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

5 September, 1955.

The Flag Officer Commanding,  
H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET.  
(Copy to: The Captain (F), 1st Frigate Squadron.)

H.M.A.S. QUADRANT.  
REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - AUGUST, 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 August, 1955. All times given are IPTM.

2. Throughout the month H.M.A.S. QUADRANT was secured alongside H.M.A.S. TOBRUK at Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island, a long leave and self-refit period having begun on Friday 29 July.

3. H.M.A.S. QUADRANT reverted to 48 hours' notice for steam on Wednesday 3rd.

4. Owing to the circumstances prevailing regarding dockyard work, the refit could not proceed as originally intended, but items within the capabilities of ship's staff were progressed as far as possible during the month.

5. At 0845 Thursday 11th H.M.A.S. TOBRUK and QUADRANT were held off by tugs while H.M.A.S. BATAAN was shifted from her inboard position to berth alongside H.M.A.S. NURCHISON. H.M.A.S. TOBRUK and QUADRANT were then reberthed at Cruiser Wharf, securing at 0935.

6. Together with some of my officers, ratings and their families, I attended a special Small Ship's service at the Dockyard Church on Sunday 28th. The families were afterwards entertained to lunch in H.M.A.S. QUADRANT.

7. Throughout the month the painting of waste, mess decks, bathrooms and flats was steadily progressed. Routine maintenance was also carried out.

OFFICIAL CALLS

The following calls were made or returned during the month:-

- 1 August - Return call by the Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet, Call on the Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron (Captain R. Rhoades, D.S.O. & A.D.C., R.A.N.)
- 2 August - Call of the Captain, H.M.A.S. SYDNEY (Captain W.H. HARRINGTON D.S.O., R.A.N.)

- 3 August - Call on the Captain of the Port (Captain F.M. COOK, D.S.C., R.A.N.) and the General Manager, Garden Island Dockyard (Captain (E) K.McK. URQUHART, R.A.N.)
- 4 August - Return call by the Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Squadron.
- 9 August - In company with Captain R. RHOADES, call on the Chief Justice of New South Wales (Hon. K.W. STREET.)  
Call on the Lord Mayor of Sydney (Alderman P.D. HILLS) and the General Officer Commanding, Eastern Command (Lieutenant-General E.W. WOODWARD, G.B.E., D.S.O.)
- 10 August - Call on His Excellency the Governor of New South Wales (Lieutenant-General Sir John NORTHCOTT, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., G.B.)
- 11 August - Return call by the Associate to the Chief Justice.
- 12 August - In company with Captain W.H. HARRINGTON and Captain R. RHOADES, call on the Air Officer Commanding, R.A.A.F. Home Command (Air Vice-Marshal A.L. WALTERS, G.B.E., A.F.C.)
- 15 August - Return call by the Aide-de-Camp to the Governor.
- 18 August - Return call in H.M.A.S. SYDNEY by the Air Officer Commanding, R.A.A.F. Home Command.

The Premier of New South Wales requested that, owing to pressure of work, calls be considered made and returned.

#### STATE OF THE SHIP

This has continued to be very good during the self refit period.

#### STATE OF MACHINERY

Normal routine maintenance has been carried out and opportunity has been taken to improve the cleanliness of the engine room department.

#### RECREATION

Owing to the leave and refit period no organised sport has been possible, but individual players have taken part in Eastern Area sporting events.

#### HEALTH AND WELFARE

The health of the ship's company continues to be good. The Welfare Committee did not meet during the leave period.

#### MORALE AND DISCIPLINE

Morale continues to be high. Two major offences were committed during the month and few minor offences.