

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

1 August, 1955.

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

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

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

2. On July 1st. QUADRANT was anchored in the Man-of-War anchorage in Singapore Roads. At 0820 GH the ship weighed and proceeded to the Singapore shallow D/G range for D/G Calibration, which was carried out during the forenoon. This opportunity for ranging was taken as QUADRANT had never been done previously. On completion the ship returned to Singapore Naval Base, securing alongside Number 8 berth at 1520 GH.
3. QUADRANT remained alongside during the 2nd., replenishing during the forenoon. At 110 GH, 3rd., the ship proceeded for Darwin and on clearing Rieuw Strait at 1650 GH, course was set to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. VENGEANCE. At 2055 GH VENGEANCE and QUADRANT hove-to and two ratings were transferred from VENGEANCE for passage south. On completion of the transfer at 2110 GH, QUADRANT proceeded for Darwin.
4. Passage was continued during the 4th., 5th., 6th. and 7th. via Karimata, Sapoldi and Lombok Straits, clocks being advanced 30 minutes at 2345 each night. Bofors functioning trials were carried out at 1330 H 5th. Between 0800 and 0830 H 6th., whilst clearing the southern entrance to Lombok Strait, very severe tide rips and a heavy swell were experienced.
5. 4" sub-calibre firings were carried out at 1100 IK, 8th., and 4" functioning trials at 1430IK. Landfall was made off Melville Island at 0110 I.K., 9th., and at 0750 IK the ship hove-to in Darwin quarantine anchorage to embark the Port Medical Officer. On completion of medical inspection at 0830 I.K. QUADRANT secured alongside the Refitting Jetty and H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN then secured outboard of QUADRANT. The ship replenished during the forenoon. Customs officers visited QUADRANT after securing and were most co-operative.

6. At 1100 IK 9th., I received the call of the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN, Lieutenant Commander M.J. LEE, D.S.O., R.A.N., and, at 1115 IK, that of the Naval Officer in Charge, North Western Australia, Acting Captain S.H.K. Spurgeon, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.N. At 1130 IK, accompanied by the Naval Officer in Charge and the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN, I called on the Administrator of the Northern Territory, the Honorable F.J.S. Wise, and received his call at 1210 IK.
7. QUADRANT remained alongside during the 10th., and at 0930 IK I walked round H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN and inspected the Ship's Company at Divisions. Local Boy Scouts and also WRANS ratings from H.M.A.S. MELVILLE were shown around QUADRANT during the forenoon. In the evening accompanied by my officers, I attended an entertainment given by the Naval Officer in Charge and officers of H.M.A.S. MELVILLE at the N.O.I.C.'s residence. QUADRANT proceeded at 0745 IK 11th. in company with H.M.A.S. SHOALHAVEN for a four day weapon training period in the western approaches to Darwin. This period has been reported separately in my letter No. F. 67/35/6206 dated 19 July, 1955.
8. On completion of the A/S exercises with H.M. Submarine TACTICIAN at 2045 IK, 14th., QUADRANT proceeded for Darwin. SHOALHAVEN remaining to carry out a further days A/S training with TACTICIAN on the 15th. The ship secured alongside the refitting jetty at 0830 IK, 15th., replenished and then proceeded again for Cairns at 1130IK.
9. Passage was continued during the 16th., 17th. and 18th., the ship entering Torres Strait and commencing passage inside the Barrier Reef at 1600 IK 17th. Clocks were advanced 30 minutes to K time at 2345 IK 17th. QUADRANT arrived at Cairns at 0845 K, 19th. and secured alongside Number 10 berth, replenishing during the forenoon. The Naval Agent, Mr. J. Wyer, called on arrival. In the evening I joined the official party for the opening of the Cairns Agricultural Show which was made by the Premier of Queensland, Mr. V. Gair, M.L.A.
10. At 0900K 20th. QUADRANT proceeded for Gladstone. Between 1300 and 1600 K a shadowing exercise was carried out with a Lincoln aircraft from No. 10 Squadron, R.A.A.F. Two Lincolns carried out further exercises with the ship between 1200 and 1630K 21st., one shadowing and the other exercising close A/S support.
11. The ship arrived at Gladstone at 0800K, 22nd. and secured alongside the western end of Auckland Jetty. The ship's side was washed down and painted during the day. The Naval agent, Mr. J. Grace, called on arrival, and, at 1100K, I received the call of the Mayor of Gladstone, Alderman J. O'Malley and the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Grayson. Queensland ratings were sent on long leave P.M. 22nd.
12. QUADRANT remained alongside during the 23rd. and 24th., the ship being open to the public from 1400 to 1700K each day. At 1100K 23rd., accompanied by 8 of my officers, I attended a civic reception given in QUADRANT's honour at the Town Hall, and at 1130K, 24th. I entertained the Mayor and other leading citizens and their ladies on board.

In order to commemorate the ship's visit, the Council intend to have a reproduction of the Gladstone coat of arms made for presentation to QUADRANT. Action in accordance with C.O.R. 396 and C.C.N.O. 36/53 will be taken in due course.

13. At 0800K 25th. QUADRANT proceeded for Sydney. The quarterly full power trial was carried out during the forenoon, and, on completion, fuel consumption trials at 20, 16, 14, 12 and 10 knots, in accordance with your signal D.T.G. 220004s June, 1955, and Navy Office letter 05075 of 24 May, 1955 were made. These were completed at 1200 K 26th.

14. The ship continued passage to Sydney, and secured to Number 2 buoy at 0830K 27th. On completion of de-ammunitioning at 1330K 28th. berth was shifted alongside H.M.A.S. TOBRUK at Cruiser Wharf, where QUADRANT remained until the end of the month. A long leave period began on 29th. A meeting will be held on 1st. August by the dockyard to determine the work which can be carried out in Quadrant during this period at Sydney in light of the existing circumstances regarding such work.

15. At 1030 K 27th. I waited on the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral H.M. Burrell, C.B.E., A.D.C., and, at 1030 K 29th, on the Flag Officer in Charge, Eastern Australia, Acting Rear Admiral H.J. Buchanan, C.B.E., D.S.O., who returned by call at 1115 K.

STATE OF THE SHIP.

The state of the ship is very good.

STATE OF MACHINERY.

The state of machinery has been satisfactory. No major defects have occurred and minor maintenance has been progressed.

RECREATION.

The ship's programme during the month prevented the playing of organised sport.

HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The health of the ship's company is very good. The Welfare Committee met during the month to discuss a few minor points regarding habitability.

MORALE AND DISCIPLINE.

Morale and discipline remains very high there being very few minor offences and no major offences during the month.

(SND) V. A. P. SMITH

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**Appendix "A" to H.M.A.S. QUADRANT'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
JULY, 1955.**

(a)	Distance steamed in July	5,207.8 miles
(b)	Hours under way in July	408 20/60 hours
(c)	Distance per ton of fuel	4.692 miles
(d)	Total distance steamed since commissioning	55,560.4 miles
	Date of commissioning	16 June, 1953.
(e)	Total hours under way	5193 40/60 hours.
(f)	Occasions on which economical speed was exceeded :-	

Between 0915K and 2200K 25th., for quarterly full power trial and for fuel consumption trials at 20 and 16 knots in accordance with Navy Office letter 05075 of 24 May, 1955.