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H.M.A.S. QUADRANT,

at Singapore.

2 July, 1955.

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

(Copy to : The Captain (F), First Frigate Squadron).

H.M.A.S. QUADRANT - REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - JUNE, 1955.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following report of Proceedings of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of June, 1955.

2. At the beginning of the month H.M.A.S. QUADRANT was taking part in Phase 1 of Annex One, between Darwin and Singapore, in company with H.M.N.Z. ships BLACK PRINCE and PUKAKI and H.M.A. ships ARUEFA, WARRANUNGA, ANZAC and TORRUK. On Monday 1st., this force rendezvoused to the southwest of Sumba Island with H.M. Ships NEWCASTLE (Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station), GOSSACK and CONCORD, H.M.N.Z.S. KAHIERE and R.F.A. GOLD RANGER for replenishment. The rendezvous was made the occasion of a dawn encounter exercise. Replenishment continued during the day, QUADRANT fuelling from GOLD RANGER between 1530 and 1700H.

3. At 1850H the force was stopped, and Commanding Officers of all ships proceeded by boat to the flagship to dine with the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, Rear Admiral R.F. ELKINS, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., Commanding Officers returned to their ships at 2130H, after which the force proceeded for Lombok Strait. This pleasant but unusual entertainment aptly commemorated the glorious First of June.

4. Throughout the 2nd. and 3rd. exercises as ordered by Flag Officer Second-in-Command, were carried out in the Java Sea. These included convoy screening, night encounter, surface plotting, manoeuvres, transfers and a formation anchorage.

5. During the 4th., 5th. and 6th. ships continued to carry out Phase 1 of Annex One, passing through Carimata Strait during the night of the 4th.-5th. At 1630H on the 6th. Phase 1 was completed, and course was set for Singapore. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes to GI time at 1800H.

6. At 0700H on Tuesday 7th, the force entered Johore Strait, and at 0845H QUADRANT secured alongside at Number 6 North South, starboard side to, and reverted to 8 hours' notice for steam. At 0900H H.M.S. GRANE, QUADRANT's host ship for the stay at Singapore, secured alongside port side. QUADRANT replenished during the forenoon.

7. Captain MORRISON and officers attended a cocktail party given by H.M.S. TERROR at 1830H on the 7th. At 1000H on Wednesday, 8th, Captain MORRISON called on the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Vice Admiral A.K. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., and the Flag Officer Commanding the Malayan Area, Rear Admiral R.H. SHAPPOCK, C.B.E., and received the Commander-in-Chief's call at 1130H. The Flag Officer Commanding the Malayan Area asked to be excused, as he was leaving the port for a few days.

8. At 1800H Captain MORRISON entertained the Australian Commissioner, Sir Alan WATT, the Australian Trade Commissioner, Mr. Le MARCHAND and their wives to cocktails, also present were the other Australian Commanding Officers, the Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief, Commodore G.A.F. NORFOLK, D.S.O., R.N., and the Captain of the Dockyard, Captain J. MUIR, D.S.O., C.B.E., R.N., and their wives. Afterwards, accompanied by two officers, Captain MORRISON attended a buffet supper and dance at the home of Captain MORGAN GILES, R.N. and Mrs. GILES.

9. At 0725H on Thursday, 9th, QUADRANT slipped and proceeded with the remainder of Task Force 22, now augmented by H.M. Ships GUNN GRANE, CROSSIN and MCMURDO, through Johore Strait. On rounding Johore Shoal Buoy at 0935H, ships took up station for a formation anchorage, and, at 1035H, the force anchored in formation in the Man-of-War anchorage, Singapore Roads, dressing ship on the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday.

10. At 1140H all Commanding Officers proceeded to the flagship, where the Royal Salute was fired at noon and the Royal Toast proposed by the Commander-in-Chief. Opportunity was also taken to congratulate the Commander-in-Chief on his being made a Knight Commander of the British Empire. QUADRANT was open to the public between 1400 and 1800. At 1730H Captain MORRISON, accompanied by two officers attended a Garden Party at Government House.

11. At 0915H Friday, 10th, the force weighed and proceeded for Pulau Tioman. Between 1300 and 1600H the defence of a force against submarine and atomic bomb attack was exercised against Lincoln and Mustang aircraft and H.M. Submarines TELEMACHUS, TACTICIAN and THOROUGH. The force anchored in formation in Telok Tekok at 1900H, and an exercise began in which divers of the Fleet Clearance Diving Team first gave demonstrations and then carried out actual underwater attacks on ships of the force; the ships employed Operation Astward in defence. This was completed at 2330H.

12. At 074500H Saturday, 11th. QUADRANT weighed and proceeded in company with H.M.N.S. KAMIBEE to the north of Palau Island and exercised with H.M. Submarine TELEWAGERS between 0900 and 104500H. Between 1345 and 143000H, QUADRANT, in company with H.M. Ships COMUS, SPOSSUM and MODESTE, carried out A.A. Firings at a slave target. On completion ships returned to the fleet anchorage, QUADRANT anchoring at 155000H. The R.F.A.'s FORT CHARLOTTE, FORT SANDUSKY, WAVE VICTOR and GOLD RANGER having already anchored in company.

13. At 100000H Sunday, 12th. QUADRANT weighed and proceeded with the Frigates and R.F.A.'s for Phase II of Annex One. This phase was carried out throughout the 13th., 14th., 15th. and 16th. and was completed at 173000H on Friday 17th. Protection of a convoy against submarine and surface raider attack, replenishment, and hunter-killer operations were exercised during this phase. QUADRANT then proceeded to rendezvous with R.F.A. WAVE VICTOR at 050000H Saturday 18th. for replenishment.

14. QUADRANT refueled from R.F.A. WAVE VICTOR between 0705 and 075000H, and at 104000H, when all replenishment was completed, proceeded for Manila in company with H.M.N.S. BLACK PRINCE, PUNAKI and H.M.A.S. ANZAC. Ships continued on passage throughout the 18th., 19th. and 20th. exercising maneuvers and shiphandling en route. Between 1030 and 133000H Monday 20th. an almost total eclipse of the sun was observed, the ships being just to the southward of the path of the total eclipse. At 234500H clocks were advanced 30 minutes to H time.

15. At 0445H Tuesday, 21st., ships entered Manila Bay and at 0600 hove to for an hour to clean ship, proceeding for Manila Harbour at 0700H. Off the harbour entrance H.M.N.S. BLACK PRINCE fired a 21 gun National Salute, followed by a 21 gun Presidential Salute. At 0935H QUADRANT secured alongside BLACK PRINCE at north inner berth, number 5 pier, starboard side to, reverting to 8 hours notice for steam.

16. At 1600H Commanding Officers called on the British and Australian Charges d' Affaires, Mr. BANAGE and Mr. PHILLIPS, and later on His Excellency Carlos P. GARCIA, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines and Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Calls were also made on the Honourable Sotero P. CABAÑES, Secretary of National Defense, Lieutenant General J. YARGAN, Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Comodoro José FRANCISCO, Flag Officer Commanding, Philippine Navy. Calls were returned later in the day. The Australian and British Charges d' Affaires lunched with Captain MORRISON. In the evening Captain MORRISON and officers attended a reception given by the British and Australian Charges d' Affaires at the Embassy residence.

17. QUADRANT remained alongside during the 22nd. and 23rd. At 0815H on 22nd. Captain J.F. WHITEFIELD, D.S.G., R.N. and Captain MORRISON attended a ceremony at which wreaths were placed on the Rizal Monument and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At 0915H Commanding Officers called on the Commander, United States Navy, Philippines, Rear Admiral R.H. GOODWIN, and later attended a diplomatic luncheon given by the Australian Charge d' Affaires, Mr. PHILLIPS. QUADRANT was open to the public between 1400 and 1700H. In the evening Captain MORRISON and officers attended a reception given by the Flag Officer Commanding, Philippine Navy, Commodore José FRANCISCO.
18. During the forenoon of Thursday, 23rd. Captain MORRISON went for a flight with the Commanding Officer, Sangley Point Naval Station, Captain J. GILL R.N.R., to fly over Lingayen Gulf, where the former had taken part in the landings during the war. At 1200H Captain MORRISON attended a luncheon given by the British Charge d' Affaires, Mr. RAMAGE, at which Australian and New Zealand businessmen were also present. In the evening a cocktail party was given on board H.M.N.Z.S. BLACK PRINCE by the Commanding Officers and Officers of all ships present.
19. At 0830 Friday, 24th. QUADRANT proceeded for Singapore in company with H.M.A.Z. Ships BLACK PRINCE and PUKAKI and H.M.A.S. ANZAC. Heavy weather prevented exercising on passage and caused PUKAKI to proceed independently at reduced speed during the afternoon of the 25th. Clocks were retarded 30 minutes to off time at 1800H Saturday 25th.
20. At 1300H Sunday 26th. ships rendezvoused with R.F.A. GOLD RANGER and QUADRANT refuelled astern between 1430 and 1555 H. On completion GOLD RANGER proceeded for Hong Kong whilst passage to Singapore was continued at 17 knots, the weather having moderated. Speed was reduced to 15 knots at 1320H on the 27th., and PUKAKI was able to overtake and rejoin the formation at 0600H on the 28th.
21. Ships entered Johore Strait at 0645H on Tuesday, 28th., and at 0700H QUADRANT secured alongside Number Six Berth North, starboard side to, reverting to 8 hours notice for stems. At 0930H I joined H.M.A.S. QUADRANT and assumed command and as Captain (F), First Frigate Squadron. QUADRANT replenished during the forenoon, and was open to dockyard employees between 1640 and 1800H. In the evening Captain F.E. MORRISON, C.B.E., D.S.G., A.D.C., R.A.N. left the ship. The Captains and officers of Australian and New Zealand ships were joint hosts at a cocktail party given on board H.M.N.Z.S. BLACK PRINCE at 1830H.

22. At 0945GH Wednesday, 29th., accompanied by the Commanding Officers of H.M.A.S. ARUNTA and WARRAMUNGA, I called on the Australian Commissioner for Malaya, Sir Alan WATT. At 1210GH I was pleased to receive the First Naval Member, Vice Admiral R.R. DOWLING, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., onboard and afterwards accompanied Vice Admiral DOWLING to a luncheon party given by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station, Vice Admiral R.F. ELKINS, C.B., C.V.O., C.B.E., in H.M.S. NEWCASTLE.

In view of the shortness of time remaining, it was arranged the the following calls should be considered made and returned :-

The Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station.
The Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station.
The Flag Officer, Malayan Area.
The Commodore Superintendent, H.M. Naval Base.
The Captain of the Dockyard.
The Commanding Officers, H.M.N.Z.S. BLACK PRINCE, H.M.S. NEWCASTLE, H.M.A.S. ARUNTA, WARRAMUNGA and TOBRUK.

23. Between 1630 and 1830GH on the 29th., QUADRANT was open to the families of dockyard employees. In the evening, accompanied by my officers, I attended a cocktail party given onboard H.M.S. NEWCASTLE by the Flag Officer Second-in-Command, Far East Station. Later I attended a dinner party given by the Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, Vice Admiral A.K. SCOTT-MONCRIEFF, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., whilst several of my officers were present at a dance given by the Naval Base Sailing Club.

24. QUADRANT slipped and proceeded for independent exercises at 0900 Thursday, 30th, and on completion at 1200GH, proceeded for Singapore Roads, anchoring in the Man-of-War anchorage at 1300GH.

STATE OF THE SHIP.

The appearance of the ship has improved and a good standard maintained although a set back occurred during the rough weather experienced on passage from Manila.

RECREATION.

During most of the month the Ship's programme prevented the playing of organised sport except on 8th. June, when QUADRANT combined with other R.A.N. ships present in Singapore to field teams against the R.N. Cricket, soccer, water polo, and hockey were played, the R.A.N. team winning the soccer only.

HEALTH AND WELFARE.

Health of the Ship's Company is very good, there being only two cases of V.D. during the cruise. The Ship's Company were royally entertained in Manila, each day parties of men were taken on bus rides, and in private cars, the average being about 80 daily. The Enlisted Men's Club at Bangley Point was open to 100 daily and full advantage taken.

MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale remains high and discipline very good though few leave breaking offences occurred in Manila where all night leave was given. These offences were mainly due to carelessness in not ascertaining the time required to return to the ship at the required time.

STATE OF MACHINERY.

The state of machinery is satisfactory. Opportunity was taken to refit all reciprocating pumps in No. 1 Boiler Room, and the remainder will be done next month.

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Appendix 'A' to H.M.A.S. QUADRANT's Report of Proceedings, June, 1955.

- (a) Distance steamed in June 5940.4 miles.
- (b) Hours under way 488 and 55/60 hours.
- (c) Distance per ton of fuel 4.486 miles.
- (d) Total distance steamed since commissioning 50,352.6 miles.
Date of commissioning 16 June, 1953.
- (e) Total hours under way 4,785 and 20/60 hours.
- (f) Occasions on which economical speed was exceeded:-

Economical speed was exceeded on various occasions between June 1 and June 28 as required for Exercise Annex One and the visit in company to Manila.

Appendix 'D' to H.M.A.S. QUADRANT's Report of Proceedings, June, 1955.

BEALE OBSERVATIONS.

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