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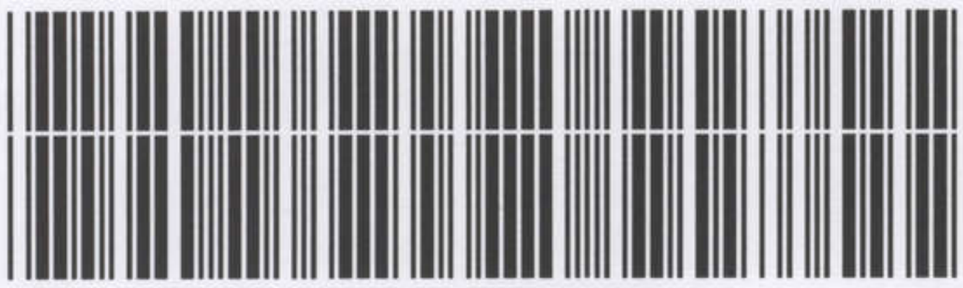

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H.M.A.S. YARRA Report of Proceedings

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H.M.A.S. YARRA, 5. 3. 1

At WILLIAMSTOWN.

3rd March, 1962. 1285 3 631

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The Flag Officer Commanding,

H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of February, 1962.

2. The ship has remained in Williamstown Dockyard throughout the month. The refit has progressed extremely well and no difficulty is envisaged in meeting the completion date of March, 6th.

3. The ship remained in the Alfred Graving Dock until 0830 on Friday 9th, when she was moved by tugs to alongside the Dock Pier. This move was greatly welcomed as only those who have refitted at Williamstown can appreciate the attendant discomforts and primitive conditions which prevail. Even at the Dock Pier with Melbourne temperatures in the 90s and dockyard maintenance on ventilation fan motors being undertaken habitability standards were extremely low despite efforts to blow out compartments with portable air blowers.

4. The majority of libertymen have returned from long leave and only a comparatively small number of retard libertymen still remain on leave.

5. Since commencing the refit approximately 25% of the Ship's Company have been replaced. Two Officers have received appointments one without relief. Such a large change at this stage of the Ship's life is a pity but with the team spirit and pride in the ship which has developed since commissioning no difficulty in reaching an efficient state is expected.

6. On 22nd February, Punishment Warrant No.1 was read onboard in respect of a recovered deserter. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been most gratifying and it is pleasing to realize that this is the first warrant offence in the ship since commissioning 7 months ago.

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The Secretary,
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7. No organized sport has been played due to the remoteness of Williamstown and the lack of sporting facilities in the area. Volley ball has however been played regularly in the dinner hour and has proved to be a popular recreation.

8. The health of the Ship's Company has been very good. There have been only two hospital admissions, one unfortunately being a case of skin cancer. There has been only one case of V.D. during the month.

9. During this period in the Dockyard the opportunity has been taken to strip back approximately 50% of the hull and superstructure to bare metal, properly prepare the surface, and smooth the numerous rough welds. When finally completed it is felt that this will reduce ship husbandry to a great extent and result in a big saving of paint and labour in the future.

10. One of the most interesting aspects of this refit is that I have never before seen Dockyard workers make a genuine effort to keep a ship as clean as possible. This I believe is due to a continuance of the good relations which were built up with the Dockyard during construction and also to a shared pride in the Ship.

11. The month has been generally uneventful, and all onboard look forward to getting under way and becoming operational again.

I have the honourto be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

Enclosure:

Appendix 'A' - Steaming Report.

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING REPORT.

Distance Steamed during the month	Nil.
Hours underway during the month	Nil.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	17,861·8 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	1084 27/60
Economical speed exceeded during month	Nil.

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January, 1962

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5-3-1 dated 9th February, 1962)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with R.I. Appendix 29A.

REAR ADMIRAL

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
AT WILLIAMSTOWN.

9 FEB 1962

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my Command during the month of January, 1962.

2. During the whole of the month of January YARRA has been undergoing refit in Williamstown Dockyard and the majority of the Ship's Company has been on leave.

3. The refit has progressed satisfactorily and strenuous efforts to keep the ship clean have proved successful.

4. At 1100 on Thursday the 4th the ship entered the Alfred Graving Dock and as was expected, habitability deteriorated.

5. Morale however remains high and conduct good and the health of the Ship's Company has been excellent. Only four minor punishments were awarded for the month.

6 I am most impressed with the speed and efficiency that dockyard work has been taken in hand, many items have been completed and there is no doubt that completion date will be met.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
AUSTRALIAN FLEET
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Lieutenant Commander, R.A.N.
for CAPTAIN. (AOL).

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Appendix A - Steaming Report.

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MARCH, 62

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At SEA.

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25th May, 1962.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

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

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1962.

Reference: A.F.35/12 dated 11th May, 1962.

Submitted in accordance with the reference, my reasons for proceeding above economical speed from Westernport to Montague Island.

2. In the planned programme E.T.D. Melbourne was 1800 Monday 26th March allowing a passage time of 60 hours or requiring a speed of 8•5 knots.

3. In the event an additional day was required for Gunnery Trials in the Bass Strait area and the ship took departure at 1748 on Tuesday 27th March, giving a passage time of 36 hours and requiring an overall speed of only slightly over 14 knots.

4. Confirmation of the Sea Overall Gunnery Control trial results with Aircraft from N.A.S. NOWRA was however considered essential and this necessitated making a rendezvous between Montague Island and Jervis Bay before dark on Wednesday 28th.

5. As the ship was required to enter Sydney Heads at 0600 on Thursday 29th for D.G. Ranging prior to ammunitioning ship and fuelling, with a complete days storing organized for Friday 30th it was not considered feasible to defer the programme and enable the Aircraft trials to be carried out on the following day.

6. In view of the necessity to prove the gunnery system in H.M.A. Ship under my command, and the limited time available in the Sydney area for work up it is for consideration that this occasion of exceeding economical speed for the purpose stated was justified.

(SGD) J. L. W. MERSON

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

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It is confirmed that to make passage from Westernport to between Montague Is + SB as at para 4 would require a speed of approx 20 kts. He does not state how long the A/C trials took or exactly where they took place so I cannot assess the further passage to Sydney. Hwf 15/6

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H. M. Australian Fleet,
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11 MAY 1962

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH 1962

Reference : H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 13th April 1962.

Be pleased to inform the Naval Board that I am not satisfied that it was necessary for H.M.A.S. YARRA to make the passage Westernport to Sydney at 20 knots for the reasons stated in paragraph 11 of the reference. The Captain, H.M.A.S. YARRA has been asked for his reasons why the passage could not have been made at 14 knots and the Sea D.G.C.T. confirmation trial with aircraft carried out 24 hours later.

REAR ADMIRAL

Unable to remark as to whether the trials with A/C could have been carried out 24 hours later or not but it is of interest to note that even at 14 kts ETA Sydney would have been 0600K/24th which was a fast time Yarra entered Sydney. Proceeding at 20 kts she must have spent 11 hours on trials, that is 11 hours when no advance was made along the track. The inference from para 11 is that only 2 hours were spent on trials. What happened to the other 9 hours? It does not appear as if FOCAF has "triggered" this aspect.

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At SEA.
13th April, 1962.

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The Flag Officer Commanding,
R.N. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MARCH, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of March, 1962.

2. Until Tuesday the 6th of March the ship remained in refit and from Wednesday the 7th to Monday the 19th, post refit trials were progressed alongside at Williamstown.

3. During this latter period pre work up training was carried out at H.M.A.S. WATSON and H.M.A.S. CERBERUS. All R.P's attended the N.D. School for 5 days and 2 Officers and 24 of the Gunnery team attended at Flinders Naval Depot. Together with 3 Officers I attended 3 days exercises at the A.S.T.T.

4. At 0830 on Tuesday March 20th, YARRA slipped and proceeded to an anchorage in 10 fathoms of water 8 miles south of Gellibrand light in Port Phillip Bay. Asdic type 176 trials were progressed throughout the day. YARRA returned alongside the Dock Pier at Williamstown at 1610.

5. On Wednesday the 21st YARRA again slipped at 0830 and proceeded to the same anchorage for similar trials. Whilst underway uniformer was streamed for the first time since its fitting during the refit. The ship weighed at 1610 and secured starboard side to the Dock Pier at 1655.

6. Night diving was exercised on both Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st.

7. On Thursday the 22nd YARRA slipped at 0730 and proceeded to Bass Strait to progress Asdic type 176 and gunnery trials. The day was spent chasing random merchant ship targets and gun functioning trials were successfully carried out between 1406 and 1420. The ship entered Port Phillip at 1535 and secured starboard side to the Dock Pier at 1752.

8. The remainder of the week was spent alongside. This marked the end of a period in a Dockyard made notable as was remarked last month by the marked co-operation of the dockyard in keeping the ship clean.

9. At 1000 on Monday the 26th YARRA slipped and proceeded in accordance with her work up programme. Port Phillip Heads were cleared at 1245 and Sea Overall Gunnery Trials were completed by 1540.

10. At 1630 YARRA took over tow of a high speed target for trials on behalf of Flinders Naval Depot. The target towed comfortably at 18 knots when the nylon towline parted. Much higher speed would undoubtedley

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have been possible with a towing wire.

10. Trials personnel were transferred to a S.A.R. and course was set for Westernport Bay as a further days aircraft trials were considered necessary. The ship anchored in Westernport at 1830 in proximity to H.M.A.S. SWAN, off Stoney Point Jetty.

11. At 0842 on Tuesday the 27th YARRA weighed and proceeded to complete Sea Overall Gunnery Control Trials. The trials were successfully completed by 1715 and at 1728 trials personnel were landed by motor whaler at Flinders Jetty, West Head. At 1748 course was set for Sydney at 20 knots. This speed was necessary in view of the extra days aircraft trials required in Bass Strait and to confirm Sea Overall Gunnery Control Trials results with Aircraft from N.A.S. NOWRA off Montague Island. These trials were successfully completed between 1400 and 1600 on Wednesday March the ~~29th~~ 28th.

12. Various other internal drills were exercised on passage until 0600 on Thursday the 29th when the ship entered Port Jackson to commence D.G. check ranging. Ranging was completed by 0705 and at 0718 YARRA secured to No.3 buoy. Ammunitioning ship was completed by 1230 and at 1415 YARRA slipped and was moved by tug to berth port side to at South East cruiser wharf, Garden Island.

13. Friday the 30th March was spent storing ship and YARRA remained alongside on Saturday the 31st.

14. The health of the ships company has been excellent.

15. The conduct and behaviour of the ships company remains most pleasing. Old hands and new alike have commenced setting the ship to work with a will. Everyone has welcomed getting to sea again and look forward to a fruitful workup during the next month.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
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Appendix A - Steaming Report.

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

APPENDIX "A".

STEAMING REPORT.

Distance Steamed during the month	989·3
Hours underway during the month	69 54/60
Total Distance steamed since commissioning	18,851·1
Total hours underway since commissioning	115 21/60

ECONOMICAL SPPED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

Occasion.	No. Hours Exceeded.	Average speed	Fuel Expended	Dist. run per ton	Reason.
21 March	1	20·2	2·8 tons	7.2 tons ?	Testing vibration
22 "	5	20.1	15.3 "	7.2 tons ?	Trials requirements
26 "	3	19.2	7.5 "	7.7 tons ?	Trials requirements
27 "	6	20.0	16.6 "	7.2 tons ?	Trials requirements
28 "	15	19.2	37.4 "	7.7 tons ?	Passage to Sydney to effect trials rendezvous.

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The attention of the Captain has been drawn to "Slipping" but it is very doubtful if he received the letter before writing this report.

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At SEA.

4th May, 1962.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - APRIL, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of April, 1962.

2. As a result of the decision that YARRA should not participate in the S.E.A.T.O. exercise SEADEVIL the ship remained in the SYDNEY area from the beginning of the month until departure North on the 20th.

3. Maximum advantage was taken of this period to carry out a programme to best utilize the work up facilities in the area. Due, however, to the conflicting requirments of the other two Fleet units in the area - PARRAMATTA and QUIBERON - this work up was primarly an independent one except when the requirments could be dovetailed. Much benefit was however obtained and details of the serials carried out are shown at Appendix E.

4. YARRA proceeded to sea at 0810 on Monday the 2nd, and on this day and the succeeding one, endeavoured to obtain maximum value from the availability of H.M.S/M. TAPIR before her allocation for T.A.S. training. During those two days trials of Asdics 176 and 185 were carried out in addition to normal CASEX 6/7. Action stations and general drills were frequently exercised and preliminary Radar 903 range trials were also carried out on TAPIR's snort with good results.

5. The ship returned to harbour and secured to head and stern buoys in Farm Cove at 1730 on Tuesday 3rd, in preparation for Deperming. Night diving was carried out for 3 hours by the ship's divers.

6. Between the 4th and 6th the ship was successfully deperned and this period was used to advantage to store ship, carry out maintenance and send T.A.S. and R.P. ratings to H.M.A.S. WATSON for instruction. The ship remained in Farm Cove over the weekend and ceremonial lighting was switched on between sunset and 2359 on Saturday the 7th. This was primarily to check the illumination circuits after refit, but also served to provide a contrast for Government House, after 3 days of the the ship being surrounded by a miscellaneous collection of deperming lighters, boats, pontoons, spars and cables.

7. YARRA slipped at 0815 on Monday 9th and proceeded alongside Cruiser wharf where M/V Doppler gear was embarked by crane; a MoresbyDuncan was also taken aboard for future trials. The ship then slipped and proceeded to carry out D.G. runs over the range. On completion the ship secured to No.3 buoy and a compass swing was carried out in the afternoon.

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8. The ship proceeded to sea the following morning at 0745 and carried out concentrated exercises during the remainder of the week. These included M/V firings, AN/SLR 2 trials with R.A.A.F. Neptune Aircraft, a crash shut down as a result of passing through fall out area, pre wetting, surface calibration B.P.T. Sheet, live mortar firings in addition to 177 evaluations and normal CASEX's with TAPIR and QUIBERON.

9. Passage to Jervis Bay was made during the night of the 11th and exercise SEABLAST was carried out off Beecroft Head during the forenoon of the 12th in conjunction with the Bombardment Range, Aircraft from NAS.NOWRA, QUIBERON and TAPIR. This exercise was designed to simulate bombardment under conditions of air and submarine attack and proved most worthwhile. On completion of SEABLAST, A/S and other exercises were continued on the return passage to the Sydney area and at 2255 on the 12th QUIBERON and TAPIR were detached and YARRA set course for Sydney Harbour for D.G. range runs.

10. These were commenced at 0630 on the 13th and on completion YARRA again proceeded to sea. A/A. and B.P.T. firings were successfully carried out and Radar 903 range trials on behalf of R.A.N.E.L. were also completed using the Moresby Beacon, previously embarked.

11. The ship returned to harbour at 1745 berthing alongside PARRAMATTA at Cruiser Wharf, where she remained for the weekend.

12. Exercises were continued at sea throughout Monday 16th, and included Unifoxer trials, CASEX 43's with H.M.A.S. QUIBERON and a R.A.A.F. Neptune and E.W. trials. The ship returned to harbour and secured to No.2 buoy at 1730.

13. On Wednesday 17th YARRA slipped and proceeded at 0815 for A/A. and Surface Gunnery Efficiency firings observed by the Base Gunnery Officer. These being successfully completed the ship returned to harbour and anchored in Athol Bight until 1630 when a berth alongside Cruiser wharf was available.

14. The final two days were spent in harbour carrying out maintenance, completing final storing, ammunitioning and fuelling.

15. Great relief was felt when it was known that the ship would not be delayed sailing and as T.G.327.2, H.M.A. Ships YARRA and PARRAMATTA slipped at 1100 on Friday the 20th, and proceeded out of Sydney Harbour for the journey North.

15. Fine weather blessed out departure date and a large crowd assembled on the wharf to farewell both ships - The sailing appeared to be well covered by press and television.

16. On clearing the heads, course was set to the N.E. and at 1800 both ships commenced a 15 knot consumption trial which continued until 0600 on Saturday the 21st when reduced pressure steaming was commenced.

17. At noon on Saturday the 21st PARRAMATTA came alongside and Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS, D.S.C.,R.A.N. (C.T.G) transferred by jackstay for an informal visit until 1400. During the afternoon PARRAMATTA carried out independent gunnery trials rejoining at 1745. Further reduced pressure steaming trials at 16 knots were commenced at 1815. Steaming continued thus throughout the night until 0815 on Sunday the

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22nd when PARRAMATTA again acted independently for gunnery trials.

18. At 1000 lower deck was cleared for divisions and prayers. T.G.327.2 entered the tropics at 1105. Whitsunday Passage was transitted in the early hours of the 23rd and so these whose first time it was in the Barrier Reef unfortunately missed seeing this attractive passage. R/V was effected off Cape Bowling Green at 1045 with Vampire Aircraft from N.A.S. NOWRA operating from R.A.A.F Base Townsville for PARRAMATTA's gunnery assessment trials. YARRA took this opportunity to carry out A.A. tracking.

19. At 1540 high speed turns were carried out to compare the performance of the two ships Gyro Stabilizer Mk.3. O.O.W. backdowns were subsequently exercised during the dog watches.

20. At 0724 on Tuesday the 24th YARRA dropped astern and at 0830 entered the dredged channel into Cairns some 15 minutes later than PARRAMATTA. Turning abreast the fuelling wharf YARRA secured port side to alongside PARRAMATTA at No.10 oiling wharf at 0940.

21. In company with C.T.G.327.2 (Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS) I called on His Honour the Mayor of Cairns, Mr. D. CHATAWAY, at 1100.

22. On completion of fuelling YARRA slipped and proceeded to berth port side to at No.2 wharf, at 1155. Some 10 minutes later PARRAMATTA was secured alongside.

23. His Honour the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clerk, Mr. C. WILLIAMS and Mr. J. WYER, the Naval Agent at Cairns, returned our call aboard YARRA at 1200.

24. Both ships remained overnight at Cairns to participate in the Anzac Day ceremony on the 25th, and accordingly 7 Officers and 100 ratings from YARRA and a similar number from PARRAMATTA landed at 0940 to participate in the Anzac Day March. Together with the Captain, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, I participated at a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial at 1000, and subsequently joined a number of the local dignataries on the Dais at Norman Park for the main Anzac Day ceremony, on completion of the march. Considerable effort had obviously been put into the preparation of this memorial ceremony and it was most impressively carried out. Extremely effective was a light air craft which flew low overhead and released some thousands of representative poppies over the assembled gathering. The participation of such a large serving Naval contingent gave a tremendous impetus to the ceremony and general appreciation was most evident.

25. On completion of the ceremony the YARRA detachment was marched back to the ship and arrived onboard at 1155.

26. At 1230 the ship slipped and followed PARRAMATTA out of harbour. Courses and speeds were adjusted as necessary to pass through Grafton Passage and at 1505 course was set for Jomard Passage. Bathythermograph dips were taken every four hours. Passage across the Coral Sea was made most uncomfortable by a consistent South-Easterly wind on the beam.

27. At 0800 on Thursday the 26th, both ships commenced 177 ranging trials and exercises in accordance with programme Twelvex (see Appendix C).

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28. Exercises continued as planned until 1500 when deteriorating weather forced a postponement. After making the scheduled landfall T.G.327.2 entered Jomard entrance at 1810.

29. At 0023 the ship was unfortunate to lose the deep Bathythermograph. (Report forwarded under separate cover).

30. At 1005 on Friday the 27th YARRA carried out quarterly full power trial. No difficulties were experienced and the ship maintained full power for 45 minutes. This trial was the first opportunity to achieve full power in tropical waters and was most successful.

31. At 1911 the Task Group cleared Vitiaz Strait and altered course to the north. Action stations were exercised at dawn on Saturday the 28th.

32. At 0810 both ships entered Seeadler harbour and YARRA proceeded into Papitalai harbour where two anchors were dropped before securing to a storm buoy at 0921. Fuel hoses were brought in over the stern and at 0950 YARRA commenced refuelling (The weather was fine and calm and no difficulties were experienced with this fuelling evolution, which is considered most satisfactory and practicable under all except extreme weather conditions). 181 tons Furnace Fuel Oil were embarked by 1109 and the ship slipped, weighed and proceeded out of Papitalai harbour at 1145 and proceeded to TARANGAU jetty where she secured starboard side to at 1215.

33. At 1225 I called on the Naval Officer-in-Charge, NEW GUINEA, Acting Captain L.M. HINCHLIFFE, D.S.C., R.A.N., who returned my call at 1245. He was joined by Mrs. HINCHLIFFE and with Commander GRIFFITHS remained to luncheon.

34. Free freight for Manus was unloaded during the forenoon and a heavy and varied sporting programme got underway in the afternoon. The ship was open to visitors between 1400 and 1600 on Saturday the 28th and Sunday the 29th.

35. Accompanied by my Officers I attended an extremely pleasant reception in the Wardroom that evening and subsequently met a number of the Administration Officers from Lorengau at a buffet supper at the Naval Officer-in-Charge, New Guinea's residence later.

36. At 1545 on Sunday the 29th YARRA slipped and proceeded in company with PARRAMATTA. Families and some P.N.G. ratings from TARANGAU were embarked in both ships and on clearing the harbour an abbreviated families day routine was exercised. A jackstay transfer, before firing, 2" rocket firing and a light mortar firing were conducted before transferring visitors to the TARANGAU M.R.L. off the entrance at 1815.

37. On completion of the transfer T.G.327.2 set course Northwestwards and the last day of the month found the ship well en route for Manila.

38. On passage, emphasis was placed on Synthetic helo direction and air defence exercises to provide more efficient co-ordination with air situations.

39. The health of the ships company has been generally very good. Vitamin pills on a basis of one per day have been placed in all messes to decrease a slight excess of skin infections. Every member of the Ship's company has received innoculations.

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40. The opportunity to participate in sporting events was most welcome, and more sport was played during this month than has been possible since the ship commissioned. (See appendix D).

41. The 5 BX plan has been started throughout the ship. It is evident that in many cases this is long overdue and it is hoped that considerable excess avoidupois will be removed from quite a large number in due course.

42. The conduct of the Ship's company has continued to be most satisfactory and morale appears to be high.

43. All hands have worked particularly well since the end of refit and the ship is without doubt in a cleaner state than ever before since commissioning. All machinery and weapon systems are functioning well and no particular problems are evident. Planned maintenance is up to date.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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

Encl.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Distance steamed during the month	3923·3 miles
Hours underway during the month	304 42/60 Hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	22,7744 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	420 3/60

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

Occasion	Hours	Av. Speed.	Fuel (Tons) Expended.	Distance run per hour.	Reason.
15th	2	16.5	3.5	9.1	To meet programme requirements.
11th	1	16.5	1.75	9.1	
12th	5	16.5	7.75	9.1	
13th	6	19.0	14.9	7.7	
17th	1	17.0	2.0	8.8	
20th	10	15.5	16.3	9.6	
21st	14	15.5	22.5	9.6	
22nd	17.0	16.0	28.7	9.4	Passage North.
23rd	12.	16.5	20.6	9.1	
25th	11	18.0	23.8	8.3	
26th	24	18.5	61.4	8.0	
27th	21	19.0	59.2	7.7	
28th	8	18.5	20.4	8.0	
29th	2	15.0	3.3	9.9	
30th	16	16.0	34.3	9.4	

APPENDIX 'B'.

TWELVER.

Sunday 1st	Alongside
Monday 2nd	Casex 2 Casex 6 G.D.X. Asdic Type 185 trials Asdic Type 176 trials Action Stations Casex 6/7 Shots for Department of Supply films taken onboard.
Tuesday 3rd	Casex 6/7 Action Stations and General Drills 903 Radar trial on short A/S Evaluations Night Diving
Wednesday 4th) Thursday 5th) Friday 6th)	Degaussing (Farm Cove) Storing Ship Planned Maintenance T.A.S. & R.F. Rates to WATSON.
Monday 9th	Degaussing Compass Swing
Tuesday 10th	M.V.M.E. Firings AN/SLR 2 Trials Casex 7 M.V.M.E. Firings Light Mortar Firings Exercised passing through a fallout area, pre wetting, and Action Stations M.V.M.E. Firings
Wednesday 11th	Steering breakdowns A.A. Tracking B.P.T. Surface Calibration shoot Light Mortar Firing Asdic Type 176 trials
Thursday 12th	Seablast A/S training A.A. Firing Live Mortar Firing C.O.W. Manoeuvres Replenishment at Sea (Night) Casex 7
Friday 13th	Degausing check A/A. Firing Ranging trials on Moresby Beacon B.P.T. Firing Bathythermograph Calibration
Saturday 14th Sunday 15th	In Sydney.
Monday 16th	Uniforce trials Light Seahatay Casex 43 G.D.X. E.W.X.
Tuesday 17th	A/A. Tracking A/A. Shoot B.P.T. Firing
Wednesday 18th) Thursday 19th)	Alongside (Storing Planned Maintenance

Friday 20th	T.G. 327 2 forms at 0800K 1100 Saturday Routine Sail from Sydney 1800 Commence Fuel Consumption Trial 15 knots
Saturday 21st	Saturday Routine 0600 Commence Reduced Pressure Steaming 1600 Commence Fuel Consumption Trial 16 knots
Sunday 22nd	Sunday Routine 0600 Commence Reduced Pressure Steaming 1500 Complete Fuelling Trials
Monday 23rd	Saturday Routine
Tuesday 24th	0900 Arrive CAIRNS - Fuel
Wednesday 25th	ANZAC DAY 1200 Depart CAIRNS
Thursday 26th	0800-1200 177 Ranging 0900-1000 A.D.X. & A.A.G.S. Plottex 1030-1200 Synthetic Hole Direction 1300-1430 R.I.X. & S.U.T.O.F. - 177 Ranging 1430-1500 S.S.T. Exercises - O.O.W. P.O.M. 1500-1600 R.A.S. Rearward 1630-1800 O.O.W. Manoeuvres 1930-2100 S.P.X. and E.W.X.
Friday 27th	0800-0900 O.O.W. R.A.S. Approaches 0900-1000 N.G.S.C.X. 1030-1200 Dummy Osaer 43 1300-1430 S.S.T. Exercises and Day 2nd R.F. 1430-1500 A.A.G.C.X. 1500-1600 R.A.S. Aft. 1615-1715 Exercise SEABOM.
Saturday 28th	0830 Arrive MANUS - Fuel - Shift Alongside
Sunday 29th	1700 Sail MANUS
Monday 30th	Open Ocean 0800-1200 177 Ranging 0900-1015 S.P.X. E.W.X. & O.O.W. Letum Approaches 1030-1200 S.S.T. Exercises & A.A.G.C.X. 1300-1600 Demolition Charge Dropping 1300-1430 Dummy Hole Direction 1430-1600 Day Starshell & C.R.A.A. on [illegible] 1630-1800 O.O.W. R.A.S. Approaches 1930-2100 A.D.X. (Synthetic).

APPENDIX "B"

SPORTING RESULTS

Date.	Sport	Against	Results	At.
4th April.	Australian Rules	Kuttabul	Won 11-8 to 8-[illegible]	Sydney
26th April.	Soccer	Tarangau	Lost 7 - 1.	Manly
"	Rugby	"	Won 13 - 3	"
"	Basketball	"	Lost 30 - 34	"
"	Waterpolo	"	Lost 1 - 7 .	"
"	.22 shoot Clay Pigeon shoot	"	Individual shoot.	
29th April.	Cricket	Tarangau	Won Tarangau 69 Yanza/ Parramatta 115	Manly
"	Badminton	Individual games.		

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4thNM 13.7
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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
AT HONG KONG.

15th June, 1962.

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Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - MAY, 1962.

(All times local.

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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 May, 1962.

2. The first days of the month found YARRA in the open ocean en route Manus to Manila, in company with PARRAMATTA. Both ships exercised on passage in accordance with C.T.G.327.2 schedule (Appendix 1), and fine weather enabled a full programme to be completed as well as a lot of Ship husbandry. E.W. Range evaluations were carried out during Thursday the 3rd and highly satisfactory results were obtained. YARRA rejoined PARRAMATTA at 1700 and night replenishment drills were carried out after dark.

3. Passage through San Bernardino Strait was made during the morning watch of Friday the 4th, and with perfect weather conditions the opportunity was taken to clean ship and have everything shipshape before arrival in Manila. Seaboats and Officer of the Watch manoeuvres were exercised during the day.

4. At 0800 on the 5th both ships arrived in Manila Bay and Yarra berthed starboard side to alongside R.F.A. TIDESURGE at 0809.

5. Together with Commander G.R. Griffiths, D.S.C., R.A.N., I waited on you, Sir, aboard the Flag Ship.

6. On completion of fuelling the ship slipped and proceeded into Manila harbour and berthed alongside PARRAMATTA at No. 25 buoy, at 1130.

7. Together with other Commanding Officers, Fleet Staff Officers and yourself, Sir, I attended a luncheon given by the Australian Ambassador Mr. A.T. Stirling, C.B.E., and subsequently had the honour of dining with you that evening.

8. At 0900 on Sunday the 6th, I waited upon you Sir, and at 1125 you came aboard for a brief visit to YARRA.

9. Although Manila was not a popular place, for many of the ship's company this was their first foreign port of call and the visit proved to be a new and interesting experience.

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10. At 0840 on Monday the 7th, the ship slipped and followed PARRAMATTA out of harbour to form up astern of VENDETTA, VOYAGER, QUEENBOROUGH and MELBOURNE for the departure from Manila Bay. Apart from a short visit to New Zealand, this was the first occasion for YARRA to operate in company with a force of any size and it was such experience to which we had looked forward. QUEENBOROUGH parted company and proceeded homewards on clearing the Bay.

11. The exercise programme NAGEX (Appendix D) was complied with until Thursday the 10th when MELBOURNE detached to proceed to Nagasaki independently to land an injured man.

12. Thereafter exercises were continued, except for the air serials, and with seaboat drills, light mortar firings and a three ship radar calibration, added in lieu.

13. The force formed in single column for the night and at 0830 on the 12th May, entered Nagasaki harbour. After turning abreast DESHIMA Wharf YARRA berthed starboard side to alongside PARRAMATTA between 5 and 6 buoys at 0927. At 1130, I attended the press conference, held onboard the Flag Ship and subsequently joined you, Sir, in receiving official return calls. That evening I accompanied you and the remaining Commanding Officers, to a dinner party given in your honour by the Governor, Mr. Sato.

14. Together with my Officers I attended the official cocktail party given aboard MELBOURNE at 1800 on Monday the 14th.

15. This 3 day stay at the oldest port in Japan proved to be a most successful and interesting visit. The bus tours arranged to Mt. Unzon were particularly popular.

16. Ceremonial lighting was switched on during the nights of Saturday the 12th and Sunday the 13th, and appeared most effective.

17. During the forenoon on Monday 14th I was one of a party shown over the MITSUBISHI Shipyard and this proved a most interesting experience. On this and subsequent occasions during the cruise the activity and efficiency of the Japanese Shipbuilding industry was most evident.

18. At 0830 on Tuesday the 15th YARRA slipped and proceeded out of harbour astern of VOYAGER. When the Flag Ship cleared harbour at 1030, ships were formed in column, at double standard distance for the passage along the West Coast of Kyushu.

19. At 1940 distance between ships was increased to 1 mile and at 2015 YARRA entered Shimonoseki Strait. Good visibility conditions existed throughout and no difficulty was experienced in negotiating this narrow and congested passage.

20. At 2300 YARRA adjusted speed as necessary to resume station and the force continued thus throughout the night and early morning.

21. At 1005 on Wednesday the 16th YARRA berthed port side to on PARRAMATTA alongside the floating pontoon at KURE. VOYAGER and VENDETTA subsequently berthed on YARRA and with only the pontoon separating the small ships from MELBOURNE the Australian force looked particularly impressive during the stay at this port.

22. At 1115, with the other Captains, I attended on you, Sir, to join in receiving official return calls. Together with a number of my officers, I attended a cocktail party given by the Commandant, Kure Regional District M.S.D.F., and subsequently joined you and the remaining Captains at the dinner given by the Mayor of Kure.

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23. YARRA was open to visitors between 1400 and 1600 on Wednesday the 16th and Thursday the 17th, approximately 300 people and some 50 ratings of the Japanese M.S.D.F. visited the ship. The publicity phamplets printed in Japanese received much favourable comment.

24. During the stay at Kure, many of the ship's company took the opportunity to visit both Hiroshima and the nearby island of Miya Jima The visit was an enjoyable one although many of the familiar landmarks associated with the times of H.M.A.S. COMMONWEALTH had disappeared.

25. At 1527 on Friday the 18th, when VENDETTA, and VOYAGER were clear YARRA and PARRAMATTA slipped and proceeded out of harbour astern of MELBOURNE.

26. During the night the ships negotiated Karushima, Naikyo and Bisan Soto without incident. This part of the Inland Sea is also extremely beautiful, and it was something of a pity that this attractive passage was also made in darkness.

27. Instead of her customary position at the end of the line, YARRA had a brief moment of glory on Saturday the 19th when she led into Kobe harbour and berthed starboard side to No.5 wharf, PARRAMATTA, VOYAGER and VENDETTA subsequently berthed outboard.

28. Divers were exercised on Monday the 21st. This provided good experience as the water was found to be particularly dirty and quite cold.

29. The outstanding ath action during the stay in Kobe was undoubtedly the Takarazuka Revue, an extravaganza performed by a huge cast in a theatre seating some 3500 people and which is nevertheless invariably full. Visits to Kyoto and other nearby beauty spots were also made by a very large number of the Ship's company.

30. On Wednesday the 23rd YARRA was greatly honoured to have you on board, Sir, for the departure from Kobe. The ship slipped and proceeded at 1500 after VENDETTA, VOYAGER and PARRAMATTA had cleared the basin.

31. After MELBOURNE had joined, course was set to proceed through the Nakai. On completion of a walk round the ship, you were transferred back to your Flagship by highline at 1810.

32. Typhoon Hope which had been threatening to the south had by this time abated and the morning of the 24th brought fine weather.

33. The scheduled mortar firing competition was however cancelled due to the sea state. Apart from this the programme continued as planned.(See appendix 3A).

34. Regrettably YARRA was unable to make contact with our Vector aircraft (Serial 2404) but the air defence exercise was of extremely good value.

35. At 0800 on Friday the 25th the force entered Tokyo Bay in column and the National Salute and a salute to the Flag of Vice Admiral Takaz, A.S.O., Commandant, Yokoska Regional District was fired by MELBOURNE, off Kannon Saki.

36. At 0930 YARRA entered the busy port of Yokohama and at 1020 secured port side to alongside PARRAMATTA at North Wharf.

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37. The M.S.D.F. training squadron, which is scheduled to visit Australia next month, arrived in Yokohama shortly afterwards and berthed astern of YARRA and PARRAMATTA. An exchange of visits between the small ships took place during their brief stay and cordial relations were established. The cleanliness and keeness of this Squadron was most impressive.

38. On Sunday the 27th, 100 school children were shown round the ship. A most enjoyable part of the visit was the reception given by the Chief of the Maritime Staff Admiral NAKAYAMA which I attended on Monday the 28th and which was followed by a dinner given by the Vice Minister of the Defence Agency Mr. Toga. On the 29th the last day prior to departure I attended a luncheon given by Rear Admiral NAGAI, Commander Japanese Training Squadron and also with my officers the Fleet Reception held in the flagship that evening. Although an extremely heavy social programme lasted throughout the visit to Yokohama it proved a most enjoyable culmination to the cruise in Japanese waters and it was evident that the M.S.D.F. in particular had made great efforts to make our stay a happy one.

39. At 0800 on Wednesday the 30th, YARRA slipped and led out of Yokohama. The ship cleared the inner harbour at 0820 and course was adjusted to rendezvous with R.F.A. FORT CHARLOTTE at 1130. After replenishing, YARRA carried out an A.A. shoot and at 1530 both YARRA and PARRAMATTA were detached for Hong Kong. A 20 hour consumption trial was commenced at 1730 followed by an 18 hour trial commencing at 0600 the next morning.

40. In accordance with Twelvex 3 (Appendix 8) several A.I.O. exercises were carried out, and night replenishment was exercised at 2000.

41. This brought to an end an extremely busy month which provided valuable operating experience and was a most interesting beginning to the ship's forthcoming time in the Strategic Reserve.

42. Health. The general health is satisfactory. Two ratings required hospital treatment away from the ship with injuries. Both are now progressing satisfactorily. A moderate epedemic of gastro enteritis occurred in the last few days of the month.

43. Conduct & Morale. The conduct of the ship's company continues to be most satisfactory and their behaviour ashore has been extremely good. It would appear that a good spirit has developed and morale is high.

44. State of the Ship. The ship is operating well and the general appearance is satisfactory. Opportunity will be taken to improve the ship's side during the maintenance period in Hong Kong.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

your obedient servant,

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

Enclosures:

Appendices 1, 2, 5A, 7, 8, 9, 10.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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APPENDIX 1

TASK GROUP 327.2

Tuesday 1st. (May)

Open Ocean.

0800-1015 O.O.W. Urgent Attacks & Dummy Helo Direction
0900-1015 177 Ranging.
1030-1200 R.A.S. for'd.
1300-1415 R.I.X. and 177 Ranging, S.P.X.
1430-1600 Steering Breakdown and Emergency Conning.
1630-1800 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.
2000-2200 N.E.X. with Starshell and 2" R.F.

Wednesday 2nd. Open Ocean.

0800-1200 177 Ranging and S.P.X.(until 0900)
0900-1015 R.I.X. - A.D.X.
1030-1200 Dummy Helo Direction.
1300-1415 A.A.G.C. and Datum Approaches.
1430-1600 R.A.S. Aft.
1630-1745 O.O.W. Manoeuvres.

Thursday 3rd. Island Passage.

Friday 4th Island Passage

Saturday 5th 0800 Arrive MANILA.

APPENDIX 2

PROGRAMME - MANILA/NAGASAKI.

TE.	TIME	EXERCISE	SHIPS TAKING PART	COMMAND	MOVEMENTS ON COMPLETION.	REMARKS.
7th	0800	Sail from Manila	Melbourne Vendetta Voyager Parramatta Queenborough Yarra	Melbourne	-	Form close formation for photographic purposes.

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MONDAY 7TH MAY CONTINUED.

SERIAL No.	TIME/ DURATION	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.	COMMAND	MOVEMENTS ON COMPLETION	REMARKS
0707	1130-1730 (As convenient).	Pre-Wetting Trial	Yarra	Yarra		AF.84033 dated 16th February 1952. Area B4.
0708	1400-1600	AA Firing G11	Parramatta Yarra	Parramatta	Yarra receive Fleet Staff Officers from Voyager and to Serial 0711. Parramatta join Vendetta.	Area B2. Communic. 3088Kc's & 275.4 Mcs. Rendez. East Corner B2.
0711	1745-1815	Light Jackstay Transfer	Melbourne Yarra	Melbourne		Return Fleet Staff Officers.
0712	2000-2300	N.E.X.	All Ships	FOCAF	Rejoin	Area V3. Starshell may be fired at and by Yarra who will remain with MELBOURNE.

TUESDAY 8th MAY.

0801	0730-0845	Mortar Firing Comp.	All Escorts	Vendetta	To Serial 0803	3 salvoes lights.
0803	0915-1150	Synthetic A/S Ex.	All Ships	FOCAF		
0804	1310-1350	R.O.F.X.	All Ships	FOCAF.		
0805	1415-1600	F.A.R.S.E.X.	Escorts	Vendetta.		
0806	1700-1730	Jackstay Transfers	All ships	FOCAF		Transfer Fleet Staff and ships E.Os for Serial 0809.
0807	1730-1815	O.O.W. Manoeuvres	All ships	FOCAF		
0808	2030-2130	S.P.X.(B)	All ships	FOCAF		
0809	2130-0700	Econ. Steaming Trial	All ships	FOCAF		Fleet Engineering Competition Ships steam most econ. speed manoeuvring independently to keep UHF range by Night. V/S by Day. Darings keep to stbd. of MLA Type 12s to Port.

WEDNESDAY ~~8th~~ 9th MAY.

SERIAL NO.	TIME/ DURATION	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART	COMMAND	MOVEMENTS ON COMPLETION	REMARKS
0901	0900-1000	Motratest	Escorts as desired.			Melbourne release balloon 0900.
0902	0900-1000	N.G.S.C.X.	Parramatta Yarra Melbourne	FOCAF		
1001	0745-0830	Jackstay transfers	All ships	FOCAF	-	Return Fleet Staff Officers & E.O's.
1004	1005-1050	A.A.T.O.F.X.	Parramatta Yarra			1 Venom.
1006	1310-1350	MAXBUS	All ships	FOCAF		Melbourne's Aircraft.
1007	1510-1615	SU throw off firing	Parramatta Yarra.	Parramatta		Melbourne Target.
1008	1630-1730	O.O.W. Manoeuvres	All ships	FOCAF		
1010	1940-2020	F.A.A.G.D.X.	All ships	FOCAF		4 Venoms.
FRIDAY 11th MAY.						
1101	0800-0900	S.P.X.(B).	All ships	FOCAF	Escorts to serials 1103 and 1104.	Darings in ahead Sectors to facilitate subsequent serials.
1104	0915-1150	Air Picket exercise a and E.W.X.	All ships	FOCAF	Parramatta & Yarra INDEX rejoin by 1630.	Vendetta target for E.W.X. Parramatta and Yarra exercise air interceptions and will be stationed about 30 miles from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.
1106	1630-1730	O.O.W. Manoeuvres	All ships	FOCAF		
SATURDAY 12th MAY.						
1201	0900 (-9)	Arrive Nagasaki	All ships	FOCAF.		

APPENDIX 5A.

KOBE TO YOKAHAMA.

EXERCISES THURSDAY 24th MAY.

SERIAL	TIME	EXERCISE	SHIPS	COMMAND	REMARKS
2401	1200	Flying	Melbourne	Melbourne	-
2402	0900-1000	Mortar Firing Competition	Escorts	Vendetta	-
2403	1000-1230	INDEX	Vendetta Voyager	Vendetta	-
2404	1200-1300	VECTAC	Parramatta Yarra	Parramatta	One Gannet each.
2405	1400-1500	Air Defence and E.W.	All ships	FOCAF	2 Venoms Intercept Gannets.
2406	1600-1730	Practice Fuelling	Melbourne Yarra Parramatta	FOCAF	Token Fuel Time runs.

APPENDIX 7.

WEDNESDAY 30TH MAY.

SERIAL	TIME	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.	COMMAND	MOVEMENTS ON COMPLETION	REMARKS.
3001	0800	Sail Yokahama	Parramatta Yarra	Parramatta	To Serial 3004	FGO FEA o/e embarked in Parramatta.
3004	1200	R.A.S. with Fort Charlotte.	Parramatta Yarra	Parramatta	To Serial 3007	R/V 301200I in position 34° 42N 139° 44' East. On completion Fort Charlotte is to be turned as required to facilitate subsequent R/V with remaining ships.
3007	1430	A.A. Firing	Parramatta Yarra Vendetta	Parramatta then Vendetta.	Parramatta and Yarra to Hong Kong. Vendetta rejoin.	R/V 34°20'N 140° 20'E NW Area Charlie contact Freq.5718 Kcs. Control Freq. 234.6 Mcs. Parramatta AA efficiency firing. FGO to be transferred to Vendetta on completion.

APPENDIX 8.

EXERCISE TWELVEX 3.

WED.30th.	TIME	EXERCISE		
301	1200	R.A.S.	Fort Charlotte	FOCAF'S 240214Z
302	1430	A.A. Firing (N.W. Corner Area C Tractor Aircraft.).		FOCAF'S 240218Z
303	1600 (Approx)	Detach		
304	1630 (Approx).	Steady Steaming Trial		20 Knots.
THURS.31st.				
311	0500 (Approx).	Steady Steaming Trial		18 knots.
312	0900-1000	Air Defence Exercise	Parramatta	-
313	1030-1145	Higher Rates Training		Internal.
314				
315	1300-1400	N.G.S.C.X.	Yarra	-
316	1430-1530	Boarding Party Training		Internal
317	2000-2100	Night R.A.S.		-

APPENDIX 9.

SPORTS SUMMARY.

DATE	GAME	AGAINST	RESULTS	PLAYED AT.
20/5/1962	Basketball	Vendetta	Won 22-10	Kobe
"	"	Voyager	Won 24- 6	Kobe
"	"	Melbourne	Lost 18-32	Kobe
"	Volleyball	Parramatta	Won 2-1	Kobe
20/5/1962	"	"	Won 5-1	Kobe
28/5/1962	Rugby	Yokahama University.	Lost 14-13	Yokahama

APPENDIX 10.

STEAMING REPORT.

Distance Steamed during the month	4925.3 miles
Hours underway during the month	350 22/60
Total Distance steamed since commissioning	~~22,787.1~~ 27,699.7
Total hours underway since commissioning	~~1434 49/60~~ 1812 25/60

Economical Speed Exceeded.

Occasion	Hours	Av.Speed	Fuel (tons Expended)	Dist. run per ton.	Reason.
1st May	24	17.5	48.96	8.5	Exercise Req.
2nd May	23	16.5	39.01	9.2	"
3rd May	23	17.8	50.06	8.4	"
4th May	9	16.5	14.03	9.2	"
5th May	1	15.2	1.05	9.8	"
7th May	7	17.5	14.035	8.5	"
8th May	8	17.2	15.02	8.7	"
10th May	2	14.6	2.090	10.1	"
11th May	3	15.3	4.05	9.7	"
12th May	1	14.0	1.03	10.4	"
15th May	6	14.9	8.094	10.0	"
24th May	4	16.6	7.02	9.1	"
30th May	10	17.9	21.	8.4	Fuel Consumption Trials.
31st May	19	17.8	39.09	8.4	"

H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At HONG KONG.

18th June, 1962.

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VETERANS OF GALLIPOLI HEAD PARADES

Thousands Watch Anzac Day March In Cairns

With heads held high Gallipoli veterans took the lead in a mile-long march in Cairns to mark the 47th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Solemn, yet colourful Anzac Day observances and ceremonies were attended by a record number of people. The observances began with the dawn service at the Cenotaph which was attended by a large number of ex-servicemen and women and members of the public.

At 9.25 a.m. the parade left the intersection of the Esplanade and Shields-street and marched to the Cenotaph, where a wreath-laying ceremony started at 10 a.m.

The wreath-laying was led by the Mayor of Cairns (Ald. S. D. E. Chataway) and the Town Clerk (Mr. C. deG. Williams). Representatives of the three services laid wreaths as the Cairns Municipal Band played "Dead March In Saul."

NAVAL CAPTAINS LAY WREATHS

Wreaths were laid by the captains of the two visiting warships, Commanders G. R. Griffiths, D.S.C., R.A.N., and J. L. W. Merson, followed by representatives of ex-service, civic and other organisations.

The Cenotaph ceremonies were concluded with the playing of the "Last Post" and "Reveille" by Cairns Municipal Bandsmen A. Cale and W. Foulger.

Thousands of people lined the tops of city buildings and thronged the route to witness a most impressive march through streets to the Munro Martin Park for the 11 a.m. observance.

The order of the parade was: The Inspector of Police (Inspector F. C. Baugradt), parade commander, the Mayor (Ald. S. D. E. Chataway), flag bearer (Mr. S. Dean), four service representatives, Anzacs, ex-navalmen, old Diggers, Municipal Band, detachment R.A.N., 2nd A.I.F., Rats of Tobruk, P.O.W., Air Force Association, kindred organisation, Cairns Concert Band, 2nd R.Q.R., High School Cadets, St. Augustine's Bugle Band, St. Augustine's Cadets, Sea Cadets, Cairns Combined Schools Band, A.T.C., Scouts, Rangers, Girl Guides, Brownies, Junior Red Cross.

The flag bearer, Mr. S. Dean, said the first Anzac Day ceremonies were held at Cairns when the cenotaph was erected in 1925. He took part in the first procession, held in the afternoon in 1927.

NAVAL DETACHMENTS

Perhaps the most impressive section of yesterday's parade was the detachments from the visiting ships, H.M.A.S. Parramatta and H.M.A.S. Yarra.

Dressed in spotless white uniforms with all the traditional braid of the R.A.N., the officers and sailors marched with naval precision.

For the first time C.M.F. troops drawn from the Cairns detachment, Second Royal Queensland Regiment marched bearing the Queen's and Regimental colours.

The battle honours were awarded for the liberation of Australian New Guinea, Tsimba Ridge, Bonis-Porton and South-West Pacific 1942-45. These honours are all borne on the Queen's colours.

About 150 troops took part in the march and they all carried the new S.L.R. rifles and short bayonets. The Cenotaph guard was drawn from Cairns Cadet units.

An estimated 8000 people followed the parade to the Munro Martin Park, where the ceremonies started with the public singing of "Near My God to Thee" to music played by the Cairns Municipal Band under the baton of Mr. W. Wellings.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

In his opening address the Mayor of Cairns (Ald. S. D. E. Chataway) said: "With this day we remember with pride those who fell with their face to the foe on the shores of Gallipoli.

"On this day I am asking you to remember back to the young men and women—ordinary citizens like ourselves—who left their beloved country to fight so that we could have the freedom so dear to all of us."

Ald. Chataway said: "Let us remember those who paid the supreme sacrifice, the mothers, wives and children who lost their loved ones. Let us remember those who are still suffering. This is the price they paid for your freedom.

Ald. Chataway placed a wreath of red poppies at the foot of the memorial flagstaff on behalf of the citizens of Cairns. An aircraft flew low over the park and dropped a cloud of red poppies which floated down upon the crowd.

Between the sounding of the "Last Post" and "Reveille", a minute's silence was observed.

TORCH HANDED OVER

The handing over of a torch by an original Anzac, Mr. W. Stone, to a member of the Cairns C.M.F. Detachment (Private S. Howard) then took place. The ceremony symbolised the passing of an ideal from the older generation to the younger.

The ceremony was introduced to Cairns four years ago. It is based on two verses—one by a Canadian soldier, Colonel John MacRae who wrote:—

"To you from falling hands we throw the torch; be yours to hold it high."

A reply was written by a younger man named Lilliard who answered: "The torch you threw to us was caught and now our hands will hold it high."

These verses have been accepted by the R.S.S.A.I.L.A. as the challenge and reply from the old generation to the new.

The Parade Commander (Colonel A. E. Symons) said he was very pleased with public interest in the ceremonies.

At the end of the ceremonies the full parade marched past the Queen's and Regimental colours to their starting point where they were dismissed.

Shortly after noon a large number of ex-servicemen and members of other organisations who took part in the parade congregated at the Masonic Temple where they were given morning tea and a musical programme.

The president of the Cairns sub-branch of the R.S.L. and vice-president of the district council of the R.S.L. (Mr. A. Keller) expressed appreciation of the efforts of the ladies' committee in providing the morning tea.

Mr. Keller thanked the public of Cairns who gave their support to Anzac Day by attending the ceremonies and functions.

"It is most gratifying to see the wonderful response that is received each year for this day that we Australians truly remember. I thank you all," said Mr. Keller.

Marshals throughout the day were: Dawn parade Messrs. A. Hardy, D. Chaplain, L. McMahon; wreath laying ceremony, two officers of the Second Royal Queensland Regiment, Major R. Penny, Major W. Lazarus, Captain A. A. Hinsch, Captain J. R. Ireland, Captain E. O. O'Grady; Munro Martin Memorial Park ceremony, D. Chaplain, Major R. Penny, J. Davies (chief marshal), Mr. A. Hardy (announcer), and six assistant marshals from the Cairns C.M.F. detachment.

Regimental aid posts were established for the dawn parade and wreath laying ceremony.

Ambulance bearers reported that they had given first-aid to 21 patients during the ceremonies.

EDGE HILL OBSERVANCES

Over 70 ex-servicemen attended the Anzac Day observances held at Edge Hill yesterday. The Mayor of Cairns (Ald. S. D. E. Chataway) was present at the dawn service with the representative for the Far Northern District of the R.S.L. (Mr. D. L. MacLean).

St. Andrew's Pipe Band attended and a guard of honour was made up of troops drawn from B Company, Cairns Detachment, Second Royal Queensland Regiment.

The parade moved to the Shrine of Sacrifice in the war cemetery where a choir from the Cairns Opportunity School sang hymns.

The secretary of the Edge Hill-Cairns West R.S.L. (Mr. P. Murdoch) said yesterday the ceremonies "all went w

ANZAC DAY IN CAIRNS THROUGH THE LENS

This was the scene at the Cairns Cenotaph yesterday when the "Last Post" was sounded. Thousands of people lined streets to watch the Anzac Day procession and solemn public observances.

The Cairns Post Thursday 26-4-62

AUSTRALIAN NAVY FRIGATES ARRIVE

WARSHIPS IN CAIRNS

HEADING NORTH ON MANOEUVRES

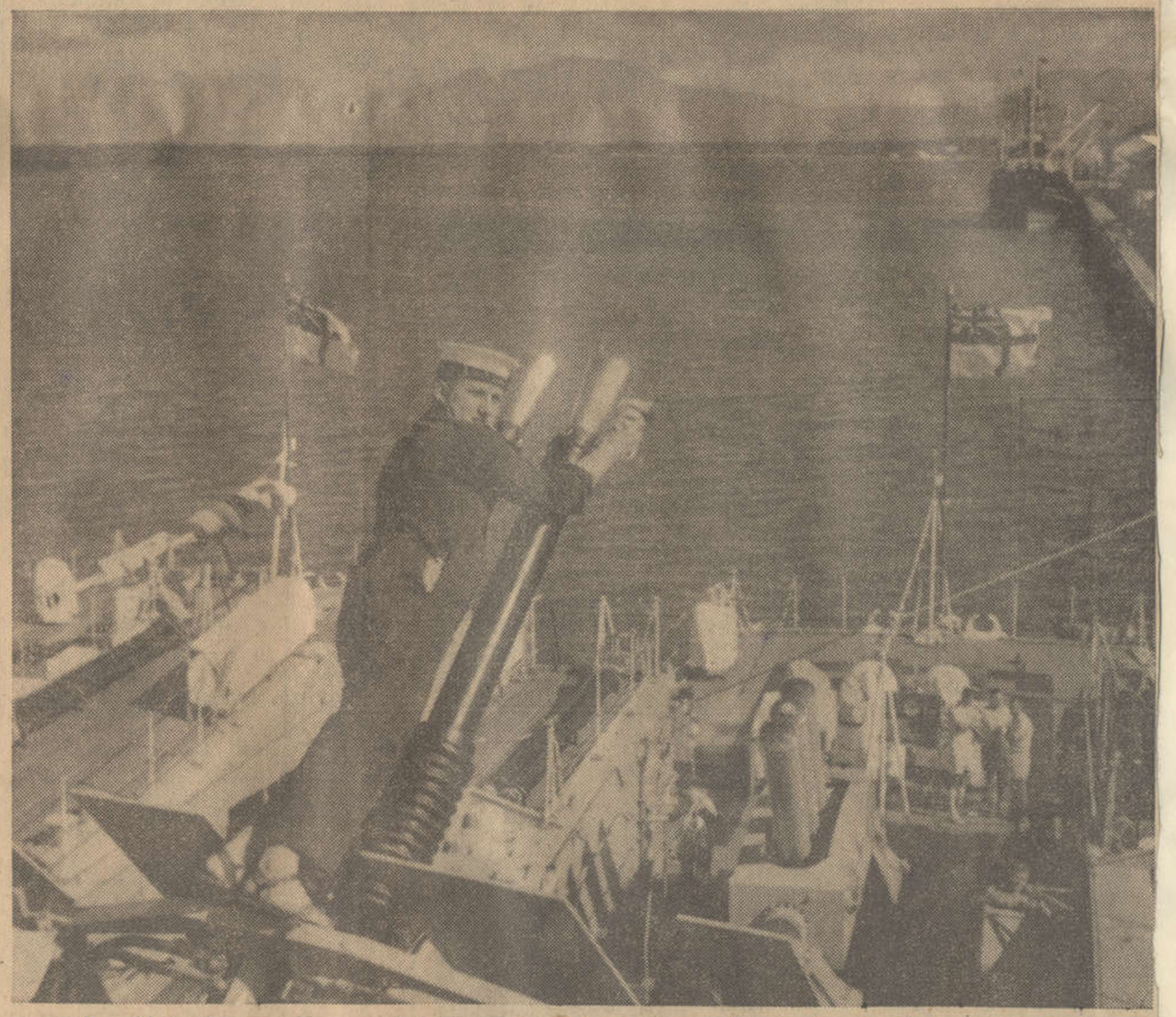
The frigates H.M.A.S. Parramatta and H.M.A.S. Yarra berthed at No. 10 wharf at 9 a.m. yesterday for a 25-hour stay at Cairns. The vessels are en route from Sydney and will leave at noon to-day to take part in strategic manoeuvres.

Over 100 crew members from the ships will take part in the Anzac Day parade at 10 a.m. to-day and a wreath will be laid by the captain of the Parramatta (Commander G. R. Griffiths, D.S.C., R.A.N.).

The vessels were commissioned in the middle of last year and are the most modern in the Australian fleet. Each frigate has a crew of 250.

They are fundamentally anti-submarine ships.

The captain of the Yarra is Commander J. L. W. Merson.



Australian Navy frigates Yarra and Parramatta yesterday berthed in Cairns on their way to the Strategic Reserve in Singapore. Giving the anti-flash muzzles of the twin Bofor guns a polish yesterday was Able Seaman P. C. Wright, of the Yarra.

The Cairns Post Wednesday 25-4-62

THE CAIRNS POST

THURSDAY 26/4/62.

DAWN PARADE IN CAIRNS

Anzac Day Ceremony

As the hands of the clock on the Cairns monument approached 4.30 a.m. the sound of marching feet died away and some 300 returned servicemen came to a halt to pay their Anzac Day tribute to the Anzacs.

Among the attendance was a band of some 40 First A.I.F. men, including a sprinkling of original Anzacs, now, becoming fewer as the years roll past, but still proud to march to this, the 47th anniversary of the ever famous landing which took place at 4.28 a.m. on April 25, 1915.

Colonel A. E. Symons, chairman of the 1962 Anzac Day Committee (the organisers of this year's ceremonies) read an address describing the events of that historic morning, from the pens of notable eye-witnesses of the historic landing.

Ensign Caldwell of the Salvation Army gave a moving address and related the spirit of duty, loyalty and service shown by the original Anzacs to the day by day demands of our modern life and the daily problems faced by the nation and citizens.

A guard, resting on arms reversed, and the clear notes of the "Last Post" and "Reveille", added to the dignity and poignancy of the service.

Hymns sung by the Cairns Masonic male voice chair added to the impressiveness of a service which will long live in the memory of those who participated, as well as the small, quiet knots of citizens standing on the corners and paying their respect to those now gone, and murmuring "We will remember them".

These original Anzacs took part in the morning ceremony at Norman Park. During the ceremony the torch was handed over by Mr. W. Stone (on the extreme right) to a young Digger.

The Mayor (Ald. S. D. E. Chataway) pauses after laying a wreath at the base of the flagpole in an impressive Anzac Day ceremony. After the wreath was placed an aircraft dropped red poppies on people assembled in the park.

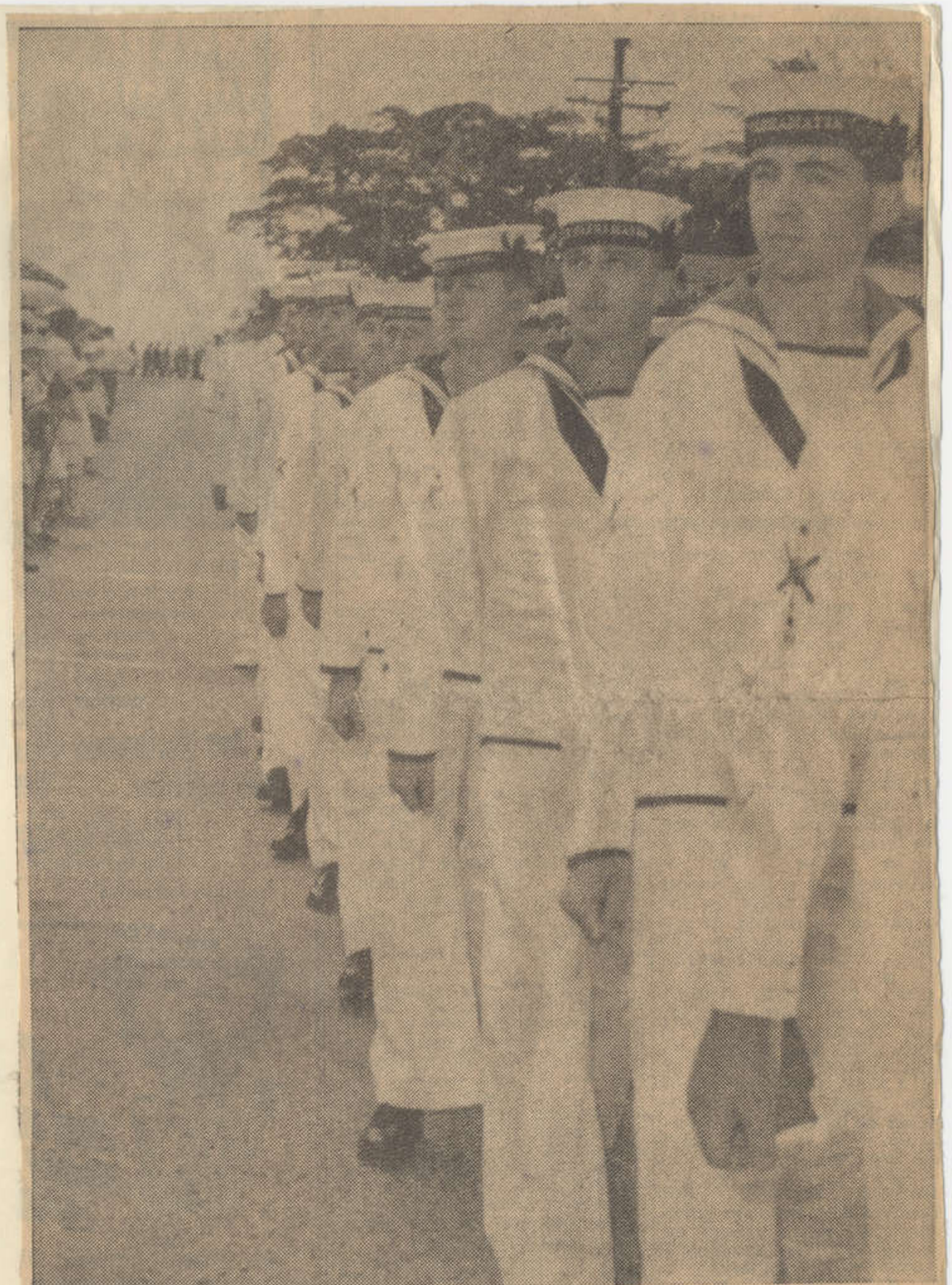
Senator W. H. Spooner laying a wreath at the cenotaph yesterday morning on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. The senator, a Military Medallist of the First World War, has been visiting Cairns and district on official Government business.

R.A.N. PERSONNEL AT ANZAC DAY OBSERVANCE

The captains of the visiting frigates H.M.A.S. Parramatta (Commander G. R. Griffiths, D.S.C., R.A.N.) with wreath and Commander J. L. W. Merson, the captain of the Yarra, yesterday placed a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the crew of both vessels. Over 250 officers and sailors took part in the procession through the city streets.

The Cairns Post

Thursday 26-4-62



These members of the crew of H.M.A.S. Parramatta formed part of the naval contingent which took part in yesterday's observance of Anzac Day in Cairns.

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6. In order to facilitate movements in the Basin, our arrival at Hong Kong on the 4th. was delayed by request until 1015 at LEI U MUN. On entering Hong Kong harbour, YARRA preceded ahead of PARRAMATTA to berth alongside the South wall of the Dockyard Basin at 1109. H.M.S. DAMPIER secured alongside the following day.

7. Together with Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS, D.S.C., R.A.N. (PARRAMATTA), I called on the Commodore, Hong Kong, Commodore A.R.L. BUTLER, D.S.C., R.N., on the 5th and subsequently remained for a most pleasant luncheon party.

8. From the 4th to the 15th, the ship carried out self maintenance. This was somewhat hampered by the humid weather and heavy rain which prevailed throughout the period.

9. Technical ratings and operations room crews made several visits to H.M.S. KHYL who was also maintaining in the Basin and H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI, who had also arrived in Hong Kong. This interchange of ideas and views between these ships of the same class proved most valuable.

10. Whilst in Hong Kong, an enjoyable liason was established between the ship and the H.Q., Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison, commanded by Brigadier W.P.L. LAWSON, M.C.

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4. Identities were exchanged with H.M.S. PLYMOUTH in Taiwan Strait early on the 3rd. Later in the afternoon I transferred by light launch to YARRAMATTA for a brief visit and returned on board at 1710.

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6. In order to facilitate movements in the Basin, our arrival at Hong Kong on the 4th. was delayed by request until 1015 at LEI U MUN. On entering Hong Kong harbour, YARRA proceeded ahead of YARRAMATTA to berth alongside the South wall of the Dockyard Basin at 1109. H.M.S. DARTEM secured alongside the following day.

7. Together with Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS, D.S.C., R.A.N. (YARRAMATTA), I called on the Commodore, Hong Kong, Commodore A.R.L. BUTLER, D.S.C., R.N., on the 5th and subsequently remained for a most pleasant luncheon party.

8. From the 4th to the 15th, the ship carried out self maintenance. This was somewhat hampered by the humid weather and heavy rain which prevailed throughout the period.

9. Technical talks and operations room crews made several visits to H.M.S. MAYN who was also maintaining in the Basin and H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI, who had also arrived in Hong Kong. The interchange of ideas and views between these ships of the same class proved most valuable.

10. Whilst in Hong Kong, an enjoyable liason was established between the ship and the H.K., Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison, commanded by Brigadier W.P.L. LAWSON, M.C.

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11. Divers were exercised on five separate days including one period of night diving. On Monday the 11th 45 members of the ship's company carried out the annual musketry course at Stonecutters Island, during which Able Seaman A.R. HOLLAND, R.56815 gained his crossed rifles award and on the following day demolition team of 12 also visited the Island and exploded a number of 1 lb scare charges.

12. On the 12th and 13th, the ship presented six candidates for Leading Seaman at the higher rates board convened in PARRAMATTA. One candidate passed, three required re-examination and there were two failures.

13. On the evening of Tuesday the 12th, together with the Captain, PARRAMATTA, I received guests at an official cocktail party given jointly by both ships and held onboard PARRAMATTA.

14. At 1130 on Thursday the 14th, Commodore A.R.L.BUTLER, D.S.C.,R.N., returned my call and whilst onboard, met all Officers.

15. During the night before the scheduled sailing date, the ship unfortunately suffered an outbreak of acute Bacillary Dysentry which initially affected some 60/70 ratings. In view of the intensity of the outbreak, it was considered prudent to remain in Hong Kong until an accurate diagnosis could be made and it could be seen whether the outbreak would become more widespread. Fortunately this did not occur and only a further 20 ratings were affected in the next two days. It was a disappointment therefore to see the other ships sail at 1500 on the 15th but the ship cast off as planned and proceeded from the basin to secure to No.4 Buoy at 1557.

16. Ten of the more serious cases were landed to B.M.H. MOUNT KELIET on this day to reduce any chance of spreading the infection and a further 6 subsequently.

17. When the diagnosis of dysentry had been confirmed, all personnel were treated with a single large dose of 12 Chloromycetin tablets as a precautionary measure. This undoubtedly cured a wide variety of major and minor ills and resulted in YARRA having an extremely healthy Ship's Company.

18. The ship remained in isolation at No.4 Buoy until Friday the 22nd when she was finally declared healthy. The cause of the outbreak could not be assertained but it is thought most likely to be a result of some contaminated food. A Chinese meal was prepared onboard the day before the outbreak and to my mind, this is strongly suspect.

19. The assistance of the Medical Authorities ashore and the staff of The Commodore, Hong Kong, during this enforced stay was greatly appreciated. This extra week in harbour was utilized to progress ship husbandry and general maintenance and a break of fine weather enabled a great deal to be achieved.

20. YARRA slipped from the buoy at 0800 on Saturday the 23rd and proceeded to join the fleet on passage OKINAWA to SINGAPORE. Whilst leaving harbour in perfect weather and in good heart, the ship was wished "Good Luck and Good Sailing" in excellent and fast morse from the upper heights of the Peak. After making a suitable reply, it transpired that the sender was one William, aged 14 years, who evidently had our interests at heart.

21. Between leaving Hong Kong and joining the Fleet, action stations were exercised twice and on the latter occasion at dawn on the 24th, star shell, rocket flares, 4.5" surface, 40/60 and Mortars were fired.

22. As we had been instructed to join as convenient on theSunday complete radar and radio silence was maintained in order to attempt an undetected interception of the Force.

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23. This was entirely successful and H.M.S. TIGER was challenged from ahead at 1250, on the 25th at the same time as a signal was received to report time of joining.

24. The Bathythermograph winch motor had burnt out during the morning watch whilst taking a dip. Difficulty had been experienced during recovery by power which caused the motor to overheat and it was found equally difficult to recover by hand for some time. When eventually recovered, the last few fathoms of wire were found to be badly kinked and it is thought that the end may have been taken by a shark or become fouled in heavy weed.

25. After joining, exercises were carried out in accordance with the programme shown at appendix B.

26. "Honorun" was very good value and particular benefit was gained by the A.C.R.'s Crew, Air Plotting Teams and the Helicopter Direction Team. The A.C.R. operated under wartime conditions throughout the passage and extremely good results were obtained.

27. At 1830 on the 27th, transfer trials of the Missile Crate were carried out with R.F.A. RESURGENT and these proved most successful. My letter 0033/1/1 dated 29th June, 1962, refers.

28. During the replenishment period on the 28th YARRA refuelled from R.F.A. WAVE MASTER by the astern method. This was the first opportunity to exercise this method of fuelling and no difficulty was experienced. A higher rate of pumping was achieved.

29. The force operated in independent groups during the night of the 28th and at 0845 on Friday the 29th, YARRA entered Johore Strait in company with PARRAMATTA, and astern of ARK ROYAL, CARYSFORT and TIGER. After passing Beaulieu Shoal Buoy, YARRA berthed at 1044 alongside PARRAMATTA at No.6 berth, Stores Basin and reverted to 8 hours notice for steam.

30. With the Captain of PARRAMATTA, I called on the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Admiral Sir JOHN DAVID LUCE, K.C.B., D.S.O and Bar, O.B.E., at 0930 on Sunday the 30th.

31. Health.

The general health of the Ship's Company has been most satisfactory despite the outbreak of Dysentry in Hong Kong and this produced no subsequent ill effects. It has been a source of interest to note the very healthy appetites of the younger ratings onboard and the food consumption has been accordingly high. A considerable amount of sport has been possible during the month and this has contributed towards the general fitness of the Ship's Company. Results are shown at Appendix C.

32. Conduct and Morale.

The conduct of the Ship's Company, both onboard and ashore, has been most satisfactory. Only one Patrol Report has been received during the month and this concerned a very minor disturbance. Although

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disappointed at the enforced stay in Hong Kong and consequent missing of the Okinawa exercises, the Ship's Company accepted this cheerfully and morale has remained high.

33. State of the Ship.

High temperatures and humidity have necessitated a considerable amount of additional maintenance on Electrical equipment but a high state of availability has been maintained; all Weapon systems are functioning satisfactorily. The machinery has performed well and no breakdowns have occurred. The appearance of the ship is also satisfactory and a high state of cleanliness is being achieved. Planned maintenance is up to date.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

Enclosures:

Appendix A - Exercise Trelvex 3.
Appendix B - Exercise Homerun
Appendix C - Sporting Results
Appendix D - Steaming Report
Appendix E - Publicity.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy

APPENDIX A.

EXERCISE TWELVEX 3

YOKOHAMA TO HONG KONG.

Current Low Grade Codes will be in force throughout the period.

FRI. 1st JUNE

011	0830-0930	R.I.X. S.P.X.(B)	P'MATTA	Parramatta close up at Defence Stations at 0800.
012	0945-1030	A.A.G.C.X.	YARRA	-
013	0945	NAVCOMEX 206 404	YARRA	-
014	1045-1145	N.G.S.C.X.	P'MATTA	-
015	1300-1400	F.A.R.S.E.X.	P'MATTA	-
016	1415-1515	S.U.T.O.F.	P'MATTA	-
017	1530-1630	R.I.X. S.P.X.(B)	YARRA	Yarra detach O/C for Serial 018
018	2000-2359	N.E.X.	P'MATTA	Starshell will be fired. O/C P'matta revert to 3 Watch System.

SAT. 2nd.

021	0900-1000	Air Defence Exercise	YARRA	-
022	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
023	1300-1400	Competitive Mortar Firings	P'MATTA	Standard Settings
024	1400-1600	Tow Forward	P'MATTA	-
025	1600-1800	O.O.W. Urgent Attacks	-	Acting independently

SUN. 3rd

031	0930	Upper Deck Rounds Divisions & Prayers		O/C Pipe Down
032	0900	I.F.F. Mk.10 Surface Evaluations	P'MATTA	Yarra rejoin on completion

MON. 4th.

041	N.K.	Fuel	
042	0800	Enter Hong Kong	Berth will be signalled

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APPENDIX B

18th June, 1962.

No. F02.55/43

MEMORANDUM. OPERATION ORDER NO 5/62

PRACTICE PROGRAMME - OKINAWA TO SINGAPORE

(SHORT TITLE: HOMERUN)

All times local

The practice programme for the period 21st June to 29th June is attached as Appendix Alpha.

2. Outline Programme.

(i) ON departure Okinawa, PLYMOUTH and RHYL proceed indepantly to Hong Kong, ARK ROYAL, PARRAMATTA and LINCOLN detach for exercises in the Okinawa Area, and the remaining ships proceed in company towards Singapore.

(ii) Ships r/v for UNREP 0700 Monday, 25th June, after which the URG proceeds indepantly. Ships carry out a two day exercise programme followed by a fast passage to rejoin the URG for nith replenishment p.m. 27th June.

(iii) The force arrives in the Singapore Practice Areas a.m. 28th June for local exercises. ARK ROYAL disembarks squadrons at 1600. Ships enter harbour a.m. 29th June.

3. Route for Underway Replenishment Group is as follows:-

(i) Bashi Channel
(ii) 14 10 N 114 40 E (r/v/ 250700I)
(iii) 000 HA 20 (Singapore Practice Area)
r/v with TIDESURGE 280600GH)

Speed of advance as required to meet r/v for UNREP. (Approx 12 knots)

4. AMBUSH is to proceed indepantly to meet the requirements of the practice programme and is to make best speed between serials.

5. Speed

Operational Speed 22 knots. Escorts acting as planeguard or screening ARK ROYAL are to have steam for full power.

6. Communications

(a) F.E.N.E.C.C.'s are in force.
(b) Complan 'X' is to be used for all serials unless otherwise indicated in Appendix 'A'.
(c) The following additional circuits is establi shed:

HOMERUN Common (Circuit 87)

ARK ROYAL & TIGER are to maintain constant watch on this circuit. O.T.C.'s of Serials 2101, 2110, 2507, 2509, 2807 and 2825 are to guard Circuit 87 from 30 minutes before the commencement of serials. Units proceeding from one group to another are to guard this circuit when out of U.H.F. range. Ships detached to proceed

(c) contd

Ships detached to proceedindepantly to Hong Kong or Singapore are to set watch Circuit 87, requesting permission to close down 4 hours after detaching.

(d) Submarine Safety Net (4340 Kcs)

ARK ROYAL is to guard 4340 kcs. continually. O.T.C.'s of serials with AMBUSH are to guard Submarine Safety Net from 1 hour before the start until completion of the serial. International callsigns are to be used. Operators on 4340 Kcs are to be familiar with the numbers of and transmissions made by AMBUSH's Radio Indicator Buoys. Buoys numbers are as follows: Forward 024 Aft 134

(e) Communication with U.R.G.

TIGER is to maintain constant communication with the U.R.G. until completion of Serial 2804.

(f) Communication with P.T.A. TUG FEMBGO 309 refuse. and applies

7. REPLENISHMENT

The force will replenish as follows:-

Date and No.	Ships	R.F.A.'s	Notes
21 June (W.21A)	PLYMOUTH , RHYL	WAVE MASTER	FFO/Diesc only As ordered by F.4
21 June (W.21B)	ARK ROYAL, LINCOLN PARRAMATTA	WAVE MASTER	FFO only. As ordered by FO2
22 June (W.22)	TIGER, CARYSFORT TARANAKI, CHICHESTER EASTBOURNE	WAVE MASTER RESURGENT RELIANT	Fresh provisions or emergency demands only from RESURGENT or RELIANT FFO for TIGER might be restricted. OTC TIGER
24 June (W 24)	PARRAMATTA	-	ARK ROYAL top off 100 tons each escort
25 June (W 25)	ARK ROYAL. TIGER PARRAMATTA. YARRA CHICHESTER.LINCOLN TARANAKI.EASTBOURNE CARYSFORT	WAVE SOVEREIGN WAVE MASTER RESURGENT RELIANT	ARK ROYAL, TIGER solids from RELIANT. Escorts fresh provisions from RESURGENT. WAVE MASTER will have very little FFO remaining. As ordered by FO2
27 June (W. 27)	TIGER. PARRAMATTA YARRA EASTBOURNE LINCOLN TARANAKI	RESURGENT RELIANT	Solids UNREP only. Escorts may be ordered to fuel depending upon FFO stocks. Night RAS OTC TIGER
28th June (.28A)	TIGER PARRAMATTA YARRA EASTBOURNE LINCOLN TARANAKI CARYSFORT CHICHESTER	TIDESURGE WAVE SOVEREIGN WAVE MASTER RELIANT RESURGENT	FFO from TIDESURGE only. Escort solids from RELIANT . OTC TIG
28 June (.28B)	TIGER	PORT LANGLEY	As ordered by TIGER

NOTES FOR REPLENISHMENT

1. Escorts replenish ammunition if required 25th June

2. Escorts replenish dry and frozen provisions 27/28 June

3. All demands to be placed on arrival at Okinawa 21 June

8. Submarine and Safety Instructions

The submarine operating authority throughout this period is the Flag Officer Second in Command, Far East Station. Diving and surfacing signals are to be adressed to the F.O.2, F.E.S.. Information the Commander S/M, Seventh Submarine Division, the Commander-in-Chief, F.E.S. and the O.T.C.'s of the serials concerned. One diving signal is to be made to cover each day's practices.

9. Standard Casex Orders. No CASEX signal need to be made unless OTC's wish to vary the standard instructions laid down in FXTI 1908 and these orders. The following procedures, relaxations and ~~instructions~~ durations of A/S actions apply:-

CASEX ORDER TABLE	CASEX A.5	CASEX A.10 or A.17
L.1	Two	Seven
L.2	Two	
G.1	9 46 43	2 3 9 10 12 22
G.2		23 42 ~~X~~ 44 46 49 53 61
K.	Until stop time	45 minutes for A.17 As ordered inCASEX instructions for A.10

10. Night procedures and relaxations are in force between 1830 and 0630 local time

11. LOGREQ

Logreq ~~[illegible]~~ for arrival Singapore is to be passed to ARK ROYAL by V/S during W. 25

12. Additional exercises

(i) Senior Officers of groups or OTC's are to arrange and conduct manoeuvres, communications, plotting and other non delating exercises as convenient.

(ii) All ships are to conduct an ASCD exercise as convenient during the passage , requesting approval from the OTC 24 hours before any suitable opportunity

SERIAL (a)	TIME (b)	EXERCISE (c)	FORCES TAKING PART (d)	AREA/INITIAL POSITION (e)	COMMAND (f)	COMPLAN (g)	REMARKS (h)
SUNDAY 24th JUNE.		ZONE TIME INDIA (MINUS 9) until 1830 then ZONE TIME HOTEL (MINUS 8)		SUNRISE: 0619I SUNSET: 1847H	ESTIMATED POSITION at 0800I URG 17 35N 117 50E ARK ROYAL 20 00N 120 40E (Approx)		
		No Flying. No exercise programme. ARK ROYAL and escorts continue fast passage to rejoin URG.					
2401	1600 1800	UNREP/FFO	ARK ROYAL PARRAMATTA	-	ARK ROYAL		ARK ROYAL top off escorts. (100 tons FFO each).
2403	1830	Retard Clocks 1 hour to Zone HOTEL (Minus 8)	All ships				
MONDAY, 25th JUNE.		ZONE TIME HOTEL (MINUS 8)		SUNRISE: 0555H SUNSET: 1857H	ESTIMATED POSITION AT 0800H 14 03N 114 33E.		
2501	0700	Rendezvous	ARK ROYAL, YARRA PARRAMMATTA, TIGER, CARYSFORT, LINCOLN, CHICHESTER, EASTBOURNE? TARANAKI, WAVE MASTER, RELIANT RESURGENT, WAVE SOVEREIGN	14 10N 114 40E	F.O.2		WAVE SOVEREIGN will have joined from Hong Kong by this time
2503	0730 1600 Approx.	UNREP	As above	MLA 225 SOA 10	F.O.2	H?M. Ships circuit 06X. RFA 's plus ARK ROYAL, TIGER and ships replenishing circuit 23	Formation 62. Stations WAVE SOVEREIGN B.1 WAVE MASTER B.2 RESURGENT A.2 RELIA NT A.1 Tiger and ARK ROYAL in waiting positions. UEG to be in correct formation by 0700 as arranged by TIGER. Screen Cdr. CHICHESTER. Screen Bent Line.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
MONDAY 25th JUNE (CONTINUED)							
2505	0700 1030	CASEX A.17	ARK ROYAL PARRAMATTA YARRA TIGER CARYSFORT CHICHESTER LINCOLN EASTBOURNE TARANAKI WAVE MASTER RELIANT RESURGENT WA VE SOVEREIGN AMBUSH		F.O.2		Concurrently with serial 2503. AMBUSH to dive in position 13 50N 114 20 E at 0700H.
2507	1100 1300	CASEX A.10	TARANAKI EA STBOURNE CARYSFORT AMBUSH	13 45N 114 15E	CARYSFORT	Y	Rejoin URG on completion AMBUSH proceed surfaced to 13 30N 114 00E on completion.
2509	1500 1700	CASEX A.10	PARRAMATTA YARRA CHICHESTER LINCOLN AMBUSH	13 30N 114 00E	LINCOLN	Y	Rejoin TIGER on completion.
2511	About 1600	On Completion UNREP	WAVE SOVEREIGN WAVE MASTER RELIANT RESURGENT	-	RELIANT		Proceed independently for serial 2713.
2513	1030? until 1700	INDEX Gun firings	TIGER		TIGER		Independent gun trials. Clear of other serials. Proceed on completion of UNREP.
2515	until 2359	Day and Night Flying	ARK ROYAL, TARANAKI	-	ARK ROYAL		On completion of UNREP. Private clear of other serials. TARANAKI plane guard to join by 1830H.
2517	1800	Rendezvous	TIGER PARRAMATTA YARRA CARYSFORT EASTBOURNE LINCOLN CHICHESTER	13 20N 113 50E	TIGER		For serial 2524.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
MONDAY 25th June (Continued)							
2519	To be Signalled	Tracking	All Ships	-	TIGER		Aircraft for tracking will be provided p.m. if possible
2522	1900 2200	CASEX A.5	AMBUSH, 815 Squadron	13 15N 113 45E	ARK ROYAL		AMBUSH surface on completion and proceed for serial 2603 (SOA 13.5)
2524	2000 2200	Night Manoeuvres	TIGER EASTBOURNE PARRAMATTA YARRA LINCOLN CHICHESTER CARYSFORT	-	TIGER		Darken Ship
TUESDAY, 26th June.		ZONE TIME HOTEL (MINUS 8)		SUNRISE: 0610H SUNSET : 1900H	ESTIMATED POSITION at 0800H URG 10 40N 110 50E TIGER and Escorts 11 40N 112 00E ARK ROYAL within 20 miles of escorts.		
2601	0800 1600	ABCD.X.	ARK ROYAL	C.O.O.S.			
2602	0830	Helox	F.O.2				
2603	0900 1500	Trial of W Screen (W.7) CASEX A.17	TIGER CHICHESTER LINCOLN EASTBOURNE PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI CARYSFORT AMBUSH	11 40N 112 00E	TIGER		TARANAKI to join TIGER by 0800. AMBUSH to dive in position 11 25N 111 45E by 0900H. TIGER is to delay start of serial if needed until AMBUSH is dived. 3 runs to be carried out. 20 miles separation between force and submarine required at start of each run. Full records required. On completion CARYSFORT join ARK ROYAL for Planeguard duties. TIGER and remaining escorts for Serial 2607. AMBUSH for serial 2606

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
TUESDAY, 26th June. (Continued)							
2605	1600 2359	Day and N ight Flyex	ARK ROYAL CARYSFORT	-			CARYSFORT Planeguard.
2607	1600 1730	Tracking and AATOF	TIGER CHICHESTER YARRA LINCOLN EASTBOURNE PARRAMATTA TARANAKI	11 20N 111 40E MLA 225	TIGER		ARKROYAL provide aircraft. TIGER and escorts fast passage to r/v for UNREP 27 June on completion. CHICHESTER to Serial 2609.
2609	1900 2300	CASEX A.5	CHICHESTER AMBUSH 815 Squadron	11 00N 111 20E	ARK ROYAL		AMBUSH surface and proceed at best speed on completion to Singapore. Report own E.T.A. direct. CHICHESTER proceed to act as picket for serial 2707 on completion.
2612	2345	A ssume Complete EMCOM silence	All ships		F.O.2		Radar or W/T silence is only to be broken in an emergency.

WEDNESDAY, 27th June. ZONE TIME HOTEL (MINUS 8) until 1630 then ZONE GOLF HOTEL (Minus 7½)

SUNRISE: 0627H
SUNSET: 1835GH

ESTIMATED POSITION AT 0800H.
URG 6 20N 107 40E
TIGER & ESCORTS 8 10N 108 40E
ARK ROYAL app. 9 00N 109 20E

2701	0600 1800	Day FLEEX	ARK ROYAL, CARYSFORT, CHICHESTER	Approx. 9 00N 109 20E M.L.A.220 - 8	ARK ROYAL		CARYSFORT Planeguard if required. CHICHESTER picket.
2702	0700	Emcon Silence Relaxed	All Ships				
2703	0600 1400 0945	INDEX ABCDX	CARYSFORT COMS.		ARK ROYAL		Remain within UHF of ARK ROYAL.
2705	0800 1400	Gun Trials	TIGER	C.O.O.S.	TIGER		Escorts proceed as ordered by TIGER.

2707	1200 1800	ADEX. Strikes on escorts. & TIGER after serial 2705	ARK ROYAL, TIGER, LINCOLN CHICHESTER, PARRAMATTA? YARRA, EASTBOURNE, TRAANAKI.	ARK ROYAL about 180 miles NE of URG	ARK ROYAL TIGER	Strikes on TIGER, URG or escorts. CAP provided for TIGER. (And other ships of TIGER'S GROUP as ordered by TIGER). Escort nominated tow splash target.
2709	1400 1800	LABS	ARK ROYAL, CARYSFORT	ARK ROYAL		CARYSFORT mark LABS attacks.
2711	1830	Retard clocks ½ hour to Zone GOLF HOTEL (Minus 7½)	All Ships			
2713	1900 2300	NIGHT UNREP (Solids)	TIGER, LINCOLN, YARRA PARRAMATTA, TARANAKI, OCE EASTBOURNE, WAVE MASTER, WAVE SOVEREIGN, RELIANT, RESURGENT.	5 30N 167 TIGER.		Formation 62. Stations WAVE SOVEREIGN A.1 WAVE MASTER A.2 RELIANT B.1 RESURGENT B.2 Solids UNREP LINCOLN, and other escorts, if either WAVE RFA has FFO available may be ordered to fuel. Screen Cdr. PARRAMATTA URG to be in formation ordered by 1800H GH. MLA 210 speed 11 to pass through r/v at 1900GH.
2715	o/c Serial 2713	Night Steaming	TIGER LINCOLN YARRA PARRAMATTA TARANAKI EASTBOURNE WAVE MASTER WAVE SOVEREIGN RELIANT RESURGENT	TIGER		CARYSFORT and CHICHESTER will join after being released by ARK ROYAL. Time to be signalled.

THURSDAY 28th JUNE. ZONE TIME GOLF HOTEL (MINUS 7½) SUNRISE : 0627GH
SUNSET : 1843GH

ESTIMATED POSITION AT 0800GH
POSITION HA SINGAPORE PRACTICE AREAS.

2801	0600 1600	Day Flying	ARK ROYAL	C.O.O.S.	ARK ROYAL		TARANAKI Planeguard if required.
2803	0600	R/V	TIDESURGE URG	000 HA 20.	TIGER		TIDESURGE r/v with URG. Assume duties of URG Commander on joining
2804	0630 0900 Approx	UNREP	TIGER CHICHESTER LINCOLN PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI EAST- BOURNE CARYSFORT TIDESURGE RELIANT WAVE MASTER WAVE SOVEREIGN RESURGENT	000 HA 15 MLA 180 SOA 11	TIGER		Liquids UNREP from TIDESURGE CHICHESTER and CARYSFORT SOLIDS, FORMATION 62. Station TIDESURGE A.1 WAVE SOVEREIGN A.3 WAVE MASTER A.2 RELIANT B.1 RESURGENT B.2 On completion, URG proceed independently to Singapore under orders of TIDESURGE. Anchor as convenient off J.S.B.
2805	o/c UNREP	Proceed Independently.	CHICHESTER LINCOLN	=	CHICHESTER		Proceed as directed by ARK ROYAL for LABS marking of China Rock.
2807	0800	Escorts proceed to join ARK ROYAL	PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI EASTBOURNE CARYSFORT		PARRAMATTA	Y	Some escorts may follow later o/c UNREP.
2809	0900	UNREP	TIGER FORT LANGLEY	000 HB 5	TIGER		FORT LANGLEY RHOC
2811	0900 1300	SCREENEX. Helo Direction INTEX	ARK ROYAL PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI EASTBOURNE CARYSFORT	NH	F.O.2	Y	Screen Commander YARRA
2813	1300 1400	Sleeve Firing/ PTA.	TIGER	090 JB 10	TIGER		

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
2815	1330 1430	LABS Attack	ARK ROYAL CHICHESTER LINCOLN	China Rock	ARK ROYAL		LABS attack on China Rock. Escort Flank mark.
2817	1430 1630	Sleeve Firings/ PTA	PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI EASTBOURNE CARYSFORT.	090 JB 10	PARRAMATTA		
2821	1600	Disembark Squadrons	ARK ROYAL	C.O.O.S.			
2825	1700 1800	Sleeve Firing PTA.	CHICHESTER LINCOLN	090 JB 10	CHICHESTER	Y	
2827	1800	r/v and night steaming	ARK ROYAL TIGER CHICHESTER LINCOLN PARRAMATTA YARRA TARANAKI CARYSFORT EASTBOURNE	KK	F.O.2		CHICHESTER and LINCOLN join o/c serial 2825.

APPENDIX 'C'

SPORTING RESULTS.

DATE	SPORT	AGAINST	RESULTS	PLAYED AT.
5th	Waterpolo	A rk Royal	Lost 3 - 2	Hong Kong
10	Volley Ball	Parramatta	Won 4 - 1	Hong Kong
11th	Softball	USS Fort Knox	Lost 37 - 38	Hong Kong
13th	Rugby	Parramatta	Lost 15 - 9	Hong Kong
14th	Basketball	20th Fld.Reg.	Won 40 - 22	Hong Kong
14th	Softball	USS Fort Knox	Lost 12 - 3	Hong Kong.

APPENDIX "D"

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3373.5 miles
Total number of hours underway during the month	230 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	31073.2 miles
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	2042 25/60 hours.

Economical Speed exceeded.

Date	Total Hrs. Exceeded.	Average speed	Fuel per Hr. expended.	Dist. run per ton.	Reason.
1st	16	15.7	1.73	9.6	Exercise Requirements (Twelvex 3)
2nd	15	15.1	1.5	9.8	"
3rd	15	15	1.4	9.9	"
4th	9	16.3	1.85	9.0	"
23rd	8	14.3	1.3	10.2	Exercise Home Run Requirements.
24th	14	14.8	1.45	10.0	"
25th	11	16.9	1.9	8.9	"
26th	15	17.8	2.15	8.4	"
27th	17	18.6	2.35	7.9	"
28th	14	19.2	2.65	7.5	"
29th	7	14.5	1.45	10.1	"

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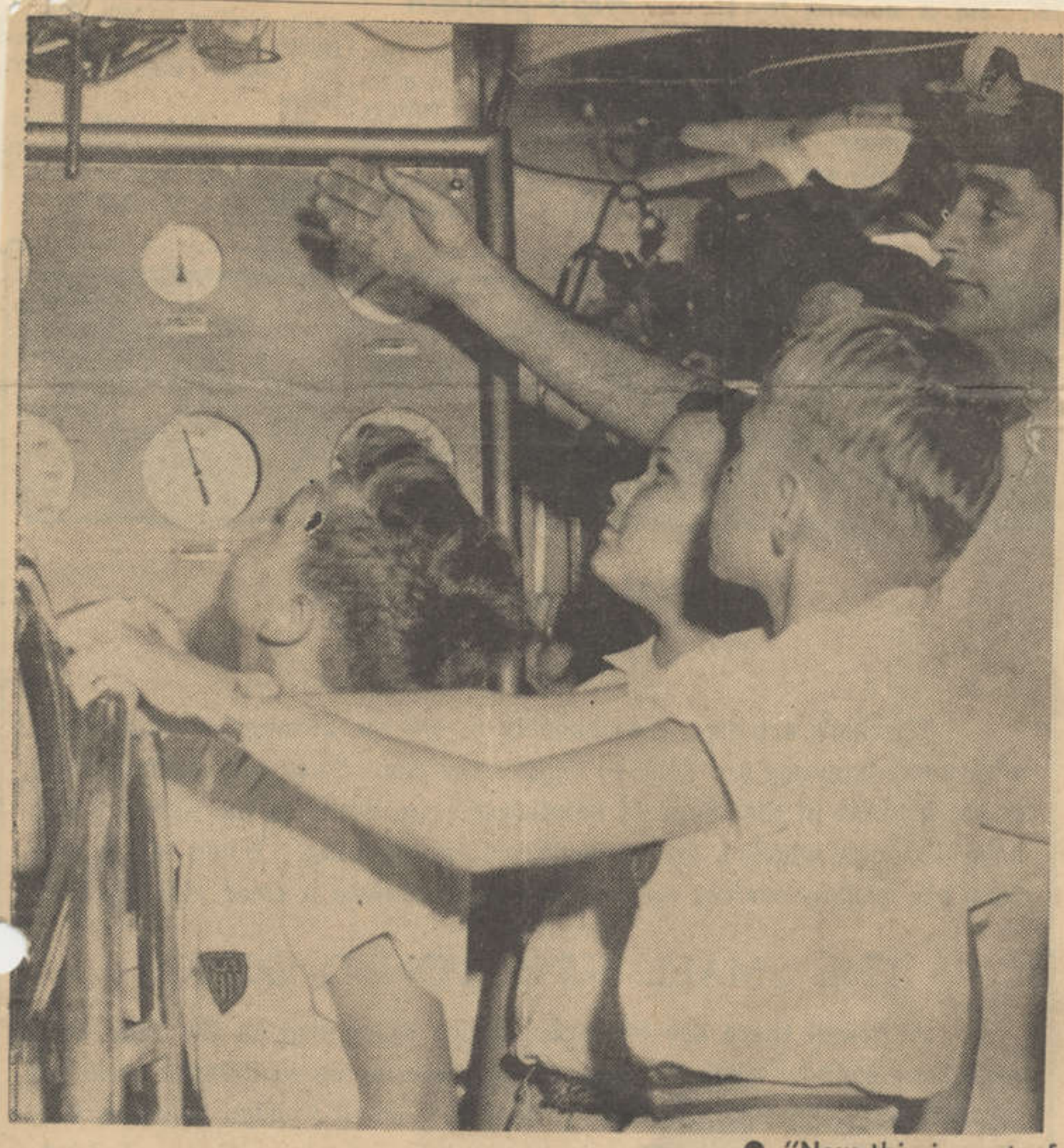

● "Now this is part of the engine room," says Lt. Cmdr. C. L. Faulkner as he conducts the 30 Kowloon Junior School, Perth St., students over the Australian anti - submarine frigate HMAS Yarra.

They went to the sea, to see a ship

EYES and mouths were opened wide in amazement yesterday when 30 Kowloon school children were shown over the Australian warship HMAS Yarra.

Hosts for the day were the ship's officers, and in particular Gunnery Officer Lt. Cmdr C.L. Faulkner.

Cmdr. Faulkner personally conducted the children from bow to stern of the fast anti-submarine frigate.

Highlight of the tour was a visit to the bridge where the various operations and methods of defence employed against enemy subs were explained to the children, who came from the Kowloon Junior School, Perth Street.

After the visit to the bridge came those "beaut drinks" in the wardroom — and the questions!

Luckily Cmdr. Faulkner answered the "many and varied" questions put to him.

The "Yarra" has been docked at Tamar since June 4. She leaves today for Okinawa and is expected to return to Hongkong in August.

H.K.T.S. 17-6-62.

ILLNESS ON SHIP

A number of cases of gastro-enteritis had occurred among the crew members of the visiting Australian destroyer Yarra, a Government spokesman said yesterday.

A few cases were sent to the British Military Hospital for treatment, he said.

The outbreak was subsiding, he said.

He denied that the destroyer had been quarantined because of suspected cholera.

H.K.T.S. 19-6-62.

Sick ratings 'progressing'

A Royal Navy spokesman said yesterday the 15 ratings from the Australian frigate, HMAS Yarra who were admitted to hospital a few days ago suffering from gastro-enteritis, were all "progressing well."

The illness was discovered among the crew last Friday, only hours before the frigate was due to sail for Okinawa.

Fifteen of the ship's crew were admitted to the British Military Hospital.

Yesterday the ship's public information officer, Lt. L. J. Irwin denied rumours that the Yarra was infected with cholera.

He also refuted reports that the ship was under quarrantine. "If this was so, we certainly wouldn't be sitting in the middle of the harbour," he said.

He said the ship was "in readiness" to sail for Japan on the release of the ratings.

H.K.T.S. 22-6-62.

DYSENTRY

The 15 Australian sailors who were reported to have gastro-enteritis, are actually suffering from dysentry, a spokesman for the HMAS Yarra said yesterday.

H.K.T.S. 21-6-62.

Australian sailors near recovery

The Australian sailors who came down with gastro-enteritis earlier in the month, are now "well on their way to recovery," a Navy spokesman said yesterday.

Meanwhile, the rest of the crew of the HMAS Yarra is still on the ship "in readiness," awaiting the return of their mates, who are expected to be out of hospital within the next few days.

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At SINGAPORE.

11th August, 1962.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet,
H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE.

(Copies to: The Commander-in-Chief, FAR EAST STATION.
Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST STATION.).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JULY, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of July, 1962.

2. Maintenance was carried out during the first 8 days of the month, whilst alongside the Naval Dockyard at Singapore.

3. On Sunday the 1st the small daughter of Chief Petty Officer E. PRETTY, who is serving with the Royal Australian Navy Communication detachment at R.A.F. SELETAR was christened on board.

4. On the 4th of the month H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA celebrated her 1st Birthday, and the occasion was marked by the presentation of a suitably inscribed cake.

5. These first few days in harbour also enabled a considerable amount of sport to be played, (see Appendix C); the ship's Divers were also exercised on several occassions.

6. As H.M.S/M. ANDREW had not been allocated in the few days prior to the Scoduled Fleet Exercise period (FOTEX) it was decided to take advantage of her availability and carry out an intensive pre-exercise training programme in company with PARRAMATTA.

7. Unfortunately on Monday 9th, YARRA had the misfortune to suffer a further failure of the Main Feed Pump (my letter 16/2/8 dated 24th July, 1962 refers) and this precluded any hope of utilizing this valuable exercise opportunity.

8. In order to prevent dislocation of the berthing arrangements in the dockyard and somewhat lessen the disappointment caused by this defect the ship cast off as scheduled andproceeded to sea for the day on auxiliaries.

9. After transferring the ship's photographer to PARRAMATTA, YARRA detached and returned to harbour to berth alongside H.M.S. COOK at 1900 on the same evening.

10. Despite long hours of work by the Engineroom Department on board and the willing assistance of the Dockyard, repairs to the Main Feed Pump were not finally effected until 1800 on the 12th. The ship proceeded at this time to join the Fleet for FOTEX and affected a rendezvous with H.M.S. TIGER by 2235. made at

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11. Although it was a pity to miss this extra opportunity for independent exercises, the ship was fortunate in being available in time for the major exercises.

12. A copy of the detailed FOTEX programme has been forwarded under separate cover but basically it was split into four parts:-

Period A. - 12th - 14th July.

To progress individual ships in simple exercises.

Period B. - 16th - 20th July.

To progress the weapon training of the Fleet - advanced practices including a number of tactical trials.

Period C. - 23rd - 26th July.

To exercise the Fleet in an assault operation against Air, Submarine and Surface threats.

Period D. - 27th July.

To exercise the Fleet landing parties in a large scale Internal Security exercise.

13. YARRA participated in all sections except the Internal Security exercise and the specific serials in which she took part are shown at Appendix A.

14. This programme enabled the ship to obtain most valuable experience in practically all aspects of Fleet work and weapon training and a great many lessons were learnt.

15. Although the two weekends during the period were spent at anchor in Pulau Tioman the operational nature of the exercise was maintained with entry and departure screens, landing parties and day and night bottom searches, as well as some recreational activities which included swimming parties and sailing races.

16. This concentrated exercise period in hich 37 Ships participated provided a most worthwhile ending to the ship's first year in commission.

17. On completion of the Assault Operation, the forces returned to Singapore and YARRA secured alongside No.2 berth in the Dockyard at 0813 on Friday the 27th.

18. This being the ship's first birthday, YARRA was most pleased to receive a reciprocal present in the form of a cake from our near twin PARRAMATTA, together with good wishes from many sources on reaching such a ripe old age.

19. A special birthday fare was provided for the Ship's company and in the evening an official birthday party was held on board for some 50 guests.

20. The remaining few days of the month were spent alongside the Dockyard.

21. Health.

Fortunately no calamity such as last months bout of Dysentry occurred and the general health of the Ship's Company has been very good throughout the month. Maximum advantage has been taken of the excellent sporting facilities available in Singapore and this undoubtedly contributed

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greatly towards the general fitness of the Ship's Company.

22. General

It has been a full and happy 12 months since the ship commissioned. A strong team spirit has developed and this is associated with a wholehearted determination that YARRA shall be the best.

23. The conduct of the Ship's Company continues to give cause for satisfaction and only 1 warrant has been read during the year. This month was marked by a complete absence of any leave breaking offence.

24. The performance of the weapon systems and equipment generally is extremely satisfactory and the appearance of the ship both internally and externally continues to improve.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

Enclosures: Appendix A.
" B.
" C.

APPENDIX A.

OUTLINE OF EXERCISES.

TIME	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.
Thursday 12th July, 1962.		
0800 - 1000	Casex A. 5	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, ANDREW.
1130	Rendezvous	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TIGER.
1130 - 1300	Manoeuvres	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, ARK ROYAL, EASTBOURNE, TARANAKI, LINCOLN, CARYSFORT, CAPRICE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA.
1300 - 1500	CASEX A. 17	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, TARANAKI, LINCOLN, CARYSFORT, ANDREW, AMBUSH, CAPRICE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA.
1430 - 1630	CASEX A. 5	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, ANDREW.
1730 - 1830	Tracking and AA sleeve firing	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, Meteors (TT 20)
1930 - 2130	CASEX A. 5	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, AMBUSH
2200	Rendezvous	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, CARYSFORT, LINCOLN, EASTBOURNE, YARRA, PARRAMATTA, TARANAKI.
2200	Night Steaming Manoeuvres as required.	TIGER, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, PLYMOUTH, LINCOLN, EASTBOURNE, CARYSFORT.
Friday 13th.		
0700	Rendezvous with URG.	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, LINCOLN, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, EASTBOURNE, CARYSFORT, TARANAKI, RHYL, CAPRICE, WAVEMASTER, TIDESURGE, FORT CHARLOTTE.
0700 - 1100	UNREP W. 13	As above
0700 - 1100	CASEX A. 17	As above plus ANDREW, AMBUSH.
1100 - 1300	SHF/DF Bearing and range check. Radar calibration	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI.
1400	Rendezvous	TIGER and all escorts except CARYSFORT.
1400 - 1800	Passage exercises	TIGER and all escorts except CARYSFORT and CAPRICE.
1500 - 1530	MAXBUS	TIGER and Escorts. ARK ROYAL.
1800	Anchor at Telok Tekek anchorage Pulau Tioman	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, RHYL, EASTBOURNE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, LINCOLN, TARANAKI.
1930 - 2000	NAVCOMEX 202	All ships and RFA's
2000 - 2030	Dimmed light procedure exercise	All ships and RFA's
2000 - 2130	RATTEX	All ships (Not RFA's)
2100 - 2130	NAVCOMEX 202	All ships (Not RFA's)
Saturday 14th.		
A.M.	Departmental Evolutions	All H.M. Ships except EASTBOURNE.
A.M.	Daylight ships bottoms searches	All H.M. Ships at Pulau Tioman, FORT CHARLOTTE.
0900 - 1130	EWX	All H.M. ships at Pulau Tioman.
2030 - 2130	Operation "AWKWARD"	All ships (except RFA's at Pulau Tioman)

Appendix A. (Cont'd).

TIME	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.
Sunday, 15th.		
0930	Divisions & Prayers (Dress No. 10's)	All H.M. Ships.
As Required	Sailing races	All H.M. Ships.
Monday, 16th.		
0415	Sail Pulau Tioman	TIGER, LINCOLN, YARRA, PARRAMATTA.
0645 - 0715	MAXBUS	All ships. Escorts in two groups as for serials 1601 and 1603
0800 - 0945	RIX ROFX SPXB and REWX	TIGER, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, LINCOLN.
1030 - 1230	INDEX (ABCDEX)	PARRAMATTA, YARRA
1300 - 1500	CASEX A. 10	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, ANDREW
1530 - 1730	CASEX B. 3	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, 205 Squadron, LINCOLN, AMBUSH.
1900 - 2200	Tactical Exercise including:- NEX. CASEX B. 3 and A.17 Aircraft Strikes.	ARK ROYAL, TIGER, PLYMOUTH, RHYL, EASTBOURNE, YARRA, PARRAMATTA, TARANAKI, CARYSFORT, LINCOLN, CAPRICE. WAVE MASTER, ANDREW, AMBUSH.

FOTEX SERIAL 1661 NIGHT TACTICAL EXERCISE. OPORDER.

SITUATION.

WAVE MASTER, representing a troopship, is being escorted through dangerous waters. ARK ROYAL is acting in support. There is a threat from enemy submarine and surface forces.

FORCES AND INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) BLUE.

(i) WAVE MASTER. Escort:- RHYL (Screen Commander), LINCOLN, YARRA, CAPRICE, CARYSFORT.

Route: 1845. JB. Thence to pass through NE corner of area KILO. MLA SOA 12.5

(ii) ARK ROYAL. Planeguard TARANAKI. PARRAMATTA YARRA.

1. Operate in area LIMA MIKE (o9o LA 5 at 1900), Provide A/S helos and strike and search aircraft to protect the troopship from surface ship attack. A/S operations commence 1900; search and strike at 2000.

2. PARRAMATTA and YARRA are to be detached to co-operate with helos when helos are in firm contact.

(b) ORANGE.

(i) TIGER. Support ships:- PLYMOUTH EASTBOURNE.

Route: Remain North of 2^{0} 55N until after 2015, then attack the troop-ship convoy starting from the vicinity of HA.

(ii) SUBMARINES:-

1. ANDREW. Dive in position 270 KK 5 at 1900 and oppose the passage of the escorted troopship.

2. AMBUSH. Transmit on HF in position KA from 1900. When helicopters h have joined and are in contact attempt to evade. Dive as required. Escorts will join helicopters about 2030.

Exercise Rule.

(a) Starshell and break up shot may be fired.

(b) Glow worm may be fired.

Appendix A. (Cont'd)

Movements on Completion. (Serial 1663)

About 2215 on completion of the exercise:-

(a) WAVE MASTER proceed independently until serial 1705.

(b) PLYMOUTH, RHYL, EASTBOURNE, CAPRICE, CARYSFORT, LINCOLN r/v with TIGER for night steaming in screening formation - Aria Hotel.

(c) PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI rendezvous with ARK ROYAL for night steaming in screening formation. Areas Lima and Mike.

(d) AMBUSH and ANDREW surface at 2200. Proceed independently until serial 1711. (Area Kilo).

TIME	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.
Tuesday 17th.		
0600	Detach for serials 1705 and 1707	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI.
0700	Rendezvous	PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, WAVE MASTER.
0700 - 0815	CASEX a. 17	PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, WAVE MASTER, ANDREW, AMBUSH.
0945 - 1130	SEAMEX (Towing)	PARRAMATTA, YARRA
1215 - 1330	AA Tracking, LR and CR AA Firings.	
1400 - 1500	R.I.X. SPXB	PARRAMATTA, YARRA.
1530 - 1630	Surface Firings	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, HST (Towed ENCORE)
Wednesday, 18th.		
0630	Sail from anchorage	TIGER, PLYMOUTH, LINCOLN, RHYL, EASTBOURNE, CARYSFORT, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI.
0800	Rendezvous	TIGER and escorts as for serial 1803. CAPRICE. TIDESURGE, RESURGENT, RELIANT, WAVE MASTER, FORT CHARLOTTE.
0800 - 1100	UNREP W. 18	As for serial 1805
0800 - 1100	CASEX A. 17	As for serial 1805. AMBUSH, ANDREW, 205 Squadron, 815 Squadron.
1330 - 1630	CASEX A. 17	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, LINCOLN, TIDESURGE, RESURGENT, RELIANT, WAVE MASTER, FORT CHARLOTTE, ANDREW, AMBUSH, 205 Squadron.
1630	Rendezvous	TIGER, URG and all escorts.
1645	URG alters course and assumes new formation	As for serial 1817 less PLYMOUTH, RHYL, LINCOLN.
1700 - 1900	Opposed Fall out Transit	As for serial 1821. ANDREW, ARK ROYAL aircraft.
2000	Rendezvous	URG, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, EASTBOURNE, TARANAKI.
2000 - 2300	Night UNREP (Token except for EASTBOURNE and TARANAKI.)	As for serial 1827
2100 - 2300	N.E.X.	BLUE: RELIANT, YARRA, PARRAMATTA.

Appendix A. (Cont'd.)

TIME.	EXERCISE.	FORCES TAKING PART.
Thursday 19th.		
0600	Escorts proceed for next serials	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, CARYSFORT, CAPRICE, TIGER.
0700 - 0900	Co-ordinated surface firing	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, EASTBOURNE (Tow HST)
1000 - 1200	CASEX B.8	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, ALERT (Main body) 815 Squadron, 205 Squadron, AMBUSH, ANDREW.
1130 - 2359	Day and Night FLYEX	ARK ROYAL, YARRA.
1330 - 1430	LRAA and CR/Sleeve firings	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI Meteors (TT 20)
1500 - 1630	ABCDFX	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI.
Friday 20th		
0700 - 0900	CASEX A. 20	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, AMBUSH.
0930 - 1030	AA Trackings and throw off firings	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, ARK ROYAL jet aircraft.
1100 - 1200	NGS Firings	PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI 11 Flight Austers.
1100 - 1800	UNREP CASEX A. 17. Entry Screen	ARK ROYAL, TIGER, RHYL, PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, LINCOLN? CARYSFORT, CAPRICE, ALERT, AMBUSH, ANDREW, 205 Squadron, Meteors. TIDESURGE, WAVE MASTER, FORT CHARLOTTE, RELIANT, RESURGENT, FORT LANGLEY.
1800 Approx.	Anchor at Pulau Tioman	As for serial 2025
2000 - 2100	NAVCOMEX 402	All H.M. Ships at Pulau Tioman
2000 - 2030	NAVCOMEX 202	All H.M. Ships at Pulau Tioman
Saturday 21st.		
0900 - 1000	NAVCOMEX 404	All H.M. Ships
0900 - 1000	NAVCOMEX 201 202	All H.M. Ships
1030 - 1200	N.G.C.S.X.	All H.M. Ships
1100	Briefing for Tactical week.	All H.M. Ships and R.F.A's present at Pulau Tioman
Monday 23rd.		
0600 - 1900	Sail Pulau Tioman Departure Screen CASEX A.17.	ARK ROYAL, TIGER, PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, RHYL, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, TARANAKI, Carysfort, CAPRICE, LINCOLN. TIDESURGE, RELIANT, RESURGENT, WAVE MASTER, FORT CHARLOTTE, FORT LANGLEY, AMBUSH, ANDREW. 205 Squadron.

Remarks:

(a) Escorts sail 0600. First ship of main body sails 0800.

(b) Separate orders for departure screen will be issued.

(c) AMBUSH and ANDREW sail as required to dive within 15 miles of the following positions by 0600. ANDREW YY. AMBUSH 045YY 40. (See Submaring orders for serial 2323),

(d) On passing point X-Ray main body Formation 62. Stations A.1 TIDESURGE, A.2 WAVE MASTER A.3 TIGER, B.1 RELIANT, B.2 FORT CHARLOTTE? B.3 ARK ROYAL, C.1. RESURGENT, C.2. FORT LANGLEY.

Appendix A. (Cont'd)

TIME	EXERCISE	FORCES TAKING PART.
To be signalled	Trial of W. Screen	ARK ROYAL, PLYMOUTH, YARRA, CARYSFORT, RHYL, TARANAKI.
Thursday 26th.		
Sunrise 0632 Moon rise 0202	Duty SAR and S/M Safety ship	YARRA
Sunset 1846 Moon set 1435		
Friday 27th.		
2200	Proceed for Internal Security Exercise	(a) ARK ROYAL, BULWARK, TIGER, PLYMOUTH, EASTBOURNE, CARYSFORT, RHYL, LINCOLN, CAPRICE. (b) PARRAMATTA, YARRA and TARANAKI (Escorting Only).

APPENDIX "B".

STEAMING REPORT.

Total Distance Steamed during the month	3368·5 miles
Total hours underway during the month	242
Total distance steamed since commissioning	34,441·7 miles
Total hours under way since commissioning	2,284 25/60

Economical Speed Exceeded.

Date	Hours Exceeded.	Average Speed	Fuel per Hr. Expended.	Distance Run Per Ton.	Reason.
12th	4	21.5	3.50 Tons	6.4	FOTEX
13th	8	16	1.70 "	9.4	"
16th	15	17.1	1.90 "	8.7	"
17th	6	15	1.50 "	9.9	"
18th	8	16.5	1.80 "	9.1	"
19th	14	18.3	2.20 "	8.1	"
20th	9	16.8	1.85 "	9.0	"
23rd	10	16.8	1.85 "	9.0	"
24th	15	16.2	1.75 "	9.2	"
25th	9	16.4	1.80 "	9.1	"
26th	4	17.1	1.95 "	8.8	"
27th	7	19.1	2.35 "	7.6	"

APPENDIX "C"

SPORTING RESULTS.

DATE	SPORT	AGAINST	RESULT	AT.
1st	Basketball	Parramatta	Won 27 - 18	Singapore
2nd	Softball	Taranaki	Lost 9 - 13	"
4th	Soccer	Taranaki	Lost 2 - 8	"
4th	Rugby	Seamen v Rest	Draw 6 all.	"
5th	Waterpolo	Parramatta	Lost 2 - 7	"
5th	Softball	Parramatta	Lost 8 - 10	"
5th	Rugby	Parramatta	Won 22 - 11	"
7th	Australian Rules.	Parramatta	Won 19.8(122) to 3.5(23)	"
7th	Softball	Parramatta	Won 14 - 10	"
15th, 21st	Sailing	Fleet	Unplaced	Pulau Tioman
28th	Cricket	Ark Royal	Lost : Ark Royal 180 Yarra 120	Singapore
30th	Basketball	201 Sig. Squadron	Won 46 - 26	"
31st	Softball	Taranaki	Won 15 - 4	"
31st	Cricket	Parramatta	Won:- Yarra 88 Parra. 37	"

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H.M.A.S. YARRA Report of Proceedings.

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At HONG KONG.

4th September, 1962.

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

(Copies to: The Commander-in-Chief, FAR EAST STATION,
Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST STATION).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August, 1962.

2. On the first day of the month whilst alongside at Singapore, YARRA was privileged to receive a visit from the Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST STATION, now Vice Admiral J.B. FREMEN, C.B. After addressing the Ship's Company on the forecastle, the Admiral spoke to the Chief's and Petty Officers and subsequently met Officers in the Wardroom.

3. YARRA cast off and proceeded in Company with PARRAMATTA at 0800 on Thursday 2nd and clearing Johore Strait, altered course to the westward to proceed along the West coast of Malaya. After an uneventful passage both ships anchored in the Port of Penang at 1020 on Friday the 3rd.

4. Immediately after arrival I attended a Press Conference onboard PARRAMATTA and at 1130 called on the State Secretary. No other official calls were paid or considered necessary in view of the Operational nature of the visit.

5. The ship remained at anchor in the Roads throughout the visit which although a very brief one, proved to be most enjoyable.

6. In view of the great shortage of blood in Malaya, a total of 119 Officers and ratings volunteered their blood at the local hospital and this gesture was greatly appreciated and received favourable local comment. Various sporting fixtures were arranged against R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH and the local clubs, and two bus loads of ratings enjoyed conducted tours of the island. A short movie documentary was made which covered some aspects of the island tour. During the ship's stay, ships were ceremonially lit and looked most effective from the shore. Both ships also dressed overall on Saturday the 4th, on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen Mother's birthday.

7. At 0815 on the 6th, YARRA weighed and proceeded in company with PARRAMATTA for Singapore. At 0930 mock attacks were carried out by R.A.A.F. Sabres from Butterworth as a farewell. The remainder of the passage was without incident until 0625 on Tuesday the 7th when identities were exchanged with the French cruiser "De GRASSE", and later in the forenoon with H.M.S. CAPRICE and H.M.S. HOUGHTON.

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8. At 1227, rendezvous was effected with R.F.A. TIDESURGE to the North East of HORSBURGH LIGHT, and the ship refuelled. At 1310, the Captain of PARRAMATTA transferred by light jackstay for discussions and returned to his ship at 1415.

9. At 1614, YARRA came to anchor in 10 fathoms in the Man-o-War Anchorage, Singapore Roads, in preparation for Operation Showboat. (See Appendix B).

10. This exercise was a two day type of Shop Window display by units of the Far East Fleet for a large and varied number of people from Singapore. It proved to be extremely well planned and ran precisely and impressively to schedule. The outstanding feature was the air display by aircraft from ARK ROYAL. On the first day, YARRA embarked 40 school-boys and two Masters and on the second day was host to 12 Service Officers from the Far East Defence Secretariat, Joint Planning Staff and Headquarters 99 Gurka Infantry Brigade Group.

11. At the end of Day 2, all ships anchored for a short period in their berths in Singapore Roads to disembark guests on completion of which YARRA proceeded to the Naval Dockyard, SINGAPORE, in company with CAESAR, CASSANDRA and PARRAMATTA via NANAS Channel. At 1914, YARRA berthed starboard side to on PARRAMATTA at No.6 Berth.

12. The ship remained alongside for the weekend and at 1100 on Saturday the 11th, YARRA was honoured to receive a visit from the Commander-in-Chief, FAR EAST STATION, Admiral Sir Davis John LUCE, K.C.B.,D.S.O*, O.B.E. After meeting all Officers, Admiral Luce then made a brief inspection of the ship.

13. At 0900 on Monday the 13th, YARRA cast off and proceeded for Borneo to carry out exercises FISHEX and BATTERY (See Appendix C).

14. Between Monday the 13th and Thursday the 16th, preliminary drills were carried out in preparation for the scheduled amphibious operation off BALAMBANGAN ISLAND, North Borneo. Escorts in support of BULWARK were H.M. Ships CAESAR, CAPRICE and CASSANDRA and H.M.A. Ships PARRAMATTA and YARRA. H.M.S/M. ANDREW and R.F.A. WAVEMASTER formed the remainder of the force. Very good value was obtained from the exercises on passage and also the amphibious operation which provided good bombardment training.

15. On completion of the exercise on the 17th, CASSANDRA and CAPRICE were detached and subsequently CAESAR and WAVEMASTER on the 18th. YARRA and PARRAMATTA carried out A/S exercises whilst escorting BULWARK to Hong Kong and were opposed by ANDREW until she was detached at 1150 on Wednesday the 22nd.

16. At 0415 on Thursday the 23rd, YARRA and PARRAMATTA detached from BULWARK in the Hong Kong Approaches and proceeded to Port Shelter Naval Gunfire Support firing range. At 0755, the Naval Gunfire Support spotting group were disembarked by boat and at 1000 YARRA conducted her Naval Gunfire Support efficiency shoot, which proved highly successful.

17. At 1105, courses and speeds were adjusted and YARRA led into Hong Kong harbour to berth starboard side to the south wall of TAMAR BASIN, at 1300.

18. The ship remained alongside in perfect weather until Friday 31st and during this time was able to complete much valuable maintenance and progress pre-refit trials.

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19. By this time however, it was evident that a Typhoon Wanda which had been tracked for some days, would pass extremely close to Hong Kong and the ship accordingly left the basin at 1300 and proceeded in company with PARRAMATTA to clear the area.

20. After leaving harbour course was set to the South West at 25 knots to gain searoom on the safe side of the Typhoon approach track. This course was maintained until 2330 when ships altered to the South East.

21. Conduct and Morale.

The conduct and behaviour of the Ship's Company has continued to be excellent and an extremely nice letter was received from the Manager, of the Australian Hostel Penang. ~~is attached at Appendix E~~ . Morale is high and a general air of excitement pervades the ship with the approach of our return to Australia.

22. Throughout the month sport has been played whenever possible and the health of the Ship's Company has been very good. Whilst in company at sea with BULWARK, 2 pleasant SPORTEX's were held on her flight deck and teams transferred by L.C.A.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN

Enclosures:

Appendix A - Steaming Report.
Appendix B - Operation Showboat (NOTAL)
Appendix C - Exercises Battery and Fisher(NOTAL)
Appendix D - Sporting Results.
Appendix E - Letter from the Manager of the Australian Hostel, Penang (NOTAL).

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	4962.5 miles
Total number of hours underway during the month	328 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	39,404.2 miles
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	2612 38/60 hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE.	Total No. of Hours Exceeded	Average speed	Fuel per hr. expended.	Distance per ton	Reason
August.					
2nd	14	16.1	1.7 Tons	9.3	Exercises on passage to Penang.
[illegible]1	10	17.6	2.1	8.5	"
6th	14	16.7	1.8	9.0	Exercises on passage from Penang.
7th	13	15.95	1.6	9.4	"
8th	7	21.9	3.4	6.1	Operation Showboat
9th	8	20.2	2.9	7.1	" "
13th	11	18.3	2.3	8.1	Exercises Fisher and Battery.
14th	23	17.7	2.1	8.5	"
15th	12	16.8	1.8	9.0	"
16th	16	15.8	1.7	9.5	"
17th	18	16.8	1.8	9.0	"
18th	5	16.2	1.8	9.3	"
19th	1	14.9	1.4	10.0	"
[illegible]	14	15.6	1.7	9.6	"
21st	15	15.1	1.5	9.8	"
22nd	16	16.9	1.8	9.2	"
31st	11	22.5	3.9	5.9	Typhoon Wanda.

APPENDIX 'D'

SPORTING RESULTS.

DATE	SPORT	AGAINST	RESULTS	HELD AT.
August. 3rd	Australian Rules	R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH	Won - 9.6(60) to 6.7(43)	PENANG
4th	Cricket	Penang Cricket Club	Lost - P.C.C. 5 for 170, Yarra, all out for 30.	PENANG
5th	Australian Rules	R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH	Won - 16.11(107) to 6.2(38).	PENANG
5th	Cricket	R.A.A.F. BUTTERWORTH	Washed Out	PENANG
10th	Rugby	PARRAMATTA	Drew - 11 - 11	SINGAPORE
11th	Cricket	PARRAMATTA	Parra. 107, Yarra 3 for 34 (Game Washed Out).	SINGAPORE
12th	Hockey	PARRAMATTA	Lost 2 - 0	SINGAPORE
12th	Softball	PARRAMATTA	Lost 10 - 8	SINGAPORE
15th	Volley Ball	BULWARK	Won 2 - 0	At SEA.
15th	Deck Hockey	BULWARK	Lost 2 - 0	At SEA.
19th	Volley Ball	BULWARK W.R.	Yarra Officers Won 4 - 0	At SEA.
19th	Volley Ball	BULWARK	Won 2 - 0	At SEA.
19th	Deck Hockey	PARRAMATTA	Draw 2 - 2	At SEA.
24th	Volley Ball	TAMAR	Lost 2 - 1	HONG KONG.
24th	Volley Ball	Wardroom v Ship's Coy.	Ship's Coy. won 2 - 0	HONG KONG.
27th	Volley Ball	China Fleet Club	Won 4 - 0	HONG KONG
28th	Volley Ball	PARRAMATTA	Won 2 - 0	HONG KONG
28th	Volley Ball	TAMAR	Won 2 - 0	HONG KONG
28th	Cricket	Army Ord.Corp. v Yarra 2nd XI.	Lost - Army 160 Yarra 67.	HONG KONG.

"APPENDIX B"

Onboard H.M.S. TIGER,
at Singapore.

Office of the Flag Officer,
Second - in - Command,
Far East Station.

30th July, 1962.

MEMORANDUM NO. 37/1/1.

OPERATION SHOWBOAT 1962

Appendices: A. Outline of the Exercise.
B. Events Programme.
C. Communications.
D. Forecast Movements of Ships.
E. Navigation - Anchor berths in Singapore Roads.
F. Embarkation/Disembarkation and Transport of Guests.
G. Accounting Arrangements.
H. Preliminary Flying Programme.

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INFORMATION

Advantage will be taken of the presence at Singapore in August of units of the Far East Fleet to stage Operation SHOWBOAT. The operation will be held on :-

(a) 8th August, 1962 - Dress rehearsal.
(b) 9th August, 1962 - SHOWBOAT.

AIM

2. To display some of the work and capabilities of the Fleet to influential local people.

FORCES TAKING PART

3. H.M.S. ARK ROYAL - Flag of Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station. Captain D.C.E.F. GIBSON, D.S.C., Royal Navy.

H.M.S. CAESAR - Captain (D), Eighth Destroyer Squadron. Captain H.A. CORBETT, D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Navy.

Did not participate ~~H.M.S. CAPRICE - Commander J.R. ALSTON, Royal Navy.~~

H.M.S. CASSANDRA - Commander J.M.B. WALKEY, Royal Navy.

H.M.S. LINCOLN - Commander D.W. NAPPER, M.B.E., Royal Navy.

/ H.M.S. ANDREW .....

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H.M.S. ANDREW	-	Lieutenant Commander K.D. FREWER, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. HOUGHTON	-	Senior Officer 104th Minesweeping Squadron. Commander W.D.M. STAVELEY, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. MARYTON	-	Lieutenant G.F. WALWYN, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. WILKIESTON	-	Lieutenant D. GERISH, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. PUNCHESTON	-	Lieutenant J.M. FINDLAY, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. DARTINGTON	-	Lieutenant A.J.L. MARX, Royal Navy.
H.M.S. CHAWTON	-	Lieutenant H. MUCKLOW, Royal Navy.
H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA	-	Commander G.R. GRIFFITHS, D.S.C., Royal Australian Navy.
H.M.A.S. YARRA	-	Commander J.L.W. MERSON, Royal Australian Navy.
R.F.A. TIDESURGE	-	Captain J. JOLLY, O.B.E.
815 Naval Air Squadron	-	Lieutenant Commander A.L.L. SKINNER, Royal Navy.
890 Naval Air Squadron	-	Lieutenant Commander D. MONSELL, Royal Navy.
800 Naval Air Squadron	-	Lieutenant Commander A. MANCAIS, Royal Navy.
849 Naval Air Squadron 'C' Flight	-	Lieutenant J.G. RANDALL, Royal Navy.

COMMAND

4. The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station is the Officer Scheduling the Exercise and the Officer Conducting the Exercise and will fly his Flag in H.M.S. ARK ROYAL on 8th and 9th August, 1962.

OUTLINE OF THE EXERCISE

5. This exercise has been designed around the necessity of the 50 mile transit to reach the carrier flying area and the requirement of a crisp action-packed series of displays. The broad outline of the exercise is shown in Appendix A.

MOVEMENTS

6. Ships are to sail to comply with the programme of events shown in Appendix B. H.M.S. ARK ROYAL is to proceed to sea on 6th August, 1962 for independent exercises and embarkation of aircraft.

7. The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station is requested to take the necessary Notam action and to arrange for the T.T. Meteor.

COMMUNICATIONS

8. See Appendix C.

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GUESTS

9. The guest lists, embarkation/disembarkation and transport of official guests are being co-ordinated by the Captain of the Fleet. Details are shown in Appendix F. The broad allocation of guests is :-

(a) Wednesday, 8th August, 1962

ARK ROYAL	-	150 guests (students and servicemen)
Escorts (not LINCOLN)	-	10 each (students and servicemen)

(b) Thursday, 9th August, 1962

ARK ROYAL	-	100 V.I.P.'s
Escorts (not LINCOLN)	-	10 each (I.P.'s)

10. Commanding Officers may authorise private male guests as they see fit but should ensure that the facilities available to official guests are not impaired thereby.

ADMINISTRATION

11. Accounting. The arrangements for accounting for meals and transport are given in Appendix G.

COMMENTARIES

12. Ships should make their own arrangements for internal broadcasts to enable guests to understand better what is happening in each display. H.M.S. ARK ROYAL will co-ordinate the compilation and issue of notes or scripts of commentaries (where appropriate) for use by the escorts. Aircrew officers will be made available for comentaries on the flying display. 'Hot' amendment information will be passed by ARK ROYAL to ships in company on the Commentary Intercom Circuit (23X).

13. Dress and Procedure. Procedure BRAVO is in force for Leaving and Entering harbour. Dress No. 10. After hands have fallen out Dress No. 10 Alpha (Shirts, shorts and sandals only). The importance of a high standard of dress being maintained on board throughout the exercise is stressed. Mountings crews for Weapons Demonstration Dress No. 8.

SUBMARINE SAFETY

14. As for CASEX A.2. The submarine is to surface without normal surfacing procedure.

OPERATIONAL SPEED

15. Ships are to have full power available throughout the exercise while at sea, reverting to normal notice overnight.

BRIEFING

16. A briefing for 'SHOWBOAT' will be held onboard H.M.S. ARK ROYAL in Singapore Roads at 1830, Tuesday, 7th August, 1962.

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AMENDMENTS

17. Should any amendments to programme be necessary after the Dress Rehearsal a meeting will be held after ships have anchored on 8th August.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

18. Receipt of these orders is to be acknowledged by unclassified message " SHOWBOAT 62 Received ".

REAR-ADMIRAL

DISTRIBUTION:

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station
The Commodore Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard, Singapore
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. ARK ROYAL
The Captain (D), Eighth Destroyer Squadron
The Captain Inshore Flotilla, Far East Station
The Commander (S/M), Seventh Submarine Division
The Senior Officer, 104th Minesweeping Squadron
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. CAESAR
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. CAPRICE
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. CASSANDRA
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. LINCOLN
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. ANDREW
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA
The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. YARRA
The Master, R.F.A. TIDESURGE
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. LABURNUM
The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. TERROR
The Superintending Naval Store Officer, Singapore
The Fleet Boom Defence Officer, Loyang
Headquarters, Far East Air Force
Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Seletar
Officer Commanding, Station Flight, Seletar
Officer-in-Charge, R.N. W/T Station, Kranji
The Base Supply Officer, H.M.S. TERROR

Appendix A to The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station's Memorandum No. 37/1/1 of 30th July 1962

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME

0840	Guests embark from Clifford Pier
0900	ARK ROYAL and escorts sail in company from Singapore Roads
0930	Steam Past by 104th Minesweeping Squadron displaying sweeps
0945 to 1115	Tour ships and internal demonstrations
1115	Four escorts form screen
1130	Rendezvous with RFA TIDESURGE, LINCOLN fuelling astern (ANDREW in vicinity on surface)
1135	ARK ROYAL and CAESAR refuel (token)
1145	ANDREW makes simulated submerged penetration of screen on surface and dives to show periscope masts etc. before surfacing astern of ARK ROYAL
1205	Fuelling demonstration completed; TIDESURGE, LINCOLN and ANDREW clear area
1200 to 1210	AA sleeve firing demonstration by destroyers
1210 to 1215	Mortar firing by frigates
1220	Escorts reform screen
1225 to 1350	Flying demonstration
o/c	Lunch for guests - ships return to Singapore
1620	Escorts steam past ARK ROYAL
1700	Ships anchor Singapore Roads - Guests disembark

(Appendix B to the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station's Memorandum No. 37/1/1 dated 30th July, 1962.)

EVENTS PROGRAMME

NOTES: 1. Unless otherwise ordered ships are to proceed at the times stated for all serials marked WFO (without further orders) in Colum 7. For the remaining serials orders will be passed as shown in Column 6.

2. The originator of all signals shown in Column 6 is to be Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station and the circuit used 06X except where stated otherwise.

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
7th August						
01	1815	F.O.2.F.E.S. Embarks	ARK ROYAL	Singapore Roads		
02	1830	SHOWBOAT Briefing	ARK ROYAL	Singapore Roads		Onboard ARK ROYAL. All C.O.'s (except CMS) and MS 104.
03	Sunset	Flag Of F.O.2. FES struck in TIGER hoisted in ARK ROYAL	ARK ROYAL	Singapore Roads		
9TH AUGUST ONLY	0815	C.in C. embarks by Helicopter.	ARK ROYAL			From Sembawang as arranged by ARK ROYAL
8TH & 9TH AUGUST						
09	0845	Time check	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA		Circuit 28X	Transmitted by ARK ROYAL.
10	0900	Weigh	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA		As ordered by FO2FES.	

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
11	o/c Serial 10	Form Column	ARK ROYAL (1) CAESAR (4) ~~CAPRICE~~ (5) CASSANDRA (6) PARRAMATTA (2) YARRA (3)		'Form 1' (Flag)	Form column in order of sequence numbers. Type orgnisation No. 1 in force
12	0930 to 0940	CMS's in column showing M/S gear	104th M.S.S.	ARK ROYAL : 160 Bedok Lt. 3.5 miles		WFO. ARK ROYAL and escorts Co. 085 speed 15. 104th MSS pass down port side. Co. 265. Any necessary adjustment in course to be made by ARK ROYAL. On completion ARK ROYAL and escorts increase to about 22 knots as ordered by ARK ROYAL.
18	0945 to 1100	Guests tour ships	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA			WFO
19	1100	R/V and pass gear for fuelling astern	LINCOLN, TIDESURGE	240 LL 4 miles		WFO. Replenishment Co. 060 speed 12.
20	1110	Time check	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, LINCOLN, ANDREW, TIDESURGE		Circuit 28X and 273	Transmitted by ARK ROYAL.

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
22	1115 (Approx)	Form Screen on TIDESURGE. CASSANDRA form astern of ARK ROYAL	~~CAPRICE~~ (1) PARRAMATTA (2) YARRA (4) TIDESURGE (Guide) CASSANDRA		'YL 4'(Flag) (Escorts hoist station numbers while proceeding to stations)	Screen 1C4 stations as shown (station 3 unoccupied) On execution CAESAR to waiting position cassandra form 3 cables astern of ARK ROYAL
23	1120 (Approx)	Reduce Speed	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, CASSANDRA		As ordered by ARK ROYAL	
26	1135	RAS Demonstration	TIDESURGE port ARK ROYAL, Starboard CAESAR, Astern LINCOLN	060 LL 3 miles		WFO. Replenishment Co. 060 speed 12. No fuel to be passed. CAESAR arrive alongside after ARK ROYAL gun line fired.
27	By 1150	Stream splash targets	YARRA, CASSANDRA		WFO.	
30	1145	Surface penetration of screen and submarine demonstration	ANDREW	060 LL 5 miles	WFO. Dive 5 c on ARK ROYAL's port bow. Steep surface on port quarter then clear area R.H.O.C.	
32	1150	~~Leave screening CAPRICE~~ station			WFO. Proceed for serial 35.	

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
34	1155	Disengage	CAESAR, TIDESURGE			WFO. CAESAR open to 3 C on TIDESURGE's starboard beam for serial 35.
35	By 1200	Form for serial 42	CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA	CAESAR 3 c on TIDESURGE's starboard beam		WFO. Formation as ordered by Captain D.8.
36	1200	Disengage	LINCOLN, TIDESURGE			WFO. LINCOLN follow in TIDESURGE's wake at 3 cables until completion of serial 55, then as required for serial 67.
38	1200	Drop smoke float for wind finding	PARRAMATTA			If ordered.
40	1200	Leave screen to take station for serial 48	PARRAMATTA, YARRA			WFO. PARRAMATTA station 10° on ARK ROYAL's port bow 2000x. YARRA 1000x astern PARRAMATTA by 1210
42	1205 to 1215	G 11 L and C sleeve firings	CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA. T.T. Meteor controlled by CAESAR		As ordered by Captain D.8 on circuit 06X and as in FEMECO 844 para (6)	CA's increase speed during shoot. On completion proceed to station for serial 52.

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
44	1205	Disengage	ARK ROYAL, TIDESURGE			WFO. ARK ROYAL increase to 20 knots assume Guide TIDESURGE turn downwind when all ships clear. Recover gear when certain not to obstruct ARK ROYAL on flying course. R.H.O.C.
46	1210	Adjust speed	PARRAMATTA, YARRA		As ordered by PARRAMATTA	Reduce to 12 knots.
48	1215 (Approx)	A/S mortar demonstration	PARRAMATTA, YARRA		YARRA TO co-ordinate firings	WFO. 1. YARRA fire 6 A/S mortar bombs to explode Red 40 at 800' set shallow. Fire when ARK ROYAL's island abreast YARRA's quarterdeck. 2. 15 sec after 1 PARRAMATTA fire 6 A/S mortar bombs to same explosion point. 3. As soon as reloaded YARRA fire second salvo to same explosion point.
50	o/c 48	Take up new stations	PARRAMATTA, YARRA.			WFO. YARRA take station 4 c astern ARK ROYAL and follow in the wake until serial 57. PARRAMATTA turn to port and steam through explosition point at high speed thence to station for serial 52.

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
52	o/c 42 and 48	Form Screen on Circle 2	CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA		Escorts hoist station numbers	WFO. Stations :- 2 PARRAMATTA 2 000 1 CAESAR 2 065 3 CAPRICE 2 100 5 CASSANDRA 2 135 Axis 000 unless otherwise ordered.
55	1220 to 1226	Turn into wind	ARK ROYAL, CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA		' - Turn - speed	Speed expected to be high.
56	1226 to 1242 (Approx)	Launch aircraft	ARK ROYAL, 815 Squadron, 800 Squadron, 890 Squadron, 849 'C' Flight.		Flag 'F'	
57	1242 to 1248	Turn out of wind	As for serial 55		'-Turn -- speed	WFO. YARRA take station 1.5 cables on ARK ROYAL's port side stern abreast stern.
59	1248	2" rocket air-to-air demonstration	890 Squadron			Rockets fired ahead of ARK ROYAL.
61	o/c 59	Adjust screen	CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~		To CAESAR, CAPRICE 'ZJ3 desig 61'	CAESAR take station 2 045 CAPRICE take station 2 090

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
63	1249	Bombing Demonstration	YARRA, 800 Squadron			Includes 1000 lb live bombs 3 miles clear on port quarter.
65	1254	A/S Demonstration	815 Squadron			Torpedo will be dropped.
67	o/c 65	Recover Mk 30 torpedo	LINCOLN		To LINCOLN 'ZJ3 desig 67'	Torpedo marked by helicopter LINCOLN R.H.O.C.
69	1308	3" RP attacks on splash target	YARRA, 890 Squadron			
70	o/c 69	YARRA joins screen	YARRA		To YARRA 'Station 2315'	Station 2315 (station number 4).
71	1315 to 1321	Turn into wind	As for serial 55		' - Turn - speed	
73	1321 to 1345	Aircraft Recovery	As for Serial 56		'Flag F'	
74	o/c 73	Recover splash targets	CASSANDRA, YARRA		To CASSANDRA, YARRA 'O H 2'	Reduce speed as necessary, rejoin on completion.

SERIAL 1	TIME 2	EXERCISE 3	FORCES TAKING PART 4	INITIAL POSITION 5	COMMUNICATIONS 6	REMARKS 7
75	1345 (Approx)	Set course for Singapore Roads and form column	ARK ROYAL (1) CAESAR (2) ~~CAPRICE~~ (3) CASSANDRA (4) PARRAMATTA (5) YARRA (6)		'Form 1 - K P 2 - 2'	Form column in order of sequence numbers. Type organisation number 2 in force. CASSANDRA's station to be left vacant for her.
77	1620	Escorts detach and steam past ARK ROYAL to anchorage	As for 75	ARK ROYAL 150 Bedok Light 3.3 miles	As ordered by FO2FES and Captain D.8	Course 270. ARK ROYAL reduce to 7 knots. CAESAR lead escorts past ARK ROYAL's starboard side.
78	o/c 77	Escorts anchor Singapore Roads	CAESAR, ~~CAPRICE~~, CASSANDRA, PARRAMATTA, YARRA		As ordered by Captain D.8.	On disembarkation of guests on 9th August escorts proceed Naval Base as ordered by Captain D.8.
79	1700	Anchor Singapore Roads	ARK ROYAL			
9TH AUGUST ONLY						
80	After Arrival	Commander-in-Chief Disembarks.				
81	After Arrival	F.O.2.F.E.S. Disembarks.				
82	Sunset	Flag of F.O.2. Struck in ARK ROYAL hoisted in TIGER.				

FISHEX

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COMBINED PRACTICE PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 13TH - 23RD AUGUST, 1962.

DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION	REMARKS
Monday 13th	1301	0700	ANDREW	Sail	N.B.	WAVE MASTER proceed independently for Serial 1309. Escorts use NANAS Channel to get ahead of BULWARK. BULWARK stream Splash Target after passing Changi.
		0745	WAVE MASTER			
		0815	BULWARK			
		0820	CAESAR			
			CAPRICE			
			CASSANDRA			
			PARRAMATTA			
			YARRA			
	1302	0930-1130	BULWARK and Escorts	G.113 (Mod)		NGSWX (R/T and C/W).
	1303	1030-1200	As above plus Alize Aircraft (from VIKRANT)	Scouting and Tracking	Vicinity JSB	VIKRANT about 100 miles North East.
	1305	1130	KHUKRI	R/V	255LL10	
	1307	1130-1330	As above less AND. NEW and WAVE MASTER Sea Hawk a/c (from VIKRANT)	Strike	255LL10	Bulwark Splash Target. Flank marked. Clear Range. Escorts R/V initial position and form AA screen. Shot may be fired. (D8 Screen Commander.)

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DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION	REMARKS
Monday 13th (contd.)	1309	1330-1530	All above ships Alize Aircraft 848 Squadron	CASEX 72	235LM7 040/12 knots	D8 Screen Cdr. and A/S Air Control Ship. Convoy Screen. WAVE MASTER guide. BULWARK operate from "BOX"
	1311	1430-1630	BULWARK 4 Seahawks	INTEX	270MM7 040/12	
	1313	1530	WAVE MASTER	Detach		Proceed for Serial 1501.
	1315	1615	VIKRANT GODAVRI	R/V	020MM16	Convoy (Screen) Roving reformed on base course 220. BULWARK guide.
	1317	1630-1830	The whole force less WAVE MASTER	CASEX 72	015MM14	FOCIF OTC. D8 Screen Cdr. VIKRANT operate from "BOX". (WW planeguard).
	1319	o/c Serial 1317 until 1930	As above	Manoeuvres	LM	FOCIF OTC. o/c Indian ships detach.
	1321	1830	ANDREW	Detach		Proceed for Serial 1601.

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DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION	REMARKS
Tuesday 14th	1401	0830-1130	CAESAR CAPRICE CASSANDRA PARRAMATTA YARRA 848 Squadron	CASEX B 10		D8 A/S Air Control Ship. 2WW on task throughout.
	1403	0900-1030	All ships	G.113 (Mod)		NGSWX (R/T and C/W).
	1405	1330-1500	All ships	G.114		NGSCX (R/T and C/W).
	1407	1400-1600	As 1401	CASEX B 10		As 1401.
	1409	1630-1800	All ships	O.O.W. Manoeuvres		
	1410	1945	CAESAR CAPRICE	TRANSFERR D8 TO CAPRICE. RETURNING AFTER SERIAL 1504		
	1411	2345	All ships	Advance clocks 30 mins.		To 0015H.
Wednesday	1501	0830	WAVE MASTER	R/V 0440N 11330E		
	1503	0830-1130	WAVE MASTER and Escorts	UNREP (FFO)		(P) CAESAR, CASSANDRA, CAPRICE. (S) PARRAMATTA, YARRA.
	1504	o/c 1503	CASSANDRA	D.C. EXERCISE - WITNESSED BY D8 TRANSFERRING VIA SERIAL 1503		
	1505	o/c 1503	WAVE MASTER	Detach		Proceed independently from Serial 1501.

DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION	REMARKS
Wednesday 15th (contd.)	1507	1330-1500	All ships	G.114		NGSCX (R/T and C/W).
	1509	1400-1530	All ships	O.O.W. Manoeuvres		D8 conducting.
	1511	1530-1730	All ships	BRIEFEX, SPORTEX		Briefing for BATTERY in BULWARK. Representatives and teams transfer by boat.
Thursday 16th	1601	0630-2359	All ships 42 Cdo. 848 Squadron	Exercise BATTERY	Balambangan Is.	Orders will be promulgated separately.
	1611	1130-1230	YARRA(S) REPLENISH ON WAVEMASTER IN WESTERN LIMIT OF AREA CENTRE 7°31'N 117°00'E RADIUS 6'.0.			
Friday 17th	1601	0001-2359	As above	Exercise BATTERY.		
	1701	2100-2200	CAPRICE CASSANDRA WAVE MASTER	UNREP (FFO)		o/c CAPRICE and CASSANDRA proceed independently to Singapore, WAVE MASTER proceed for Serial 1803.
	1702	1630 (APPROX)	BULWARK CAPRICE	TRANSFER	o/c 2 AND OUTGOING MAIL TO CAPRICE BY HELO OR BOAT	
Saturday	1801	0001-1000 (approx)	As before	Exercise BATTERY		Withdrawal phase.
	1801	1000 (approx.)	CAESAR	Detach		P.I.A.W.P.O.

DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION		REMARKS
Saturday 18th (Contd.)	1803	1000 (approx) - 1200	BULWARK PARRAMATTA YARRA WAVE MASTER CAESAR	UNREP (FFO)			(P) BULWARK (S) PARRAMATTA, YARRA, CAESAR o/c WAVE MASTER P.I.A.W.P.O.
	1805	1630-1800	All ships (inc. ANDREW)	O.O.W. Manoeuvres			PARRAMATTA OTC.
	1807	2345	All ships	Advance clocks 30 mins.			to 0015HI.
Sunday 19th	1901	1530-1730	All ships (inc. ANDREW)	SPORTEX			Boat transfer to BULWARK.
	1903	2345	All ships	Advance clocks 30 mins.			to 0015I.
Monday 20th	2001	0800-1100	All ships	CASEX ~~B 8 (Mod)~~ 12	1430N	11640E	2WW on task until 1000.
			848 Squadron				
	2002	1130-1130	YARRA 848 SQUADRON	IFF TRIALS			
	2003	11301200	PARRAMATTA	Steering Gear			
			YARRA	Breakdown Ex.			
	2004	1200-1530	BULWARK 848 SQ.	FRONT GUNFIRING (BULWARK SPLASH).			
	2005	1330-1730	All ships	CASEX B 8 (Mod)			2WW on task until 1530.
			848 Squadron				~~o/c ANDREW proceed independ~~ently for Serial 2101.

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DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION		REMARKS
Monday 20th(contd)	2007	1800-1930	All ships	O.O.W. Manoeuvres			YARRA OTC.
	2008	2000-2200	ALL SHIPS	CASEX A17/A5			
	~~2009~~	~~1945-2200~~	~~BULWARK~~	~~Night Flying~~			~~ARRAMATTA Planeguard.~~
			~~PARRAMATTA~~				
			~~848 Squadron~~				
Tuesday 21st	2102	0800-1030	All ships 848 Squadron	CASEX B 8 (Mod)	1700N	11545E	2WW on task until 0930. o/c ANDREW proceed independently for Serial 2107.
	2102	0300-TO AR	AS SERIAL 2004				
	2103	1100-1200	ARRAMATTA YARRA	Competitive Mortar Firing.			
	2104	1300-1600	BULWARK P'MATTA, YARR, 848 SQ. — HELD TRANSFERS FOR PILOT TRAINING				
	2105	1330-1600	BULWARK PARRAMATTA YARRA	UNREP (FFO) CONCURRENT W/- 2105- OCT 613			(S) PARRAMATTA, YARRA.
	2107	1600-1900	All ships	CASEX A17/A5	1745N	11530E	o/c ANDREW proceed independently for Serial 2201.
	2108	2000-2200	ALL SHIPS	CASEX A17/A5			
	~~2109~~	~~1945-2200~~	BULWARK	~~Night Flying~~			~~YARRA Planeguard.~~
			~~YARRA~~				
			~~848 Squadron~~				
Wednesday 22nd	2201	0800-1100	All ships	CASEX A17/A5	1900N	11500E	o/c ANDREW proceed independently to Singapore.

DATE	SERIAL	TIME	UNITS	EVENT	INITIAL POSITION	REMARKS
Wednesday	2203	1100-1200	All ships	Rapid Open Fire Ex.		
22nd	2205	~~1300-1600~~	PARRAMATTA	~~Towing Ex.~~		PARRAMATTA OCE.
(contd.)		1300-1430	YARRA	A.B.C.D.X.		
	2206	1430-1630	ALL SHIPS	O.O.W. MANOEUVRES.		BULWARK ETC.
	2207	1630-1700	PARRAMATTA	RIX		PARRAMATTA OCE.
			YARRA			
Thursday	2301		BULWARK	Exercise COMMON		Orders will be promulgated separately.
23rd			848 Squadron	ASSAULT FOUR		
			42 Cdo.			
	2303	0630 (approx)	PARRAMATTA	Enter Hong Kong	LEI UMUN.	
			YARRA			

NOTE:- During UNREP Serials (Except 1701) BULWARK will maintain a Helo Lifeguard at readiness in dock.

Annex B to the Commanding Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's letter 2/42 dated 3rd August, 1962.

Exercise BATTERY - Outline sequence of events:-

Thursday 16th August

0630-0800	BULWARK and Escorts close Balambangan Is. (opposed by ANDREW).
0800	Simulated Assault Landing.
	Recce Party leaves for shore (by air).
0800-0900	Further attacks by ANDREW.
0930-1830	Casex, N.G.S.F.X. and UNREP Exercises for Escorts.
1845	Surface craft withdraw at 15 knots.
as req.	ANDREW lands S.B.S.
2359 (approx)	Main Force close assault area.

Friday 17th August

0630-2359	Assault Operations. (opposed by ANDREW). FROM 0500 ONWARDS.
0645-1200	Pairs of ships firing to plan. Third ship called in from screen for impromptu bombardment.
1300-1600	Impromptu shoots to 1st round by up to three ships simultaneously at individual targets.
1930-2300	Night N.G.S.F.X. in pairs.
2100	See Serial 1701.

Saturday 18th August

0630	Start withdrawal (opposed by ANDREW).
1000 (approx)	Complete withdrawal.

APPENDIX 'C'.

Appendix 'C'

H.M.S. BULWARK,

at Singapore.

9th. August, 1962.

No. 2/42

THE CAPTAIN (D),
8TH DESTROYER SQUADRON.
THE COMMANDER S/M,
7TH SUBMARINE DIVISION.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.S. CAPRICE.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.A.S. YARRA.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M.S. CASSANDRA.
THE COMMANDING OFFICER,
H.M. S/M ANDREW.
THE MASTER,
R.F.A. WAVE MASTER.

EXERCISE ORDERS FOR FISHEX AND BATTERY

Roferences (a) Combined Programme for Period 13th to 23rd August 1962 (Short Titlo "FISHEX)

(b) The Commanding Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's Naval Exercise Order No. 1/62.

(c) Change No. 1 to reference (a).

References (a) and (b) including their relevant Annexes, and reference (c) have now been issued to all ships who are to acknowledge receipt of them by unclassified Signal "FISHEX and BATTERY" received.

2. Some Serials for 13th August 1962 will also appear in WPP 33 and ships are make it quite clear when referring to these Serials whether their reference is to FISHEX or WPP 33 number.

Francis Dalgleish

CAPTAIN

R E S T R I C T E D

H.M.S. BULWARK,
At Singapore.
7th. August, 1962.

NAVAL EXERCISE ORDER No. 1/62

EXERCISE "BATTERY"

References
a) "FISHEX" (Naval authorities only)
b) Admiralty Chart No. 948
c) Map Philippine Islands 1:250,000 Series S 501 No. NB 50-3
d) TOTT 1215

Annexes
A. Phase 1 Exercise programme
B. Naval Gunfire Support instructions
C. Communications
D. Navigational
Ant. Submarine

ZONE TIME

Zone Hotel (-8) throughout.

SITUATION

The Communist People's Liberation Party of Balambangan Island have carried out a Coup d'Etat and, in response to their call for assistance, "volunteer" military forces from the neighbouring Orange Island have landed in support. These Orange forces have established strong points on the N.E. peninsula commanding the Bangal West channel. "Fishex" Forces have been ordered to eliminate them. Orange has not declared War but attacks by her "W" Class submarines cannot be discounted. Intelligence indicates that the mining risk is negligible and it is not anticipated that Orange Air Forces would be overtly committed.

a) Enemy Forces

(i) Orange military forces are notional
(ii) ANDREW will act as Orange "W" Class submarine from 0630 to 0900 Thursday 16th, from 0500 to 2359 Friday 17th and from 0630 to 1000 Saturday 18th.
(iii) Air Forces nil.

b) Friendly Forces

(i) H.M. Ships BULWARK
CAESAR
CAPRICE
CASSANDRA
H.M. Australian Ships
PARRAMATTA
YARRA
42 Commando, Royal Marines
848 Squadron
RFA WAVE MASTER
(ii) 2 SBS (Pathfinding Force) in ANDREW. ANDREW will be friendly from 1830 Thursday 16th to 0500 Friday 17th.

AIM

To exercise participating Units in mounting an assault, with Naval Gunfire support, in the face of Submarine threat.

EXECUTION

"Battery" will be executed in two Phases. D - day is Friday, 18th August and H - hour will be signalled.

a) Phase 1. D - 1, 0630 to 1830.

Rehearsals and reconnaissance (details in Annex A): -

(i) Approach to an assault area apposed by submarine
(ii) Work-up of Escorts in live Naval Gunfire Support
(iii) Military reconnaissance of the firing range

Opportunity will also be taken to replenish FFO underway and to carry out CASEXes with ANDREW.

b) Phase 2. - 1830 on D - 1 to 1000(approx) on D + 1.

The exercise proper.

(i) ANDREW is to launch 2 SBS in canoes as soon as it is dark on D - 1. This force is to land and carry out its pathfinding task.

(ii) At H hour on D - day 42 Commando R.M. will start landing by helicopter. Escorts are to defend the Commando Ship from Submarine attack and are to provide Gunfire support as ordered.
(iii) Final details of Helicopter Landing Sites and routes, Gunfire Support areas and the Commando Ship operating area are dependant upon intelligence received from the Pathfinding Force. This information will be promulgated during the early hours of D - day. (see also FOTI 1215).
(iv) Partial withdrawal of 42 Commando may be carried out on D - day.
(v) Withdrawal will be completed by 1000(approx) on D + 1.
(vi) A truce will be observed from 0001 to 0630 on D + 1. Ships may be ordered to anchor. (See Annex D).

COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a) Communications in accordance with Annex C.

b) The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. BULWARK, and the Commanding Officer, 42 Commando Royal Marines are Joint Force Commanders.

James Dalgleish

CAPTAIN.

Annex A to the Commanding
Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's
Naval Exercise Order No. 1/62
dated 7th. August, 1962.

Phase 1 PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY 16th. AUGUST

(All Times HOTEL (Zone -8))

1. Serial 1603. 0630-0830. Opposed approach to the Assault Area.

(a) The Force will close Balambangan Island from the Westward and will be manoeuvred so that BULWARK is positioned at the downward end of her operating area, centred on position 7°17'N 116°51'E radius 6 miles, at 0800 when simulated assault flying operations will begin.

(b) The Screen Commander (Captain (D)8) is to adjust the screen without further orders as necessary to provide A/S protection.

2. N.G.S. Firing Practices.

(a) Firing runs are to be carried out in an area between 290 and 320 degrees and 5 to 9 miles from position 7°20.6N 116°59.45E.

(b) Shoots are to take place as follows.

SERIAL	TIME	SHIP
1613	1230-1330	CAESAR
1615	1330-1430	CAPRICE
1621	1430-1530	PARRAMATTA
1623	1530-1630	CASSANDRA
1625	1630-1730	YARRA

(c) For further details see Annex BRAVO.

3. CASEXES

(a) Casex A 4/5 are to take place in an area within 6 miles radius of 7°31'N 116°48'E which will be the Initial Position.

SERIAL	TIME	SHIPS	O.C.E.
1607	0930-1300	YARRA until 1100 CAESAR until 1130 CASSANDRA until 1230 PARRAMATTA from 1130 CAPRICE from 1130	CAESAR until 1130 then PARRAMATTA
1617	1400-1830	CASSANDRA until 1500 YARRA until 1600 CAPRICE from 1500 CAESAR from 1600 PARRAMATTA	YARRA until 1600 then CAESAR

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Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's Naval
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dated 7th August 1962.

ORDERS FOR NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT

Naval Gunfire Support firings will be carried out during Exercise BATTERY on D-1 and D days in accordance with the attached programme.

AREAS

2. The target area on BALAMBANGAN Island consists of that part of the island to the N.E. of a line drawn 110° from position 7° 20.6' N, 116° 59.45' E (MD 4985 8110). A second line drawn parallel to this at a distance of 2,600 yards to the S.W. encloses the safety lane. This second line should be continued to seaward, and no helicopters or ships are to operate between it and the R.A.S. area (see Annex A) except firing ships, unless such helicopters or ships are to seaward of the firing ships.

SAFETY

3. The firing ships are responsible for their own safety arrangements, except that a helicopter patrol is to be flown at the start of each day to to ensure that no local craft are within the danger area. The N.G.S. Forward Observer is responsible that the target area is clear of personnel, and no firing is to take place on any particular run until he has reported range clear, though this may be assumed from his order to fire the initial salvo.

SHORE SAFETY MARK

4. A Shore Safety Mark, consisting of an aircraft panel, will be erected in position 7° 20.6 N, 116° 59.45 E (MD 4985 8110) by the Forward Observation Party. If possible, a bonfire will be lit in the same place for the night shoots on D - day. This mark will then give safety trainers a right-hand limit.

NAVAL GUNFIRE OPERATIONS CENTRE (A.F.O. 1786/61).

5. On D-1, ships are to detach in time to start their N.G.S. runs in accordance with the programme, and are to work direct with the spotters nominated. An N.G.O.C. will not be run in H.M.S. BULWARK during this period.

6. On D-day, the N.G.O.C. will operate from 0600 to 1600, and from 1900 to 2300. Requests for support from shore will be passed through the N.G.O.C., who will pass on the requirement for ships to the Screen Commander. Ships released by the Screen Commander from the screen will then be allocated to tasks and spotters by the N.G.O.C.

AMMUNITION

7. Ammunition expenditure is to be limited to the figures in the attached table. In order to do this, all initial salvos on D-day are to be single gun. Ships should be ready to fire smoke in case the spotter has difficulty in observing the fall of shot.

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ITEM	SHIP	SPOTTER	ROUNDS ALLOTTED	TYPE OF SHOOT	TIME
D - 1	CAESAR	NGSFO	7	REGISTRATION	1230-1300
	CAESAR	42 CDO	7		1300-1330
	CAPRICE	NGSFO	7		1330-1400
	CAPRICE	42 CDO	7		1400-1430
	PARRAMATTA	NGSFO	7		1430-1500
	PARRAMATTA	PILOT - Ashore	7		1500-1530
	CASSANDRA	NGSFO	7		1530-1600
	CASSANDRA	PILOT - Ashore	7		1600-1630
	YARRA	NGSFO	7		1630-1700
	YARRA	42 CDO	7		1700-1730
D - DAY ASSAULT	Two ships, shooting to fire plan, and impromtu at a specified time.	2 NGSFOs in helicopters	15	NEUTRALISATION	0645-1200
IMPROMPTU	Three ships simultaneouly	NGSFO NGSFO NGSFO	5		1300-1600
NIGHT FIRING	Ships in pairs	NGSFO	6		1930-2300

Annex C to the Commanding
Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's
Naval Exercise Order No. 1/62
dated 7th August, 1962.

JOINT ASSAULT COMPLAN

NOTES:

1. This is a combined callsign and frequency diagram designed to give an overall and complete picture of the Military, Naval, Air and combined communication circuits associated with the assault. Stations are given on the left and circuits across the top. Continuous voice cover by a station on a net is indicated by a figure/letter or letter/figure combination in the corresponding square. This combination is the callsign to be used by the station on the net in question. These callsigns are in force only for the duration of exercise BATTERY. A key to the plan is given below.

√ - Reception only or callsign not allocated

( ) - As required or when ordered

NC - Appropriate R.N. callsign

FC - Fixed Army callsign

SL - Side letter or standard aircraft callsign

2. All circuits except B1 and B2 are to be opened on voice. CW may be used where possible particularly on circuits B5, B7, B18, B19, B24.

3. Crypto. Slidex and Griddle will be used on combined circuits. See 42 Cdo Signal Instruction. (APPLICAPBLE TO BULWARK ONLY).

4. Authentication will not be used on combined circuits.

5. SBS Comms Trial. A trial to establish means of communication with the SBS will be carried out. ANDREW and SBS parties 1 and 2 are to set watch on circuit B18 (shifting to B19 when ordered) at beginnin of Trial. (time to be signalled).

NET	B'CAST	S/S	TAC PRI	CIP	TAC LOG	NGSC	NGCN	HAS	HAP (R)	HAP (F)	L/L
CIRCUIT DESIG N/S	B1 FR/FF	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	B11
STATION											
BULWARK	✓	(NC)	42	42	76	23	23	35	35	(35)	35
D8 (CAESAR)	✓	(NC)	79	79		37	37				
CASSANDRA	✓	(NC)	88	88		69	69				
CAPRICE	✓	(NC)	02	02		82	82				
NGOC						46	46				
PARAMATTA	✓	(NC)	94	94		75	75				
YARRA	✓	(NC)	43	43		54	54				
WAVE MASTER	✓	(NC)	52	52							
42 CDO HQ					50			(66)			
CDO CO'S ROVER											
A TROOP HQ											
B TROOP HQ											
C TROOP HQ											
X TROOP HQ											
Y TROOP HQ											
HCT								48	(48)	48	
HELOS								(SL)	SL	SL	SL
NGSSO							30				
NGSFO1 (FOP)							51				
NGSFO2 (FOP)							28				
NGSFO3 (FOP)							73				
NGSFO4 (FOP)							44				
AIR SPOTTER 1											
AIR SPOTTER 2											
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FREQ 2					5565						
PORTABLE EQUIPMENT					C11		156	C11		D141	
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Annex 'D' to the Commanding Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's Naval Ex. order 1/62 dated 7th. August 1962.

NAVIGATIONAL DATA.

1. The following Anchor Berths are allocated for use during Exercise BATTERY:-

A1	300° North Hill (742), Banggi Island. 4'.0	BULWARK
A2	090 A1 4 Cables	WAVEMASTER
B1	180 A1 4 Cables	CAESAR
B2	090 B1 3 Cables	CAPRICE
B3	090 B1 6 Cables	CASSANDRA
B4	090 B1 9 Cables	PARRAMATTA
B5	090 B1 12 Cables	YARRA
C1	180 A1 7 Cables	ANDREW

Natural Phenomena / over.

(c) On receipt of Deepfield signal. Action is to be taken in-accordance-with AXP 1 A Article 1722 (b) (4) and (5).

7. On all occasions the appropriate Alarm report is to be made on TCP and a Datum or Search Centre established. For attacks inside the screen the Datum should be the target ship, unless there has been any other indication of the submarine.

Tactical Instructions

8. The following tactical instructions are in force:-

Tactic	Reference
1) Defence of Commando Ship	FOTI 1215
2) Sector Screen	FOTI 1213
3) Duet and Duet Two	FOTEX 62 Appendix E Annex 1
4) Sector Attack Method	FOTI 1902
5) Close A/S Search ACORN	FOTI 1903
6) Torpedo Countermeasures	FOTEX 62 Appendix E Annex 2.

(ii) Duration of A/S Action

Casex A4/5 Until Stop Time
Tactical Phase 60 minutes

(iii) UWT guard to be kept by CAESAR, PARRAMATTA and YARRA.

4. (b) Instructions for period 20th. to 22nd. August:-

(i) Proceedure, Relaxations and Special Instructions

Casex	Proceedure	Relaxations	Special Instructions
B 12	Seven	3, 9, 10, 15, 22, 23, 42, 43, 44, 46, 53	1, 2, 16 17 (2272 or 4340) 18 (2 every 10) 19 A
A17/A5	Seven	As Above	1 17 (2272 or 4340) 18 (2 every 10)

There will be no night.

(ii) Duration of A/S Actions until Stop Time

(iii) UWT with PARRAMATTA and YARRA

5. Green Grenades will not be used during BATTERY. Torpedo fire will be indicated as follows:-

(a) By UWT. ANDREW is requested to signal the target, the bearing from which torpedos have been fired and whether attack has been made from inside or outside the screen. If no answer is received in UWT a yellow smoke is to be fired by day or a white flare by night to generate an A/S Action.

(b) By Deepfield signal on 4340 k/c's in accordance with AXP 1 A Article 1722.

Action to be taken on simulated torpedo fire

6. In order to achieve as much realism as possible, the following action is to be taken on detecting simulated torpedo fire:-

(a) Detection by UWT:-

(i) For attack outside the screen, detecting ship(s) assume that torpedo HE has been detected on the bearing signalled.

(ii) For attack inside the screen, the target is to be assumed to have been hit and the detecting ship is to signal accordingly.

(b) On sighting Yellow Smoke/White Flare fired before COMEX.

(i) Outside screen as for UWT but using the bearing of the candle only.

(ii) Inside the screen as for UWT.

Annex D to the Commanding
Officer H.M.S. Bulwark's
letter No. 2/42 dated
3rd. August, 1962.

A/S Instructions and Submarine Safety for the period 14th to 22nd August including Exercise 'BATTERY'

Submarine Safety Rules

The Submarine Operating Authority during the period Tuesday 14th. to Wednesday 22nd August is Commander Seventh Submarine Division.

2. Diving and Surfacing Signals are to be made in accordance with AXP 1 A Part 2 Chapter 11, as amplified below.

(a) Signals are to be addressed for action to SM7 and repeated for info, to C-in-C FES, BULWARK, D 8 (14th- 17th) and PARRAMATTA (18th -22nd).

(b) Diving signals may be made for the periods 16th to 18th August inclusive and 20th to 22nd August inclusive. Check reports required every 24 hours.

3. The Submarine Safety course is EAST/WEST.

A/S Instructions

4. CASEX orders are in accordance with FXTI 1908 and AXP 1 A, with the following additional instructions:-

(a) Instructions for the period 14th to 18th August inclusive:-

Proceedures and Relaxations

(i)

Casex Order Table Designator	Casex A4/5	Tactical Phase
L 1	Two	Seven
L 2	Two	Seven
Q 1	9, 46, 52	3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 42, 43, 44, 46, 49, 53
Q 2	9, 46, 52	3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, 24, 29, 42, 43, 45, 46, 49, 50, 53

Time of night (L3) is 1915H to 0545H
Times of tactical phase are 0600H to 0830H Thursday 16th
0500H to 2359H Friday 17th
0600H to 1000H Saturday 18th

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(4) 1st NM after 26/10. 2/11

(1) 2nd NM 24/10 24/10

(2) 3rd NM 29/10

(3) 4th NM 30/10.

(5) SEC 5/11

CNPR 7/11

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DPS 5/11

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DNES 14/11

MDG 16/11

DCNTS 19/11

DEE 21/11

DME 10/12

DNC 11/12

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
At SEA.

1st October, 1962.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

(Copies to: The Commander-in-Chief, FAR EAST STATION.
The Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, FAR EAST STATION.).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of September, 1962.

2. YARRA had left Hong Kong on Friday 31st August, 1962, in company with PARRAMATTA to avoid typhoon WANDA which appeared at this stage as though it would pass directly over the area. On leaving harbour, a southerly course was set at high speed to clear the track of the typhoon and at the beginning of the month, both ships were some 200 miles to the southwards on a south easterly heading. During the forenoon, course was altered to the northward with the intention of returning behind the typhoon after it had passed inland. Even at this distance moderately high seas and up to Force 8 winds were experienced but the ship rode very comfortably in these conditions and there is little doubt that the Type 12's are most seaworthy ships, especially into a sea.

3. During the forenoon of the 2nd, a search was ordered for the tug "KOWLOON DOCKS" and the S.S. SILJEHOLM; the latter had been under tow from SHANGHAI and had been slipped by the KOWLOON DOCKS in heavy weather the previous day whilst in the southern part of TAIWAN STRAITS. "SILJEHOLM" had reported that the centre of the typhoon had passed very close to her and that she was drifting with the wind. No word had been heard from the tug.

4. A landfall on Pedro Blanco Rock, 50 miles east of Hong Kong, was made by radar at 1012 on the 2nd and PARRAMATTA and YARRA commenced a line abreast search to the eastwards to cover the estimated probability area of the two ships. Visibility at this stage was very limited with heavy rain squalls and this resulted in our not locating the "SILJEHOLM" right at the beginning of the search. Its position was eventually established as 10 miles west of CHILANG POINT and close inshore to the Chinese mainland by the S.S. LYLE PARK who had been passed a navigational position by YARRA at 1215 and who contacted the "SILJEHOLM" when passing Pedro Blanco a few hours later.

5. Search for the "KOWLOON DOCKS" was continued until the morning of the 3rd, when both ships returned to Hong Kong for fuel; they then remained alongside to continue their interrupted maintenance period.

6. The after effects of the typhoon were considerable and a great deal of damage had been sustained with many ships aground in the harbour.

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7. It was believed that the "KOWLOON DOCKS" must have foundered when one seaman was eventually recovered off the SWATOW coast of the mainland. A very gracious letter from the Chairman of the HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD., was received through the Commodore, Hong Kong, thanking us for our efforts in the search for their ship.

8. After berthing at the South Wall of the Dockyard Basin at 0800 on the 3rd, the ship remained alongside until Monday the 10th. It was with considerable relief that a second typhoon ANY which was following up WANDA and which for a time appeared might also threaten Hong Kong eventually slowed down and curved to the northwards to pass over TAIWAN and the Chinese mainland instead.

9. The aftermath of WANDA brought fine and sunny weather until the day before our scheduled departure and maximum advantage was taken to progress maintenance during this final week. The fact that ships are required to be at 4 hours notice during this period is somewhat restricting but nevertheless, a tremendous amount was achieved.

10. Final departure from Hong Kong was made at 0900 on the 10th and the Ship left to the customary noisy firecracker sendoff from Jenny and her side party.

11. In company with PARRAMATTA, a speed of advance of 15 knots was maintained southwards with ships carryout general exercises en route. After passing east of the Paracels, rendezvous was effected for fuelling with R.F.A. EDDYROCK at anchor in the entrance to Johore Straits at 0800 on Friday the 14th.

12. YARRA proceeded alongside EDDYROCK's port side and embarked 157 tons of F.F.O. Whilst fuelling, identities were exchanged with H.M.S. ARK ROYAL returning to SINGAPORE from her West Australia visit.

13. On completion of fuelling, both ships cast off and continued passage to Port Swettenham, arriving off the northern approach at first light on the 15th.

14. PARRAMATTA led into harbour and secured to No.4 Buoy at 0730 with YARRA berthing alongside her at 0740. We were fortunate in being allocated a berth at a buoy as the deep water anchorage is a considerable distance from the port itself and even this berth was almost a mile from the landing in a very strong tideway. The fast tidal streams at this port provided excellent training experience for boat's crews and many lessons were learnt.

15. As the visit to Port Swettenham was classified Informal a considerable number of calls had been arranged. With the Captain, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, these were made after arrival, on the Harbour Master (Captain McCaughan) and the Chief Port Manager (Mr. Marouf) at Port Swettenham before proceeding to KLANG to call on the District Officer (Inche Yaha Bin Haji Talib).

16. On completion of these calls we drove to KUALA LUMPUR and after attending a press conference which had been arranged, we were honoured to have a stimulating period with the Prime Minister (Tenku Abdul Rahman). After 1200, brief calls were then paid on the acting Chief of the Armed Forces, (Brigadier Tengku Osman) the Secretary of Defence, The Commander, Royal Malayan Air Force (Group Captain J. Stacey, D.S.O., D.F.C.) and the Captain, Royal Malayan Navy (Captain A.M. Symnot, A.D.C., R.A.N.). The latter had kindly arranged a luncheon and in the evening accompanied by the majority of my Officers, I attended a Federation Reception given in our honour at the Lakes Club.

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17. During the visit both ships were given a warm welcome and considerable hospitality was extended to the Officers and Ship's Company. This consisted of numerous sporting events, plantation tours and parties arranged by various associations and local residents. In particular, the Australian New Zealand Association, a great many of whose members consisted of Malayans who had studied in Australia, made a considerable effort to make the stay an enjoyable one.

18. On Sunday the 16th, I attended a luncheon given by the Australian High Commissioner, (Mr.J. Critchley and Mrs. Critchley) and in the evening accompanied him briefly to the A.N.Z. Reception before watching the International Soccer Match between Malaya and Pakistan. (A drawn match).

19. The final day at Port Swettenham was equally busy. In the forenoon I called on His Highness, the Sultan of Selangor and returned to give a luncheon for several of the local dignitaries. A combined reception was held in the evening which was attended by some 175 Official guests and which proved tremendously successful. His Highness, the Sultan of Selangor, accompanied by the Sultana and a small entourage, honoured us with his presence and proved very loathe to leave. Ten of the more important guests were subsequently entertained to dinner by the Captain, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and myself on our respective ships.

20. Greater detail has been given to this period on account of the genuine appreciation shown by the Malayans for our visit and their most apparent desire for a close relationship with Australia.

21. After this very worthwhile period in Port Swettenham which was particularly appreciated by the Royal Malayan Navy, YARRA and PARRAMATTA slipped from the buoy at 0900 on Tuesday the 18th and proceeded for Singapore.

22. At 1320, YARRA detached and commenced working up to fullpower but this trial was postponed at 1500 due to a jammed air shut off tube on the No.2 register of the port Boiler. Throughout the night of the 18th/19th YARRA continued south through the Malacca Strait. The ship commenced working up to full power at 0700 and by 1005 the trial was successfully completed, a mean speed of 29.1 knots being achieved. Additional exercises on this day consisted of a pre-action calibration trial which was carried out at 1040 and Mortar Sea Check firings at 1250 on the triplane target off Pulau Aur. On completion of these firings the ship proceeded to Telok Tokaya anchorage, Pulau Aur where she anchored at 1706 in 26 fathoms.

23. The ship remained at anchor until 0445 on Thursday the 20th when she weighed and proceeded to join PARRAMATTA east of Singapore Straits at 0800.

24. After joining, A.A. tracking was exercised followed by PARRAMATTA's A.A. Gunnery Efficiency shoot. The neutral observer was then transferred to YARRA by highline at 1020, but the target towing aircraft for YARRA's A.A. Efficiency Firing did not arrive. After further arrangements had been made, YARRA's Efficiency Shoot was eventually carried out between 1325 and 1355 preceding a Surface Efficiency Shoot at an H.S.T. towed by the tug NIMBLE.

25. At 1435, the shoot was completed and the observer was returned to PARRAMATTA by highline. YARRA then detached and joined H.M.S/M ANDREW for a Casex with helicopters from 815 squadron. PARRAMATTA rejoined at 1700 and both ships continued operating with the submarine until 2200. Both ships then steamed together throughout the night and at 0600 on Friday the 21st, rendezvous was made with H.M.S/M ANDREW for further Casex's.

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26. During the night the ship over-ran a fishing stake part of which lodged in the port propeller. This was freed by reversing main engines at 0238, but during the next forenoon it was apparent that part of a long line was fouling the bottom in the vicinity of the Hull Outfit. Divers investigated at 1120 and cleared a large fishing stake and some scores of fathoms of electrical wire used by the local fishermen, from the Hull Outfit 7. No damage was fortunately sustained. Hail was received by helicopter at 1020 and for the remaining hour and a half two Wessex helicopters remained on task. Opportunity was also taken to carry out two light mortar plotted assessment firings.

27. On completion of the Casex, courses and speeds were adjusted to enter harbour and at 1315 ships proceeded into Johore Strait. Identities were exchanged with H.M.S. BRIGHTON at 1420 and at 1500 YARRA berthed alongside PARRAMATTA at No.6 berth at the Naval Dockyard, SINGAPORE.

28. The ships remained alongside until 1000 Tuesday the 25th when they cast off for the homeward passage.

29. During this period in the Strategic Reserve more time than usual was spent in Singapore Dockyard. Although little opportunity occurred for meeting any of the Singapore residents close liaisons were effected with the seagoing personnel of the many ships present and a particular effort was made to mix with the ever willing R.F.A's. Every assistance was afforded the ship during our periods in the Dockyard.

30. On passing Changi Buoy, YARRA detached from PARRAMATTA and proceeded ahead for an electronic warfare exercise which was subsequently conducted with a Gannet from 831 squadron, during the afternoon.

31. At 1640 PARRAMATTA was rejoined and course set to the South East for Carimata Strait.

32. The remaining 5 days of the month was spent on passage to Darwin via Sapudi and Lombok Straits and with glorious weather throughout, the main effort was directed towards ship maintenance.

33. At 0700 on Sunday 30th, rendezvous was effected with our Strategic Reserve reliefs QUIBERON and QUEENBOROUGH.

34. At 0740 I transferred to QUEENBOROUGH and subsequently PARRAMATTA by highline for general turnover discussions with F.1 and the Captain, QUIBERON.

35. Able Seaman J.R. PELGRAVE, O/N. R53034, of this ship, was also transferred to QUEENBOROUGH at this time and at 0915 I attended a memorial service in QUEENBOROUGH for his late brother, who was unfortunately lost overboard from QUEENBOROUGH on the 29th.

36. At 0940 Pelgrave and I returned to YARRA by highline and the 2nd Division was detached for Darwin.

37. <u>Conduct and Morale.</u>

The conduct of the Ship's Company, both ashore and on board, has been most satisfactory, and this month has resulted in the lowest punishment return for 6 months.

A most gratifying letter was received by the Coxswain from the Manager of the China Fleet Club at Hong Kong, commenting most favourably on the general behaviour of the Ship's Company and the Manager also informed me personally of the high standard of conduct of the sailors.

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Morale I believe to be at its highest since commissioning.

38. Health and Recreation.

The general health of the Ship's Company has been good.

The ship continues to remain free of cockroaches and only 13 isolated intruders have been detected in incoming goods since commissioning and these have been smartly exterminated.

A wide variety of sporting events has been possible during the month with varying results as shown at Appendix B. Considerable keeness has been shown nevertheless and these opportunities for sport have helped to maintain the general fitness of the Officers and Ship's Company.

39. State of the Ship.

It has been obvious that a great pride is shown in the ship for a great amount of work in all departments is carried out voluntarily outside working hours.

The ship has reached a high state of cleanliness both internally and externally and it has been most pleasing to see that visits onboard by personnel from other ships or V.I.P's are always welcomed.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

Enclosures:

Appendix A - Steaming Report.
Appendix B - Sporting Results.

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	5286.2 miles
Total number of hours underway during the month	400 20/60 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	41,690.4 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	3012 58/60 hours.

NOTE: It is regretted that a typographical error in the month of December 1961 caused a 3000 mile error in the total distance run. This has been corrected in the total distance shown above.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE	TOTAL NO. OF HRS. EXCEEDED.	AV. SPEED.	FUEL PER HR. EXPENDED.	DISTANCE PER TON.	REASON.
1st	4	15.5Knts	1.5 Tons	9.6	Typhoon WANDA
2nd	18	19.1	2.5	7.6	Searching for "KOWLOON DOCKS"
3rd	7	20.2	2.9	7.1	"
10th	14	14.9	1.4	9.9	Passage to Port Swettenham.
11th	24	16.4	1.5	9.1	"
12th	23	17.4	2.0	8.5	"
13th	23	16.7	1.7	9.0	"
14th	15	15.2	1.5	9.7	"
[illegible]h	5	18.2	2.3	8.1	Full Power Trial (Postponed)
19th	5	26.7	6.5	4.1	Full Power Trial
20th	5	15.6	1.5	9.6	Exercises
21st	1	15.5	1.5	9.6	"
25th	5	16.4	1.6	9.1	"
26th	3	14.3	1.4	10.2	"
27th	1	14.3	1.4	10.2	"
29th	1	16.5	1.6	9.1	"
30th	1	15.2	1.5	9.7	"

APPENDIX 'B'.

SEPTEMBER SPORT.

DATE.	SPORT	AGAINST	RESULT	AT.
3.9.62	Volley Ball	USS BLUE Officers	Lost 3 - 0	Hong Kong
4.9.62	Volley Ball	TAMAR	Won 2 - 0	Hong Kong
4.9.62	Basketball	USS BLUE	Lost 56 - 50	Hong Kong
4.9.62	Cricket	PARRAMATTA	Lost P'MATTA: 4 for 72 YARRA All out 53	Hong Kong
5.9.62	Rugby	R.A.F. Kai Tak	Won 11 - 3	Hong Kong
6.9.62	Volley Ball	P'MATTA Seamen	Won 2 - 0	Hong Kong
15.9.62	Hockey	Klang Club	Lost 6 - 0	Port Swettenham
15.9.62	Basketball	Klang Club	Lost 85 - 25	Port Swettenham
16.9.62	Cricket	MINDEF Kuala Lumpur(Officers)	Lost MINDEF: 8 for 165. YARRA & P'MATTA All out 106.	Kuala Lumpur.
17.9.62	Rugby	Klang Club	Won 20-13	Port Swettenham
[illegible]9.62	Tennis	Klang Club	Individual games	Port Swettenham
21.9.62	Basketball	R.A.F. Seletar	Lost 12 - 24	Singapore
23.9.62	Aust. Rules	Australian Army	Won 12. 24. to 3. 5	Singapore

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H.M.A.S. YARRA,
AT WILLIAMSTOWN.
6th November, 1962.

Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - OCTOBER, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of October, 1962.

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3. Taking full advantage of the prevailing perfect weather, ship maintenance was progressed on passage and at 0820 on Tuesday the 2nd, YARRA secured port side to alongside PARRAMATTA at FORT HILL WHARF, DARWIN.

4. The main object of calling at DARWIN was to refuel but the visit coincided with a ceremony of naming Walker and Rankin Streets in the Nightcliffe Naval Housing area. It was particularly appropriate that YARRA and PARRAMATTA should be present on this occasion as these two streets were named after Lieutenant Commander RANKIN and Commander WALKER, the Commanding Officers of the previous YARRA and PARRAMATTA which were lost during World War II. It was with pleasure therefore that I was able to attend this ceremony together with the Captain, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and a detachment of ratings from both Ships. An account of the ceremony is attached at Appendix 'B'.

5. YARRA cast off and led out of Darwin Harbour at 1430, and set course and speed to pass through Clarence Strait before nightfall. At 0040 on the 3rd, course was altered to the East and passage was continued without incident until 1715 on the 4th when identities were exchanged with H.M.A.S. WARREGO in the vicinity of Booby Island.

6. At 1805, Ships were formed in column and at 1920, YARRA led through Prince of Wales Channel and the subsequent inner reef passage to CAIRNS. At 0820 on Saturday 6th the Ship berthed starboard side to alongside PARRAMATTA at the Fuelling Wharf.

7. After a fast refuelling and the embarkation of several Fleet Staff Officers, YARRA cast off at 1030 and led out of harbour.

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The conduct of the Ship's Company continues to be most satisfactory and only 6 offences occurred during the month. Although the prospect of 2½ months in Dry Dock with the attendent discomforts is somewhat depressing, morale remains high.

20. HEALTH.

The health of the Ship's Company this month has remained very good. One rating was admitted to Flinders Naval Hospital on 17th October with Jaundice. It was a disappointment that no ground was available for the Ship's extremely strong Australian Rules team to be able to compete against the Fleet Champions during our brief stay in Sydney but it is hoped that an equally strong team can be formed again. The lack of facilities and opportunities for sporting fixtures will be felt during this long period at Williamstown but Volley Ball has been played daily in the Dockyard and the advent of Summer is eagerly awaited.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

Commander, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

Enclosures:

Appendix A - Steaming Report.
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The Secretary,
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Ballarat Orphanage,
BALLARAT.
1st November, 1962.

Lt. Cdr. P.E.M. Holloway,
President,
Welfare Committee
H.M.A.S. YARRA,
C/- G.P.O.,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Lieutenant Commander,

The President (Mr. D.B. Tunbridge) and members of the Board of Management of the above Institution have directed me to convey their very keen appreciation and thanks to you, Officers, and the Ship's Company of H.M.A.S. YARRA for their generous gift of splendid presents for the Children of the Home.

C.O.A. Cabena, E.R. and those of the Ship's Company who accompanied him on their visit to us on Thursday last to make the presentation of the many packages of toys, were welcomed by the President, members of the Board, and myself, and were greeted most enthusiastically by the girls and boys, as can be seen in the enclosed cutting from out local paper, the Ballarat Courier.

The President was very happy to extend to the members of the party a sincere and warm welcome to our Institution, and to state how he, and we, value the decision of your Social Committee in "adopting" the Ballarat Orphanage.

It has been my pleasure to open the packages, and can assure you, that the toys are a perfect selection and they will, without doubt, give a great joy to the Children when they receive them at Christmas time.

May I express my personal thanks and gratitude for your Ship's Company's thoughtfulness, and can add that the girls and boys of this Home are excited and full of thoughts for H.M.A.S. YARRA. This is the only Navy Ship for them now.

Yours sincerely,

Eric R. MORTON.

SECRETARY and SUPERINTENDENT.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3556.6 miles
Total number of hours underway during the month	$228^{22}/_{60}$ hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	44,247.0 miles
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	$3,241^{20}/_{60}$ hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE	TOTAL NO. OF HRS. EXCEEDED.	AV. SPEED.	FUEL PER HR. EXPENDED	DISTANCE PER TON.	REASON.
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3rd	24	14.5	1.45	9.7	"
4th	22	14.5	1.45	9.7	"
5th	10	14.5	1.45	9.7	"
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Home on leave

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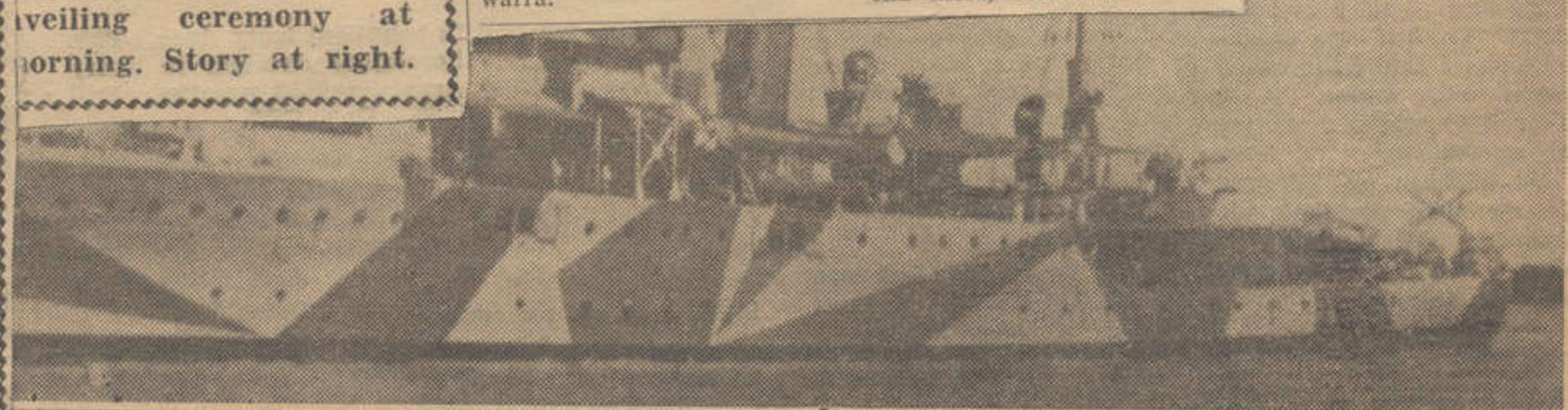

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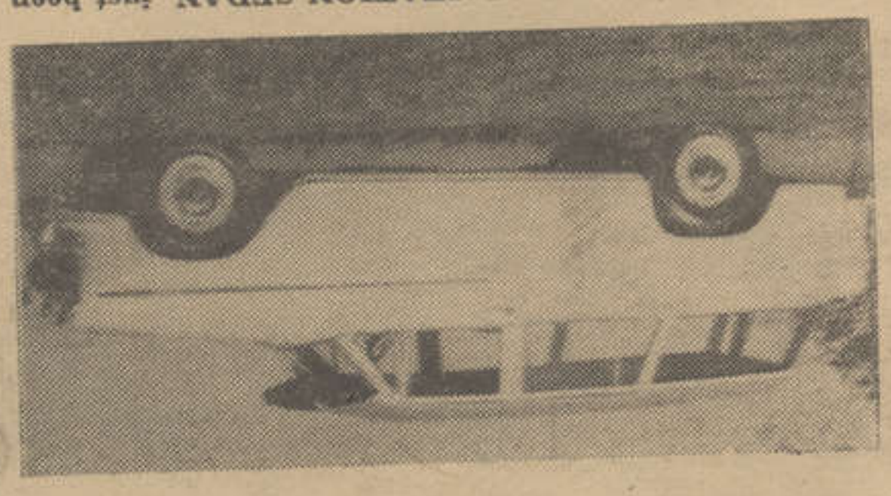

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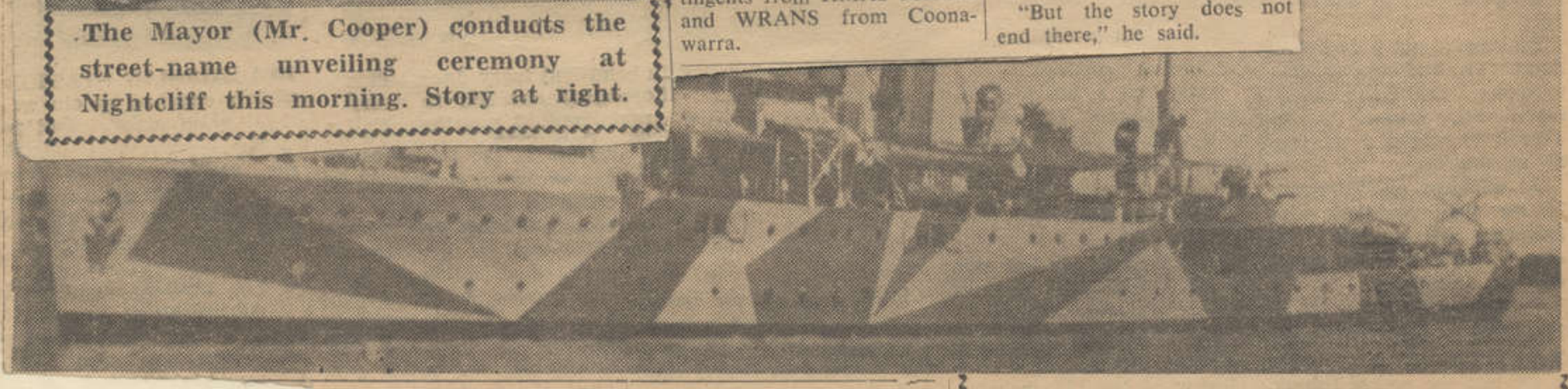

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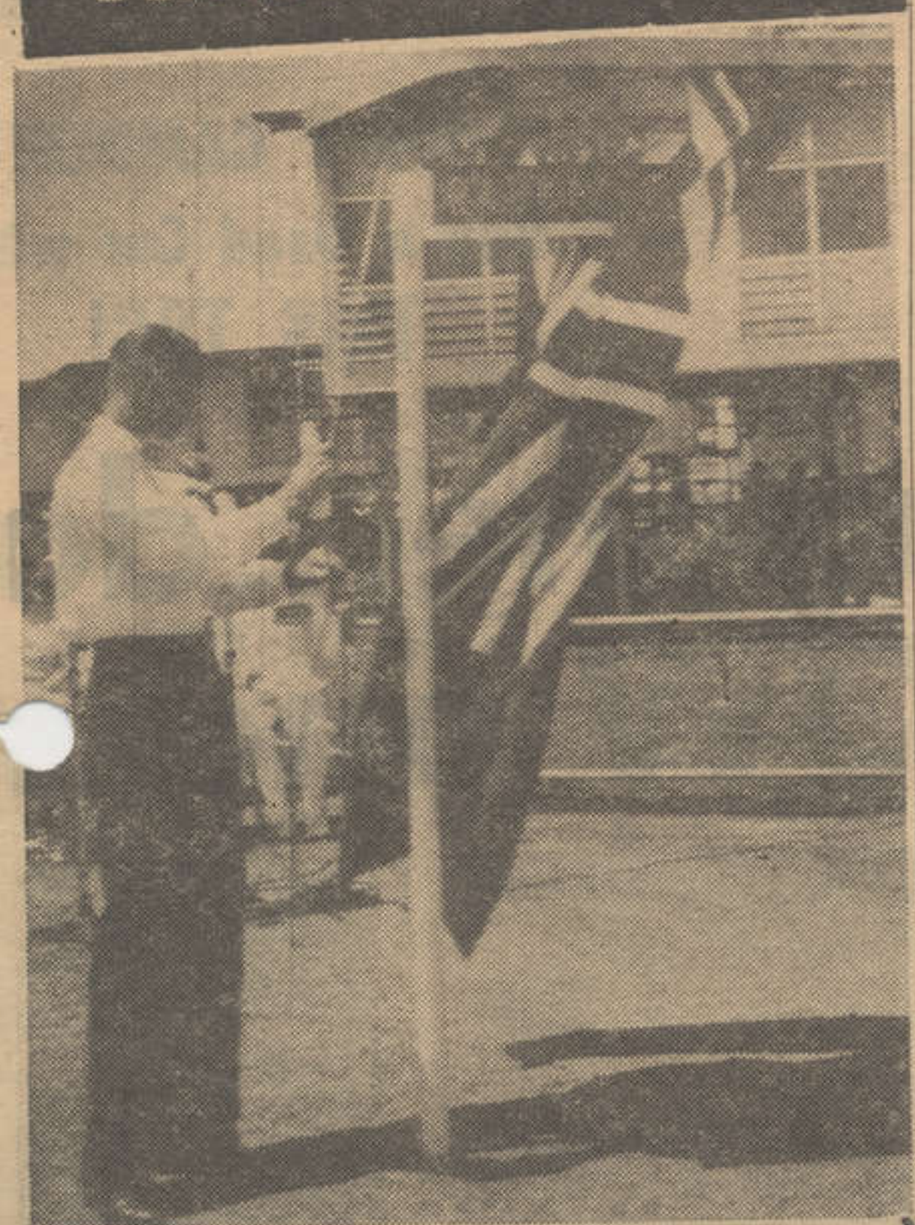

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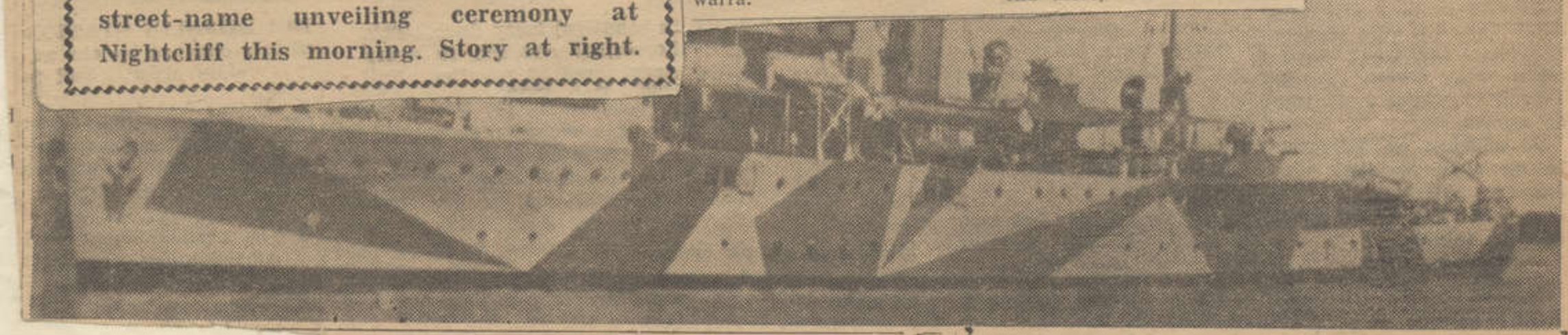

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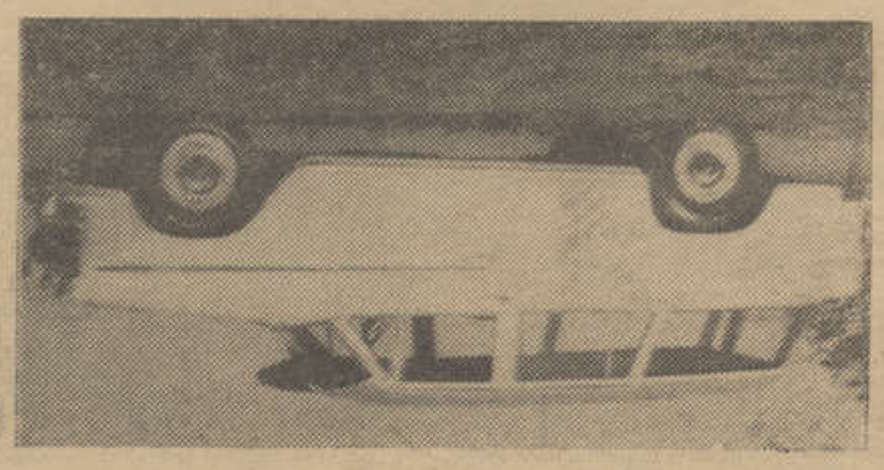

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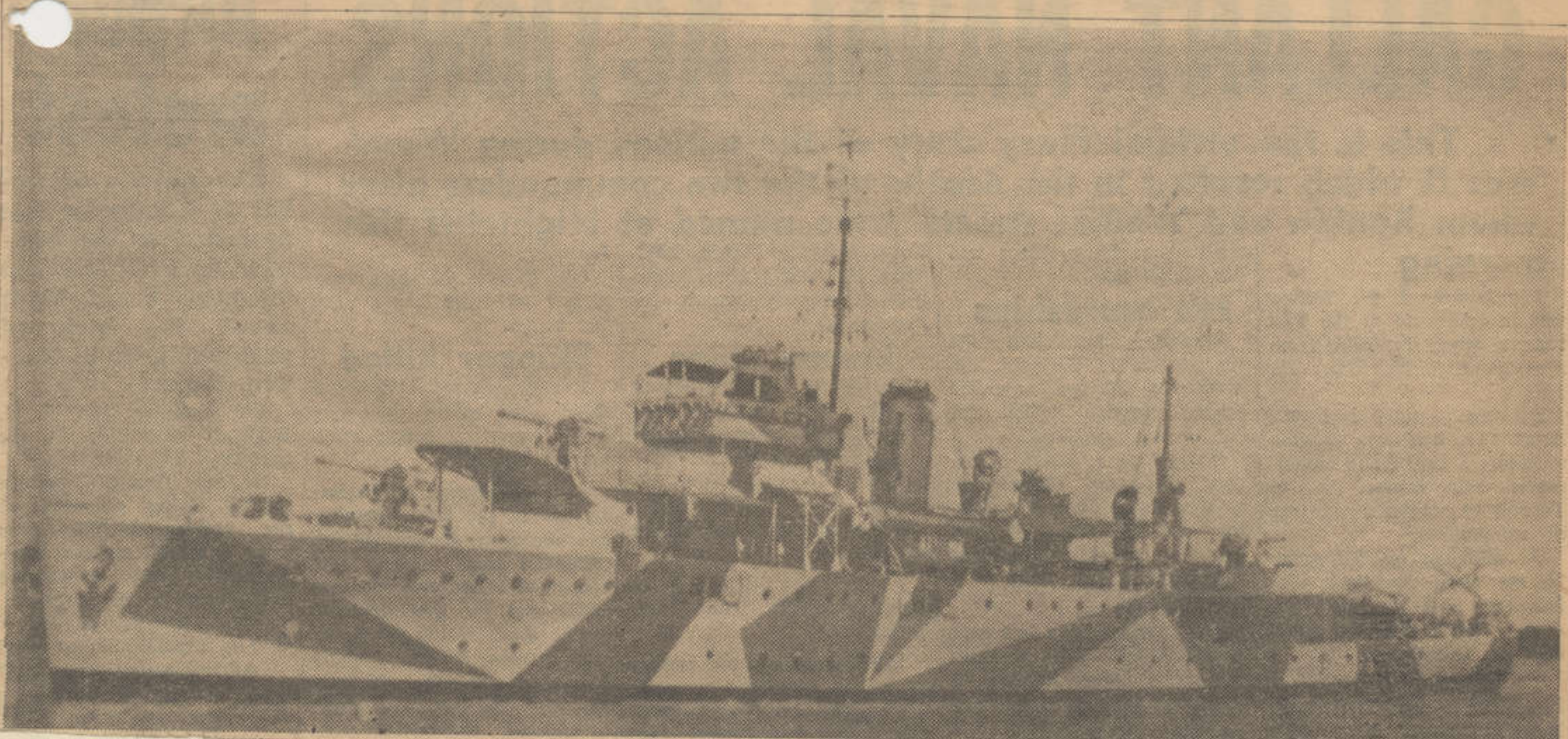

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 6th January 1963)

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The Secretary,
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Office of the
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18th January, 1963.

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IN REPLY
QUOTE No. 5/3/1

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

-6 JAN 1963

Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF)

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS, DECEMBER, 1962.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command during the month of December, 1962.

2. For the whole of the month Yarra continued her refit at Williamstown Dockyard with more than half the Ship's Company on leave. It was with great relief that on Tuesday the 11th the ship undocked and berthed starboard side to the East Dock Pier, where she remained until Monday the 7th. On this day Vendetta arrived and Yarra was shifted to berth outboard in the same berth. On Friday the 28th the ship was again shifted by tugs to berth port side to the East Dock Pier as Vendetta entered the Alfred Graving Dock.

3. Living conditions were greatly improved after leaving the dry dock. In spite of the small number of personnel onboard during the month, work onboard progressed in a very satisfactory fashion.

4. The conduct of the Ship's Company has continued to be good and morale remains high.

5. In the course of the month it became apparent that all but one of the officers who commissioned the ship were leaving for new appointments. A large reshuffle particularly in the Electrical, Gunnery and Diving departments has also brought many new faces. The net result it is hoped is that Yarra commences 1963 with a strong draught of new blood and an enthusiastic expectancy of a successful second commission.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING
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H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCL Appendix "A" - Steaming Report.

APPENDIX "A"

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	Nil
Total number of hours underway during the month	Nil
Total distance steamed since commissioning	44,247 miles
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	3241 -20/60 hours.

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DOD The disruptions referred to at para 3 and commented on by FOCAF were the Clem procedures adopted due to the presence of firstly a USSR Trawler + secondly a Polish merchantman. 27/2

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

(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 5th February 1963)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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

Forwarded for the consideration of the Naval Board.

2. The disruption to the trials and work-up programme referred to in paragraph 3 give rise to concern in view of the increasing likelihood of such interferences. It is understood that this matter is being given consideration by the Naval Board.

3. The matter raised in paragraph 9 has already been represented in A.F. 400/18 dated 19th March 1962.

REAR ADMIRAL

Office of the
Flag Officer Commanding,
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H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JANUARY 1963

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REAR ADMIRAL

Office of the
Flag Officer Commanding,
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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

TELEPHONE:

IN REPLY QUOTE No. 5/3/1 PART

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

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5 February, 1963.

Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to :- Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

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

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of January, 1963. All times K (Zone -10).

2. At the beginning of the month YARRA was still refitting alongside Williamstown dockyard. Although the refit was to be completed by the 6th January, 1963, some work was not completed for a further fortnight.

3. On Monday, 7th January I assumed command from Commander J.W.L. Merson, R.A.N. Post refit trials officially commenced on this date, but a number of delays were caused by the outside influences reported in my messages D.T.G. 070512Z and 250117Z January, 1963.

4. Trials under way were carried out inside Port Phillip Bay between 0730 and 1755 on the 18th, outside Port Phillip Bay between 0700 and 1920 on the 21st, and again inside the Bay between 0730 and 1750 on the 23rd.

5. The sea overall gunnery control trial was finally carried out in area NP on Saturday 26th, after which the Gunnery Trials Team and associated Dockyard personnel were disembarked at Flinders. At 1900 YARRA set course for Sydney where, after an uneventful passage, the ship berthed port side to the Oil Wharf, Garden Island, at 1900 on the 28th.

6. The following two days were spent in storing ship, after which berth was shifted to No 2 Buoy at 0805 on 31st. Having ammunitioned and adjusted compasses, at 1630 YARRA slipped and proceeded to join H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA off Sydney Heads, to commence work-up programme.

7. Shortly after clearing the Heads the ship was joined by a large school of porpoises whose arrival coincided with the breakdown of the Pitometer log, after which it was found impossible to raise the rodmeter. On return to harbour divers discovered that the rodmeter had broken off at the stop pin. It is assumed that, having been badly bent on contact with a porpoise, the instrument had subsquently fractured completely.

Main Machinery and Hull.

8. Following the refit, trials of the machinery proved quite satisfactory with comparatively few mechanical faults. With the new Ship's Company a great deal of training will be necessary to work the department up to a satisfactory standard. That an extensive infestation of tube worm and barnacle has occurred on the boot topping after only 6 weeks out of dock again emphasises the need for an effective antifouling boottopping composition.

State of the Ship.

9. Owing to the severe shortage of unskilled labourers available in Williamstown Dockyard, the ship was left with an abnormal amount of

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post re-fit cleaning to do. The ship was painted overall between the 14th and 28th January and considering that Pre-Commissioning Training for the Gunnery Rates was carried out at H.M.A.S. CERBERUS during the first half of this period, and that a number of ratings did not join until 14th January, the results were just passable. It is considered, however, that if the Ship's Company could have been drafted for Pre-Commissioning Training and had joined the ship prior to the operational date, much effort would have been spared. The absence of the senior ratings who were undergoing Pre-Commissioning Training drastically reduced the supervision available and resulted in the expenditure of a considerable amount of unnecessary labour caused by such things as the misapplication of paint by inexperienced junior ratings.

Training.

10. No training was practicable during the month.

Health.

11. The health and morale of the Ship's Company is very good. Two cases of V.D. were treated during the month. Owing to the refit period and the changes in complement no organised sport has been possible.

Conduct.

12. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been good. Of the eighteen offences committed fourteen have involved leave breaking, three of which have resulted in Warrant punishments. It is hoped that this will improve now that the ship is operational once more.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

N. A. Boase

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCL Appendix "A" - Steaming Report.
Appendix "B" - Number of exercises carried out during month.

APPENDIX "A".

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	1068.5 miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month	90-41/60 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	45315.5 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	3332-01/60 hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE.	TOTAL NO OF HOURS EXCEEDED.	AV SPEED.	FUEL EXPENDED PER HOUR.	DIST PER TON.	REASON.
21st	3	16.1	1.7	9.3	T.A.S. Trials.
26th	2	15.4	1.5	9.7	Exercises.
31st	3	15.5	1.55	9.7	Exercises.

APPENDIX "B".

NUMBER OF EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH.

N.G.S.C.X.	1.
N.A.V. COMEX	1.
R.I.X.	1.
S.U. PLOTTEX	1.
E.W.X.	1.

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M.D.G. BRANCH
26 APR 1963
NAVY OFFICE

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY 1963

(H.M.A.S. YARRA's Report of Proceeding's 5/3/1 dated 5th March 1963.)

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A.F. 35/12(Part)

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

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

5 March, 1963.

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - FEBRUARY, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of February, 1963. All times K (Zone -10).

2. On Friday 1st, YARRA was exercising in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area in company with MELBOURNE, SUPPLY, PARRAMATTA and ANZAC. At 0250 YARRA and PARRAMATTA detached to prepare for the remainder of the day's serials, on completion of which the ship berthed port side to Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, at 1625.

3. Owing to the boiler defect reported in my message DTG 032141 Z, YARRA'S sailing was delayed twenty four hours until 0750 on Tuesday 5th. The work-up programme was resumed at 1700 when a rendezvous was made with H.M.A.S. SUPPLY en route to Jervis Bay. For the ensuing two and a half hours "backdowns" and day and night replenishment were exercised by H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and YARRA. At 2350 the two frigates detached from SUPPLY and anchored in formation in Jervis Bay at 0012 on Wednesday 6th. Whilst at anchor landing party drills, closing down trials were performed prior to exercising Operation Awkward, with PARRAMATTA and a diving team from RUSHCUTTER.

4. A further two full days at sea completed the weeks programme, after which YARRA secured port side to South East Cruiser Wharf at 1630 on Friday the 8th. It was on this day, whilst attempting a full power trial en route to Sydney, that the port boiler turbo-blower developed a serious oil leak and had to be shut down. This defect was subsquently remedied by Ship's Staff during the week end.

5. Monday 11th was spent in storing and performing essential machinery maintenance before proceeding at 0730 on the following day to rejoin PARRAMATTA and continue with the exercise programme. Because of the industrial dispute concerning the Type 12 Frigates, and in view of the desirability for YARRA to top up with F.F.O. before departing for S.A.R. duties in connection with the Royal Flight from Christchurch to Canberra, it was arranged that PARRAMATTA should fuel YARRA. Accordingly, at 0800 YARRA secured starboard side to PARRAMATTA at No 3 Buoy where 49.58 of the 62.52 tons required were transferred before both ships slipped and proceeded at 1130. On completion of D.G. Check Ranging and a surface shoot in area N V (S) YARRA berthed

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alongside North East Cruiser Wharf at 1700.

6. The Unions concerned in the industrial dispute having made it clear that the ban on work in PARRAMATTA and YARRA would not be applied in circumstances which might affect the Royal Tour, it was decided on the Saturday that, after casting off at 1025 on Sunday 17th, YARRA would top up with F.F.O. at Chowder Bay before proceeding to the S.A.R. rendezvous position. Fuelling having been completed at 1130 the ship cast off, and on clearing Sydney Heads set course for position 38° 30' S 155° 30' E, arriving on station at 1130 on the 18th. At 1315, the Royal Aircraft which was being tracked on radar, passed twenty miles to the southward of YARRA. Shortly before this, the messages at Appendix D were exchanged with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

7. YARRA then proceeded to the Jervis Bay area to join PARRAMATTA for No 46 J.U.C. which commenced, insofar as YARRA was concerned, at 0915 on Tuesday 19th. Unfortunately PARRAMATTA was delayed in sailing for approximately fifty hours and did not join until 1130 on the 20th. At 0730 on Friday 22nd YARRA berthed on PARRAMATTA at South East Cruiser Wharf. Subsequently, at 1400, a J.U.C. Mid-Course Revue was held at the Gunnery Instructional Centre, Wooloomooloo.

8. On Monday 25th, YARRA cast off at 0805, and in company with PARRAMATTA proceeded to the Jervis Bay area for the final phase of the JUC, the LONGEX. En route, the opportunity was taken to exercise joining and departing procedures in preparation for escorting Her Majesty's Yacht, BRITANNIA entering and leaving Sydney Harbour. A rendezvous off Macquarie Light was made with QUIBERON and QUEENBOROUGH who, by representing the Royal Yacht and ANZAC, thus enabled joining from ahead, followed by "man" and "cheer ship" to be exercised.

9. On completion of the LONGEX at 1000 on the 27th, both ships anchored in Jervis Bay at 1210 to prepare for Royal Escort duties.

MAIN MACHINERY AND HULL.

10. All main and auxilliary machinery continued to operate satisfactorily during the month with only minor defects developing. As already mentioned, the quarterly power trial on the 8th was unsuccessful due to an oil leak on the boiler room port turbo blower, but it is hoped to carry out a repeat trial early in March.

The Engineroom Department has settled down well during the Work up period and the training of young ratings is progressing satisfactorily.

HEALTH.

11. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. So far the ship's programme has precluded organised sport except for the limited amount at Appendix C.

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CONDUCT.

12. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been good; morale is high. Of the 17 offences 9 have included leave breaking, one of which has resulted in a Warrant Punishment. This shows a slight decrease on last month's figures.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

R. A. Boase
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCLOSURES: Appendix A - Steaming Report.
Appendix B - Number of exercises carried out during the Month.
Appendix C - Sport.
Appendix D - Message exchanged with Her Majesty The Queen.

APPENDIX "A".

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3400.9 miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month	276-25/60Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	48716.4 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	3608-26/60Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

Date.	Total No of Hours Exceeded.	Av Speed.	Fuel Expended Per Hour.	Dist Per Ton.	Reason.
1st	2	16.0	1.7	9.3	Exercises.
5th	1	15.3	1.5	9.7	Exercises.
7th	1	16.1	1.7	9.3	Exercises.
8th	4	20.9	2.8	6.8	Power Trial.
12th	1	17.2	1.9	8.7	Exercises.
15th	1	15.6	1.55	9.7	Exercises.
19th	1	17.2	1.9	8.7	Exercises.
20th	4	17.6	2.1	8.5	Exercises.
21st	11	16.8	1.8	9.0	Exercises.
25th	11	18.4	2.3	8.1	Exercises.
26th	11	17.4	2.0	8.5	Exercises.
27th	1	15.5	1.55	9.7	Exercises.

APPENDIX "B".

NUMBER OF EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH.

R.I.X.	2.
G.D.F.X.	2.
N.G.S.C.X.	1.
SO PLOTTEX	2.
A.A.G.C. PLOTTEX	1.
A.A. TRACKING	1.
A.A. FIRING	3.
S.U. SHOOT	2.
A.A.G.D.X.	2.
R.E.W. FIRING	2.
N.G.S.F.X.	2.
DAYNIGHT RASEX	1.
LANDING PARTY EXERCISE	1.
MAX BUS	1.
DAY STARSHELL	1.
OPERATION AWKARD	1.
TOWEX	1.
CLOSING DOWN TRIAL	1.
D.G. RANGING	1.

CASEX'S.

B1	1.
B3	8.
B11	1.
A5	1.
A4/5	4.
A2	1.
LONGEX	1.

APPENDIX "C".

SPORTS RESULTS.

Wednesday 13th. Basketball v CRESWELL Lost 18-21.
Rugby, Australian Rules and Water Polo training and instruction from CRESWELL P.T.I.'s.

Wednesday and Thursday 27th and 28th.

Basketball v CRESWELL Won 21-20
Softball v CRESWELL Cancelled.
Organised Australian Rules and Rugby training both days.

APPENDIX "D".

MESSAGE EXCHANGED WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

FROM: YARRA.
TO: ROYAL PARTY IN AUSTRALIA/N.Z.

The Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of Your Majesty's Australian Ship YARRA desire with humble duty to extend their warmest greetings and hope that the visit of Your Majesty and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh to Australia may be a joyous and memorable occasion.

FROM: PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO: C.O. H.M.A.S. YARRA.

Please convey to all on board the sincere thanks of The Queen for their kind and loyal message which Her Majesty much appreciates.

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The question of leave for under age ratings needs watching. It is poor that there were 3 cases of V D at the first port of call outside Australia.
The Electrical training for advancement doesn't look too good. Yarra had to steam most of the way on one boiler
are these ships going to be good runners?

WHH 30/4

2nd NM

3rd NM 3/5.

This matter ~~depot~~ dockyard depot has been dealt with by the issue of CNO 151/62.

4th NM

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 5th April, 1963.)

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A.F. 35/12

The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Naval Board.

2. The supply of A.D.O. to Type 12 Frigates during underway replensihment, referred to in paragraph 10, is currently being investigated and proposals will be forwarded.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1963.

(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 5th April 1963.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the consideration of the Naval Board.

2. The supply of A.D.O. to Type 12 Frigates during underway replenishment, referred to in paragraph 10, is currently being investigated and proposals will be forwarded.

REAR ADMIRAL

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Flag Officer Commanding,
H.M. Australian Fleet.

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H.M.A.S. YARRA.
at Hong Kong.

5 April, 1963.

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The Flag Officer, Second in Command, FAR EAST FLEET.

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. At the start of the month YARRA, in company with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, was anchored in Jervis Bay cleaning ship in preparation for escorting H.M. Royal Yacht BRITANNIA, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip embarked, into Sydney Harbour on the following day. Both ships sailed at 2030 K so as to be off Broken Bay at 0600 K on the 2nd. Here a short period was spent in touching up the ship's side paintwork before setting course for the rendezvous position, 167° Macquarie Light 3.7 miles.

3. The weather, meanwhile, had become very overcast and no sooner had the Ship's Companies been fallen in than it started to rain quite heavily. At 0900 K PARRAMATTA and YARRA joined from ahead and took station astern of the Royal Yacht and H.M.A.S. ANZAC.

4. Because of the wretched weather, which worsened as the ships proceeded up Port Jackson, the welcome was not as colourful as in 1954. Nevertheless, a very large proportion of Sydney's small craft were out in force. After BRITANNIA had berthed at the Overseas terminal, PARRAMATTA and ANZAC proceeded to Circular Quay whilst YARRA, with an SAR craft to clear the way, headed for No 1 Buoy where she secured at 1015 K in driving rain. There the ship stayed for the remainder of the week end, dressed by day and floodlit in the evenings.

5. At 1515 K on Monday 4th I accompanied Captain B.S. Murray, R.A.N. (H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.) to the Royal Yacht where, after calling upon the Flag Officer Royal Yacht, Rear Admiral J.C.C. Henley, CB, I had the great honour of being presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and His Royal Highness The Prince Philip.

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6. Prior to BRITANNIA's departure from Sydney, at 1725 K YARRA slipped from No 1 Buoy and in company with PARRAMATTA and ANZAC waited to the west of Sydney Harbour Bridge, ready to form up at 2 cable intervals. At 1807 K the Royal Yacht and escorts proceeded down harbour and, having cleared Sydney Heads, at 1850 K PARRAMATTA and YARRA manned and cheered ship before detaching from Royal Escort duties at 1900 K.

7. On arrival in Sydney YARRA secured to No 5 Buoy at 1930 K followed a few minutes later by PARRAMATTA to No 4 Buoy. The next forenoon was occupied in topping up ammunition and F.F.O., on completion of which, assisted by BRONZEWING and two T.I.D.'s a cold move was made at 1355 K to Outer East Captain Cook Dock where YARRA secured port side to at 1433 K.

8. At 1130 K on the 6th, Sir, I had the pleasure of welcoming you on board to present the OTRANTO shield for Gunnery Efficiency during 1962.

9. On Thursday 7th, YARRA cast off from Garden Island at 0840 K and in company with H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA sailed for Manus, via China Straits accompanied for a time by the F.S. COMMANDANT RIVIERE who detached at 1900 K on Friday the 8th for Noumea. The exercises carried out en route are given at Appendix B.

10. During the passage to Manus 95 tons of furnace fuel oil were embarked underway from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY between 1520 K and 1555 K on the 9th. A further replenishment was carried out between 2020 K and 2145 K on the 13th. On this occasion 186.5 tons of F.F.O. were embarked together with 2786 gallons of A.D.D. Whilst the Type 12 Frigates are not officially fitted for receiving A.D.D. underway, providing suitable adaptors are available it can be taken, but the very small filling line (2 inch) makes the operation a very protracted affair if more than a few tons of A.D.D. are required.

11. On arrival at Manus on Thursday 14th, PARRAMATTA berthed starboard side to the jetty at Lombrum Point. There are no catamarans available at Manus and as the jetty is too short to accommodate two ships alongside without a considerable overhang, YARRA turned on her starboard anchor and berthed port side to at 1000 K. The anchor and three shackles of cable were left down to assist in leaving the wharf.

12. YARRA cast off, weighed and proceeded from Lombrum Wharf at 0835 K on the 16th and having cleared Seeadler Harbour in company with MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA, set course for the Philippines. It had been intended that the two frigates would be fuelled by MELBOURNE on leaving Manus, and again before detaching to visit their respective Philippine ports. Unfortunately MELBOURNE was forced to return to Manus to recover the crew of a Gannet which had made a forced landing in shallow water. In view of this delay PARRAMATTA and YARRA were ordered to proceed to Cebu and Iloilo respectively, observing the utmost economy in oil fuel expenditure. At this stage it was estimated that YARRA would arrive at Iloilo with 42% of burnable fuel remaining and rendezvous with MELBOURNE off Manila on the 27th with 27% remaining.

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13. Owing to the necessity to conserve fuel, practices on passage were confined to steering breakdowns, exercising action stations and damage control and emergency repair drills. But primarily the period was utilised in progressing the training of candidates for higher rating. Clocks were retarded one hour to Zone -9 (I) at 1830 K.

14. Following investigation into an abnormal consumption of feed water it was discovered on the 17th that the port boiler had developed a steam leak in a thermometer pocket. Attempts to rectify the fault were impracticable because of a leaking feed check valve which prevented pressure being taken off the boiler without serious loss of feed water. The port boiler was therefore shut down, except when operating in confined waters, in order to reduce further scoring of the thermometer pocket by steam.

15. The two frigates passed through Hinatuan Passage between 1730 I and 2050 H and on entering Surigao Strait proceeded independently, PARRAMATTA to Cebu, YARRA to Iloilo. Clocks were retarded one hour to Zone H (-8) at 1830.

16. The remainder of the passage was uneventful. The Chief Pilot was embarked off Cabalic Point in Iloilo Strait at 1420 H and the ship finally berthed without difficulty starboard side to the Marginal Wharf at 1500 H. The ship was met on arrival by Mr D. Kelley, the Assistant Manager of Warner Barnes and Company and Mr J. Menchaca of the same firm. As the British Vice-Consul (the Manager of Warner Barnes and Company) was absent and Mr Kelley was a newcomer to Iloilo, Mr Menchaca had undertaken the arrangements for the visit.

17. Immediately after arriving I paid calls on His Honour the Mayor, the Deputy Governor (His Excellency the Governor was in Manila) and the Provincial Commander of the Philippines Constabulary.

18. Although there was no official entertainment scheduled ashore, a considerable amount of private hospitality was extended to both officers and ratings, to a small extent by the small European population, but mainly by the Filipinos themselves.

19. On Saturday afternoon YARRA was opened to public inspection. In spite of radio and press announcements, only about two hundred people availed themselves of the opportunity, and a large proportion of these were friends of members of the Ship's Company. In the evening a very successful reception was held onboard.

20. Owing to the low fuel state, approval was given to fuel YARRA so as to have 50% burnable fuel remaining at the rendezvous with MELBOURNE off Manila at 1830 H on the 27th. Fuelling was carried out from a Shell Lighter on the Saturday afternoon when 98 tons of F.F.O. were embarked. Shortly after the Lighter had slipped, at 1730 H I was informed that the Marginal Wharf was required by a large merchantman. YARRA was therefore requested to cast off and anchor in the stream at 0900 H on Sunday the 24th. As a result it was not possible to complete repairs to the port boiler and in addition, fuel was further reduced by the extra steaming involved and the necessity to steam on auxiliary for 48 hours to make up feed and provide fresh water.

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21. The remainder of the visit was comparatively quiet and at 1100 H on the 26th, with the Chief Pilot embarked, YARRA sailed via the north east entrance to Iloilo Strait. After negotiating the tricky channel to the Eastward of Siete Pecados Light, the Pilot was dropped and YARRA proceeded north through Guimaras Strait to rendezvous with PARRAMATTA off North Gigante Island at 1830 H.

22. Whilst on route via Verde Islands passage, the two frigates carried out independent exercises before rejoining H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE in position 15° 00' N 119° 30' E at 1830 H on the 27th, for the passage to Hong Kong. Fuelling of PARRAMATTA and YARRA was carried out from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE between 1600 H and 2148 H. YARRA embarked 208 tons of F.F.O. on this occasion.. At 2330 H clocks were advanced one hour to Zone I (-9).

23. Between 0001 I and 0700 I on the 29th, a night encounter exercise was conducted with Orange Forces represented by H.M.S. LION (Captain I.L.M. Mc Geogh, R.N.) wearing the Flag of Rear Admiral J.P. Scatchard C.B., D.S.C. **, The Flag Officer, Second in-Command, FAR EAST FLEET, and H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST (Captain J. O'C. Ross, R.N.Z.N.). Shortly after the exercise began, Blue Forces (H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA and YARRA) were augmented by the arrival of H.M.A.S. VAMPIRE and H.M.A.S. VOYAGER.

24. On completion of the exercise all ships proceeded to Hong Kong where, at 1400 I, YARRA berthed port side to H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST who was outboard of H.M.S. LION at West Arm, Victoria Harbour.

25. The remainder of the month was spent in preparing for the short self maintenance period.

Hull and Machinery.

26. Main engines and Auxiliary machinery operated satisfactorily during the month and no major defects developed other than the leak in the economiser outlet thermometer pocket of the Port Boiler. Although the visit to Manus was too short to provide for much planned maintenance the stay at Iloilo gave an opportunity for the work to be progressed.

27. Temporary repairs only were attempted with the steam leak on the Port Boiler, as it was found that the thermometer pocket screw thread was seized and the use of force in removing the pocket could have resulted in a stripped thread. It was decided to defer permanent repairs until arrival in Hong Kong. Propellers were cleaned by the Ship's divers at Iloilo.

Training.

28. The main emphasis on training has been placed on preparation for the Higher Rates Boards to be convened in Hong Kong early in April. Details of the numbers under training are given at Appendix D.

Health and Recreation.

29. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. Three cases of V.D. were contracted in Iloilo. Whilst no sport was possible in Sydney, every opportunity was taken to make use of the facilities available at Manus and Iloilo City. Assistance in arranging sporting fixtures

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at Iloilo was afforded by the Mayor's Office and by the University of San Augustin on whose grounds most of the matches were played. Exhibition matches of Rugby and Australian Rules Football at the University were very well received by the spectators. Details of the sporting events are given at Appendix C.

Conduct and Morale.

30. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been good. The total of 33 offences recorded for the month involved two punishments by Warrant and ten leave breaking offences; the remainder were minor misdemeanours. Of the ten leave-breaking offences, five were committed by ratings under age who were granted restricted leave in Iloilo.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. Boase

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCLOSURES:

Appendix A	-	Steaming Report.
Appendix B	-	Number of exercises carried out during the month.
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Appendix D	-	Training State.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	5555.4 miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month	388 54/60 hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	54271.8 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning.	3987 20/60 hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE.	TOTAL NO OF HRS EXCEEDED	AV SPEED.	FUEL PER HR EXPENDED	DIST PER TON.	REASON.
1st	1	15.6	1.55	9.7	Exercises.
7th	3	16.7	1.7	9.0	Exercises.
8th	15	16.4	1.6	9.1	Exercises.
9th	13	16.4	1.6	9.1	Exercises.
10th	15	15.2	1.5	9.7	Exercises.
11th	15	16.3	1.6	9.1	Exercises.
12th	8	16.0	1.7	9.3	Exercises.
13th	7	16.9	1.8	9.0	Exercises.
14th	2	15.8	1.7	9.5	Exercises.
16th	3	16.3	1.6	9.1	Exercises.
17th	2	16.2	1.7	9.3	Exercises.
19th	2	15.2	1.5	9.7	Exercises.
20th	6	15.6	1.5	9.7	Exercises.
21st	9	15.8	1.7	9.5	Passage.
27th	4	16.0	1.7	9.4	Exercises.
28th	17	16.1	1.7	9.3	Exercises.
29th	5	20.1	2.9	7.2	Exercises.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER OF EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

A.A. FIRING.	1.
A.A.G.C.X.	1.
A.A.T.O. FIRING	1.
A.A. TRACKING	2.
S.U. FIRING	1
S.U.T.O. FIRING	1
N.G.S.C.X.	1.
SQUADRON CO-ORDINATED S.U.	
ATTACK NONFIRING.	1.
R.I.X.	1.
MAXBUS	1.
BALLOON WINDFINDING METRATEST	1.
A.I.O. PLOTTEX	1.
S.P.X.(B)	1.
PLOTTING E.W. AND SYNTHETIC TRIANGULATION EXERCISE	1.
IFF TRIAL	1.
E.W.X. 31	2.
E.W.X. 34	2.
E.W.X. 41	2.
N.E.X.	1.
F.A.R.S.E.X.	2.
MOD CASEX B.1	1.
A/S 177 RANGING	2.
LIGHT MORTAR FIRING	1.
URGENT ATTACK EXERCISE	1.
JACKSTAY TRANSFERS	3.
DAYRAS	1.
NIGHT RAS	2.
HEAVING LINE TRANSFERS	2.
O.O.W. MANOEUVRES	3.
TOWEX	1.
STEERING BREAKDOWN	2.
EXERCISED ACTION STATIONS	2.
D.C. EXERCISE	2.
SEABOAT DRILLS	5.

APPENDIX C.

SPORT.

DATE.	SPORT.	FIXTURE.	RESULT.	WHERE AT.
14th	Basketball	PARRAMATTA & YARRA v TARANGAU Ship's Co & P.N.G.	Lost 12-26	Manus.
15th	.22 Rifle Shoot	TARANGAU MELBOURNE PARRAMATTA & YARRA	768 Pts 759 Pts 682 Pts	Manus.
15th	Cricket	PARRAMATTA & YARRA v TARANGAU	Won 3-118 Dec 5-115 Dec	Manus.
15th	Tennis	YARRA v MELBOURNE	Lost 1 Set (21 games) 5 Sets (35 games)	Manus.
15th	Soccer	PARRAMATTA & YARRA v COMPOUND	Lost 0-4	Manus.
15th	Water Polo	PARRAMATTA & YARRA v P.N.G.	Lost 1-9	Manus.
15th	Volleyball Knock-out Competition	YARRA PARRAMATTA TARANGAU MELBOURNE I MELBOURNE II	Won Competition d PARRAMATTA 2-0 d MELBOURNE 2-1	Manus.
22nd	Tennis	YARRA v UNI OF SAN AUGUSTIN	Lost 6 Sets (19games) 8 Sets (49games)	Iloilo
22nd	Basketball	YARRA V ILOILO Q STAR	Lost 21-64	Iloilo
22nd	Aust Rules Exhibition Match	YARRA DEMONS v YARRA MAGPIES	Demons 7gls 9bhds 51 pts d Magpies 3 gls 4 bhds 22 pts	Iloilo
23rd	Soccer	YARRA v LA PEZ SELECTIONS	Lost 2-4	Iloilo
23rd	Bowling	YARRA v ILOILO CITY POLICE	SOCIAL GAMES	Iloilo
24th	Tennis	YARRA v UNI OF SAN AUGUSTIN	Lost 1 Set (26 games) 6 Sets (39 games)	Iloilo

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APPENDIX C (SPORT)

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DATE.	SPORT.	FIXTURE.	RESULT	WHERE AT.
24th	Basketball	YARRA V ILOILO COCA COLA	Lost	Iloilo
25th	Rugby Exhibition Match	YARRA DEMONS v YARRA MAGPIES	Demons 15pts d Magpies 8 pts	Iloilo
25th	Tennis	YARRA & UNI OF SAN AUGUSTIN	Social Games	Iloilo.

APPENDIX D.

TRAINING STATE - MARCH, 1963.

RATE.	NO BORNE.	NO PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE	REMAINDER.	REMARKS.
SEAMEN.				
A.B.	41	3	38	(i) Of the 3 passed for Leading Seaman 1 lacks E.T.1, 2 lack service time (ii) 12 commenced Higher rates training but 6 only are candidates for Advancement Board in Hong Kong.
L.S.	10	2	8	3 commenced Higher Rates Training and all are candidates for Advancement Board in Hong Kong.
COMMUNICATIONS.				
O.T.O.	5	2	3	Under training for PartII examination for T.O.
O.R.O.	5	2	3	Under training for PartII examination for R.O.
O.R.O.(S)	2	Nil	2	Under training for PartII examination for R.O.(S)
R.O.	2	Nil	2	Not qualified by time
T.O.	1	Nil	1	Not qualified by time
L.T.O.	1	1	Nil	Awaiting course for C.Y.
L.R.O.	1	Nil	1	Non volunteer for R.S.
ENGINEERING.				
M(E)2	17	17	-	All have passed for M(E)1
M(E)1	11	-	11	3 Under Training for L.M.(E). 20 M(E)1's and M(E)2's under training for A.W.C.
L.M.(E)	5	1	4	2 L.M.(E)'s passed MTC for POM(E).
ELECTRICAL.				
E.M.2	9	[illegible]	5	Under training for PartII examination for E.M.1
REM2	8	2	6	Under training for PartII examination for REM1
E.M.1	5	Nil	5	3 Candidates preparing for Advancement Board.

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APPENDIX D (TRAINING STATE)

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RATE	NO. BORNE	NO. PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE	REMAINDER	REMARKS
Electrical Contd:-				
REM1	3	NIL	3	Two Ratings refuse any further training for advancement.
LEM	5	1	4	Have been carrying out private study in readiness for courses.
LREM	2	NIL	2	Have been carrying out Private study in readiness for courses.
SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT.				
SA	1	-	1	Has sat for professional examination for LSA
SA(V)	1	-	1	Has sat for professional examination for LSA(V)
A/STD	1	1	-	Has passed for Steward
WTR		-	1	
A/CK(O)	1	1	1	Has passed for CK(O)
CK(S)	4	-	4	Two have sat for E.T.1 and one is under training for advancement test for LCK(S)

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

(The Captain, H.M.A.S. YARRA's 5.3.1 dated 7th May, 1963.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

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

7 MAY 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

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H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1963.

Sir,

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

At Hong Kong

2. On the 29th March YARRA had secured alongside West Arm, Victoria Harbour, outboard of H.M.S. LION and H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST, where a short self maintenance period was begun. The ship remained in this position until 1415I on the 2nd when she and H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST were shifted by tugs to buoys to enable H.M.S. LION to proceed to sea at 1710I. On completion, YARRA was reberthed starboard side to West Arm at 1740I.

3. Until H.M.A. Ships VAMPIRE and VOYAGER berthed alongside at 0935I and 1005I respectively on the 6th, YARRA's outboard side had been floodlit every evening. The striking effect when viewed from Kowloon and from the Star Ferries was very favourably commented upon by the local people.

4. At 1930I on the 4th, I called upon the Commodore, Hong Kong, Commodore G.O. Symonds, D.S.C., who returned my call at 1100 on the following day. On the 9th I attended a dinner party given by Commodore and Mrs Symonds. In addition to you, Sir, the guests included His Excellency the Governor and Lady Black and the United States Naval Attaché.

Hong Kong to Subic Bay

5. Preceded by VOYAGER, VAMPIRE and PARRAMATTA, YARRA cast off from West Arm at 0930I and accompanied H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE to sea. Having effected a rendezvous with H.M.A.S SUPPLY, the frigates were topped up with F.F.O. at 1500I. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes at 1815I.

6. During the exercises carried out on the 16th there occurred a number of small breakdowns, mainly electronic, of the type which arise when the equipment is not in constant use. Although the majority of faults were remedied quickly, a series of defects in the Gunnery system prevented the ship from participating in the AAGDFX scheduled for the day. Throughout the remainder of the month, however, electrical and electronic breakdowns were encouragingly few and infrequent. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes at 1815HI.

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7. At 1200H on the 17th, in approximate position 12° 30' N 111° 30' E, SUPPLY, PARRAMATTA and YARRA were detached to proceed to Subic Bay. Details of exercises carried out during this passage are included at Appendix B. Between 0900H and 1000H on the 18th, the opportunity was taken to carry out a quarterly full power trial and in the afternoon replenishment at sea was exercised with SUPPLY, YARRA acting as steady ship.

At Subic Bay

8. After exchanging identities with U.S.S. YORKTOWN (Captain W.C. Moore U.S.N.) off the entrance to Subic Bay, the two frigates and H.M.A.S. SUPPLY arrived off Fairway Buoy at 0900H on the 19th. While SUPPLY anchored off Kalaklan, PARRAMATTA berthed port side to Rivera Point Wharf where YARRA berthed on her at 0950H. Shortly after berthing, I accompanied Captain G.V. Gladstone D.S.C.*, R.A.N. and Captain B.S. Murray R.A.N. to call on Rear Admiral R.T. Whitaker U.S.N., The Commander, Naval Base, Subic Bay.

9. H.M.S. BRIGHTON, (Commander R. Garnons-Williams R.N.) berthed alongside YARRA at 0845H on the following day and on Sunday, 21st, the British Commonwealth Ships were dressed in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Exercise Sea Serpent - Period I

10. A Pre-sail Conference having been held on board YORKTOWN on the previous day, the screening units of the Northern Group sailed from Subic Bay at 0800H on Tuesday the 23rd to carry out a four-day workup period, prior to commencing the major part of exercise "Sea Serpent". The ships involved were U.S.S. BRINKLEY BASS, (COMDESRON 11), EVANS, BAUER, HOOPER (COMCORTRON 3), HENDERSON, H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and H.M.S. BRIGHTON. Prior to sailing YARRA had exchanged one officer with U.S.S. HOOPER. Unfortunately the exercise programme did not permit YARRA to exercise the Gunnery armament (except for Starshell) but nevertheless the period provided excellent experience. A summary of exercises carried out is included at Appendix B.

11. At the conclusion of the workup period, PARRAMATTA berthed once again alongside Rivera Point Wharf, bows north. YARRA then berthed on PARRAMATTA at 1600H followed by BRIGHTON on YARRA some 30 minutes later. Period I of "Sea Serpent" was completed with a Critique held during the forenoon of Saturday 27th. In the evening an informal cocktail party for the U.S.N. was held on board PARRAMATTA and YARRA, by the joint hosts, the Captain and Officers of H.M.A. Ships SUPPLY, PARRAMATTA, YARRA and H.M.S. BRIGHTON.

Exercise Sea Serpent - Period 2

12. Starting at 0700H on Monday 29th, the screening units of the northern group, TG 265.2, cast off in succession and proceeded to their patrol stations for the opposed sortie of the heavy units, U.S.S. YORKTOWN, U.S.S. TALUGA, and H.M.A.S. SUPPLY. Period Two of Exercise "Sea Serpent" was under way and when the month drew to a close YARRA and H.M.S. BRIGHTON, who had been detached as a SAU, were engaged in attacking U.S.S. RAZORBACK.

Hull and Machinery

13. As a result of the Self Maintenance Period in Hong Kong, the latter half of the month has been exceptionally trouble free. Planned maintenance was brought up to date and several minor defects

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as well as the leak in the port boiler economiser, referred to in the Report of Proceedings for March, were made good. A quarterly full power trial was satisfactorily carried out on Thursday 18th April, en route from Hong Kong to Subic Bay, during which all auxiliaries performed satisfactorily and 30,000 S.H.P. was produced.

14. During the maintenance period, a seven inch split was discovered in the plating between No 2 and No 3 fresh water tanks. This was temporarily repaired using "Plastic Mastic" after a small hole had been drilled at each end of the crack to prevent it spreading. It is intended to raise a defect item for dockyard examination in due course.

15. For the self maintenance period, contracts were let through the Commodore, Hong Kong, for Chinese labour to clean machinery space bilges and to clean and preserve ballast tanks and the pitometer log compartment. This work was of great assistance to Ship's Staff particularly in machinery space bilges which are generally too congested with frames and pipe-lines to be accessible to anyone of larger than Oriental stature.

16. While alongside at the U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay, fresh water, A.C. power and steam were available from shore supplies. These facilities provided excellent opportunity for minor maintenance checks in preparation for Exercise "Sea Serpent".

Training

17. The state of ratings' training is shown at Appendix D.

Health and Recreation

18. The general health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. I am, however, concerned at the number of cases of V.D. (14) which have been contracted by junior ratings primarily in Hong Kong (11 cases) and also in Subic Bay. It would appear that lectures and warnings have little effect on some of these young men who learn the hard way. One Able Seaman with pleurisy and another with appendicitis were placed in B.M.H. Hong Kong for treatment during the self maintenance period.

19. The active interest shown by the Ship's Company towards organised sporting activities is indicated by the number of games played during the month. Assistance in arranging fixtures and the necessary facilities, at Hong Kong, was given by the Sports Officer, H.M.S. TAMAR, and the ship's affiliated Army Regiment, H.Q., Hong Kong and Kowloon Garrison. The Special Services Department of the U.S. Naval Station, Subic Bay, was also most helpful in providing facilities at short notice. Much interest was shown in Australian Rules and Rugby football by personnel serving in the Base, and the opportunity was taken to play a game of Rugby against one of the station detachments. During the self maintenance period in Hong Kong a one day expedition (FEXPED) comprised of one Sub-Lieutenant and four Able Ratings was conducted in the hill country of the New Territories.

20. A list of sporting fixtures with results is given at Appendix C.

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Conduct and Morale

21. Morale is excellent and the conduct of the Ship's Company has been good. There has, however been a rise in minor offences which is attributed to the somewhat unsettling influence of Hong Kong on the newer members of the Ship's Company. It is interesting to note that almost exactly the same number of offences occurred during the ship's first visit to Hong Kong in 1962.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. Boase
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCLOSURES: Appendix A - Steaming Report.
Appendix B - Number of exercises carried out during the month.
Appendix C - Sport.
Appendix D - State of Training for April.

APPENDIX A.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3120.5 Miles.
Total number hours underway during month	216 57/60 Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	57392.3 Miles.
Total number hours underway since commissioning	4204 17/60 Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

DATE	TOTAL NO OF HOURS EXCEEDED	AV SPEED.	FUEL PER HR EXPENDED	DIST PER TON.	REASON.
15th	1	16.2	1.56	9.2	EXERCISE.
16th	6	18.1	1.61	8.2	EXERCISE.
17th	6	18.0	1.6	8.3	EXERCISE.
18th	1	28.8	2.33	3.5	FULL POWER TRIAL.
23rd	3	16.5	1.57	9.1	EXERCISE.
24th	8	17.4	1.59	8.6	EXERCISE.
25th	6	16.0	1.55	9.4	EXERCISE.
26th	5	16.6	1.58	9.0	EXERCISE.
29th	16	19.8	1.64	7.3	EXERCISE.
30th	22	18.0	1.6	8.3	EXERCISE.

APPENDIX B.

NUMBER OF EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

DAY R.A.S.	4. (1 with U.S.S. TALUGA) (1 by X.O. with 90° alteration of course).
METRATEST	1.
R.E.W. WINDFINDING	1.
A.A. TRACKING	1.
STARSHELL SHOOT	1.
SURFACE CONCENTRATION THROW OFF FIRING	1.
CONCENTRATION NON FIRING DTFX/GUNNERY ATTACK	1.
COMPETITIVE LIGHT MORTAR FIRINGS	2.
TART	2 Hours.
SYNTHETIC A/S EXERCISE	1.
CONVOY DEPARTURE SCREENING EXERCISE	1.
CONVOY ENTRY SCREENING EXERCISE	1.
CASEX 7.	12 Hours.
CASEX 14/15	4½ Hours.
CASEX 31 MODIFIED	3 Hours.
CASEX 71 SERIES	5 Hours (including opposed UNREP).
O.O.W. URGENT ATTACKS	1 (6 O.O.W.'s)
E.W.X. 31	1.
E.W.X. 32	1.
O.O.W. MANOEUVRES	1.
SEABOAT DRILLS	7.
TACEX 1.	1.
2.	1.
3.	1.
4.	1.
NAVCOMEX 201	7.
NAVCOMEX 202	9.
NAVCOMEX 206	3.
NAVCOMEX 208	1.
NAVCOMEX 204	1.
NAVCOMEX 401	4.
NAVCOMEX 402	8.
NAVCOMEX 404	3.
NAVCOMEX 405	10.
NAVCOMEX 406	1.
NAVCOMEX 417	2.
NAVCOMEX 607	3.
FULL POWER TRIAL	1.

APPENDIX C.

SPORT.

DATE	SPORT	AGAINST	RESULT	AT.
1st	Volleyball	VOYAGER	Won 3-0	HONG KONG.
2nd	Volleyball	MELBOURNE	Won 2-1	HONG KONG.
2nd	Hockey	PARRAMATTA	Draw 2-2	HONG KONG.
3rd	Volleyball	VAMPIRE	Won 3-0	HONG KONG.
3rd	Rugby	VOYAGER	Lost 3-21	HONG KONG.
4th	Volleyball	TAMAR	Won 2-1	HONG KONG.
4th	Hockey	VOYAGER	Lost 1-6	HONG KONG.
5th	Volleyball	VAMPIRE	Won 3-0	HONG KONG.
5th	Basketball	MELBOURNE	Lost 8-16	HONG KONG.
5th	Soccer	VOYAGER	Lost 0-2	HONG KONG.
5th	Athletics (Invitation Mile Medley Relay)	QUEEN'S SURREY'S.	Won by Fleet Team	HONG KONG.
8th	Cricket	HONG KONG & KOWLOON GARRISON	Lost. YARRA-All out 105. H.K.&KG 5-164 (DEC)	HONG KONG.
8th	Volleyball	VAMPIRE	Won 3-0	HONG KONG.
9th	Volleyball	PARRAMATTA	Won 3-0	HONG KONG.
9th	Water Polo	VAMPIRE	Lost 3-10	HONG KONG.
9th	Squash	VOYAGER	Lost 2-3	HONG KONG.
10th	Volleyball	MELBOURNE	Won 2-1	HONG KONG.
10th	Soccer	20 BATTERY ROYAL ARTILLERY	Lost 2-3	HONG KONG.
10th	Ten Pin Bowling	VAMPIRE&VOYAGER	Won 2652 pts to 2369 pts	HONG KONG.
11th	Hockey	20 BATTERY ROYAL ARTILLERY	Lost 5-7	HONG KONG.
11th	Rugby	S/LT's & MIDSHIPMEN versus FLEET	FLEET won 24-8	HONG KONG.
11th	Water Polo	VOYAGER	Lost 3-14	HONG KONG.
12th	Rugby	WHITFIELD BARRACKS	Lost 3-27	HONG KONG.
14th	6-a-side Hockey	20 BATTERY ROYAL ARTILLERY	Lost 1-9	HONG KONG.
14th	Volleyball	20 BATTERY ROYAL ARTILLERY	Won 2-1	HONG KONG.
14th	6-a-side Soccer	20 BATTERY ROYAL ARTILLERY	Draw 3-3	HONG KONG.
19th	Softball	U.S.S.	Lost 9-29	SUBIC BAY.
20th	Tennis	YARRA PRACTICE GAMES		SUBIC BAY.
20th	Rugby	SUPPLY	Lost 11-14	SUBIC BAY.
20th	Ten Pin Bowling	PARRAMATTA	Lost 3579 pts to 3854 pts	SUBIC BAY.
21st	Australian Rules Football	SUPPLY	Won 11gls 23bhds 89 points to 5gls 4 bhds 34 pts	SUBIC BAY.
22nd	Volleyball	PARRAMATTA	Won 2-1	SUBIC BAY.
22nd	Softball	U.S.S. BAUER	Lost 7-9	SUBIC BAY.
27th	Rugby	YARRA v U.S.N. UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM 12 DETACHMENT	Lost 3-10	SUBIC BAY.
27th	Tennis	SUPPLY	Won 5 sets(35games) 1 set (15games)	SUBIC BAY.
28th	Volleyball	YARRA v U.S.N. UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAM. 12 DETACHMENT.	Lost 1-2	SUBIC BAY.

APPENDIX D.

TRAINING STATE.

RATE	NO BORNE	NO PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE.	REMAINDER	REMARKS.
SEAMEN.				
ORD	22	15	7	7 Ordinary Seamen under training for Able Seaman. Helmsman's Certificate Training carried out during Exercise "Sea Serpent".
A.B.	46	5	41	6 sat for Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 2 passed 1 failed Section 1, Part 1. 1 failed Section 1, Part 1&2 subjects Section 2. 1 failed Section 1 Part 2 and 2 subjects Section 2. 1 failed. Of Ratings Qualified Professionally. 1 Lacks E.T.1 4 Lack Service Time.
L.S.	10	2	8	3 sat for Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 1 now fully qualified except for A.B.C.D. 2 failed 1 subject. Of Ratings Fully Qualified. 1 NOT YET recommended for Advancement.
COMMUNICATIONS.				
OTO	3	Nil	3	Under Training for Part II examination for TO.
ORO	3	Nil	3	Under Training for Part II examination for R.O.
ORO(S)	2	Nil	2	Under Training for Part II examination for R.O.(S)
TO	3	Nil	3	
RO	4	Nil	4	
LTO	1	1	Nil	Awaiting course for C.Y.
LRO	1	Nil	1	
ENGINEERING.				
M(E)2	14	14	Nil	2 have qualified A.W.C.
M(E)1	14	3	11	5 sat for Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 3 passed Section I 2 failed Section I Part 1.
LM(E)	4	Nil	4	At the Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 1 passed Section I.
ELECTRICAL				
EM2	6	1	5	Under Training for Part II examination for E.M. 1.

RATE	NO BORNE	NO PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE.	REMAINDER.	REMARKS.
ELECTRICAL (contd)				
REM 2	8	2	6	Under Training for Part II examination for REM1.
EM 1	8	Nil	8	3 were prepared for the Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 1 passed Section I 1 failed Section I, Part 1 1 failed to present himself.
REM1	3	Nil	3	2 Ratings refuse further training.
LEM	5	1	4	At the Advancement Board in Hong Kong:- 1 passed Section I.
LREM	2	Nil	2	Have been carrying out private study in readiness for courses.
SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT.				
SA(S)	1	Nil	1	Failed Section I at the Advancement Board in Hong Kong. Has sat for the professional examination for LSA(S).
LSA(V)	1	Nil	1	
SA(V)	1	Nil	1	Has sat for the Professional examination for LSA(V).
STD	4	Nil	4	
L/STD	1	Nil	1	
WTR	1	Nil	1	
L/WTR	1	Nil	1	
A/CK(O)	1	1	Nil	
L/CK(O)	2	1	1	
A/CK(S)	2	Nil	2	
CK(S)	2	1	1	2 awaiting ET1 results.
L/CK(S)	1	1	Nil	

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 3rd. June, 1963.)

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H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1963.

Sir,

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

Exercise SEA SERPENT

2. Period Two of Exercise "SEA SERPENT" had started on 29th April and when May opened, YARRA assisted by H.M.S. BRIGHTON, was engaged in a spirited A/S action against U.S.S. RAZORBACK. On completion of Period Two on the 8th, all SEA SERPENT Naval forces assembled in Manila Bay for the Post Exercise Period.

3. Having been allocated a berth in Nest 4, 235° South Breakwater Light 4,400 yards, YARRA waited off the berth from 0900 H to allow P.N.S. TIPPU SULTAN to anchor. H.T.M.S. PINKLAO then secured port side to TIPPU SULTAN followed at 1010 H by YARRA on PINKLAO and PARRAMATTA on YARRA. During the afternoon Post Exercise Conferences on the various aspects of SEA SERPENT were conducted as a preliminary to the Post Exercise Critique which was held at the Philippines Navy Officers Club during the forenoon of the following day, the 9th. At 1430 H PARRAMATTA cast off and proceeded to Singapore. Later, at 1500 H YARRA anchored to allow TIPPU SULTAN to depart at 1712 H.

Manila to Singapore

4. PINKLAO cast off at 0720 H on the 10th and at 0900 H YARRA proceeded for Singapore in company with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. Exercises on passage were kept to a minimum to enable higher rates training to be progressed. On Sunday 12th Church Services on-board were conducted by the Protestant and Roman Catholic Chaplains who were transferred by helicopter from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE. At 1815 H clocks were retarded thirty minutes to Zone -7½ (GH).

5. At 2000 GH on the 13th, MELBOURNE and YARRA replenished with F.F.O. from H.M.A.S. SUPPLY who had joined the previous afternoon. On the 14th, at 0615 GH, YARRA detached to carry out surface and A.A. Gunnery practices off Singapore in area LIMA, from 0800 GH to 1100 GH and on completion set course for Singapore Dockyard. Having exchanged identities with H.M. Ships WOOLASTON and CHAWTON en route, YARRA secured starboard side to H.M.A.S. SUPPLY at No 7 Berth, Naval Stores Basin, at 1528 GH.

Passage to Christmas Island

6. At 0820 GH on the 16th, YARRA cast off and proceeded for Christmas Island. The passage through Indonesian waters via Gaspar

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and Sunda Straits was without incident, apart from exchanging identities with H.M.A.S. DIAMANTINA (Lieutenant Commander J.G. Yule, R.A.N.) at 1900 GH on the 17th. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes at 1815 on the 18th.

Christmas Island

7. With pilot embarked, YARRA secured to head and stern buoys in 'C' Berth, Flying Fish Cove, at 0900 G on Sunday, 19th. Then followed a very full two-day programme of sporting fixtures and entertainment which commenced with luncheon and refreshments at the Christmas Island Club for all libertymen. The hospitality accorded to the Officers and Ship's Company by the Chinese, Malayan and European Communities, particularly the latter, was generous in the extreme. Being so isolated, the Christmas Islanders look forward eagerly to the occasional visits of warships. As there are no hotels, bars or cafe's the visitors are entertained in the homes of the residents and, to a certain extent, in the Christmas Island Club. On leaving I was very gratified to receive from the Official Representative a very kind message, a copy of which is attached, together with the programme, as Appendix E.

Passage to Fremantle

8. YARRA slipped at 0130 G on the 21st and, on clearing Flying Fish Cove, course was set to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and H.M.A.S. SUPPLY at 1300 GH in position 12° 30' S 107° 10' E. Clocks were advanced 30 minutes at 0130 G and again at 2345 GH. PARRAMATTA rejoined from visiting Cocos Island at 0800 G on the 22nd and on this and the following day Fleet Boards were conducted, examining Officers and candidates being transferred as necessary between ships by boat or Jackstay.

At Fremantle

9. At 0850 H on the 25th, YARRA secured port side to PARRAMATTA at No 6 Berth North Wharf, Fremantle, where Customs clearance was completed during the forenoon. All ships were opened for public inspection on the following day and it is estimated that 3500 people walked round YARRA.

10. On Monday 27th YARRA cast off and proceeded, in company with SUPPLY, to Albany.

At Albany

11. The passage was uneventful and, at 1415 H, on the 28th, in a stiff northeasterly breeze blowing on, YARRA secured starboard side to the North side of the New Arm of Deepwater Jetty. It was not until over an hour later that SUPPLY finally secured to the southern side of the Jetty, for the single small tug available was fully extended in manoeuvring her up to the berth against the wind.

12. Apart from a Mayoral reception held for the Officers of SUPPLY and YARRA on the first evening of the visit, and a joint Official Reception held in SUPPLY on the following evening, there were no organised sporting events or entertainments at Albany except for a bus tour and a darts' match. This could be attributed largely to the fact that the visit took place during the week. It would also account for the relatively poor attendance of the general public when the ships were open to visitors on the afternoon of the 29th, although it was encouraging to see a number of organised groups of school children.

Albany to Melbourne

13. Preceded by SUPPLY, YARRA cast off at 0840 H on the 30th, and having used the tug KALGAN to hold the bow up against the wind whilst

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clearing the berth, departed from Albany. At 1440 H the two ships re-joined H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA for the passage to Melbourne.

Main and Auxiliary Machinery

14. Although the machinery has operated satisfactorily during the month there have been a number of small defects, particularly steam leaks from Boiler fittings which have necessitated out of routine maintenance. These defects, which were apparently caused by fair wear and tear, were readily made good. Although Feed Water consumption was at times adversely affected by these leaks, particularly during the latter part of the month, this was corrected in time to commence the Economical Steaming Trial on the 30th. The results of the trial were satisfactory in that a fuel consumption of 1.39 tons/hour at 106 revolutions (15 Knots) was obtained.

15. A short machinery breakdown exercise was held on the 10th, partly to provide experience for all engineroom personnel and also to provide damage control training for Acting E.R.A.'s 4th Class. This was achieved by tripping one extraction pump at 22 knots, shutting off steam to one air ejector and trailing the starboard circulating pump.

Training

16. Training for higher rating, which was progressed as opportunity occurred, culminated in the appearance of 2 A/E.R.A 4, 2 Leading Seamen, 1 L.M.(E), 13 A.B.'s, 4 M(E)1, 1 EM(P)1, and 5 EM(E) 1 to undertake various sections of the Fleet Board convened on the 22nd and 23rd, the results of which are not yet available. In addition, 6 Ordinary Seamen were examined professionally for A.B. in H.M.A.S. SUPPLY on the 28th and 29th. Three passed outright and three failed in two subjects.

Health and Recreation

17. There were no opportunities for organised sport until the ship's arrival at Christmas Island where a number of enjoyable social fixtures were arranged. The timing of the visit to Albany precluded matches against local teams, although individual members took advantage of the sporting facilities placed at their disposal. Sporting fixtures and results are shown at Appendix C.

18. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. One E.R.A. who sustained a fractured ankle during the soccer match at Christmas Island will be discharged to H.M.A.S. CERBERUS on arrival in Melbourne.

Conduct and Morale

19. Morale is high and the conduct of the Ship's Company ashore has been excellent. Leave breaking offences have shown a sharp reduction (3 cases) and the overall number of offences recorded has dropped to the lowest figure this year. Two Warrant punishments were awarded during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. Borse
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

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ENCLOSURES:	Appendix A	-	Steaming Report.
	Appendix B	-	Exercises carried out during the month.
	Appendix C	-	Sport.
	Appendix E (1)	-	Programme of visit to Christmas Island.
	Appendix E (2)	-	Copy of Message received from the Official Representative, Christmas Island on departure.
	Appendix F	-	Details of Calls paid and Functions attended - May, 1963.

APPENDIX A.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month.	7412.0 Miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month.	527 3/60 Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	64804.3 Miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning.	473 20/60 Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

DATE	TOTAL NO OF HOURS EXCEEDED.	AV SPEED.	FUEL PER HR EXPENDED.	DIST PER TON.	REASON.
1st	18	18.1	1.61	8.2	EXERCISE.
2nd	12	18.1	1.61	8.2	EXERCISE.
3rd	4	15.9	1.6	9.4	EXERCISE.
4th	6	17.0	2.0	8.8	EXERCISE.
5th	23	19.3	2.6	7.6	EXERCISE.
6th	22	18.4	2.3	8.1	EXERCISE.
8th	5	17.8	2.1	8.4	EXERCISE.
10th	1	15.2	1.5	9.7	EXERCISE.
12th	2	15.3	1.55	9.7	EXERCISE.
13th	1	19.7	2.7	7.3	EXERCISE.
14th	2	15.1	1.5	9.8	EXERCISE.
21st	3	16.7	1.7	9.0	EXERCISE.
22nd	4	16.8	1.85	9.0	EXERCISE.
23rd	11	15.7	1.7	9.6	EXERCISE.
24th	1	15.5	1.5	9.6	EXERCISE.
30th	6	16.3	1.8	9.0	EXERCISE.

APPENDIX B.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

A.A. SHOOT	1.
S.U. SHOOT	1.
MRS 3 TRACKING TRIAL	1.
BALLOON TRACKING TRIAL	1.
N.G.S.C.X.	1.
DAY R.A.S. (ABEAM)	4.
(ASTERN)	1.
NIGHT R.A.S. (ABEAM)	1.
HEAVY JACKSTAY TRANSFERS	2.
LIGHT JACKSTAY TRANSFERS	5.
HELICOPTER TRANSFERS	8.
SEABOAT DRILL	5.
PREWETTING	1.
MACHINERY BREAKDOWN EXERCISE	1.
ECONOMICAL STEAMING TRIAL	1.
S.P.X. (B)	2.
E.W.X. 31	1.
E.W.X. 41	3.
LIVE MORTAR FIRINGS	1. (2 Patterns)
NAVCOMEX 201	8.
NAVCOMEX 202	11.
NAVCOMEX 203	4.
NAVCOMEX 204	3.
NAVCOMEX 206	5.
NAVCOMEX 208	1.
NAVCOMEX 401	18.
NAVCOMEX 404	2.
NAVCOMEX 405	5.
NAVCOMEX 411	2.
NAVCOMEX 417	3.
NAVCOMEX 607	1.

APPENDIX C.

SPORT.

Date	SPORT.	AGAINST.	RESULT.	AT.
19th	Cricket	Christmas Is.	Won. YARRA all out 117. CHRISTMAS IS all out 94.	Christmas Is.
19th	Golf	Christmas Island Golf Club Members.	Lost	Christmas Is.
20th	Golf	Christmas Island Golf Club Associates	Lost	Christmas Is.
20th	Soccer	Christmas Island	Lost 2-4	Christmas Is.
20th	Water Polo	YARRA "A" v YARRA "B".	Exhibition Game	Christmas Is.
20th	Basketball	Christmas Island	Lost 10-62	Christmas Is.
20th	.303 Rifle Shoot	Christmas Island	Lost 394 pts to 414 pts	Christmas Is.
25th	Ten Pin Bowling	Rosemount Bowling Club	Lost 2925 pts to 3195 pts	Perth.
26th	Australian Rules Football	SUPPLY	Won. 14 goals 20 behinds 104 points to 2 goals 3 behinds 15 points.	Fremantle.
26th	Ten Pin Bowling	Rosemount Bowling Club	Lost	Perth.

APPENDIX D.

TRAINING STATE.

RATE	NO BORNE.	NO PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE.	REMAINDER.	REMARKS.
SEAMEN.				
ORD	20	16	4	6 Ordinary Seamen were examined by a Board held in Albany. 3 Passed 3 Failed in two subjects.
A.B.	46	5	41	13 A.B.'s were prepared for the Fleet Board held 22 - 23 May. Results not yet available.
L.S.	10	2	8	2 were prepared for the Fleet Board held 22 - 23 May. Results not yet available. Of ratings fully qualified one is not yet recommended for Advancement.
COMMUNICATIONS.				
O.T.O.	3	Nil	3	1 Sat for Fleet Board held 25th May. Result not yet available.
O.R.O.	3	Nil	3	All sat for Fleet Board held 25th May. Results not yet available.
O.R.O.(S)	2	Nil	2	Both sat for Fleet Board held 25th May. Results not yet available.
T.O.	3	Nil	3	Not yet eligible for Examination.
L.T.O.	1	Nil	1	Not a volunteer for further Advancement.
L.R.O.	1	Nil	1	Not a volunteer for further Advancement.
ENGINEERING.				
M(E)2	13	13	Nil	2 have qualified A.W.C.
M(E)1	15	3	12	4 sat for Fleet Board held 22 - 23 May. Results not yet available.
LM(E)	4	Nil	4	1 sat for Fleet Board held 22 - 23 May. Result not yet available
A/ERA 4	3	Nil	3	2 sat for Fleet Board for confirmation 22 - 23 May. 1 Medically unable to attend.
ELECTRICAL.				
EM2	5	Nil	5	Under Training.
REM2	6	4	2	Under Training.
EM1	9	Nil	5	6 sat for Fleet Board held 22 - 23 May. Results not yet available.

APPENDIX D (contd).

RATE	NO BORNE	NO PASSED FOR HIGHER RATE.	REMAINDER.	REMARKS.
ELECTRICAL (contd).				
REM1	5	Nil	5	2 have not qualified by time for examination. 3 refuse further advancement.
L.E.M.	4	Nil	4	All are recommended for P.O. EL Course.
L.R.E.M.	2	Nil	2	Both are recommended for P.O. REL Course.
SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT.				
SA(S)	1	Nil	1	Awaiting results of professional examination for L.S.A.(S)
SA(V)	1	Nil	1	Awaiting result of professional examination for L.S.A.(V)
A(V)	1	Nil	1	Recommended for examination for S.P.O.(V).
STD	5	Nil	5	All recommended for examination for L/STD.
L/STD	1	Nil	1	Recommended for examination for P.O. STD .
WTR	1	Nil	1	Recommended for examination for L/WTR.
L/WTR	1	Nil	1	Recommended for examination for P.O. WTR.
A/CK(O)	1	1	Nil	
L/CK (O)	2	1	1	1 not qualified by time for examination.
A/CK(S)	2	1	1	
CK(S)	2	1	1	1 is not a volunteer for further Advancement.
L/CK(S)	1	1	Nil	

APPENDIX E (1).

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VISIT OF H.M.A.S. YARRA
19th to 21st MAY, 1963.

P R O G R A M M E .

19TH

8.45 a.m.	Yarra boarded by pilot and Superintendent of Police.
9.00 a.m.	Yarra ties up.
9.30 a.m.	Captain calls on Official Representative. B.P.C. Island Manager will be present.
9.35 a.m.	Libertymen disembark.
11.30 a.m.	Libertymen entertained at Christmas Island Club - meal and drinks.
1.00 p.m.	Cricket at Drumsite Oval. Golf.
2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	Public inspection of Yarra.
6.00 p.m.	Libertymen have meal at Oval. Dinner at Residency - Captain and others.
7.00 p.m.	Movies at Settlement Cinema. Entertainment by Chinese Community at Basketball Court.
8.00 p.m.	Entertainment by Malay Community at New Cocos Kampong - refreshments provided.

20TH.

8.30 a.m.	Party of 50 tour phosphate workings.
12.30 p.m.	Party of 50 tour phosphate workings.
1.00 p.m.	European school children inspect Yarra.
3.00 p.m.	Island v Yarra at Soccer - Drumsite Oval.
4.30 p.m.	Water polo exhibition by Yarra teams - Asian Pool.
6.30 p.m.	Cocktail party on Yarra.
7.00 p.m.	Island v Yarra at Basketball - Settlement.
8.00 p.m.	Dinner at B.P.C. Manager's Residence. Dance at Christmas Island Club.
2.00 p.m.	Golf - Associates v Yarra

21ST.

2.30 a.m.	Yarra departs.

Local residents who wish to inspect Yarra are requested to:

(a) Form a queue from the head of the landing steps along the north side of the jetty;
(b) Refrain from desending the landing steps until all those disembarking from barges are on the jetty.

Police will control pedestrian and motor traffic.

(sgd) J.W. STOKES
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

APPENDIX E (2).

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE, CHRISTMAS ISLAND ON SHIP'S DEPARTURE.

FM: OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTMAS ISLAND.

TO: CAPTAIN WARSHIP YARRA.

AS YOU ARE LEAVING MAY I SAY HOW MUCH THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY HERE APPRECIATED THE VISIT OF YARRA, THE EXEMPLARY CONDUCT OF THE PERSONNEL AND YOUR HOSPITALITY. IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE HAVING YOU AND WE ALL HOPE YOU COME AGAIN. ON BEHALF OF ALL HERE I EXTEND TO YOU, YOUR OFFICERS AND THE SHIPS COMPANY OUR CORDIAL REGARDS AND BEST WISHES.

// STOKES OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

APPENDIX F.

DETAILS OF CALLS PAID AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED - MAY, 1963.

Date.	Place.	Function.
8th	Manila	Fleet Reception in H.M.S. HERMES.
9th	Manila	Rear Admiral J.A. Jaap U.S.N. - Cocktails at Navy and Army Club.
14th	Singapore	Dinner with The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet and Lady Dreyer.
15th	Singapore	Australian Fleet Reception.
19th	Christmas Island	Official Call on the Official Representative, J.W. Stokes, Esq.
19th	Christmas Island	Buffet dinner for Captain and nine Officers by Official Representative and Mrs Stokes.
20th	Christmas Island	Reception by Captain and Officers H.M.A.S. YARRA.
20th	Christmas Island	Buffet dinner for Captain and nine Officers by Manager of B.P.C., Mr N. Cooke and Mrs Cooke.
28th	Albany	Accompanied Captain G.V. Gladstone, DSC *, R.A.N. to call on Mayor, C Johnson Esq. Call returned on board H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.
28th	Albany	Mayoral Reception for Captains and Officers H.M.A.S. SUPPLY and H.M.A.S. YARRA.
29th	Albany	Joint reception held in H.M.A.S. SUPPLY.

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

- 3 JUL 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1963.

Sir,

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

2. At the start of the month YARRA, in company with MELBOURNE, SUPPLY and PARRAMATTA was on passage from Albany to Melbourne. After abandoning an attempt to fuel astern from SUPPLY when the hoseline parted as it was being hauled inboard, 88 tons of F.F.O. were embarked at 1500 I on the 1st. At 2330 I on the 2nd, clocks were advanced one hour to Zone -10 (K). After a final topping up with F.F.O. from SUPPLY inside Port Phillip Bay at 0723 K on Monday the 3rd, YARRA, preceded by PARRAMATTA, negotiated Melbourne channel and the River Yarra to berth port side on PARRAMATTA, at No 8 North Wharf at 1104K.

3. Having disembarked South Australian and Victorian long leave libertymen, YARRA cast off at 1255 K on the 4th and proceeded to rendezvous with MELBOURNE at 1645 K, in position 180° PT LONSDALE 4 miles. PARRAMATTA and YARRA were then detached to make an independent passage towards Sydney while MELBOURNE proceeded ahead in order to fly off the M.A.G. to Jervis Bay on Wednesday the 5th.

4. A rendezvous having been effected with MELBOURNE in position 090° MONTAGU ISLAND 20 miles at 2000 K on the same day, course was set for Sydney Heads. Between 0100 K and 0500 K on Thursday the 6th a night shadowing exercise was carried out with VENDETTA and QUIBERON who provided the shadowing forces. Preceded by MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA, YARRA entered Sydney Harbour and berthed port side on PARRAMATTA at North East Cruiser Wharf at 0933 K.

5. The remainder of the month has been spent alongside for Long Self Maintenance. The ship was moved by tugs to South East Cruiser Wharf on Thursday the 20th to permit the Port Diving Team to exchange the A/S Dome of the H.O. 15. On completion of work the ship made a cold move back alongside PARRAMATTA on Wednesday the 26th. My Restricted Message DTG 260140 Z is relevant.

Main and Auxiliary Machinery

6. A quarterly full power trial was carried out on the 2nd, immediately on completion of the economical steaming trial. The results of both trials reflected the satisfactory state of all machinery. During the long self maintenance period a number of urgent defects have been undertaken by Dockyard, but progress is good and items will be completed by Friday 5th July.

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Training

7. As the month has almost entirely been spent in leave and maintenance, no training has been carried out.

Health and Recreation

8. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. Apart from participation in competition matches, little sport has been possible. Sporting fixtures and results are shown at Appendix C.

Conduct and Morale

9. The excellent morale of the Ship's Company is reflected in the high standard of conduct maintained throughout the month wherein a total of seven offences (four for leave breaking, three minor misdemeanours) has been recorded.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. L. Boase
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

ENCLOSURES: Appendix A - Steaming Report.
Appendix B - Exercises carried out during the month.
Appendix C - Sport.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	1447.0 miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month	103.42/60 Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	66251.3 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	4835 2/60 Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED DURING THE MONTH.

Date	Total No of Hours Exceeded.	Av Speed.	Fuel per Hr Expended.	Dist per Ton.	Reason.
1st	5	20.9	2.9	7.2	Full Power Trial.
3rd	1	18.3	2.3	8.1	Exercise.
4th	2	16.4	1.7	9.1	Exercise.
5th	10	15.5	1.5	9.6	Exercise.
6th	3	15.7	1.6	9.6	Exercise.

APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

Full Power Trial	1.
Day R.A.S. (ABEAM)	2.
A/S 177 Ranging	1.
Night Shadex	1.
N.G.S.C.X.	1.
Navcomex 201	1.
Navcomex 202	6.
Navcomex 305	2.
Navcomex 401	23.
Navcomex 402	4.
Navcomex 404	2.
Navcomex 405	4.
Navcomex 406	1.
Navcomex 417	2.
Navcomex 607	6.
Morse Transmitting Exercise	1.

APPENDIX 'C'.

SPORTS RESULTS.

Date.	Sport	Fixture.	Result.	At.
12th	Rugby Union	YARRA/WATERHEN v Police.	Lost 15-24	PENGUIN.
18th	Rugby Union	YARRA v KIMBLA	Won 6-3	RUSHCUTTER.
19th	Rugby Union (Dempster Cup)	Dest/Frig (YARRA/ PARRAMATTA) v WATSON.	Lost 3-57	RUSHCUTTER.
26th	Rugby Union (Dempster Cup)	Dest/Frig(YARRA/ PARRAMATTA) v KUTTABUL.	Lost 14-19	RUSHCUTTER.
26th	.303 Rifle Shooting (Rifle Shield Competition)	Dest/Frig (YARRA/ PARRAMATTA) v SYDNEY MELBOURNE	461 points 487 points 658 points	LONG BAY.

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THE FLAG OFFICER COMMANDING,
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H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of July, 1963. All times Zone -10 (K).

At Sydney - 1st to 8th

2. At the start of the month the ship was berthed at Garden Island, in the latter stages of the long self maintenance period. On Friday the 5th at 0805 YARRA shifted berth to No 4 bouy to ammunition and, on completion, at 1045 proceeded out of harbour for AA gunnery tracking trials in area N.T. On return, the ship secured at 1715 port side to the Northern end of the Oil Wharf, Garden Island where she remained for the week-end.

Passage to Hervey Bay - 9th to 11th

3. After casting off at 0830 on the 9th, a check DG ranging was carried out prior to joining H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE and PARRAMATTA off Sydney Heads at 1150. The ships then set course for Hervey Bay, exercising en route in accordance with INSPEX orders. During the forenoon of the 11th PARRAMATTA and YARRA topped up with FFO from MELBOURNE, after which the last two ships anchored at 1518 in the Platypus Bay anchorage. Having unfortunately suffered an oil spillage, PARRAMATTA had proceeded ahead to the anchorage to make good the damage to her paintwork. Activity for the next two days was confined entirely to preparing for the Annual Inspection.

At Hervey Bay and Assistance to G.P.V. 957 - 12th to 19th

4. During the evening of the Saturday the 13th, the wind increased in force from 250° until at midnight it had risen to force six. An anchor watch was set and by 0230 the wind had increased to force 7 so that half an hour's notice for steam on one boiler was ordered. Meanwhile GPV 957, under the command of Lieutenant Commander J.E.A. TOULOUSE, V.R.D., R.A.N.V.R., was in difficulties off Lady Musgrave Reef; she was running before the south westerly gale at 8 knots and unable to turn for fear of capsizing. Information of her plight was received at 0400 and at 0420 YARRA was ordered to go to G.P.V. 957's assistance with all despatch. Half an hour later the ship was under way and working up to twenty-nine knots. After clearing Hervey Bay, course was set for the G.P.V.'s 0500 position, 28 miles N.E. of Lady Musgrave Island. Upon reaching this position, course was altered to 040°, i.e. along the estimated track of the G.P.V. which was closed in position 23° 5.8'S 153° 8'E. Communication was established by loudhailer and it was decided that as the making of a 'slick' would have little effect on the short steep sea prevailing, the G.P.V.

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should station herself close in on the Starboard side of YARRA who would turn to port, thus providing a lee. This manoeuvre was successfully completed and at 1020 course was set for Fairfax Island, approximately 67 miles distant, where a shore party of four was waiting to be re-embarked in the G.P.V.

5. Steaming directly into the sea the next few hours were most uncomfortable for G.P.V. 957, who initially made good only about 3½ knots through the water. However, during the first watch, the wind gradually eased and speed was adjusted to arrive off Fairfax Island at 0600 on the 15th. The re-embarkation of the shore party having been effected by motor whaler, YARRA departed at 0910 to return to Platypus Bay where she anchored at 1445. G.P.V. 957 meanwhile sailed for Gladstone.

6. To provide an extra day in which to make good the detrimental effects of the weather on the ship's exterior, it was approved that PARRAMATTA and YARRA would exchange dates of Annual Inspection, a gesture that was very much appreciated. Accordingly, Sir, you carried out your inspection of YARRA on Thursday 18th, and on the forenoon of the following day Departmental Inspections by your Staff Officers were conducted.

Passage and at Townsville - 19th to 23rd.

7. In company with PARRAMATTA, YARRA weighed and proceeded for Townsville at 1545 on the 19th. En route, there was sufficient time in hand to enable the two frigates to anchor off the Northern side of South Percy Island from 1000 on the 20th to 1400 on the 21st. The landing of 'banyan' parties for recreation and relaxation on the excellent beach nearby, provided the Ship's Companies with a very enjoyable and well-earned break from their endeavours of the previous few days.

8. On arrival in Townsville at 0900 on the 22nd, YARRA secured port side to PARRAMATTA at No. 1 Berth, Breakwater Pier, where FFO was embarked. That evening the two ships held an official reception which was attended by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the local heads of the other two services and their wives. On the following evening, with some of my Officers, I attended an informal Civic Reception in Townsville City Hall which was held in honour of His Excellency the Governor General.

Passage and at Port Moresby 24th - 28th.

9. At 1050 on the 24th YARRA, in company with PARRAMATTA, sailed for Port Moresby via Grafton Passage which was negotiated between 2130 and 2230 that night. Having arrived off the entrance to Port Moresby on the 26th, both ships lowered a sailing whaler in the vicinity of Basilisk Passage, before proceeding into harbour to berth together port side to the southern end of the main wharf at 0900. An official reception was held by the two ships on that evening and on the following evening the Captains and three Officers from each ship were invited to Government House for drinks. In addition to these functions, a generous amount of private hospitality was extended to a large proportion of the officers and Ship's Companies during the week-end.

Passage to Barrier Reef.

10. After casting off at 0900 on the 29th, YARRA and PARRAMATTA anchored for ninety minutes off Basilisk Passage to wash down areas of Ship's side which were inaccessible while the ships were berthed alongside each other. Exercising en route, the ships passed through Grafton Passage at 0630 on the 31st. The day was spent exercising in the Cairns/Green Island area after which YARRA and PARRAMATTA anchored in formation in the lee of Fitzroy Island at 1624.

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Main and Auxiliary Machinery.

11. All machinery has operated satisfactorily since the completion of the self maintenance period on 9th July. Dockyard assistance was obtained with a number of large defects during the period but all work was completed, including such major items as the removal and replacement of the L.W.O.2. aerial, the exchange of the port turbo blower and the overhaul of the pump end of the main feed pump. Compared with previous months, both boilers have operated with very few steam leaks and those that did develop were confined to minor fittings and joints which were readily accessible.

12. Maintenance time has been restricted by the ships programme which has afforded only five days alongside, two in Townsville and three in Port Moresby over a weekend.

13. Attempts by the Port Diving Team to make the Hull Outfit 15 watertight by exchanging the A/S Dome were unsuccessful and the ship will now be docked at Cockatoo Island 22nd - 26th August for investigation of the leak. The Hull Outfit is operationally serviceable but repairs would not be possible to the transducers or the transducer shaft glands in the event of a failure.

Training.

14. Because of the long self-maintenance period and preparation for the Annual Inspection, training did not commence until the latter half of the month. On leaving Hervey Bay, classes comprising eleven Ordinary Seamen, sixteen Able Seamen and twenty-four non Seamen ratings were formed. Satisfactory progress is being made.

Health and Recreation.

15. The health of the Ship's Company continues to be very good, although one rating was discharged to General Hospital, Port Moresby on the 27th, suffering from Infectious Hepatitis.

16. At Townsville, local sporting facilities were generously made available to the visiting ships, although the timing of the visit prevented matches from being played against outside teams. However, the highlight of the month's sporting events came at Port Moresby where the ship's Australian Rules Football team was matched against the Papuan side selected to play New Guinea; and a combined Soccer team, from the two ships, opposed a Papuan side containing representatives selected to play in the forthcoming South Pacific Games at Suva. Both matches aroused considerable interest and were given coverage by the local press and radio. A summary of sporting events and results is given at Appendix C.

Conduct and Morale.

17. Morale is excellent and the conduct of the Ship's Company continues to be very good. A total of 13 minor offences was recorded for the month, one of which was leave breaking.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

L. A. Borse

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	2972.7 miles
Total hours underway during the month	234.35/60 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	69224.0 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	5069.37/60 hours

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

Date	Total No of Hours Exceeded	Av Speed	Fuel per Hr Expended	Dist per ton	Reason
5th	1	17.0	1.9	8.8	To fully utilize jet A/C for tracking RANOP 147
9th	1	16.9	1.8	9.0	Exercise INSPEX
10th	8	17.6	2.1	8.5	Exercise INSPEX
11th	1	16.5	1.7	9.1	Exercise INSPEX
14th	4	28.4	6.0	3.0	Assisting GPV957
19th	3	16.7	1.8	9.0	Exercise INSPEX
20th	1	16.8	1.8	9.0	Stationing on passage
21st	1	15.8	1.5	9.3	Stationing on passage
25th	1	16.3	1.7	9.1	Exercise MORBEX

APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

Exercise Seabom	1
Starshell and R.F. Firing	1
R.E.W. Firing	1
A.A. Tracking	2
R.I.X.	1
Balloon Tracking	1
Exchange Boarding Parties	1
Two Ship Radar Calibration	1
SPX (B)	2
EWX 31	3
EWX 41	1
Competitive Light Mortar Firing	1
A/S Ranging	1
Urgent Attack Exercises	1
Day R.A.S. (Abeam)	1
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Heaving Line Transfer	1
Seaboats	6
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APPENDIX 'C'.

SPORT.

Date	Sport	Fixture	Result	At
3rd	Rugby (Dempster Cup)	Dest/Frig (YARRA P'MATTA VENDETTA) v Carriers	Lost 0-11	Rushcutter Sydney
3rd	.303 Rifle Shoot (Rifle Shield Comp.)	Dest/Frigates MELBOURNE	411pts. 573pts.	Long Bay Sydney
20th	Volley Ball Knock-Out Competition	Inter Ship/Depts. YARRA & P'MATTA	Won by P'MATTA P.O.'s	South Is. Percy Isles
20th	Soft Ball Knock-Out Competition	Inter Ship/Depts. YARRA & P'MATTA	Won by P'MATTA C.P.O.'s & P.O.'s	South IS. Percy Isles
22nd	Australian Rules Football	YARRA v P'MATTA	Won 9.9 (63 points) to 1.2 (8 points)	RAAF Garbutt Townsville
22nd	Rugby League	YARRA v P'MATTA	Lost 5-18	RAAF Garbutt Townsville
23rd	Hockey	YARRA v P'MATTA	Won 2-0	Cootheringa Pk. Townsville
23rd	Australian Rules Football	YARRA Seamen v The Rest	The Rest 7.9 (51pts) Seamen 2.5.(17pts)	RAAF Garbutt Townsville
27th	Australian Rules Football	YARRA v PAPUA	Lost 23.9 (147 pts.) to 4.7 (31 pts.)	Boroko Port Moresby
28th	Soccer	YARRA/P'MATTA v RANGERS	Lost 3-10	Boroko Port Moresby
28th	Soccer	YARRA/P'MATTA v PAPUA	Lost 1-13	Boroko Port Moresby

APPENDIX 'D'.

DETAILS OF CALLS PAID AND FUNCTIONS ATTENDED - JULY, 1963.

Date.	Place.	Function.
22nd	Townsville	Joint Reception with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.
23rd	Townsville	Civic Reception for His Excellency The Governor-General, The Right Honourable Viscount De L'Isle, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., K.St.J.

(Calls were condidered to have been paid and returned.)

26th	Port Moresby	Accompanied Captain B.S. MURRAY, R.A.N. to call upon; The Administrator, Sir Donald Cleland. The Deputy Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Ollerenshaw. The Area Commanding Officer, Colonel J. Pascoe.
26th	Port Moresby	Joint Reception with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA.
27th	Port Moresby	Accompanied Captain B.S. MURRAY, R.A.N. to Government House to drinks in the evening.

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

(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 12th September, 1963.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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

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IN REPLY QUOTE No. 5.3.1.

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

12 SEP 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of August, 1963. All times K (-10).

1st to 2nd at Fitzroy Island

2. At the beginning of the month, in company with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA, YARRA was anchored off Fitzroy Island progressing professional and ship training until 1315 on the 2nd, when both ships proceeded to the vicinity of the entrance to Cairns Channel. Here a practice moor was exercised at 1430 before anchoring for the night.

Saturday 3rd to ~~Tuesday~~ Monday 5th at Cairns

3. On the 3rd, at 0650 both ships weighed and proceeded, with YARRA leading, into Cairns to secure starboard side to No. 10 berth at 0800. Having embarked F.F.O., at 1015 both ships shifted to No. 8 berth where they stayed for the remainder of the visit. On arrival, the ships were met by the Naval Agent, Mr J. Wyer, whose arrangements for sporting fixtures during the visit proved to be very satisfactory. As the Mayor was absent from Cairns, calls were to be considered as paid and returned. On the evening of the 3rd PARRAMATTA and YARRA held a combined reception for about ninety people. The following day the ship was dressed overall in honour of the birthday of Her Majesty the Queen Mother and during the afternoon was open to visitors, approximately 1200 of whom availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the two ships.

Tuesday 6th to Friday 9th in Whitsunday Group

4. After casting off at 1000 on the 6th, YARRA turned opposite No. 10 berth, and in company with PARRAMATTA proceeded to Stonehaven Anchorage, Hook Island, arriving at 1330 on the 7th. During this passage, and for the next two days, training was progressed both at anchor and under way. Throughout this period mails were despatched and received through Hayman Island, the manager of the tourist resort being most helpful in this respect.

5. The daylight hours of the 9th were spent under way in the vicinity of Whitsunday Strait, and after landing and collecting mail from Hayman Island, both ships set course for South Percy Island at 1930.

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Saturday 10th to Tuesday 13th at South Percy Island.

6. It had been intended to make best use of the excellent beaches on the northern side of South Percy Island to land the maximum number of recreation parties during the week end. Events proved disappointing, for after PARRAMATTA and YARRA's arrival at 0830 on the 10th, the weather gradually deteriorated, becoming cool and cloudy at first, before giving way to passing showers which prevailed throughout the remainder of the week - end.

7. Training at anchor was progressed on the 12th and 13th before sailing for Sydney at 1640 on the 13th. Apart from an exchange of Ordinary Seamen candidates for their Part 3 examinations for Able Seaman, on Wednesday 14th, the passage was uneventful. On arrival YARRA secured port side to H.M.A.S. ANZAC at South East Cruiser Wharf at 0740 on the 16th.

19th to 25th Sydney Area and At Sydney

8. The weapon training period conducted with PARRAMATTA on the 19th and 20th provided a welcome opportunity to operate against a live submarine target for the first time since Exercise "Sea Serpent". Although YARRA did not participate in the gunnery firings, the Gunnery Trials Team and a representative of the Director of Weapons were embarked and much valuable information regarding the performance of the system was obtained.

9. As Wednesday 21st was "Families Day", the thick fog which enveloped Sydney Harbour early in the forenoon was observed with disfavour. However, as it showed signs of lifting, it was decided to sail at 0900 as scheduled, and having cleared the Heads, with 140 members of the families of the Ship's Company embarked, course was set for Broken Bay. By 1030 the fog was rapidly clearing, giving way to a bright sunny day. At 1300, whilst off the entrance to Broken Bay, a request for assistance of divers was received from H.M.A.S. TEAL (Lieutenant D.T. Hunt, R.A.N.) which was anchored by a dan buoy mooring which had fouled her port propellor. Diving operations having been successfully completed, YARRA returned to Sydney to berth once more alongside ANZAC at South East Cruiser Wharf, at 1540.

26th to 31st Sydney and Exercise CARBINE

10. On the following day, a cold move by tugs was made to Fitzroy Dock, Cockatoo Island where the ship remained until the 26th, for repairs to the Hull Outfit 15. At 1050, YARRA was undocked and made a further cold move to No 1 buoy, where she fuelled prior to getting under way at 1445 to join H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA and ANZAC and H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST for the departure for Exercise CARBINE.

11. The passage northward was uneventful until about 1800 when the bearings of the port extractor pump failed. As neither YARRA nor PARRAMATTA held sufficient spare parts to enable repairs to be undertaken, it was decided that YARRA should return to Sydney to obtain Dockyard assistance and rejoin at the earliest opportunity.

12. Accordingly, YARRA berthed port side to Cruiser Wharf at 0700 on the 27th. Arrangements for repairs to the extractor pump were set in train and by 1720 the pump had been repaired and ready for test. The test being considered satisfactory, YARRA cast off at 1740 and proceeded to rejoin T.G. 327.8, a rendezvous being made with this force approximately 60' to the N.N.E. of Moreton Bay at 0300 on the 29th. For the remainder of the month the ship was engaged in Exercise CARBINE.

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Main and Auxiliary Machinery

13. During the latter part of the month high feed water consumption again caused concern. Several minor handhole door leaks were discovered in the starboard boiler, and these were cured by tightening the securing nuts. Evidence exists that there is another small leak, possibly from the economiser of the same boiler, and this will be investigated at the first available opportunity.

14. Loss of lubricating oil in the Port Extraction pump gave rise to damaged turbine rotor bearings and turbine thrust pads on Monday 27th August. Although in company with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA at the time, insufficient spares were available for repairs to be effected and it was necessary to return to Sydney for Dockyard assistance. A separate report is being raised.

15. During the period 22nd - 26th August when the ship was dry docked at Cockatoo Island Dockyard for repairs to Hull Outfit 15, the ship's bottom was found to be generally in good condition and unfouled except where the paint had been stripped from the Hull. This was apparently due to water action in the vicinity of the edges of the sea tubes and underwater fittings, and where the surface of the paint had been broken by the anchor cable.

Training

16. A total of 49 ratings of all Branches has undergone organised instruction for advancement during the quarterly period. In general, the total instructional time available has been adequate, except perhaps in the case of Ordinary Seamen, whose theoretical instruction has tended to lag because of the ship's operational commitments during the latter part of the month. It is intended to make up this back log during September.

Health, Conduct and Morale

17. The health of the Ship's Company has been excellent throughout the month. Owing to the ship's movements it was possible to arrange organised sport only in Cairns where the sporting facilities are good and the local teams showed a keen desire to compete against the two ships. Results of these matches are shewn at Appendix C. Two ratings were selected for inclusion in the Navy Interservice Tennis Team.

18. Morale is excellent and conduct continues to be very good. A total of 11 offences was recorded for the month, 5 of which were for leave breaking.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. Boase
COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3608.2 miles
Total hours underway during the month	272 31/60 hours
Total distance steamed since commissioning	72832.2 miles
Total hours underway since commissioning	5342 8/60 hours

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

Date.	No. Hours Exceeded.	Average Speed.	Fuel Per Hour Expended.	Distance Per Ton.	Reason.
6th	1	16.0	1.55	9.4	Exercise Trainex
14th	1	15.9	1.6	9.4	Exercise Trainex
28th	14	16.3	1.7	9.1	Exercise Carbine
29th	20	18.7	2.2	7.9	Exercise Carbine
30th	22	17.2	1.9	8.7	Exercise Carbine
31st	7	18.0	2.0	8.3	Exercise Carbine

APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING MONTH.

A.A. Tracking	2
A.A. Firing	1
Balloon Tracking	2
Surface Shoot	1
Farsex	1
Casex A4/A5	2
Casex A15	1
Casex A2	1
Light Mortar Firing	3
Jackstay Transfers	6
Heaving Line Transfers	1
Seaboats	14
Towex	2
Moor Ship	2
Point Ship By Spring	1
Exercise Steering Gear Breakdown	2
O.O.W. Manoeuvres	1
Exchange Boarding Parties	1
Major A.B.C.D. Exercise	1
Navcomex 201	17
Navcomex 202	22
Navcomex 204	2
Navcomex 206	5
Navcomex 402	4
Navcomex 404	1
Navcomex 405	1
Navcomex 409	1
Navcomex 501	3
Navcomex 607	2

APPENDIX 'C'

SPORT.

Date.	Sport.	Fixture.	Result.	At.
4th	Soccer	YARRA v P'MATTA	Won 6-3	Martyn St. Cairns.
4th	Australian Rules Football	YARRA v OTHERS	Won 9.10 (64 points) to 9.8 (62 points)	Aust. Rules Park, Cairns.
4th	Darts	YARRA v CENTRALS	Won 7-6	Central Hotel, Cairns.
5th	Hockey	YARRA/P'MATTA v CAIRNS 'A' GRADE	Lost 0-2	Parramatta Pk. Cairns.
5th	Rugby League	YARRA/P'MATTA v CAIRNS KANGAROOS	Lost 19-30	Parramatta Pk. Cairns.
[illegible]	Tennis	YARRA & CAIRNS HARBOUR BOARD	Social Games	Harbour Board Tennis Courts, Cairns.
5th	Basketball	YARRA v CAIRNS 7-UP	Lost	Cairns.

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

24 OCT 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

H.M.A.S. YARRA - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - SEPTEMBER, 1963.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the report of proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of September, 1963. All times Zone -10 (K).

Sunday 1st to Wednesday 4th Exercise CARBINE

2. When the month opened YARRA, in company with H.M.A. Ships MELBOURNE, PARRAMATTA and ANZAC and H.M.N.Z.S. ROYALIST, was en route to the starting position for the final phase, Phase 4, of exercise CARBINE. This phase commenced twenty miles east of South Solitary Island at 1700 on the 2nd and ended off Sydney at 0800 on on the 4th. From YARRA's viewpoint, CARBINE's well balanced exercise schedule afforded excellent training value. This was especially true of the A/S phases were, in contrast with many other major exercises, the surface forces involved were small compared with the submarine opposition. Thus the escorts benefited greatly by participating in an unusually large number of incidents and a high level of enthusiasm was maintained to the end of the exercise.

Wednesday 4th to Sunday 22nd at Sydney

3. Passing through the Heads in column at 1300 on the 4th, the surface units and submarines, escorted by A/S helicopters from H.M.A.S. MELBOURNE, made a ceremonial entry into Sydney Harbour as a finale to CARBINE. While the heavy units berthed the three escorts detached and proceeded up harbour, around Cockatoo Island, thence alongside Garden Island. From the time of detaching at about 1330 the wind gradually freshened from the NNW and was gusting to force 7 by the time YARRA, assisted by two tugs, berthed port side to PARRAMATTA at North East Cruiser Wharf at 1525.

4. The next eighteen days were spent alongside carrying out self maintenance. On Saturday the 7th, the ship was visited by twenty two members of the Lithgow Cub Pack. Having examined almost every corner of the ship, both before and after tea in the cafeteria, these youngsters departed tired but happy.

5. The following week, together with some of my officers, I attended an Electronic Data Processing Introductory Course held at Garden Island from the 16th to 19th. A very successful Ship's Company Dance was held at the State Ballroom on the night of the 20th. It was a pleasure to hear from my Executive Officer subsequently that the management had commented very favourably on the Ship's Company behaviour throughout the function.

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Monday 23rd to Monday 30th Sydney/Jervis Bay Area

6. With T.A.S. Training classes from H.M.A.S. WATSON embarked,

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YARRA cast off at 0755 on the 23rd, and in company with PARRAMATTA proceeded to carry out CASEX's with H.M.S. TRUMP between 0600 and 2359 daily for the next six days in the Sydney-Jervis Bay Area. The weather deteriorated rapidly during the morning of the 24th, and by 0800 a moderate gale was blowing. For the next twenty four hours the training classes suffered considerably, but nevertheless performed creditably under the circumstances.

7. As it had been arranged for her to berth first, YARRA proceeded PARRAMATTA into Port Jackson at 0730 on the 29th. Off Chowder Bay the ships encountered fog which delayed the time of arrival alongside by a few minutes. YARRA secured port side to North East Cruiser Wharf at 0808 and after fuelling the following forenoon, cast off again at 1135 to resume A/S Training with PARRAMATTA and H.M.S. TABARD in the Sydney-Jervis Bay Area.

Training

8. The results of the Fleet Advancement Boards conducted on 9th and 10th were as follows:-

(a) Petty Officer for Chief Petty Officer - Section 1 - 8 candidates - 7 passed - 1 failed Part 1.

(b) Leading Rate for Petty Officer - Section 1 - 2 candidates - 2 passed.

(c) Able Rate for Leading Rate - Section 1 - 25 candidates - 12 passed outright.

(d) Able Seaman for Leading Seaman - Section II - 6 candidates - 4 passed outright.

9. The backlog of training of Ordinary Seamen for Able Seamen mentioned in my report of proceedings for the month of July is being overcome and training is proceeding satisfactorily.

Main and Auxiliary Machinery

10. Maintenance was satisfactorily progressed during the two weeks self maintenance period from 9th to 23rd and the general condition of the machinery is good.

11. Rough weather on 24th resulted in a four inch split in No.2 A.D.D. tank allowing distillate to leak into the cooling machinery compartment. Attempts to caulk the split were unsuccessful owing to the working of the bulkhead as the ship rolled and it was necessary to empty the tank by pumping over to an F.F.O. tank. Approval has been obtained for repair to be undertaken by dockyard as an urgent defect but it is not yet known when this will be done.

12. An annual full power trial was carried out during the morning watch on Sunday 29th. All machinery operated satisfactorily and authorised full power of 30,000 S.H.P. was achieved at 231 R.P.M. Overall fuel consumption was 10.73 tons per hour (2.75 miles per ton). Weather conditions were favourable but poor visibility prevented accurate timed runs over the measured mile.

13. At 1540 on the 30th a break occurred in a branch line from the fire main in the boiler room. The Local Control Panel of K2 Turbo Generator was drenched, causing two or three small explosions and loss of power. The leak was quickly plugged, the firemain isolated and the T/G shut down. Subsequent investigation revealed considerable damage to the L cal Control Panel and its associated wiring. A report is being forwarded.

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Health and Recreation

14. The health of the Ship's Company is very good. The self maintenance programme and the scarcity of competition militated against organised sport, except for a rugby match against STUART which was drawn 3-3. An inter-mess Ten-pin Bowling knock-out competition, won by the Petty Officers, was conducted in the evenings at Rushcutter Bay. This proved so popular that it has been decided to make the competition a regular feature. Accordingly, a trophy for the winning team has been provided from the Ship's Fund.

Conduct and Morale.

15. Conduct of the Ship's Company remains very good. Only eight minor offences were recorded during the month, six of which were for leave breaking. Morale is high.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. C. Boase

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	3055 . 4 miles.
Total number of hours underway during the month	244 3/60 Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	75887 . 6 miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	5586 11/60 Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

Date.	No. Hours Exceeded.	Average Speed.	Fuel per Hour Expended.	Distance per Ton.	Reason.
2nd	16	17.6	2.0	8.5	Exercise Carbine.
3rd	22	17.0	1.8	8.8	Exercise Carbine.
4th	7	16.0	1.6	9.4	Exercise Carbine.
29th	4	26.5	6.4	4.2	Annual Full Power Trial.
30th	1	16.3	1.7	9.2	EAXP 40/63.

APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

Casex A2	1.
Casex A 4/5	7.
Casex A15	1.
177 Trials	2.
M.C.S. 10 Assessment Firings	5.
Seaboats	3.
Annual Full Power Trial.	
Navcomex 201	11.
Navcomex 202	18.
Navcomex 204	3.
Navcomex 206	3.
Navcomex 208	2.
Navcomex 305	2.
Navcomex 401	21.

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA 5.3.1 dated 2nd November, 1963.)

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

2. With reference to paragraph 11 of Minute 1 arrangements are being made for the Fleet Maintenance Party to assist ship's staff during the Long Self-Maintenance period.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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

28th November, 1963.

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

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The Secretary,
Department of the Navy.

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2. With reference to paragraph 11 of Minute I arrangements are being made for the Fleet Maintenance Party to assist ship's staff during the Long Self-Maintenance period.

REAR ADMIRAL.

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

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

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

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October, 1963. All times K (-10).

1st to 3rd - T.A.S. School Training

2. At the beginning of the month YARRA, with T.A.S. School UC training classes embarked, was continuing training in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area in company with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and H.M.S. TABARD. CASEX's were conducted between 0600 and 2359 daily and sonar conditions were good throughout. By the end of the period each trainee in YARRA had achieved the required total of at least six hours experience in each sonar operator's position. On returning to harbour on the 3rd, YARRA berthed bow to stern on VAMPIRE at the northern end of Cruiser Wharf, the position she was scheduled to occupy on the impending Navy Day.

4th to 16th - JUC 48

3. The following day, the Command Team joined up with Joint Unit Course No. 48 to participate in A/S games on the ASTT at H.M.A.S. WATSON. This was a prelude to the practical phase of the JUC which was to be held in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area between Monday 7th and Wednesday 16th. In company with H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA and H.M.N.Z.S. PUKAKI (Lieutenant Commander A.G. Rhodes R.N.Z.N.), YARRA returned to Sydney on Friday 11th to berth at 0730 alongside VAMPIRE at north end of Cruiser Wharf. Later that day the Command Teams from both ships were lifted by RAAF Dakota to AJASS for the mid-course discussions. Meanwhile, it had been decided to move YARRA by tugs to the northern end of the Fitting Out Wharf, from which position she could better fulfil her role as "mortar firing ship" on the next day, which was Navy Day. Unfortunately this function was marred when warning was given of the approach of strong southerly winds and heavy rain which necessitated the return of the Wessex helicopters to Nowra after only one appearance. Although the forecast gale force winds did not materialise, the heavy rain which began at about 1600 brought proceedings to an abrupt close.

4. YARRA cast off at 0815 on Monday 14th and proceeded with PARRAMATTA to rendezvous with PUKAKI 30 miles east of Wollongong at 1200. The forty-eight hour LONGEX Phase of the JUC which followed was, though unavoidably "set piece", nevertheless interesting and provided good training value. The success achieved against the submarines in the average sonar conditions prevailing was encouraging.

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5. After the LONGEX, PARRAMATTA and YARRA took the opportunity to carry out Bombardment efficiency firings at the Beecroft range, P.M. on the 16th, and A.A. and Surface firings on the following day. Although the latter shoots were reasonably successful, the attempts by both ships to bombard were very disappointing because of the equipment failures. On returning to Sydney, YARRA secured alongside PARRAMATTA at Fitting Out Wharf at 1630 on the 17th. Next day the Command Team was once more airlifted to AJASS, this time for the LONGEX post-exercise discussion. In the evening of Saturday 18th, a combined Official Reception was held by the two ships.

19th to 31st - Barrier Reef Search

6. In spite of a search by sea and air, no trace had been found of a sailing whaler containing five junior officers which had been missing from H.M.A.S. SYDNEY since the 17th. In order to augment the searching forces and to provide an additional communications link with aircraft, it was decided that YARRA should leave Sydney at 0745 on the 21st and proceed to the Whitsunday area with despatch, fuelling at Mackay en route. At 2110 on the 22nd, in adverse conditions, the ship berthed starboard side to the Breast Wharf, Mackay. The fuelling rate proved to be very slow (45 tons per hour) and it was not until 0220 on the following day that YARRA sailed for Upstart Bay where a ship and boat search for survivors was commenced at 0830. Having anchored overnight, YARRA proceeded again early in the forenoon of the 24th, immediately after recovering her boats which had been beached the previous evening.

7. En route to Townsville, a search for a grating reported by a Gannet the day before was made, and a Party was landed on Cape Bowling Green to investigate another Gannet sighting which appeared to be a mine. On examination it was found that the latter had been rendered safe some years ago, but its casing had not been destroyed for some reason. The grating, which had formed the floor of the sternsheets of the whaler, was recovered between Cape Bowling Green and Cape Cleveland during the afternoon. From 1610 the ship was berthed alongside the western side of No. 1 Pier, embarking F.F.O., stores for the other two ships and AVGAS for the helicopters engaged in the search operations. Before sailing at 2000, a total of twenty passengers was embarked. These comprised next of kin of some of the missing officers, members of the Board of Inquiry, witnesses and nine press and television representatives. Temporary sleeping accommodation was arranged for all.

8. On arrival at the Hayman Island anchorage at 0545 on the 25th, the stores were transferred to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY, followed by the passengers at a later hour. On completion YARRA departed to carry out a ship and boat search in the vicinity of Cape Cleveland until nightfall, when she anchored off the entrance to Townsville Harbour. At 0730 the next day she weighed and proceeded alongside the eastern side of No. 1 Pier to top up fuel and embark victualling stores for H.M.A.S. SYDNEY and H.M.A.S. ANZAC. Sailing was delayed until 1400 to enable the remains of the late Midshipman D.J. Sanders, R.A.N. to be embarked for passage to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY who was to conduct the burial service at the eastern end of Grafton Passage on the 27th.

9. A rendez-vous was made with SYDNEY and ANZAC in position 19° 35' S 148° 00 E at 2100 to transfer the coffin by boat. At the same time a Staff Officer from SYDNEY was embarked to assist YARRA who was to assume OTC Search Forces from 262100 to 280600 whilst SYDNEY was absent from the area. The period from 2200 to 2359 was spent in transferring stores to SYDNEY and ANZAC

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by jackstay, after which YARRA detached to search in the vicinity of the Palm Islands from 0700 to 1830 on the 27th, when an anchorage for the night was found in North East Bay. A further fruitless search in the Palm Islands area was conducted on the 28th before proceeding to Hayman Island to return the loan Staff Officer to H.M.A.S. SYDNEY. On completion at 2200, course was set for Sydney, where, after an uneventful passage YARRA secured starboard side to Oil Wharf, Garden Island at 1500 on the 31st.

Training

10. Ordinary Seamen's training was progressed with the aim of having the candidates examined in H.M.A.S. PARRAMATTA on the 28th and 29th. This proved impracticable owing to the change in the ship's programme, and as a result they were examined on board by ship's officers. Of the seven candidates, three passed outright, and four failed in up to three subjects.

Hull and Machinery

11. Partly as a result of the change programme, maintenance has been restricted to two cold working days alongside during the month. Planned maintenance has fallen behind and it will be difficult to bring it up to date by the end of the quarter owing to Ship's Company leave entitlement during the forthcoming long self maintenance period. With the exception of known defects which have been notified by signal, all machinery has operated satisfactorily. On the 21st and 22nd, 18,000 S.H.P. (60% full power) was maintained for 37 hours without incident. Fuel consumption for this run was 6.2 tons per hour compared with 7.0 tons per hour during Contractor's Sea Trials.

Health, Conduct and Morale

12. The conduct of the Ship's Company has continued to be very good; health and morale is excellent. Because of the ship's programme, no opportunities occurred for organised sport. The Welfare Committee has met during the month.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

R. A. Bonse

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A'.

STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month	6215.5 Miles.
Total hours underway during the month	435 27/60 Hours.
Total distance steamed since commissioning	82103.1 Miles.
Total number of hours underway since commissioning	6021 38/60 Hours.

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED.

Date.	No. Hours Exceeded.	Average Speed.	Fuel per Hour Expended.	Distance per Ton.	Reason.
8th	4	17.6	1.9	8.6	JUCEX 48.
9th	2	19.2	2.3	7.6	JUCEX 48.
10th	1	18.5	2.1	8.0	JUCEX 48.
14th	9	16.7	1.8	9.0	JUCEX 48.
15th	9	17.0	1.8	8.8	JUCEX 48.
16th	2	17.4	1.9	8.6	JUCEX 48.
17th	1	15.5	1.5	9.6	EAXP 42/63.
21st	16	26.6	6.5	4.1	WHALER S.A.R.
22nd	20	26.5	6.4	4.15	WHALER S.A.R.
23rd	13	21.8	2.9	6.2	WHALER S.A.R.
24th	5	18.9	2.2	7.8	WHALER S.A.R.
25th	8	19.5	2.4	7.4	WHALER S.A.R.
26th	3	17.4	1.9	8.6	WHALER S.A.R.
27th	1	17.3	1.9	8.6	WHALER S.A.R.

APPENDIX 'B'.

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH.

N.G.S.F.X.	1.
A.A. TRACKING	1.
A.A. SHOOT	1.
SURFACE SHOOT	1.
CASEX A4	5.
CASEX A5	5.
CASEX A15	3.
CASEX A16	2.
CASEX A17	5.
CASEX B1	1.
CASEX B3	5.
CASEX B10	5.
CASEX B11	2.
CASEX B20	1.
CASEX C1	4.
LONGEX	1.
LIGHT MORTAR ASSESSMENT FIRING	1.
LIVE MORTAR FIRING	1 (2 SALVOES).
OOW URGENT ATTACKS	6.
MAJOR A.B.C.D. EXERCISE	1.
SEABOATS	10.
LIGHT JACKSTAY TRANSFER (NIGHT)	2.
NAVCOMEX 401	26.
NAVCOMEX 402	2.
NAVCOMEX 404	4.
NAVCOMEX 405	3.
NAVCOMEX 201	18.
NAVCOMEX 202	22.
NAVCOMEX 204	4.
NAVCOMEX 206	4.
NAVCOMEX 208	4.

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(H.M.A.S. YARRA's letter 5/3/1 dated 3rd December, 1963.)

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

3 - DEC 1963

The Flag Officer Commanding,
HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (STAFF).

Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, HER MAJESTY'S AUSTRALIAN FLEET (FLAG).

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. All times K(-10).

2. At the beginning of the month YARRA was alongside the Oil Wharf, Garden Island progressing essential machinery maintenance. YARRA cast off ay 1055 on Saturday 2nd and proceeded independently to Melbourne, carrying out an economical steaming trial en route. Weather conditions slowly deteriorated throughout the period of the trials, and results, although better than Contractor's Trials, were not as good as expected. After fuelling at Nelson Pier, Williamstown the ship negotiated the river YARRA to berth port side to no 7 North Wharf at 1045 on Monday 4th. The ship was open to public inspection during the afternoon of Tuesday 5th. Approximately 200 visitors only were received on board.

3. Casting off at 0855 Wednesday 6th, YARRA in company with PARRAMATTA, proceeded to the Frankston area where the Diving Efficiency test took place. En route jackstay transfers were exercised and the ships carried out a formation anchoring to test candidates from H.M.A.S. CERBERUS for their practical examination for Chief Petty Officer. After transfering the candidates and Fleet Staff to PARRAMATTA by boat, YARRA weighed at 1325 and proceeded independently to area NP to carry out A.A. tracking and firings. This serial was however cancelled shortly after sailing, due to adverse wind conditions affecting the availability of the towing aircraft. YARRA then negotiated the South Channel and anchored off Queenscliffe at 1527 to await the arrival of PARRAMATTA. At 1725 YARRA weighed and proceeded in company with PARRAMATTA for the Sydney/Jervis Bay area exercise area where a rendezvous was made with H.M.S.TRUMP early on Friday 8th. Fleet Staff Officers then conducted the T.A.S. Efficiency tests for both ships, on completion of which, YARRA secured port side to PARRAMATTA at N.E. Cruiser Wharf at 1330.

4. YARRA assumed the duties of C.T.G. 327.3 at 1600 Friday 8th. Having fuelled and embarked the T.A.S. School U.C. training classes, YARRA slipped and proceeded at 1655, with PARRAMATTA in company. Casex's with H.M.S. TRUMP were conducted between 0600 and 2359 daily in the Sydney/Jervis Bay area until Tuesday 14th, when YARRA detached and entered harbour securing to No 2 buoy at 0737. Whilst at No 2 buoy, Sonar beam pattern checks were completed by representatives from R.A.N.E.L.

5. At 1155 on Saturday 16th YARRA slipped and proceeded to Williamstown fro a long Self-Maintenance Period, berthing starboard side to Nelson Pier at 0910 on Monday 18th after an uneventful passage. The ship was moved to the Inner West Dockyard Pier by tugs at 1030 on Wednesday 20th. A conference was held on that day with Dockyard Officers and the assistance to be afforded to the ship during the Maintenance period was resolved.

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Training

6. Advancement Boards were conducted by H.M.A.S.VOYAGER on Thursday 28th. Of the 12 candidates from YARRA for re-examination in various Sections, 9 passed.

Hull and Machinery.

7. After spending 36 days, or part thereof, underway from October 1st to November 18th the hull and superstructure has deteriorated considerably. This was largely caused by the introduction of four-hourly soot blowing and is the subject of a separate report. Work is well advanced in maintenance and preservation of the hull exterior. Machinery maintenance is progressing with the ship's personnel available and dockyard assistance.

Health and Recreation

8. The health of the Ship's Company is very good. The recent programme has precluded any organised sport. Since arriving in Williamstown P.C.T. requirements, drafting and long leave have resulted in a very unstable list of sporting members.

Conduct and Morale

9. The conduct of the Ship's Company has continued to be very good, despite a few serious offences at the beginning of the month. Morale is high.

I have the Honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant.

R. A. Bosse

Commander. R.A.N.

CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX 'A'

STEAMING REPORT.

Total Distance steamed during the month	3,487.0 miles
Total hours underway during the month	247 40/60 hours
Total distance steamed during 1963	41,343 miles
Total hours underway during 1963	3,055 hours
Total distance steamed since Commissioning	85,590 miles
Total hours underway since Commissioning	6,296 18/60 hours

ECONOMICAL SPEED EXCEEDED

Date	No.Hours Exceeded	Average Speed.	Fuel per hour Expended.	Distance per Ton.	Reason.
7th	1	27.0	7.0	4.0	Quarterly Full Power Trial

APPENDIX 'B'

EXERCISES CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTH

A.A.Tracking	7
A.A.Shoot	1
Casex A.10	2
Casex A.4/5	6
Casex A.15	5
Casex A.2	1
Seaboats	2
Jackstay Transfers	4
Heaving Line Transfers	1
Helicopter Transfers	3
Quarterly Full Power Trial	1
Economical Steaming Trial	1
NAVCOMEX 201	5
NAVCOMEX 202	16
NAVCOMEX 204	4
NAVCOMEX 206	3
NAVCOMEX 401	15
NAVCOMEX 402	1
NAVCOMEX 404	1
NAVCOMEX 405	4

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

4th January, 1964.

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

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

Sir,

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

2. For the whole of the month YARRA continued her Long Self Maintenance at Williamstown Dockyard with approximately half the Ship's Company on leave.

3. On Monday, 2nd December, I assumed command from Commander N.A. Boase, R.A.N. The ship was shifted by tugs on Wednesday 11th to the Alfred Graving Dock where she remained until the end of the month. During the move the port side was damaged at stations 53-55 and 63-65 by the tug secured alongside; my letter 19/3/15 dated 13th December, 1963, refers.

4. Because of the presence of Communist Bloc shipping in Port Philip, CLAM procedure was enforced from 10th December. This has prevented the alignment of Radar Type 903, a matter which has been reported in other papers.

5. Living conditions, although below standard whilst in dry dock, have been cheerfully accepted and morale remains high. The month generally has been uneventful, conduct and health of the Ship's Company remains very good.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

B. H. Loxton.

COMMANDER, R.A.N.
CAPTAIN.

APPENDIX "A" - STEAMING REPORT.

Total distance steamed during the month.	Nil
Total hours underway during the month.	Nil
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	85,590 miles.
Total hours underway since commissioning.	6,296 18/60 hours.

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