.
Tuesday 15th.	0830	Sailed Sydney for exercises and J.U.C.E.X.45.
Wednesday 16th.	1100	Arrived Jervis Bay to embark A.J.A.S.S. observer.
	1135	Sailed Jervis Bay.
Friday 18th.	0815	Arrived Sydney.
Monday 21st.	0900	Sailed Sydney.
	0950	Arrived Watson's Bay.
	1000	Sailed Watson's Bay.
Wednesday 23rd.	1615	Anchored in Jervis Bay.
Thursday 24th.	0600	Sailed Jervis Bay.
	1230	Arrived Sydney.
Friday 31st.	0900	Sailed Sydney for Strategic Reserve.

APPENDIX "B"

Distance and Steaming Figures.

Distance Steamed during January	1877.2
Hours underway during January	148.6
Total distance steamed since first commissioning	181,659.2
Total hours underway since first commissioning	13,109.2

Hours exceeded Economical Speed.

Date	Duration	Average Speed	Fuel/Hour Tons	Distance/Ton Miles	Reason
Wednesday 16th.	3 Hours	18 knots	4.4 (Sprayers)	4.0	A/S exercise
Thursday 17th.	1 Hour	18 knots	3.47 (Sprayers)	5.2	A/S exercise
Tuesday 22nd.	10 Hours	18.1 knots	3.56 (Sprayers)	5.1	A/S exercise
Wednesday 23rd.	1 Hour	17.4 knots	3.5 (Sprayers)	6.4	A/S exercise
Thursday 24th.	4 Hours	25.6 knots	8.75 (Tanks)	2.9	Quarterly full power trial.

APPENDIX "C"

Exercises and Drills.

Section 1.

Chronological.

2 - 4 January  
Tuesday 15th.

Fleet Tactical Period.  
Exercised sea boat (2).  
Exercised Action Stations  
A.A. Tracking Exercise. (2).  
Exercised Steering Gear Breakdowns.  
A.A.G.C.X.  
O.O.W. manoeuvres.  
Casex B1.  
Casex B3.  
A.B.C.D. exercise.

Wednesday 16th.

Casex B3. (2).  
Casex A4/5.  
Casex B3.

Thursday 17th.

Casex A16.  
Casex B3.

Friday 18th.

A.A. Efficiency firing at winged target.

Monday 21st.

A.A. Tracking exercise.  
A.A. Firing at sleeve target.  
'Longex' - Joint A/S exercise.

Tuesday 22nd.

'Longex'

Wednesday 23rd.

'Longex'

Thursday 24th.

N.G.S.F.X. - Efficiency firing.  
Quarterly full power trial.

Section 2.

Specialist.

Seamanship and General.

Sea boat 4

A.B.C.D.

Closing down to State 1 Condition 2A 1 hour.

A.I.O.

A.A.G.C. Plotting Instruction (Clap)	8 man hours
A.A.G.C.P.X. (Clap)	2 Man hours
A/S plotting	26 man hours
Surface plotting	4 man hours
A.I.O. quizzes	5 man hours

Gunnery.

N.G.S.C.X.	1.	Action Stations	1.
A.A. tracking	2.		
A.A. firing	2.		
N.G.S.F.	1.		
R.I.X.	1.		

T.A.S.

Embarked 2 torpedoes, 3 live mortar projectiles,  
12 light projectiles.

Casex's

B1	for	1½ hours	'Longex'	45 hours
B3	for	10½ hours		
A4/5	for	3½ hours		
A16	for	½ hour		
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APPENDIX "C"

Section 2.

Specialist.

Communications.

V/S

Practical Flashing	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Practical semaphore	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Fleetwork	2 man hours
Voice procedure	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Flag hoisting	1 man hour
V/S - general instruction	2 man hours
B.K.X.	1 man hour

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Morse Keyboard exercises (MKX)	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Morse Manuscript exercises (MMX)	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Morse Transmitting exercises (MTX)	10 man hours
Teletypewriter exercises (TTX)	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Basic Keyboard exercises (BKX)	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ man hours
Navcomex	48 man hours
Miscellaneous instruction	36 man hours

APPENDIX D.

SPORT.

BASKETBALL.

30th January, 1963	V	H.M.A.S. YARRA	WON	12 - 4
30th January, 1963	V	H.M.A.S. SYDNEY	WON	22 - 15

CRICKET.

3rd January, 1963	V	H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE for Fleet Championship at Reg. Bartley Oval.		
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Match Drawn.            abandoned due to rain.

MELBOURNE.	69
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10th January, 1963		Inter-part Wardroom V Supply Division.		
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Won by Wardroom.

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APPEN DIX E.

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

2nd January, Captain D.H. STEVENS, R.A.N. succeeded Commander A.A. WILLIS, R.A.N., in command.

7th January, Acting Sub - Lieutenants D.B. CHAIMERS and R.A. HOWLAND, R.A.N.(X) joined from H.M.A.S. TEAL.  
Midshipman G.N. LEE, R.A.N.(Eng.L) joined from H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.  
Lieutenant (SD)(C) I.J. NIMMO, R.A.N. left to join H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.  
Acting Sub - Lieutenant D.D.J. MARRABLE, R.A.N.(X) left to join H.M.A.S. CURLEW.

10th January, Acting Sub - Lieutenant M.B. FORREST, R.A.N.(S) joined from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

12th January, Surgeon Lieutenant M.C. TILLER, R.A.N. joined from H.M.A.S. LEEUWIN.

14th January, Surgeon Lieutenant (D) A.L. KYD, R.A.N., joined from H.M.A.S. WATSON.

19th January, Lieutenant Commander W.E. MONEY, R.A.N.(Eng.M(ME)) joined from H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA to relieve Acting Commander J.A. WISHART, R.A.N. as Engineer Officer.

24th January, Acting Commander J.A. WISHART, R.A.N. (ENG.M(AE)) left to join H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached Appendices:-

- (a) Ship's movements.
- (b) Distance and steaming figures.
- (c) Exercises and drills - Section 1 - Chronological Headings.  
Section 2 - Specialist Headings.
- (d) Official calls.
- (e) Sports.

FRIDAY 1st - THURSDAY 7th.

3. During this period H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE in company, was on passage from Sydney to Darwin. Exercises carried out are listed in Appendix 'C'. Divisions followed by prayers were conducted on Sunday, 3rd. During this week I carried out rounds of machinery spaces, mess decks, magazines and store-rooms. The passage of the Barrier Reef was uneventful except for frequent heavy rain squalls which reduced the visibility very considerably. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER berthed on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at the west end of Stokes Hill wharf at Darwin at 1020 IK on Thursday, 7th. Due to preparations for the visit of Her Majesty the Queen, the eastern end of the wharf was unavailable, necessitating the berthing of both ships together although this is contrary to local practice at this a time of the year. Fortunately the weather was calm during the visit.

4. At 1100 IK, in company with Captain G.J. Willis, R.A.N., I called on His Honour the Administrator, Mr. Roger Nott. Later that day I entertained at lunch in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER the Administrator and Mrs. Nott, the Naval Officer-in-Charge North Australia Area, Acting Captain E.P. Keatinge, R.A.N., and Mrs. Keatinge, together with Captain Willis.

5. Officers of the military services were entertained by the wardroom officers of both ships at 1200. During the afternoon rugby, hockey and golf matches were played against local teams. In the evening I attended a reception given by the Naval Officer-in-Charge North Australia Area, at Admiralty House. Local dignitaries and twelve officers from both ships attended.

FRIDAY 8th - WEDNESDAY 13th.

6. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded at 0900 IK Friday, 8th, in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE, for Singapore. Exercises carried out en route are listed in Appendix 'C'. Divisions and prayers were conducted on Sunday, 10th. While on passage I carried out rounds of mess decks, the upper deck, magazines and store-rooms. At 0800 Sunday, 10th, the ship came under the operational control of the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet. While in the Java Sea several Indonesian Gannet aircraft were observed. These incidents have been reported on separately in H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's signal D.T.G. 110848Z February and my letter No. 190/4 to the Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE dated 2nd March, 1963. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER berthed on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at No.6 wharf in Naval Stores Basin, H.M. Dockyard, Singapore, at 1520 GH Wednesday, 13th.

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The ship then commenced a self maintenance period lasting eleven days.

THURSDAY 14th - SUNDAY 24th.

7. During this period, together with Captain G.J. Willis, R.A.N., I made and received official calls listed in Appendix 'D'.
8. Divisions and prayers were conducted at 0900 GH Sunday, 17th. The service was conducted by the Reverend J. Scott, R.N., of H.M.S. ALBION. For this service the two Ships' Companies were fallen in onboard H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.
9. The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., returned my call at 1140 on Monday, 18th, and met the Ship's Officers and senior Chief Petty Officers, having first returned the Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's call. Subsequently he was entertained in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's wardroom by the officers of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and H.M.A.S. VOYAGER. At 1300 GH I enjoyed the privilege of lunching at Draycott House, the residence of the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, as a guest of Lady Luce. The Quarter Master General of the British Army Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald Lathbury G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., and Lady Lathbury were the principal guests.
10. In company with my officers I attended an intelligence briefing given by the Chief Staff Officer (Intelligence) to the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Captain C.R. Sims, R.N., at 1000 GH Saturday, 23rd. I had the pleasure of lunching with the Chief of Staff to the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral B.C. Durent D.S.O., D.S.C., that day.
11. Lower deck was cleared at 0930 Sunday, 24th for prayers on the Forecastle.
12. Having completed the self-maintenance period, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE in company at 0900 GH Monday, 25th. The willing assistance given by both the Fleet Staff and the Dockyard during the previous twelve days was much appreciated.
13. While proceeding in Johore Strait, it became necessary to land a sick rating. Weather and tidal conditions were favourable and the ship remained stopped off Changi for 40 minutes while a boat was sent inshore with the patient. After re-hoisting the boat, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER proceeded and rejoined H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.
14. A rendezvous with H.M.S. CAESAR, Captain D8 (Captain B.D.O. McIntyre D.S.C. R.N.), was made at 1400 on Tuesday, 28th, for passage to Trincomalee. A comprehensive programme of exercises shown in Appendix 'C' was carried out en route. In addition, general and naval knowledge quizzes were conducted at various times. The duties of O.T.G. for various serials were delegated between the three ships in company.

HEALTH, MORALE AND CONDUCT OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY.

15. The health and morale of the Ship's Company has been very good. There have been 6 cases of venereal disease to date at the end of the month. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been satisfactory, although I am a little concerned at the increased incidence of leave-breaking, particularly by the under 20 age group whose leave on this station is restricted to 2330.



I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D.H. Stevens".

( D.H. STEVENS.)  
CAPTAIN

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APPENDIX 'A'

SHIPS MOVEMENTS.

Friday 1st - Thursday 7th,		On passage from Sydney to Darwin.
Thursday 7th,	1000 (-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Arrived Darwin.
Friday 8th,	0900 (-9 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Sailed Darwin.
Wednesday 13th,	1500 (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Arrived Singapore.
Monday 25th,	0900 (-7 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Sailed Singapore for Trincomalee.

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APPENDIX 'B'

DISTANCE AND STEAMING FIGURES.

Distance steamed during February.	5,765.7
Hours steamed during February.	371.1
Total distance steamed since first commissioning.	187,424.9
Total hours steamed since first commissioning.	13,480.3

HOURS EXCEEDED ECONOMICAL SPEED.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>DURATION.</u>	<u>AVERAGE SPEED.</u>	<u>FUEL/HOUR (TONS).</u>	<u>DIST/TON (MILES).</u>	<u>REASON.</u>
Tuesday 5th	1 hour	18 knots	3.2	5.64	Taking station for SUTOF.
Friday 8th	2 hours	17.4 knots	3.1	5.78	Taking station for SUTOF and DTFX.
Monday 11th	4 hours	17 knots	3.0	5.67	For RAS approaches and manoeuvres.
Tuesday 26th	3 hours	17.2 knots	3.0	5.72	To take station O.O.W. manoeuvres and carrying out zig zag plan.
Wednesday 27th	3 hours	17.6 knots	3.2	5.5	TFX, REW, exercise taking station.
Thursday 28th	12 hours	18.7 knots	3.4	5.3	SUFX, TFX, plane guard manoeuvres. NEX, SOA, 18.8 Knots.

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## APPENDIX 'C'

EXERCISES AND DRILLS.Section 1.Chronological.

Friday 1st.	NAVCOMEX 401
	" 204
	" 405
	" 417
	" 401
	" 405
	" 202
	RIX/SPX(B)/DTFX.
	Balloon tracking.
	AAGCX (Clap).
	RAS approaches.
	General Knowledge Quiz.
Saturday 2nd.	NAVCOMEX 402
Monday 4th.	" 206
	" 404
	" 417
	" 401
	" 404
	" 208
	" 202
	AAGCX (Clap) (2)
	ABCD exercises.
Tuesday 5th.	NAVCOMEX 401 (2)
	" 204
	" 417
	" 402 (2)
	RIX/SPX (B).
	SUTOF.
	Dozen Starshell.
	DTFX.
Wednesday 6th.	NAVCOMEX 401 (2).
	" 206
	" 501
	" 417
	" 208
	" 202
	FARSEX.
	RIX - SPX (B).
	ABCD exercises.
Friday 8th.	NAVCOMEX 208
	" 401 (2)
	" 417
	AA tracking.
	RAS approaches.
	NAVCOMEX 204
	ABCD exercises.
	SUTOF.
	DTFX.
	ROFX.
	NAVCOMEX 202
Sunday 10th.	General Knowledge Quiz
Monday 11th	RAS approaches.
	AAGCX (Clap).

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	NAVCOMEX 401 (2)
	" 306a
	" 417
	" 404 (2)
	RIX - SPX (B).
	DTFX.
Tuesday 12th.	NAVCOMEX 401 (2)
	" 208
	" 402 (2)
	" 417
	" 306a
Wednesday 13th.	AAGCX (Clap).
	Competitive light mortar firings.
	FARSEX.
	O.O.W. manoeuvres.
Wednesday 20th.	NAVCOMEX 417.
Monday 25th.	Harbour plotting exercise.
	Exercised action stations.
	ABCD exercise.
	Crash darken ship.
Tuesday 26th.	EWX 22.
	RIX.
	SPX(B).
	Enemy contact reporting exercise.
	DTFX
	EWX 31.
	RAS approaches.
	Screenex.
	General Drills.
	Metra test.
Wednesday 27th.	Live A/S mortar firing.
	Streamed TART.
	RE(W) shell firings.
	Flag hoisting exercise.
	Junior officers flashing.
	2 ship radar calibration.
	NGSCX.
	O.O.W. manoeuvres.
	EWX 31.
	RIX.
	SPX(B).
Thursday 28th.	Co-ordinated surface firing exercise.
	ROFX.
	AA action stations.
	FARSEX.
	DTFX.
	Plane guard man overboard exercise.
	O.O.W. high speed manoeuvres.
	NEX.
	EWX 31.

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APPENDIX 'C'

EXERCISES AND DRILLS.

Section 2.

Specialist.

Seamanship and General.

General Drills.	(1)
UNREP approaches.	(4)
O.O.W. manoeuvres.	(4)
Sea-boat.	(3)
Action stations.	(3)

A.B.C.D.

General exercises.	(4)
Crash darken ship.	(1)
Rigged pre-wetting.	
Respirators worn for 15 minutes.	
Electrical repair party drills.	(7 hours).
First aid party lectures.	(2 hours).

A.I.O.

AAGCX (Clap)	(5)
Harbour plotting exercise.	(1)
SPX (B).	(6)
Enemy contact reporting exercise.	(1)

GUNNERY.

RIX.	(6)
Balloon tracking.	(2)
SUTOF.	(2)
Day starshell.	(1)
AA tracking.	(1)
ROFX.	(2)
RE(W) shell firings.	(1)
Gunnery radar calibration.	(1)
NEX.	(1)
Co-ordinated surface firing exercise.	(1)
AA action stations.	(1)
NGSCX.	(1)

T.A.S.

SST.	(2½ hours)
IDCT.	(2 hours)
DTFX.	(5)
Competitive mortar firing.	(1)
FARSEX.	(2)
Live A/S mortar firing.	(1)

COMMUNICATIONS.

NAVCOMEX.401	(13)
" 204	(4)
" 405	(2)
" 417	(8)
" 202	(3)
" 206	(2)
" 404	(4)
" 208	(4)
EWX 31.	(3)
EWX 22.	(1)

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APPENDIX 'D'

OFFICIAL CALLS.

- Thursday 14th. Captain H.M.S. ALBION - Captain C.D. Madden, MVO, DSC, R.N.  
Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice  
Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, KCB, CBE, DSC.
- Friday 15th. Captain H.M.S. ALERT called - Commander J.M. Jessop R.N.  
Captain H.M.S. ALBION returned call.
- Saturday 16th. Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir David Luce, KCB, DSO, OBE.  
Captain D8 - Captain B.D.O. McIntyre DSC, R.N.
- Sunday 17th. Returned call of Captain H.M.S. ALERT.
- Monday 18th. Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet returned call.
- Tuesday 19th. Acting Commissioner for Australia Mr W.F. Flanagan.
- Thursday 21st. Captain H.M.S. HARTLAND POINT - Captain J.S. Le Blanc Smith. R.N.
- Friday 22nd. Flag Officer 2nd in Command, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral J.P.  
Scatchard DSC  
Captain H.M.S. HARTLAND POINT, returned call.
- Saturday 23rd. Chief of Staff to Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East  
Fleet, Rear Admiral B.C. Durant DSO, DSC.

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APPENDIX 'E'

SPORT.

DARWIN.

Thursday 7th. Rugby v RAAF Darwin. Lost 9-6

SINGAPORE.

Thursday 14th. Water Polo v H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. Lost 1-4

Friday 15th. Rugby v Inshore Flotilla. Won 14-0

Hockey v H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. Lost 2-1

Basketball v H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. Won 32-12

Monday 18th. Water Polo v Singapore Dockyard Club. Lost 8-3

Interpart Hockey Engineering v Electrical.  
Engineering Department Won 8-4

Tuesday 19th. Rugby v RAAF Tingah. Won 16-8

Interpart Soccer Electrical v Engineering.  
Electrical Department. Won 5-2

Wednesday 20th. Hockey v H.M.S. ALERT. Lost 4-2

Thursday 21st. Australian Rules v H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. Lost 9.16 to 8.11

Friday 22nd. Rugby v H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. Lost 11-8

Saturday 23rd. Hockey v Young Indians. Lost 5-2

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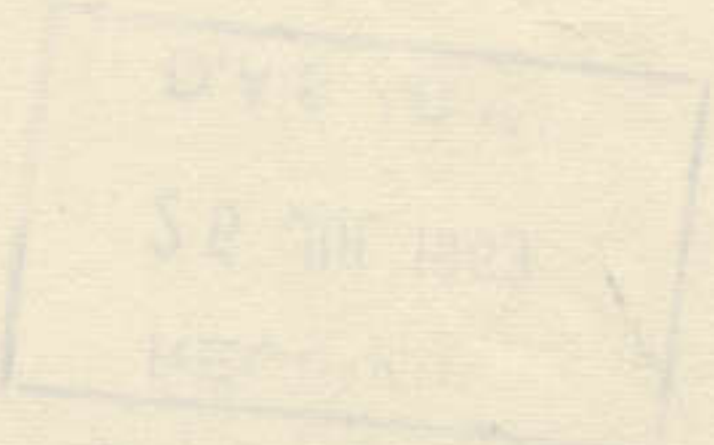
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(The Captain, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's letter 180/10 dated 13th May, 1963).

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.  
at Manila.

# 3 MAY 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
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Copy to:- The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet (Flag).  
The Flag Officer Commanding - in - Chief, FAR EAST FLEET.  
The Flag Officer Second - in - Command, FAR EAST FLEET.  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached appendices:-

- (a) Ships movements.
- (b) Distance and steaming figures.
- (c) Exercises and drills.
- (d) Official Calls.
- (e) Officers movements.
- (f) Sport.

3. MONDAY 1st - SUNDAY 14th.

During this period H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was at Hong Kong undergoing self maintenance. The ship was secured at South Wall, Victoria Basin, on H.M.S. WOODBRIDGE HAVEN (Captain J.M.TOWNLEY, R.N.) until Saturday 6th when berth was shifted to West Arm on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE (Captain G.J.WILLIS, R.A.N.). This was a "cold move" carried out by two commercial company tugs and pilot. During this movement some minor damage to the stern was suffered by H.M.A.S. VOYAGER. This has been satisfactorily repaired. A separate report has been made on this matter.

4. In the first week of April, Higher Rates Boards were conducted in Fleet units present. The results achieved by H.M.A.S. VOYAGER were considered satisfactory.

5. While at Hong Kong hull maintenance was very satisfactorily progressed with the assistance of a small army of chinese labourers. Several urgent defects were also made good.

6. Three of my officers carried out a "joining routine" and were taken on a conducted tour of the defences of Hong Kong and the New Territories. This tour was arranged by the Commodore, Hong Kong with the 20th Battery R.A., 20 Indian Recce flight and 28th Coy. Gurkha A.S.C.

7. Ships divers were exercised on two occasions at Hong Kong and were usefully employed on a leaking stern gland of H.M.A.S. SUPPLY (Captain G.V. GLADSTONE, D.S.C., R.A.N.).

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7. (Captain G.V. GLADSTONE, D.S.C.\* R.A.N.).

8. A Ship's Company "Smoko" was held at the China Fleet Club on Wednesday 10th April, and was very well attended by both ratings and officers.

9. The Australian Association on two occasions kindly arranged outings, including a visit to the local San Miguel brewery for five ratings from each of the visiting Australian Ships.

10. A Fleet Reception was held onboard H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Captain R.I. PEEK, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N.) flying your flag, at 1830 Thursday 11th and was attended by myself and all available officers from H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.

11. Divine services were held on the three Sundays at Hong Kong and were conducted by Chaplains of ships present. A service was also held on Friday 13th, it being Good Friday. Sunday routine was worked on this day.

12. MONDAY 15th - SUNDAY 21st.

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded at 0900 I Monday 15th in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, VAMPIRE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA and SUPPLY. En route to Singapore exercises were carried out as shown in Appendix C. H.M.A.S. SUPPLY, YARRA and PARRAMATTA were detached at 1200 Wednesday 18th to proceed to Manila. That day while fuelling from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER suffered a split fuel line in 'A' boiler room which prevented further fuelling from forward. A patch was subsequently fitted to permit use of Furnace Fuel Oil in forward tanks. The split which was due to corrosion was made good on arrival at Singapore.

13. Rear Admiral A.W.R. McNICOLL, C.B.E., G.M., R.A.N. transferred to H.M.A.S. VOYAGER by jackstay at 1445 Wednesday 18th for a brief visit. While onboard C.O.W. manoeuvres were conducted and on completion the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet transferred back to H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

14. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER secured, starboard side to H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at No.6 berth, Naval Stores Basin, Singapore, at 0915 G.H. Saturday 21st.

15. MONDAY 22nd - TUESDAY 30th.

This period covered the first phase and start of phase II of the S.E.A.T.O. exercise "SEA SERPENT".

This exercise has been reported on separately. A pre exercise briefing was conducted by the Staff of the Flag Officer Second - in - Command, FAR EAST FLEET (Rear Admiral J.P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.C.\*\* R.N.) at 1030 G.H. Monday 22nd which was attended by Captains and Staff Officers of ships involved.

16. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded at 0900 G.H. Tuesday 23rd in company with other units of the Singapore force taking part in "SEA SERPENT". The remainder of the week was spent in executing a work up programme in the Singapore exercise area as arranged by the Flag Officer Second - in - Command, FAR EAST FLEET. The actual exercises carried out by H.M.A.S. VOYAGER are listed in appendix 'C'.

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17. H.M.A.S.VOYAGER anchored in Telok Tepek, Pulau Tioman at 0800 GH Saturday 27th in company at the end of Phase I of the exercise. Divisions and prayers were conducted on Sunday 28th. While at Pulau Tioman recreation parties were landed. The excellent beaches and natural habitat made for a welcome break for the ships company.

18. I attended a pre Phase II briefing conducted by your staff in H.M.A.S.MELBOURNE during the forenoon of Sunday 28th. In company H.M.A.S.VOYAGER sailed from Pulau Tioman for Manila at 0300 H Monday 29th at the start of Phase II. The ship was employed on convoy screening, rescue destroyer and S.A.R. duties and as a surface attack unit during the passage.

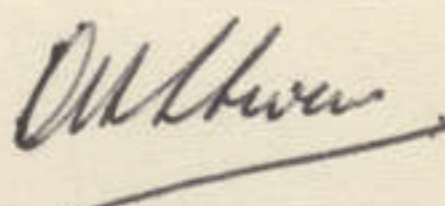
19. CONDUCT, HEALTH and MORALE.

The conduct of the Ships Company has been very good during this month. The general health of the Ships Company has also been good and I consider the morale to be of a high order.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(D.H.Stevens)  
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A"

Ships Movements.

Monday 15th	0900 I	Sailed Hong Kong
Saturday 20th	0900 GH	Arrived Singapore
Tuesday 23rd	0900 GH	Sailed Singapore
Saturday 27th	0800 GH	Arrived Pulau Tioman
Monday 29th	0300 H	Sailed Pulau Tioman

APPENDIX "B"

Distance and Steaming Figures.

Distance steamed during April	3568.5
Hours steamed during April	261.5
Total distance steamed since first commissioning	197,011.2
Total hours steamed since first commissioning	14,135.8

Hours Exceeded Economical Speed.

Date	Duration (Hours)	Average Speed	Fuel Tons/Hour	Miles/Ton	Reason
16th	2	19	2.7	7.1	Synthetic A/S exercise Concentration DFX/ gunnery attack.
	3	19.2	2.8	7.0	
17th	1	19.3	2.8	6.95	S.U.concentration T.O.F.
18th	2	17.5	2.5	7.6	Manoeuvres.
19th	2	17.5	2.5	7.6	Massed air attack exercise.
	2	19.7	2.9	6.8	To rejoin from INDEX.
23rd	1	19.8	3.0	6.7	ToR/V for next exercise.
	1	17.8	2.35	7.5	To R/V for next exercise.
25th	1	18.0	2.4	7.4	Nuclear Transit exercise.
	1	20.1	3.0	6.6	Manoeuvres
26th	1	21.5	3.6	6.0	To R/V for next exercise

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APPENDIX "C"

Exercises and Drills.

Wednesday 3rd.	Navcomex 202, 201, 206, 402, 417.
Thursday 4th.	Navcomex 202, 606, 201, 405(T.O.), 405(RO)
Friday 5th.	Navcomex 202, 607, 201, 204, 417.
Monday 8th.	Navcomex 402, 201, 202, 208, 417.
Tuesday 9th.	Navcomex 404(RO), 202, 201, 405,(OTO), 406
Wednesday 10th.	Navcomex 607, 202, 201, 417. Pistol and rifle range - Landing party 1 day
Thursday 11th.	Navcomex 607(RO), 202, 201, 405(RO).
Tuesday 16th.	Synthetic A/S exercise. A.A.Tracking. A.A. G.D.F.X. O.O.W. manoeuvres. Competitive light A/S mortar firings. Concentration non firing DTFX/Gunnery attack Exercised sea-boat.
Wednesday 17th.	R.E.W. wind finding. Surface concentration throw off firing. Unrep. EWX 31. Torpedo firing, O.O.W. manoeuvres. S.P.X.(B)/R.I.X. E.W.X.41. Navcomex 204, 305. Exercised sea-boat.
Thursday 18th.	E.W.X.34. G.D.X. A.A. tracking. TART and light mortar firings. T.F.X. Unrep. R.A.S.approaches. O.O.W. manoeuvres. S.P.X.(B) R.I.X. E.W.X.41.
Friday 19th.	E.W.X.34. Massed air attack exercise. FARSEX. O.O.W. ship handling. O.O.W. manoeuvres. Navcomex 204, 305. Steering gear break down drills.

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Exercises and Drills.

Sea Serpent Phase I.

Monday 22nd.

Navcomex 202/203, 402, 206, 204, 404.  
E.W.X. 22.  
Combined air/surface plotting exercise.  
Voice procedure exercise.

Tuesday 23rd.

A.A. tracking exercise (2).  
O.O.W. manoeuvres.  
Casex 70.  
Screenex.  
A.A. sleeve firing.  
Rescue destroyer duties.  
Screenex.

Wednesday 24th.

Casex 6/7 with helicopters.  
A.B.C.D. exercise.  
Casex 43.  
Surface firing (H.S.T.).  
Casex 43 with helicopters.

Thursday 25th.

Unrep.  
MAXBUS.  
Transit of fall-out area (Opposed).  
Casex 70.  
Casex 43 with helicopters.  
Night encounter exercise.

Friday 26th.

P.T.A. firing.  
Unrep including fuelling astern.  
MAXBUS.

Saturday 27th.

Harbour entry screen exercise.

Monday 29th. }  
Tuesday 30th. }

As requisite for Exercise Sea Serpent  
Phase II.

APPENDIX "D"

Official Calls and Functions.

Friday 5th.

Called on Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong,  
Commodore G.O.SYMONDS, D.S.C., R.N.

Commodore-in-Charge Hong Kong returned call.

Saturday 27th.

Wardroom officers dined the Flag Officer commanding  
H.M.Australian Fleet Rear Admiral A.W.R.McNICOLL,  
C.B.E., G.M. in H.M.A.S.VOYAGER.

APPENDIX "E"

Officers Movements.

Tuesday 2nd.

Lieutenant Commander T.R.VASEY, R.A.N.R. discharged  
to shore on completion of 16 days annual continuous  
training.

Thursday 11th.

Lieutenant R.J.WRIGHT, R.N. discharged to Base  
Hospital, H.M.S.TAMAR.

Sunday 14th.

Surgeon Lieutenant (D) A.L.KYD, R.A.N. discharged to  
H.M.A.S.SUPPLY.

Sunday 21st.

Lieutenant J.E.FERRIER, R.A.N. rejoined from H.M.S.  
TAMAR.



APPENDIX "F"

Sport.

In Hong Kong.

April 1st.	Rugby V. Inshore Flotilla	Won 25 - 5
April 2nd.	Volley Ball V. YARRA	Lost 3 - 0
April 3rd.	Rugby V. YARRA	Won 24 - 3
April 4th	Hockey V. YARRA	Won 7 - 1
	Cricket V. Australian Trade Commission XI	Won 189 - 153
April 5th.	Soccer V. YARRA	Won 2 - 0
	Cricket Interpart - Wardroom V. P.O.'s Wardroom	Won 152 - 37
April 6th.	Cricket V. Hong Kong Cricket Club Wanderers	Lost 173 - 104
April 8th.	Hockey V. MELBOURNE	Won 4 - 1
April 10th.	Rugby V. MELBOURNE	Lost 15 - 12
April 11th.	Australian Rules. VOYAGER/VAMPIRE V. MELBOURNE	Lost 10 - 8 to 6 - 4
	Water Polo V. YARRA	Won 4 - 1
April 12th.	Water Polo V. PARRAMATTA	Won 10 - 5
	Hockey V. VAMPIRE	Won 3 - 1
	Soccer V. MELBOURNE	Lost 6 - 1
	FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET V. PARRAMATTA	Won 6 - 100 to 94

At Singapore.

April 19th.	FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET V. MELBOURNE	Lost 6 - 105 to 103
April 20th.	Hockey V. MELBOURNE	Won 3 - 1

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The Secretary,  
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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.  
at Sea.

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

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

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached appendices:-

- A. Ships movements.
- B. Distance and steaming figures.
- C. Exercises and drills.
- D. Official calls and functions.
- E. Officers movements.
- F. Sport.
- G. Karatsu visit and programme.

Wednesday 1st - Thursday 9th.

3. During this period H.M.A.S. VOYAGER took part in the SEATO exercise titled "Sea Serpent". This exercise which has been reported on separately took place in the China Sea and terminated at Manila on Thursday 9th. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was employed on convoy screening, rescue destroyer and SAR duties and as a surface attack unit during the exercise.

4. SEATO observers Lieutenant Colonel P. DUNBAR, U.S. Army and Wing Commander E. BELLAMY, RAAF were embarked in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER from H.M.S. LION (Captain I. L. M. McGEACH, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.) on Wednesday 1st transferring back to H.M.S. LION on Saturday 4th.

5. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER secured alongside H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE (Captain G. J. WILLIS, R.A.N.) anchored in Manila Bay at 0940 H Wednesday 8th. That afternoon I attended an A.S.W. post exercise conference held in H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE (Captain R. I. PEEK, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.A.N.) flying your flag. That evening I was present at a reception arranged on the flight deck of H.M.S. HERMES (Captain W. D. O'BRIEN, D.S.C., R.N.) flying the flag of the Flag Officer, Second in Command, Rear Admiral J. P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.C.<sup>XX</sup>. The function was climaxed by a performance of "Beat Retreat" executed by combined R.N. bands.

6. The post exercise critique of "Sea Serpent" which I attended accompanied by my specialist officers was conducted at the Philippine Navy Officers Club at 0930 Thursday 9th.

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Friday 10th - Monday 13th.

7. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded at 0805 Friday 10th in company with H.M. Ships HERMES, LION, ROTHESAY (Captain B.C.G. PLACE, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.) Captain D25; CAESAR, CAVENDISH and BRIGHTON, H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST (Captain J.O.C. ROSS, R.N.Z.N.) and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. A two day exercise period followed, the details of which are shown at 'Appendix C'. A naval gun fire support firing exercise intended to count for efficiency marks had to be broken off due to a foul range developing. Time did not permit completion. On completion all ships with the exception of H.M.S. HERMES proceeded to Hong Kong. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER secured at No.3 buoy Hong Kong alongside H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1230 Monday 13th.

Monday 13th - Sunday 20th.

8. A period of self maintenance was carried out during the week in Hong Kong.

9. The Hong Kong Red Cross Unit visited the ship and obtained blood from 40 donors. The water reserves of the colony were seriously depleted due to a shortage of rain and to ease the drain ships were ordered to raise steam and commence distilling using harbour water. Precautions taken to purify the water included evaporation under pressure and chlorination.

10. While at Hong Kong I had the pleasure of lunching the Commander British Forces Lieutenant General R.W. CRADDOCK, C.B., D.S.O., and the Commodore in Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore G.O. SYMONDS, D.S.C., R.N. on board. The details of calls and official functions for the month are listed at Appendix 'D'.

11. The ships company were landed to test respirators in the gas chamber at H.M.S. TAMAR, AM Friday 18th.

Monday 20th - Thursday 24th.

12. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER sailed in company with H.M.S. LION flying the flag of The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral, Sir Desmond DREYER, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.; H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST, H.M.S. CAESAR and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 0800 Monday 21st for Japan. Exercises detailed at Appendix 'C' were carried out. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER detached from the group at 1715 that day to return to Hong Kong to land an appendicitis case. A signal was subsequently received reporting a successful operation. Proceeding at 22 knots the ship rejoined by 1500 on Tuesday 21st and remained in company until 1700 Thursday 24th. At this time H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was detached to proceed to Karatsu.

Friday 24th - Tuesday 28th.

Karatsu Visit.

12. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER arrived off Karatsu at 0830 I Friday 24th and after embarking a pilot, Quarantine officials and the assistant harbourmaster proceeded alongside the main wharf at 0900 I. A sizeable crowd was waiting to greet the ship including the Karatsu Junior High School Band which played with skill and vigour. The programme that was fulfilled is shown at Appendix 'G'. Included also is a nominal list of the leading personalities of Karatsu.

13. It is sincerely felt that H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's visit was highly successful. Despite poor weather, just under 8,000 people walked round the ship in two afternoons. The friendliness of the people was remarkable and many instances of private hospitality were noted. The Karatsu Golf Club was specially opened on Monday 27th for the ships benefit. The childrens

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party held onboard made a particularly good impression with the local populace.

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st.

14. It was with some regret that H.M.A.S. VOYAGER had to tear herself away from the wharf to which she was bound by countless coloured streamers at 0900 Tuesday 28th. The Karatsu High School Band was present on this occasion and played appropriate farewell airs. The next 48 hours were spent on passage to join H.M.S. HERMES off Okinawa. During this time opportunity was taken to further the training of higher rates in boatwork and the opportunity taken to examine the OOW's in Ship Handling. An echo sounding run was carried out over a distance of 150 miles. After replenishing from R.F.A. TIDEREACH, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER joined H.M.S. HERMES, LINCOLN (Commander M.R.W. WILSON, R.N.) and H.M. Submarine ANDREW, at 0900 Thursday 30th and carried out a series of exercises which are listed at Appendix "C".

15. During the afternoon of Friday 31st, two ships of the Russian Kotlin and Skory type were passed at a distance of 3 miles. They were both being closely investigated by a P2V Neptune aircraft. Photographs of the ships were taken from a helicopter belonging to H.M.S. HERMES and copies have been despatched to D.N.I. under separate cover.

16. During flying operations that night a Sea Vixen from H.M.S. HERMES was lost in the sea within 100 miles of the carrier. A search revealed small pieces of wreckage at 1100 the following day. Regrettably there were no survivors.

17. Higher Rates Training. During the month every opportunity has been taken to train advancement board candidates. Time has been devoted to working gradually through the syllabi, with the instruction planned to fit in with the ship's programme. Thus in Hong Kong the accent was on boatwork and parade ground training, and when operating independently seaboats were exercised as often as possible. Approximately 860 man hours have been spent on training during the month, this figure does not include Part 2 training in the technical branches.

18. Conduct Health and Morale. The conduct of the Ships Company has been very good during the month. The general health of the Ships Company has also been good and I consider the morale to be of a high order. The substitution of a period of plane guard to H.M.S. HERMES instead of a visit to Nagoya was accepted with a particularly good grace which was most encouraging.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servnat,



( D.H. STEVENS.)  
CAPTAIN.

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APPENDIX "A".

Ships Movements.

Wednesday 8th.	0940H	Arrived Manila.
Friday 10th.	0805H	Sailed Manila.
Monday 13th.	1230I	Arrived Hong Kong.
Monday 20th.	0800I	Sailed Hong Kong.
Monday 20th.	2130I	Arrived Hong Kong.
Monday 20th.	2200I	Sailed Hong Kong.
Friday 24th.	0900I	Arrived Karatsu.
Tuesday 28th.	0900I	Sailed Karatsu.

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APPENDIX "B".

Distance and Steaming Figures.

Distance steamed during May. 6,439.1  
Hours steamed during May. 437.8  
Total distance steamed since first commissioning. 203,450.3  
Total hours steamed since first commissioning. 14,573.6

Date	Duration (Hours)	Average Speed	Fuel Tons/Hours	Miles/Ton	Reason
1st.	2	19.2	2.75	7	As requisite Exercise Sea Serpent.
2nd.	2	18.0	2.4	7.45	" " "
3rd.	2	20.3	3.1	6.55	" " "
4th.	2	19.4	2.8	6.95	" " "
5th.	3	18.2	2.4	7.4	" " "
6th.	3	18.6	2.6	7.25	" " "
7th.	1	19.9	3.0	6.7	" " "
8th.	2	17.5	2.3	7.6	" " "
10th.	6	18.8	2.6	7.2	Exercises as ordered by F.O.2, F.E.F.
11th.	4	19.4	2.8	6.95	" " "
12th.	6	19.3	2.8	7	" " "
13th.	5	16.8	2.1	7.75	" " "
20th.	7	21.6	3.6	5.9	Exercises as ordered by F.O.C.IN.C, F.E.F. and transfer of sick rating to hospital.
21st.	16	21.8	3.7	5.8	To rejoin as ordered by F.O.C.IN.C, F.E.F.
22nd.	8	20.2	3.1	6.6	Exercises as ordered by F.O.C.IN.C, F.E.F.
28th.	1	19.5	2.8	6.9	To R/V with H.M.S. HERMES. Signal subsequent amended R/V.
30th.	5	19.4	2.8	6.95	Plane guard for H.M.S. HERMES.
31st.	5	22.5	4.0	5.45	Plane guard for H.M.S. HERMES.

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APPENDIX "C".

Exercises and Drills.

Wednesday 1st - Wednesday 8th. As requisite for Exercise Sea Serpent.  
Friday 10th. Screening exercise (2).  
CASEX A17.  
CASEX A415.  
NAVCOMEX 741.  
CASEX B12.  
CASEX A17.  
Saturday 11th. NAVCOMEX 741 (3).  
NGSF exercise.  
LR and CR AA firing exercise.  
UNREP - liquid and solids.  
CASEX A415H  
Manoeuvres.  
CASEX B3H.  
Sea-boat exercise.  
Sunday 12th. OOW manoeuvres.  
Sea-boat exercise.  
Monday 13th. UNREP.  
Friday 17th. NAVCOMEX 210.  
Monday 20th. Live torpedo firing.  
UNREP.  
Sea-boat exercise.  
Steering gear break-down.  
OOW manoeuvres.  
Tuesday 21st. Sea-boat exercise.  
OOW manoeuvres.  
High speed manoeuvres.  
Wednesday 22nd. Steering gear break-down.  
Jackstay transfers.  
High speed manoeuvres.  
Night encounter exercise.  
Thursday 23rd. UNREP  
Sea-boat exercise.  
Tuesday 28th. Sea-boat exercise.  
OOW ship handling.  
Steering gear break-down.  
Higher rates boat handling.  
Wednesday 29th. Steering gear break-down.  
OOW ship handling, 2 periods.  
Sea boat exercises for higher rates, 2 periods.  
Thursday 30th. UNREP.  
CASEX B3.  
EWX 33.  
LINKEX.  
Plane guard.  
Friday 31st. CASEX A17.  
Plane guard.  
CASEX B3.  
LINKEX.  
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APPENDIX 'D'

Official Calls and Functions.

- Thursday 16th. Guest of Captain B.C. PLACE, V.C., D.S.C., R.N. (Captain D25) - Luncheon.
- Friday 17th. Host to Commodore in Charge, Hong Kong - Commodore G.O. SYMONDS, D.S.C., R.N. and Commander British Forces Lieutenant General R.W. CRADDOCK, C.B., D.S.O., and wives Luncheon.
- Friday 24th. Called on the Mayor of Karatsu, Mr. KANEKO. Mayor of Karatsu returned call. Guest of the Mayor of Karatsu - Dinner.
- Saturday 25th. Host to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Karatsu and their wives - Luncheon. Reception in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER for leading citizens of Karatsu.

APPENDIX 'E'

Officers Movements.

- Wednesday 8th. Midshipman G.N. LEE, (ENG) (L), R.A.N. transferred to H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE for completion of course.

APPENDIX 'F'

Sport.

At Hong Kong.

- |                 |   |             |
|-----------------|---|-------------|
| Wednesday 17th. | Water Polo v VAMPIRE.                                 | Lost 3-1    |
|                 | Basketball v VAMPIRE.                                 | Lost 22-18  |
| Thursday 18th.  | Cricket Combined VOYAGER and VAMPIRE v H.M.S. LION.   | Won 101-49  |
|                 | Hockey v H.M.S. ROTHESAY.                             | Won 5-2     |
| Friday 19th.    | Rugby Practice Match VOYAGER and VAMPIRE mixed teams. | Lost 15-13. |

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APPENDIX "G".

Karatsu Visit - Programme, Notes and List of Personalities.

<u>TIME.</u>	<u>EVENT.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
<u>Friday 24th May.</u>		
0830	Pick up Pilot off Ota Si.	
0900	Berth alongside West side of main wharf. Junior High School Band will perform. (Band to walk round ship after securing.)	
0915	Services Attache and Embassy Language Officer board.	
0945	City Hall car alongside to take Captain to call on Mayor.	Accompanied by Services Attache and Language Officer. (Mr. Kaneko.)
1000	Call on Mayor.	
1020	Return to Ship.	City Hall car.
1030	Press on board to interview P.R.O.	
1100	Mayor and party return call on Captain H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.	
1130	(Approximately) Mayor departs.	
1745	City cars alongside for Mayor's dinner guests.	
1800	14 Officers invited for Japanese style dinner party by Mayor.	Dress:- Plain clothes
2000	(Approximately) City cars alongside for return.	

Saturday 25th May.

1200	Captain's luncheon party onboard.	Guests:- Mayor Kaneko and wife, Assistant Mayor Saeki and wife. ( As none of the above speak English, Embassy Language Officer should also be invited.)
1330 - 1700	Ship open to visitors.	
1300 - 1600	Sightseeing trip for 100 men.	See Note 13.
1800	Cocktail party onboard H.M.A.S. VOYAGER for 60 guests.	

Sunday 26th May.

0900 - 1200	Sightseeing trip for 100 men.	(See Note 13.)
1100 - 1200	80 Sea Scouts to visit ship accompanied by Assistant Harbour Master, Mr. Tsutsumi.	
1430 - 1700	Childrens' party for 50 onboard.	

Monday 27th May.

1330 - 1700	Ship open to visitors.	
1545	Cars alongside for tea Ceremony.	
1600 - 1700	Tea Ceremony at Kinshoji Temple.	16 Officers, Chief and Petty Officers.

Tuesday 28th May.

Sail.

Notes: 1. Crane available to land Landrover.  
2. Fresh water and power (100 v. 60 cycle A.C. available.)  
3. Berthing - H.M.S. CAVENDISH berthed here in 1961.  
Outboard 110 metres, has least depth of 6.9 metres,  
shelving then to 4.5 metres. Harbour authorities

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- recommend 10 metres stern overhang. Wharf side is concrete with fixed wooden scotchmen every 30 feet. No catamarans available. Looks satisfactory, if well fendered from ship's side. No tugs available. Anchor berth available if weather conditions or other considerations make this desirable. Line handlers will be provided by harbour master.
4. Pilot will board from launch flying pilot flag in position off Oka Si (2' NNE of main wharf).
  5. Health official will board with pilot to grant pratique on sighting certificate of clean bill of health.
  6. Drivers Licences: City authorities will visit ship to grant permits. Each driver must have two small size photographs available.
  7. Telephone - doubtful.
  8. Cash: Cash Officer to proceed with escort to bank on arrival. (Transport and guide will be standing by).
  9. Provisions: Ship chandler J. Kasahara is recommended and has been advised to report on board on arrival. City Hall Chief Secretary (Mr. Inoue) will arrange bread, milk, fish etc, as required by Supply Officer.
  10. Patrols: Town patrol required. Two hands to be stationed at police station. Police will provide transport.
  11. Leave: Unrestricted if desired. All night clubs and bars close at 2300 and Karatsu offers little after this time. Beer is good and relatively cheap, spirits and wines are exorbitant in price.
  12. Games: Not yet finalised. Golf will be available and we hope to arrange rugby match. Tennis hopeful
  13. Tours: City Hall offers 3 hour tours of all local beauty spots including:
    - Kagameyama
    - Pine forests
    - Maizuru Park
    - Sports centre (geisha dance, Kendo etc.)Two such tours for 100 men each (2 x 50 seat buses) have been arranged for 1300 Saturday 25th and 0900 Sunday 26th. City Hall will pay all expenses except hire of buses which will cost 6,000 Yen each. (Yen 120 per head 3/- (A)). In view of this offer I have not arranged other tours as originally proposed.
  14. Transport: One hire car will be provided for use by Captain as required.
  15. Sullage: A bin will be placed alongside and cleared daily at 1700.
  16. Calls: The City Hall insist that the only formal call need be made on the Mayor. It is advisable however to make early informal contact with Harbour Master and Chief of Police.

List of Leading personalities:

- |    |                       |   |
|----|-----------------------|---|
| 1. | Mr. KANEKO            | Mayor.  |
| 2. | Mr. Masami SAEIKI     | Assistant Mayor.  |
| 3. | Mr. K. OHZONO         | Chief of Police.  |
| 4. | Mr. T. YOKOMACHI      | Chief of Karatsu Coastguard and Harbourmaster.  |
| 5. | Mr. N. TSUTSUMI       | Assistant Harbourmaster (speaks English).   |
| 6. | Mr. TSUKAHARA         | Chief of Immigration.   |
| 7. | Mr. INOUE             | Chief Secretary and prime organiser of the programme, does not speak English. He will deal with all aspects of the visit. |
| 8. | Mr. KANKI             | Chief of Prefectural Harbour Authorities (Saga Prefecture).   |
| 9. | Mr. Kinichi KISHIKAWA | Managing Director Karatsu Chamber of Commerce.  |

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Para 5 indicates "the same old story" and a lack of seaman like precautions. The ship has been unfortunate with two bad steam leaks.

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Otherwise they appear to have had a busy and interesting month. The remarks in para 6 on the visit to Tokyo are of interest. 30/7.

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It is noted that this ship always suffers from hot troubles in her Machinery. I presume the steam-leak will be investigated. 10/11/63

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Failure of steam joints cannot be forecast. It is known that "combustion changes of thermal conditions due to 'lighting up' and 'shutting down'" has a deleterious effect on steam joints. USN. pack steam lines with low pressure steam in harbours to obviate this. We can hope to follow suit when the G.M.S. is in commission. This particular failure has been investigated. 8/10/63

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.  
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The Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet.  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached appendices:-

- A. Ships movements.
- B. Distance and Steaming figures.
- C. Exercises and Drills.
- D. Official calls and functions.
- E. Officers movements.
- F. Sport.
- G. Report of Underwater explosions.

Saturday 1st - Tuesday 4th.

3. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER commenced the month in company with H.M.S. HERMES (Captain W.D. O'BRIEN, D.S.C., R.N.) flying the flag of The Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, (Rear Admiral J.P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.C.\*\*\*) in waters south of Okinawa. The details of exercises carried out are shown in Appendix "C". During the afternoon of Saturday 1st H.M.A.S. VOYAGER took H.M.S. HERMES in tow. After taking up the tow and getting the carrier moving H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was required to stop while the tow was resecured in H.M.S. HERMES. On going ahead again too much strain came on the tow resulting in the splice of the towing pendant pulling out. The tow was then recovered. As an evolution in towing the aim was not achieved, but some good lessons in seamanship were learned. It was interesting to note that the two shackles of cable veered by H.M.S. HERMES did not act as a spring before the pendant parted, despite their considerable weight.

4. A Roman Catholic Chaplain was loaned by H.M.S. HERMES on Sunday 2nd the transfers being effected by sea boat. The service was conducted in the forward cafeteria. I had the pleasure of spending a forenoon at sea in H.M.S. HERMES on Monday 3rd where I watched flying operations, and was taken on a tour of the ship with particular emphasis on the operations rooms. I had the pleasure of lunching with Rear Admiral SCATCHARD before returning to H.M.A.S. VOYAGER by helicopter at 1400. By noon on Monday 3rd typhoon Polly was beginning to make her presence felt. As a result of measures taken to avoid the storm the time of arrival at Tokyo was postponed 24 hours until A.M. Thursday 6th. This E.T.A. was subsequently amended to 1830 I Wednesday 5th due to a favourable change in the weather.

5. While replenishing at sea on Tuesday 4th June, Sub Lieutenant D. CHAIMERS, R.A.N., suffered a leg injury when caught in the bight of a slip rope.

He was subsequently transferred to H.M.S. HERMES by helicopter for surgery but shortly afterwards returned to H.M.A.S. VOYAGER where the operation was carried out. This was because H.M.S. HERMES had to part company suddenly and return to Singapore to make good urgent defects.

Wednesday 5th - Sunday 9th.

6. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER berthed on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE ( Captain G.J. WILLIS, R.A.N.) at Harumi Wharf Tokyo at 1815 Wednesday 5th. H.M.S. ALERT ( Commander J.M. JESSOP, R.N.) flying the flag of The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet (Vice Admiral Sir Desmond DREYER, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.) was already secured in an adjacent berth. Details of official functions and calls are listed in Appendix "D". While the private hospitality so much in evidence in Karatsu was not as readily apparent in Tokyo, there was nevertheless, much to keep the ships company occupied, and the visit to Tokyo was undoubtedly a success. The ship was opened to visitors during the afternoon of Sunday 9th and a small total of 1833 people looked over the ship. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was an outboard ship and had H.M.S. ALERT, H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST, and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE with which to compete for visitors. In addition to this competition the weather was unfavourable. However this figure is disappointing compared with nearly 8000 visitors received at Karatsu. Ships were dressed overall on Friday 7th in honour of Her Majesty the Queens Birthday. A party for under-privileged children was held in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER that afternoon. This event was received very well and thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Monday 10th - Monday 24th.

7. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 0900 Monday 10th for passage to Singapore and to carry out a schedule of exercises arranged by The Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet now flying his flag in H.M.S. LION (Captain I.L.M. McGEACH, D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N.). The details of exercises carried out are listed in Appendix "C". The passage to Singapore was highlighted by Typhoons Rose and Shirley bringing the total tropical storms experienced in one month to three. The exercise program of necessity was modified while ships made ground to the west of the Philippines where sea and weather conditions were less disturbed. On Monday 17th while exercising some 200 miles north west of Subic Bay a severe steam leak in the main steam line in B boiler room developed, necessitating a complete shut down of both boilers to effect repairs. A separate report in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER letter No.116/38 of 18th June, 1963 has been forwarded on this matter. The ship proceeded to Subic Bay at 1400H and secured at Rivera Point Wharf at 2130H the same day. Repairs to the steam line were carried out by ships staff and were completed early AM Wednesday 19th. While at Subic Bay I called on the COMNAVBASE Subic (Rear Admiral R.WHITTAKER, U.S.N.) Script dollars were obtained, and it was possible to grant base leave to the ships company who were invited to make use of the base facilities which included the clubs, canteens and PX stores. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER proceeded at 0730H Wednesday 19th. At 0830I it was necessary to come to single anchor and isolate A Engine Room in order to make good a blown superheated steam joint. This repair was completed in time to permit the ship to get underway at 1100H and rejoin H.M.S. LION and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE who were exercising off Subic Bay. The time alongside at Subic Bay cost the ship an AA firing practice on Tuesday 18th June, however an AA efficiency firing was carried out on Wednesday 19th. The tractor aircraft and sleeve targets were provided by the US Naval Air Station at Subic Point.

8. An underway replenishment with R.F.A. RESURGENT had to be abandoned during the afternoon of Thursday 29th. The transfer of inert A/S mortar projectiles dictated the use of the after position in the ship which was untenable due to the heavy sea conditions. It was possible however to secure fresh and dry provisions from the forward position on the forecastle deck.

9. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER arrived at H.M. Naval Dockyard, Singapore, at 0800 G.H., Monday 24th and after embarking ammunition from the R.N. Armament Depot jetty secured on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at No. 6 berth in the Naval Stores Basin. A much needed period of self maintenance was carried out till the end of the month. Sections of Higher Rates boards were carried out on Friday 28th and Saturday 29th.

10. At the invitation of Captain A.M. SYNNOT, R.A.N., Chief of Naval Staff, Royal Malayan Navy, I spent the weekend at Kuala Lumpur together with Captain G.J. WILLIS, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.

11. During the passage from Tokyo to Singapore I have given all watch-keeping officers the opportunity of carrying out a standard fast approach for replenishment. The majority have also carried out stationkeeping during replenishment. The Executive Officer conducted a complete replenishment programme involving a fuelling and two token provision replenishments on 11th June, 1963. Additionally he was placed in charge of the ship for the entering into Singapore on Monday 24th taking her alongside the R.N.A.D., leaving this berth and securing on H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. I consider this, although a trifle wearing on my nerves, to have been of value to the officers, and to have increased their confidence in ship handling as O.O.W.

Higher Rates Training.

12. Training has continued throughout the month and the following have been prepared for the quarterly advancement board.

6 Leading Rates.  
26 Able Seamen  
6 M(E)'s  
1 E.M.1.  
1 CK(S)  
6 E.R.A.'s and Mechanics.

The ship's programme and weather conditions have made training in boatwork and power of command difficult. Section 2 training has been carried out at the expense of ship husbandry.

Conduct, Health and Morale.

The general conduct of the Ship's Company has been very good during the month particularly in the Japanese ports where there were no incidents of an unpleasant nature. The general health has also been good and I consider the morale to be of a high order. Considerable interest is being shown by all concerned in the preparation for your forthcoming inspection, and frequent examples of ratings working in their own time have been noticed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



( D.H. STEVENS.)  
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX "A"

SHIPS MOVEMENTS.

Wednesday 5th.	1830I	Arrived Tokyo.
Monday 10th	0830I	Sailed Tokyo.
Monday 17th	2100H	Arrived Subic Bay.
Wednesday 19th	0730H	Sailed Subic Bay.
Monday 17th	0800GH	Arrived Singapore.

APPENDIX "B"

DISTANCE AND STEAMING FIGURES.

Distance steamed during June.	6004.9
Hours steamed during June.	414.5
Total distance steamed since first commissioning.	209455.2
Total hours steamed since first commissioning	14988.1

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

Date.	Duration. (hours)	Average Speed	Fuel Tons/Hour	Miles Ton	Reason
1st	10	21.4	3.6	5.9	Plane guard duties.
2nd	4	18.9	2.65	7.1	Flank marking.
3rd	1	20.2	3.1	6.6	To make R/V for UNREP.
4th	3	18.5	2.6	7.3	To take station.
5th	6	21.2	3.6	5.9	To make R/V at Tokyo.
11th	3	18.2	2.4	7.4	Manoeuvres and typhoon evasion.
12th	10	19.5	2.9	6.9	" " " "
13th	5	19.1	2.7	7.0	" " " "
14th	13	18.8	2.65	7.1	" " " "
15th	12	18.0	2.4	7.45	" " " "
16th	1	17.2	2.2	7.7	Screen exercise.
17th	10	20.5	3.1	6.6	Passage to Subic Bay for repairs.
22nd	12	17.8	2.45	7.5	Manoeuvres as ordered by F.O.2.F.E.F.
23rd	4	17.5	2.25	7.6	" " " "

APPENDIX "C".

EXERCISES AND DRILLS.

Saturday 1st.	Plane guard for H.M.S. HERMES. Flank marking duties. Tow aft. E.W.X. 33. Single side band communications exercise.
Sunday 2nd.	Plane guard for H.M.S. HERMES. Flank marking duties.
Monday 3rd.	Plane guard for H.M.S. HERMES. Flank marking duties. Single side band communications trials. UNREP.
Tuesday 4th.	UNREP.
Monday 10th.	Single side band communication check. E.W.X.33.
Tuesday 11th.	E.W.X. 23, 33(2). UNREP. Night manoeuvres.
Wednesday 12th.	SPX (B)/RIX. E.W.X.23. DTFX.
Thursday 13th.	EWX 33.
Friday 14th.	OCW manoeuvres. Enemy contact reporting exercise. EWX 41, 33. UNREP.
Saturday 15th.	RIX/SPX(B). Light A/S mortar firing. EWX 23. Whiskey screening. CASEX A4/5. NEX.
Sunday 16th.	CASEX A17. Night screenex.
Monday 17th.	UNREP. SHF/DF trials. Major ABCD exercise.
Wednesday 19th.	EWX 33. AA firing - sleeve target. Torpedo firing exercise.
Thursday 20th.	CASEX A17. CASEX A4/5. EWX 33. UNREP. Screenex.

APPENDIX "C" CONTINUED.

Friday 21st.	OOW manœuvres. General drills. MFDF exercise, Emergency and upper deck communication equipment check. ENX 41. SPX(B)/RIX.
Saturday 22nd.	NAVCOMEX 404. OOW manœuvres.
Sunday 23rd.	OOW manœuvres.



APPENDIX "D".

OFFICIAL CALLS AND FUNCTIONS.

- Wednesday 5th. Official reception in H.M.S. ALERT by The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet (Vice Admiral Sir Desmond DREYER, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.)
- Thursday 6th. Call on His Excellency the Australian Ambassador Sir Laurence and Lady McINTYRE followed by luncheon.  
Beer Party by His Excellency the Australian Ambassador for 80 ratings from H.M.A.S. VOYAGER and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE.  
Cocktail Party by Australian Services Attache (Captain A.N. DOLIARD, D.S.C., R.A.N.)
- Friday 7th. Luncheon in H.M.S. ALERT by The Flag Officer Commanding in Chief Far East Fleet.  
Childrens Party for 60 children.  
Queens Birthday Garden Party at the British Embassy by His Excellency the British Ambassador Sir Oscar Morland and Lady Morland.  
Buffet dinner party by Australian Services Attache.
- Saturday 8th. Cocktail Party by Chief of Maritime Staff (Admiral NAKAYAMA)
- Sunday 9th. His Excellency the Australian Ambassador and Lady McINTYRE lunched in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.
- Tuesday 13th. Call on COMNAVBASE SUBIC, Rear Admiral R. WHITTAKER U.S.N.
- Monday 20th. Guest at luncheon of The Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, (Rear Admiral J.P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.C. <sup>xx</sup>)
- Friday 28th. Comadore Superintendent, of Singapore (Comadore J.L. BLACKHAM R.N.) lunched onboard H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.

APPENDIX "E"

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

- Tuesday 25th. Acting Sub-Lieutenant D.B. CHALMERS, R.A.N. admitted to Base Military Hospital, Singapore.

APPENDIX "F".

SPORT.

At Tokyo.                   7 June Rugby V University of Physical Education  
                                  Lost 23 - 18.

At Singapore.               25 June Hockey V VAMPIRE   Lost 3 - 1  
                                  26 June Water Polo V VAMPIRE   Won 3 - 2  
                                  28 June Basketball V H.M.S. LION   Drawn 34 - 34  
                                  29 June Cricket V Dockyard X1   Lost VOYAGER 90 Dockyard 9-91.

APPENDIX "G".

REPORT OF UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS.

Reference:-   C.N.O. 316/63.

The following report is forwarded in accordance with the reference.

- (a) No live A/S firings have been carried out during the month of June.
- (b) The only live A/S firings carried out in 1963 ( and which have not yet been reported in accordance with the reference) were as follows.
- (i) 27th February, 1963.
  - (ii) 0135Z.
  - (iii) 6°31'N 93°57'E.

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DCD Consider Focus investigation of the ~~max~~ speed at para 11 is warranted. The SOS required for passage Singapore / Darwin in 5 days (120 hrs) is only 15.7 kts. This is precisely what these ships achieved if the movements at Appendix A are correct. The economical speed range for Darwin is  $12\frac{3}{4}$  to  $16\frac{1}{2}$  kts with a normal routing speed of 15 kts. 18/9

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Monday 1st - Wednesday 3rd.

3. During this time H.M.A.S. VOYAGER carried out a  
self maintenance period at H.M. Naval Dockyard, Singapore.  
A round for higher rates was also conducted, the results of  
which have been reported separately.

Thursday 4th - Thursday 11th.

4. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE  
(Captain G.J. Willis, R.A.N.) cast off and proceeded at 0800 G.H.  
Thursday 4th for exercises. Details of these exercises are  
shown in Appendix C. A rendezvous was made at 0610 GH Saturday  
6th with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL (Captain M.P. Pollock, M.V.O., D.S.C.)  
flying the flag of the Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers (Rear  
Admiral D.C.E.F. Gibson, D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. DIANA  
(Commander J. Startin, R.N.) at the northern entrance to the  
Straits of Malacca. H.M.S. ARK ROYAL carried out an operational  
readiness inspection directed by P.O.A.C. during the next 24  
hours. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER in concert with the other escorts acted  
as requisite to assist with the inspection.



H.M. Submarine ANCHORITE (Lieutenant Commander W.I. Morrison, R.N.) also took part. Actual exercises carried out by the ship are shown in Appendix C. On completion all ships proceeded to the north side of the island of Langkawi and anchored at 1030 GH Sunday 7th. H.M.S. HERMES (Captain W.D.O'Brien, D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. CAESAR (Captain B.D.O. Mac Intyre, D.S.C.\* R.N.) were already at anchor. During H.M.S. ARK ROYAL's inspection H.M.S. HERMES, H.M.S. CAESAR and H.M.S. ANCHORITE had acted as enemy forces.

5. Divisions and prayers were held that forenoon. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER weighed and proceeded at 1400 GH Sunday 7th for Anti - Submarine Mortar sea check firings. This exercise being part of the pre - refit trials. On completion the ship was anchored at 1905 GH in her previous berth.

6. At 0430 GH Monday 8th H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, together with H.M.S. CAESAR, H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and H.M.S. DIANA, weighed and proceeded for a two day series of exercises operating with the aircraft carriers H.M.S. ARK ROYAL and H.M.S. HERMES, and the submarine ANCHORITE. The details of these exercises are shown in Appendix C.

7. The return passage to Singapore was uneventful. After depositing surplus ammunition stores at the Royal Naval Armament Depot Jetty, Singapore, at 0930 GH Thursday 11th, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER secured alongside H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at No.2 berth Naval Stores Basin, Singapore at 1030 GH.

Friday 12th - Friday 19th.

8. This period covered the last week at Singapore during the ships current tour of duty with the Strategic Reserve. The accent of work was placed on self maintenance and ship husbandry in preparation for the ships annual inspection. An official farewell reception was held by H.M.A.S. VOYAGER and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE in the evening of Saturday 13th. A signal was subsequently received from Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, (Rear Admiral J.P.Scatchard, C.B., D.S.C.\*\*) which stated inter alia how smart both ships looked for the reception.

9. The Flag Officer, Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond Dreyer, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.) gave a farewell address to the Officers and ships companies of H.M.A.S. VOYAGER and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 1130 GH Thursday 18th. Vice Admiral Dreyer gave a brief resume of what the two ships had done in the last six months, what they had achieved, and stressed the reasons for being in the Far East. Later I had the pleasure of entertaining Vice Admiral and Lady Dreyer at luncheon onboard H.M.A.S. VOYAGER. Captain Willis was also present.

10. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was moved by tugs to No. 7 berth Naval Stores Basin at 1330 GH Friday 19th. This was done to facilitate the embarkation of the ships landrover.

Saturday 20th - Wednesday 31st.

11. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded in company with H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at 0830 G.H. Saturday 20th for Darwin. The ships were farewelled by the Flag Officer, Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet and Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet. On passage to Darwin an economical steaming trial was carried out. Exercises were kept to a minimum because of a necessary speed of advance of  $16\frac{1}{2}$  knots, and in order to concentrate efforts on ship husbandry prior to the ship's annual inspection.

(3)

Operational control was changed at 0900 I Monday 22nd from the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Far East Fleet to your command.

12. At 1530I on Monday 22nd H.M.A. ships VENDETTA (Captain J.P. STEVENSON, A.D.C. R.A.N.) and QUIBERON (Captain P.M. REES, R.A.N.) were met en route for Singapore. It was a rare occasion to see the three Daring Class Ships in company.

13. VOYAGER secured port side to VAMPIRE at Fort Hill wharf at Darwin at 0840EK Thursday 25th. The duration of stay at Darwin was kept to a minimum while both ships fuelled and customs clearance was obtained. Customs officials had anticipated a period of ten hours would be required for the clearance of both ships. It was found that, with adequate preparation by the ships in company, five hours was sufficient.

14. VOYAGER cast off, weighed the starboard anchor (which had been let go to assist in berthing and in unberthing) and proceeded in company with VAMPIRE at 1430IK for Fitzroy Island, just south of Cairns. Cape York was passed during the afternoon of Saturday, 27th and after an uneventful passage through the narrower sections of the Barrier Reef both ships anchored off Fitzroy Island at 0400K Monday, 29th. Ships in company were H.M.A. ships SYDNEY (Captain W.J. DOVERS, D.S.C., R.A.N.), flying your flag, and ANZAC (Commander D.A.H. CLARKE, M.V.O., D.S.C., R.A.N.)

15. The last three days of the month were concerned with the ships' annual inspection and efficiency tests.

16. VOYAGER proceeded in company with SYDNEY, VAMPIRE and ANZAC at 1545K Monday, 29th, anchoring off Bowen in Edgecombe Bay at 0802K Tuesday, 30th for six hours before continuing the passage to Sydney.

Health, Morale and Conduct of the Ship's Company.

The general health of the Ship's Company has been very good, as has been the conduct. The morale has been of a consistently very high order.

(Sgd) D. H. STEVENS

(D.H.STEVENS.)  
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APPENDIX "A"

SHIPS MOVEMENTS.

Thursday 4th	0745GH	Sailed Singapore
Sunday 7th	1030GH	Anchored Langkawi
	1400GH	Sailed Langkawi
	1905GH	Anchored Langkawi
Monday 8th	0430GH	Sailed Langkawi
Thursday 11th	0930GH	Secured R.N.A.D. jetty, Singapore
	1010GH	Cast off R.N.A.D. jetty
	1030GH	Secured No.2 Berth, Naval Stores Basin, H.M.Dockyard, Singapore.
Friday 19th	1330GH	Cold move from No.2 to No.7 berth Naval Stores Basin
Saturday 20th	0830GH	Sailed Singapore
Thursday 25th	0830IK	Arrived Darwin
	1430IK	Sailed Darwin
Monday 29th	0400K	Anchored off Fitzroy Island
	1545K	Sailed Fitzroy Island
Tuesday 30th	0802K	Anchored Edgecombe Bay
	1620K	Sailed Edgecombe Bay

APPENDIX "B"

DISTANCE AND STEAMING FIGURES

Distance steamed during July	6276.1
Hours steamed during July	409.0
Total distance steamed since first commissioning	215731.3
Total hours steamed since first commissioning	15397.1

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED.

Date	Duration (Hours)	Average Speed	Fuel Tons/Hour	Miles Ton	Reason
4th	3	18.7	2.95	6.4	Torpedo Firing Exercise and Manoeuvres
6th	17	22.9	4.8	4.7	Aircraft Carrier Screening
7th	7	21.7	4.2	5.15	" " "
8th	5	18.0	2.6	6.95	" " "
9th	7	18.7	2.95	6.4	" " "
20th	1	17.1	2.45	6.95	O.G.C.T.
21st	23	17.2	2.5	6.9	To make E.T.A. Darwin
22nd	17	17.2	2.5	6.9	" " " "
23rd	7	17.5	2.3	7.15	" " " "
24th	21	18.6	2.9	6.35	" " " "
25th	1	17.2	2.5	6.9	" " " "

APPENDIX "C"

EXERCISES AND DRILLS.

Monday 1st	Navcomex 401, 721 and 210
Tuesday 2nd	Navcomex 402, 722 and 210
Wednesday 3rd	Demolition Party - Half day exercise Navcomex 210, 401, Brodex
Thursday 4th	A.A. Tracking Exercise T.P.X. - Target for H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE Surface Efficiency Firing at H.S.T.
Saturday 6th	Carrier Screening Exercise MAXBUS A/S Exercises Radhar relay exercise
Sunday 7th	A/S Mortar sea check firings
Monday 8th	MAXBUS Unrep Casex A17, B3 and A5 A.A. sleeve firing Carrier screening
Tuesday 9th	Navcomex 401 Casex A17 O.O.W. manoeuvres Radhar relay exercises Emergency lighting exercise
Wednesday 10th	Navcomex 210 and 402
Thursday 11th	Navcomex 401
Friday 12th	Navcomex 610 E.W.X. 32
Monday 15th	Two day refresher course in Damage Control and Firefighting - 8 Eng. and 6 Elect. Ratings.
Thursday 18th	Two day refresher course in Damage Control and Firefighting - 5 Eng., 3 Seamen and 3 S&S Ratings
Saturday 20th	Sea O.G.C.T.
Monday 22nd	Metra Test
Tuesday 23rd	Economical steaming trial
Wednesday 24th	Minor A.B.C.D. exercise
Monday 29th	Unrep (F.F.O.) with SYDNEY
Tuesday 30th	Communications Efficiency Test
Wednesday 31st	Jackstay Transfer (personnel) A.B.C.D. Efficiency Test A.I.O. Efficiency Test

APPENDIX "D"

OFFICIAL CALLS AND FUNCTIONS.

- Sunday 7th                      Guest at dinner with Flag Officer Aircraft Carriers  
(Rear Admiral D.C.E.F. GIBSON, D.S.C. Royal Navy)
- Friday 12th                     Host at luncheon to:-  
    The Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE  
    The Captain H.M.S. PLYMOUTH  
    The Captain H.M.S. DIANA  
    The Captain H.M.S/M ANDREW  
    The Captain H.M.S/M ANCHORITE  
Attended Armara Ball at H.M.S. TERROR as guest of  
the Secretary to the Flag Officer Commanding in Chief  
Far East Fleet (Acting Captain C.A.W. WESTON, Royal  
Navy)
- Saturday 13th                 Joint host at a farewell reception in VOYAGER  
and VAMPIRE.
- Thursday 18th                Host at luncheon to the Flag Officer Commanding in  
Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral Sir Desmond DREYER, -  
K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C., and Lady DREYER.
- Friday 19th                  Farewell dinner on board H.M.S. LION as guest of the  
Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet,  
(Rear Admiral J.P. SCATCHARD, C.B., D.S.C.\*\*) )
- Thursday 24th                Luncheon on board H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE as guest of  
Captain G.J. WILLIS, R.A.N. Other guests:- Acting  
Captain E.P. KEATINGE, R.A.N. and Mrs. KEATINGE,  
Group Captain A.D. HENDERSON and Mrs. HENDERSON.

APPENDIX "E"

OFFICERS MOVEMENTS.

Wednesday 10th Surgeon Lieutenant Commander J.A. CAMERON, R.N. joined from H.M.S. DIANA for passage to Singapore.

Thursday 11th Surgeon Lieutenant Commander J.A. CAMERON, R.N. discharged to H.M.S. DUCHESS.

Tuesday 16th Midshipmen C.D.H. COLEMAN, R.N. joined from H.M.S. DUCHESS for passage to Sydney.

Wednesday 31st Lieutenant P.L. SINCLAIR, R.A.N. joined from SYDNEY (Gunnery Trials Team).

APPENDIX "F"

SPORT

At Singapore

Monday 1st	Soccer V HARTLAND POINT	Lost 3-2
	Water Polo V HARTLAND POINT	Won 2-0
Tuesday 2nd	Hockey V VAMPIRE	Lost 6-3
Wednesday 3rd	Cricket V GirG's XI	Won 53 -
		3-62dec'd
	Soccer V H.M. Submarines	Lost 6-3
Friday 12th	Hockey V Young Indians	Lost 6-3
	Wardroom V R.A.O.C. Cricket	Won 92 -
		4-93dec'd
Saturday 13th	Cricket V Naval Dockyard	Lost 125 -
		8-127dec'd
Monday 15th	Hockey V ARK ROYAL	Draw 2-2
Tuesday 16th	Rugby V PLYMOUTH	Won 20-18
Wednesday 17th	Cricket V R.A.O.C.	Lost 135-125
Friday 19th	Rugby V LION	Won 11-3

APPENDIX "G"

TRAINING.

Advancement Boards were held in Singapore on 1st and 2nd July, 1963. Results achieved by candidates from H.M.A. ships VAMPIRE and VOYAGER, which were reported in the Captain H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE's letter 82/34 dated 3 July, 1963, were excellent.

VOYAGER's results were as follows:-

Section 1.

55 Examinations	49 Passes
Passing Rate 89%	

Section 2.

a) Seamen	19 Passes
	6 Recommended for re-examination
	0 Failures
b) Engineering	7 Passes
	5 Failures
c) Electrical	1 Pass
	0 Failures

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break down was not attributable to negligence in resolution  
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The Secretary,  
Department of the Navy.

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Reference: A.F. 35/4 dated 3rd October, 1963.

Be pleased to inform the Naval Board that the report of the circumstances surrounding the loss of boiler power mentioned in paragraph 13 of H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's Report of Proceedings for the month of August 1963 satisfied me that the breakdown was not attributable to negligence or violation of any regulations.

*[Signature]*  
REAR ADMIRAL.

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*Noted FOLNF 116/39 dated 18/8  
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*b/ D.M.E*

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER  
at Williamstown.

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

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER -- REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS -- AUGUST, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following attached appendices.

- A. Ships Movements.
- B. Distance and Steaming Figures.
- C. Official Calls and Functions.
- D. Officers' Movements.
- E. Sport.
- F. Training.

Thursday 1st - Friday 2nd.

3. The annual efficiency competition assessments were completed during this time, and the ship continued towards Sydney in company with H.M.A.S. SYDNEY and H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE. An annual full power trial was carried out, observed by the Fleet Technical Officer. The trial was not entirely satisfactory, as the temperatures in the uptakes of 'A' boiler proved excessive the boiler did not achieve full power. This has been reported in my letter 115/5 of 18th August, 1963

Saturday 3rd - Friday 9th.

4. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER berthed at Garden Island at 0910K on Saturday 3rd. A large crowd of friends and families greeted the ship. Refreshment was provided in the cafeterias and weekend leave granted to Sydney natives as soon as the ship was secured.

5. The ship was moved 'cold' to No.5 Buoy on Monday 5th and returned, on completion of de-ammunitioning, alongside H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE at North End of Cruiser Wharf.

6. TCV COLAG was placed alongside and during this period 6 tanks and 2 boilers were cleaned. This was of considerable assistance to the Engineering Department in their pre-refit preparations and is considered to be a splendid effort.

7. The pre-refit conference was held at Naval Headquarters on Tuesday 6th. It was apparent that considerable planning had been undertaken towards the refit and with a wealth of experience gained from H.M.A.S. VENDETTA's refit

Boiler Tube Failures

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8. Further pre-refit trials were carried out during the week and necessary stores were embarked.

9. On Wednesday 7th His Excellency, Mr. K.M. KAISER, High Commissioner for Pakistan presented the Pakistan Shield for 1962 to H.M.A.S. VOYAGER. I accepted the trophy on behalf of the Ships Company at an appropriate ceremony held on the forecastle. The ceremony was attended by Captain W.J. DOVERS DSC, RAN. (Chief Staff Officer) representing you and was covered by members of the press.

Saturday 10th - Monday 12th.

10. At 0900K on Saturday 10th, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded. The Executive Officer took the ship on this occasion, thus completing this section of the annual task.

11. During the passage to Port Phillip identities were exchanged with 18 merchant vessels. The frequency of this exercise was extremely favourable compared with the opportunities presented while operating with the Far East Fleet, when invariably H.M.A.S. VOYAGER seemed to be "tail-end Charlie" and was therefore precluded from initiating the appropriate signal.

12. At 0510K when making passage of the South Channel a typical Port Phillip fog engulfed the ship and the opportunity was taken to exercise blind pilotage for the first time in 1963. This passage was completed without incident at 0605K and course set for Williamstown.

13. At 0755K on Monday 12th boiler power was lost and being in a perfectly safe situation, the ship was allowed to drift until both boilers were re-connected at 0925K. This incident is fully reported in my letter No. 116/39 dated 18th August, 1963. The ship berthed alongside at Williamstown Dockyard at 1009K. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH in her paid off state was placed alongside after the ship was secured in order that preparations for her use as an accommodation ship could be completed.

14. Families and friends of Victorian natives met the ship and short leave was granted to these members of the Ships Company.

15. Dockyard work began immediately and a general impression of quiet efficiency was created in the first five hours. This promises well for the refit.

Tuesday 13th - Saturday 31st August.

16. The transfer of personal belongings to H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH or to a lay apart store was carried out on 13th and 14th. The manner in which the crew turned cheerfully to clean and brighten their temporary quarters provoked comments of praise from the Dockyard, and was most gratifying to see. A report on the accommodation ship experience will be submitted separately. Morale is high, and it appears that progress is much faster at this stage than in previous refits of my experience or that of my officers.

17. A presentation of a Record Player and toys was made by the Welfare Committee to the children at "Harelands", a Legacy Home, during the evening of Tuesday 13th. Television coverage was provided by HSV Channel 7. The overwhelming joy and gratitude of the children was very moving, and had a profound effect on the Welfare Committee. I was invited to join the Welfare Committee and 3 Legacies at the evening meal with the children and this was a very pleasant experience. There is no doubt that 'LEGACY' is doing a wonderful job for these children, and it is encouraging that the Welfare Committee, on their own initiative, chose to support this particular cause on the ships arrival in Melbourne.

18. I called on the Chief Justice of Victoria, Lieutenant General the Honourable Sir Edmund Herring, KCMG, KBE, DSO, MC, DSC, at 0945K on Thursday 15th and then on His Excellency The Governor of Victoria Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe KBE, CB, DSO, at 1030. His Excellency showed considerable interest in the recent activities of the ship, and expressed his wish to return my call onboard in January 1964. This will be arranged.

19. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was moved into dock by tugs and a civilian Pilot at 0930K on Monday 19th. The dock was closed and pumped dry after entry, and it was interesting to note the clean nature of the hull which had virtually no marine growth adhering.

20. Advancement boards were conducted onboard on Tuesday 13th and results have been notified separately. It will not be possible to conduct further advancement training during this quarter or the final quarter, but results to this time have been satisfactory. Ratings requiring ET1 to qualify for advancement are being prepared for this examination.

21. The remainder of the month was spent in dock in continuance of the refit. The morale of the Ships Company does not appear to have been impaired by the advent of the refit, and I am convinced that the use of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH as an accommodation ship has contributed to this.

22. The health of the Ships Company is good and the early spate of leave-breaking that occurred on return to Australia seems to have died away.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.



*P. T. Cabban*  
( P.T. CABBAN.)  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
for Captain, (AOL).

APPENDIX "B".

Distance and Steaming Figures.

Distance steamed during August.	1360.9
Hours steamed during August.	106
Total distance steamed since first commissioning.	217092.2
Total hours steamed since first commissioning	15503.1

Nil occasions of exceeding economical speed.



APPENDIX B.A.7.

Ships Movements.

1 - 3 August. On passage to Sydney.  
3 - 10 August. At Sydney.  
10 - 12 August. On passage to Williamstown.  
12 - 31 August. At Williamstown undergoing main refit.

APPENDIX B.A.7.

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3 - 10 August. At Sydney.  
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APPENDIX "C"

Official Functions and Calls.

- Wednesday 7th August. His Excellency K.M. KAISER, High Commissioner to Pakistan presented the Pakistan Shield to the Ships Company and lunched onboard. The luncheon was attended by the Chief Staff Officer to the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet. (Captain W.J. DOVERS, D.S.O., R.A.N.)
- Thursday 15th August. Called on the Chief Justice - Lieutenant Governor of Victoria (Lieutenant General the Honourable Sir Edmund Herring, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., D.S.O.) and afterwards on the Governor of Victoria (Major General Sir Rohan Dalacombe K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.)

APPENDIX "D".

Movements of Officers.

On 3rd August Lieutenant J.K. Conder R.N. joined from U.K. for exchange service.

Midshipman C.D.H. Coleman R.N. was discharged to H.M.S./M. TRUMP AE 5th August.

Lieutenant Commander D.J. Martin was discharged to H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL on 13th August.

Electrical Sub-Lieutenant L.W.F. Somerville was discharged to H.M.A.S. HARMAN on the 13th August.

Lieutenant J.R. Face joined from leave on 19th August.

Lieutenant C.B. Tuke R.N. joined from U.K. on 20th August.

Commander W.H. Money was discharged to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN for passage to the U.K. on 12th August.

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APPENDIX "E".

21st August - Golf v H.M.A.S. LONSDALE - lost 3 - 2.

31st August - Golf v Williamstown Dockyard - lost 3 - 2.

26th - 29th - Victorian Interservice Representatives.  
Rugby - 2.  
Hockey 2.  
Australian Rules - 2.  
Soccer - 1.

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APPENDIX "F".

Training.

Advancement boards were held in Williamstown on Tuesday 13th August, as reported in my letter 57/10 undated.

Results were as follows:-

Section 1. 4 Examinations - 3 passes.

Section 2. (Seamen) 9 re examinations - 9 passes.

Section 2. (Electrical) 2 examinations - 1 pass.

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DNR 22/11

DNES 25/11

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Sir,

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

2. The detailed activities of the month are listed in the following appendices:-
- A. Officers Movements.
  - B. Sport.
  - C. Training.

The ship was in dry dock at H.M.A. Dockyard Williamstown throughout the month undergoing refit.

4. On Thursday 19th a group of photographic models from Messrs Peter Fox's studios accompanied Legacy officials onboard for a televised sale of badges to the ship's company. Press cover was also provided, and the President of Legacy expressed extreme gratitude for the much needed publicity, and generous contribution (£45) of the reduced ship's company of less than 200 men.

5. The ship's company held an End of Commission dance at H.M.A.S. LONGDALE on Friday 27th September and with the majority back from leave it was well attended, and provided a pleasant evening.

6. The enthusiasm shown by ratings who are leaving on draft as well as those who remain for the next commission is encouraging, and excellent progress has been made in stripping excess paint and other planned maintenance.

7. Conditions onboard H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH are quite good and are certainly preferred to living in a ship under refit conditions.

8. Five television sets have been hired by the Welfare Committee for the duration of the refit whereas normally two would suffice.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

*A. L. L. L.*

( P.O. CORGAN )  
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER R.A.N.  
for Captain A.C.L.



APPENDIX "A"

Officers Movements.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant R.A. HOWLAND, R.A.N. was discharged to H.M.A.S. TEAL on 16th September, 1963

Surgeon Lieutenant M.C. TILLER, R.A.N. was discharged to H.M.A.S. PENGUIN on 19th September, 1963.

APPENDIX "B"

Sunday 1st. Golf V Williamstown Naval Dockyard, lost 2 - 3.

Tuesday 17th. Basketball V Williamstown Naval Dockyard, lost 17 - 18.

Sunday 22nd. Golf V Williamstown Naval Dockyard, lost 2 - 3.

APPENDIX "C"

Training.

Training has been suspended whilst the Ship's Company has been on leave.

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.  
at Williamstown.

11 NOV 1963

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

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1963.

Sir,

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


The following appendices are attached:-

- A. Officers Movements.
- B. Sport.
- C. Distance and steaming figures.
- D. Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

The ship was in dry dock at H.M.A. Dockyard, Williamstown, from the start of the month until Friday 25th when H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was moved to Inner Dockyard Pier. H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH was then secured alongside.

2. H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH has been used to provide additional sleeping accommodation for an overflow of personnel from H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH. Fifty ratings are now able to sleep in No. 7 Mess in H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, and the remainder are accommodated in H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH.
3. The refit and planned maintenance is progressing satisfactorily. Training onboard is confined to the Communications Branch at present. Facilities at H.M.A.S. LONSDALE are proving very useful for the training of junior radio operators.
4. The health, morale and conduct of the ship's company continues to be of a high order.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant.

  
( D.H. STEVENS )  
CAPTAIN.



APPENDIX A.

Nil.

APPENDIX B.

15 October.	Basket Ball	V	Williamstown Naval Dockyard.
24 October.	"	Won 20 - 18	"
29 October.	"	Drawn 24 - 24	"
		Won 36 - 18	"

APPENDIX C.

Nil

APPENDIX D.

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APPENDIX G.

Nil



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(H.M.A.S. VOYAGER's letter 180/10 dated 2nd December 1963)

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The Secretary,  
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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER,  
at Williamstown.

2nd December, 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
H.M. Australian Fleet (Staff)

(Copy to:- The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet (Flag))

H.M.A.S. VOYAGER - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER, 1963

Sir,

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

The following appendices are attached:-

- A. Officers Movements
- B. Sport
- C. Distance and Steaming figures <sup>1</sup>
- D. Occasion of exceeding economical speed.

The Ship was alongside Inner Dockyard Pier, inboard of H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH until Tuesday 19th when moved by tugs to the graving dock. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER was returned to the alongside berth on Wednesday 20th with H.M.A.S. QUICKMATCH, a tilt test having been completed in dock.

2. The refit is progressing satisfactorily, and the general appearance of the Ship is noticeably improved both internally and externally since Ship's Staff undertook all cleaning duties. Two thirds of the Ship's Side area has been stripped of paint. The opportunity of the refit has been taken to carry out this planned maintenance routine which due to the lack of time and the necessary facilities, is often neglected when a Ship is operational.
3. Advancement Boards were convened on Thursday 28th for ratings of H.M.A. Ships VOYAGER and YARRA, and also ratings standing by H.M.A.S. DERWENT. Results are being reported separately.
4. A mourning party of 40 officers and ratings attended the funeral of the late P.O.E.L. L.W. ROBINSON at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS on Thursday 14th.
5. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company are remarkably good when the length of the refit and the conditions under which they work are considered.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant



*D.H. Stevens*

(D.H. STEVENS)  
CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A'

6th November, 1963 Lt.(SD)(G)(g) E.A. BROOKS, R.N., joined from  
H.M.A.S. CERBERUS.

18th November, 1963 A/S/Lt. M.B. FORREST, R.A.N., was discharged to  
H.M.A.S. CERBERUS for course prior to taking up his  
appointment to H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.

APPENDIX 'B'

No organised sport was played. Volley Ball was played by separate  
teams during the lunch hour on most week days.

APPENDIX 'C'

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APPENDIX 'D'

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER,  
at Williamstown.

1st January, 1964

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. The following appendices are attached:-

- (a) Officers movements
- (b) Distance and Steaming figures
- (c) Occasions of exceeding economical speed.

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3. The refit has progressed satisfactorily during the month.

4. Pre Commissioning Training was completed by Thursday 19th. The Ship's Company proceeded on Christmas leave on Friday 20th.

5. The health, morale and conduct of the Ship's Company is of a very high order.



I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant

*D.H. Stevens*

(D.H. STEVENS)  
CAPTAIN

APPENDIX 'A'

Officers Movements

NIL

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APPENDIX 'C'

Occasions of exceeding economical speed

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HNB Propose para 6 be brought to the attention of Mrs Stevens Council and Navy Council as it shows that Capt Stevens was well aware of the danger of collision.

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DCNS Para 4 is surprising. As regards para 6 I feel this is such an obvious case that it would be of no value. HoN's minute above refers. 3/3

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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER,  
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H.M.A.S. VOYAGER REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1964

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of January, 1964. The following appendices are attached:-

- A. Officers Movements
- B. Distances and Steaming Figures
- C. Exercises and Drills
- D. Official Calls and Functions
- E. Sport
- F. Training.

2. From the 1st to 6th January, H.M.A.S. VOYAGER remained alongside at Williamstown, completing outstanding defects and preparing for the commencement of the Post Refit Trials.

3. On 7th, 8th, 16th, 20th and 21st, the Ship sailed for local exercise areas to fulfil the comprehensive Post Refit Trials Programme. I was most impressed at the obvious aim to please which was displayed by all concerned in the trials. Of particular note was the Department of Civil Aviation and the aircrews of the R.A.N. Vampires which operated from Laverton.

4. On 10th, as reported in Appendix D, His Excellency the Governor of Victoria returned my call. His Excellency took a very keen interest in the Ship's activities and programme. After walking around the Ship, he met officers in the Wardroom. I have reason to believe that this function is unprecedented in the history of the R.A.N. I still await the photographic results of the press coverage.

5. Melbourne natives' families were taken to sea on 16th. The venture was most successful, although a certain number of cases of sea sickness resulted. Press representatives from the Melbourne Herald were embarked in accordance with Navy Office letter 165/2/112 of 30th December, 1963, for the purpose of covering the new Ratings' Training Scheme.

6. On 21st, representatives of the Melbourne Press were embarked to photograph H.M.A.S. DERWENT undergoing high speed endurance trials. This commitment was met concurrently with an A.A. Tracking Serial and the pressmen seemed more than satisfied with the facilities which were afforded them - despite the fact that I declined to accede to one of their requests that H.M.A.S. DERWENT be instructed to pass 20 yards ahead of me. My speed being 18 knots and H.M.A.S. DERWENT's over 28 knots.

7. Good liaison was maintained with the Melbourne Police Unit, Australian Sea Cadet Corps, T.S. VOYAGER. Cadets were taken to sea on three occasions and I received a most sincere letter of thanks from the Commanding Officer, Sub. Lieutenant A.F. WILLCOCKS. He wrote "..... I cannot over emphasise the benefit such an exercise is to cadets in giving them a first hand insight into the routine and workings of a modern warship at sea".

8. Sixteen tons of obsolete ammunition and a cumbersome dumping chute were embarked on 22nd. Elaborate measures in securing the ammunition for sea were observed as the weather forecasts were not optimistic.

9. At 1000 on 23rd H.M.A.S. VOYAGER cast off and proceeded for Sydney. Contrary to expectations, weather conditions were delightful. On clearing Wilson's Promontory, I diverged from the usual coastal route slightly, to be 50 miles off shore during the middle watch when I intended to pump bilges for about seven hours. This requirement dovetailed neatly with my ammunition dumping commitment and both tasks were completed by 0700 on 24th.

10. A full power trial was carried out between 1130 and 1530 on 24th and a speed over the ground of 32.2 knots was achieved. This was particularly satisfying, as I consider I was far enough off shore to be out of the influence of any northerly counter-current which may have existed.

11. H.M.A.S. VOYAGER fuelled in Chowder Bay at 0700 Saturday 25th and secured to No.4 buoy on completion.

12. The remainder of the month has been spent in Sydney, continuing routine maintenance. Mortar calibrations were carried out at Rose Bay Dolphins with the minimum of delay and inconvenience. Calibrations were completed in 6 hours, although 3 days had been allowed for this procedure.

13. The health, morale and discipline of the Ship's Company has been of a pleasing high order. It was gratifying to note how well everyone settled in and found their "sea legs" on passage to Sydney. The 73 Ordinary Seamen are already proving to be responsible members of the H.M.A.S. VOYAGER community.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(D.H. STEVENS)  
CAPTAIN

Appendix 'A'  
OFFICERS MOVEMENTS

JOINED - 2nd January - Lt.Cdr.(G/) I.A.G. MacGREGOR, R.A.N. from  
F.O.C.A.F. Staff.

2nd January - Lt.(N) H.D. COOK, R.A.N., from H.M.A.S. PENGUIN  
(Medical).

3rd January - Acting Sub. Lt. (d) J.S. DAVIES, R.A.N. from  
H.M.A.S. WATSON.

4th January - Lt.(Eng.M) J.K. PERRETT, R.A.N. from H.M.A.S.  
NIRUMBA.

6th January - Lt.(Eng.M)(WR) C.J. NISBETT, R.A.N., from  
H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.

12th January - Midshipmen (X) B.C.L. LINDSAY, R.A.N.  
K.F. MARIEN, R.A.N.  
R.W. MAUNDER, R.A.N.  
F.J. MORGAN, R.A.N.  
K.J. PERRY, R.A.N.  
joined from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY.

DISCHARGED:

6th January - Lt.Cdr (X) P.T. CABBAN, R.A.N. resignation accepted

7th January - Lt.CDR (N) S.B. GRIFFITH, R.A.N. to Advanced 'N'  
Course, H.M.A.S. DRYAD.

12th January - Lt.(Eng.M)(WR) I.F. HOLMES, R.A.N. to H.M.A.S.  
KUTTABUL for H.M.A. Naval Dockyard, Garden Island.

14th January - Lt. (Eng.M) J.E. FERRIER, R.A.N. to H.M.A. Naval  
Dockyard Williamstown.

Appendix B  
DISTANCE AND STEAMING FIGURES

Distance Steamed during January	1208.2
Hours Steamed during January	89
Total distance steamed since first Commissioning	218,300.4
Total hours steamed since first Commissioning	15,592.1

OCCASIONS OF EXCEEDING ECONOMICAL SPEED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Duration (hours)</u>	<u>Average Speed</u>	<u>Fuel (Tons/hours)</u>	<u>Miles/Ton</u>	<u>Reason</u>
16th	2	17.6	Not taken	Not taken	To adhere to Trials programme
20th	1	22.0	Not taken	Not taken	To check feed regulator, A boiler
21st	1	19.4	Not taken	Not taken	To minimise overtime of Dockyard Trials Team
24th	5	26.6	15.91*	2.02	Full power trials

\* 15.91 Tons/Hour for 2 hours at 32.2 knots. Other readings were not taken.

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Appendix C

EXERCISES AND DRILLS

2 Petty officers and 7 Junior rates to demolition range -- 1 day  
 1 Petty officer and 7 Junior rates to A.S.U.A.T. - 2 days  
 2 Harbour Plotting Exercises (H.M.A.S. WATSON O.C.E.).

Appendix D

OFFICIAL CALLS AND FUNCTIONS

10th January - His Excellency The Governor of Victoria (Major General Sir Rohan Delacombe, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O.) returned my call of 15th August, 1963.

31st January - I called on the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral O.E. Becher, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C\*, at 0930. The call was returned at 1115.

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Appendix E

SPORT

Volley Ball - H.M.A.S. VOYAGER played H.M.A.S. ANZAC on three occasions

Results:- 15 - 3, 13 - 15, 15 - 6

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Appendix F

TRAINING

The Training Programme, suspended during the refit, is due to be recommenced on 3rd February.



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