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

4th February, 1963.

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

(Copies to: The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M. Australian Fleet (Flag  
The Secretary, Department of the Navy.  
The Flag Officer, Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet.  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.)

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH for January, 1963. All times are Zone (-8).

Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 9th.

2. The ship remained alongside at North Arm, Victoria Basin progressing self maintenance until p.m. 9th January.

Thursday 10th to Sunday 20th.

3. At 0740 on Thursday 10th the ship cast off from North Wall and at 0800 proceeded for Subic Bay in the company of H.M. Ships TIGER, CASSAR, CAPRICE, H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI and H.M.A. Ship QUIBERON.

4. Exercises were carried out in the Hong Kong practice area until 2000. H.M. Submarine ANCHORITE took part in these exercises prior to proceeding independently for Subic Bay. Detail of all exercises conducted during the month are listed in Appendix C.

5. The strong N.E. Monsoon was experienced enroute to Subic Bay.

6. At 0634 on Saturday 12th QUEENBOROUGH berthed on QUIBERON at No. 11 and 12 Riveira Point, Subic Bay. Recreation, in the form of a Ship's Company barbecue and sporting events, was taken during the weekend.

7. QUEENBOROUGH cast off from QUIBERON at 0654 Monday 14th and proceeded in the company of H.M. Ships TIGER, CASSAR, CAPRICE, H.M.N.Z.S. TARANAKI and H.M.A.S. QUIBERON. Exercises were carried out in the Subic Bay practice area employing the facilities made available by COM NAV BASE SUBIC.

8. H.M. Ships HERMES, ROTHESAY and BAROSSA also commenced operations in the Subic area on Monday 14th. QUEENBOROUGH acted as plane guard for HERMES on the nights of 14th and 15th.

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9. At 0730 on Wednesday 16th both Commonwealth groups rendezvoused for replenishment.

10. The Commonwealth combined groups rendezvoused with the U.S.N. group consisting of U.S. Ships HANGER, LOS ANGELES, TWINING and McGORMICK at 1500 and at 1800 commenced a three day exercise period opposed by H.M. Submarines ANDREW and ANCHORITE and strike aircraft from both carriers.

11. All ships returned to Subic Bay on Saturday 19th, QUEENBOROUGH berthing on ROTHSAY at 0715 at Riviera Point No. 13 and 14.

Monday 21st to Saturday 26th.

12. The Commonwealth group sailed from Subic Bay at 0800 Monday 21st, QUEENBOROUGH casting off from ROTHSAY at 0741.

13. Exercises were carried out enroute to Hong Kong. Heavy seas prevailed during the passage. One wooden T bar splash target was lost while being towed as target for KEEPER aircraft conducting rocket firing practice on Tuesday 22nd.

14. QUEENBOROUGH in company with WIGER and QUIBERON detached from the group at 1730 Tuesday 22nd, and proceeded for Hong Kong.

15. At 0916 Wednesday 23rd the ship secured on QUIBERON at No. 3 buoy.

16. A combined reception for 150 guests on the occasion of Australia Day was held on Thursday 24th.

Sunday 27th to Thursday 31st.

17. QUEENBOROUGH in company with QUIBERON slipped No. 3 buoy and proceeded for Nha Trang, Vietnam at 0955 Sunday 27th.

18. Both ships approached Nha Trang from the south, QUIBERON embarking the Australian Services Attaché to Vietnam, Lieutenant Colonel F.H.G. Oxley and the Vietnamese Liaison Officer 10 minutes before anchoring in formation off NUI QUAT PT at 0852 Tuesday 29th.

19. During the short visit to Nha Trang the ship was visited by 145 personnel, representing the three Vietnamese Services. The majority were however, Cadets and Midshipmen from the Naval Academy. Light mortar firings were conducted before a very interested audience.

20. At 1500 Wednesday 30th anchor was weighed and QUEENBOROUGH in company with QUIBERON proceeded for Saigon. Lieutenant Colonel Oxley took passage in QUIBERON.

21. Pilots and liaison officers were embarked off VUNG TAN (Cape St. Jacques) at 0640 Thursday 31st. After turning ship up river from Saigon, QUEENBOROUGH berthed on QUIBERON at Pier BRAVO at 1024. A tremendous welcome led by guards from each service and the Navy band greeted the ships as they approached their berths.

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22. I accompanied Commander Parker, the Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON on official calls at 1045. All calls made during the month are listed in Appendix E.

#### Hull and Machinery.

23. Considerable progress was made in planned maintenance during the Self Maintenance Period 1st to 5th January in Hong Kong. All the Takoo Dockyard work taken on was completed satisfactorily. Bilges were cleaned and chipped and the forward half of the hull on both sides was stripped back to bare metal and repainted.

24. On lighting up to try machinery on Wednesday 9th the presence of salt water was discovered in No. 9 F.F.O. tank. The tank was cleaned at sea and a split in the shell plating in the vicinity of a past weld was discovered. A gas free certificate was obtained on return to Hong Kong on Wednesday 23rd and a permanent repair was made by ship's staff. The heavy seas encountered during the combined Commonwealth/U.S.N. exercises have been responsible for several other minor leaks, principally from boundary angles and rivetted seams.

25. Attempts were made to seal a further split in the bulkhead between No. 9 F.F.O. tank and the 4" magazine, using Devcon plastic steel. After several days at sea this had failed. A further attempt using fibre glass will be made but flexing of the bulkhead makes the repair unlikely to last. To effect a permanent repair the magazine will have to be capped.

26. Immediately after sailing from Hong Kong on 27th January the joint between the main steam range and the starboard manoeuvring valve chest blew and its repair will require UNDEF action in Singapore (My message D.T.G. 281441Z refers).

27. In all other respects the main and auxiliary machinery has performed very well. A relatively large proportion of the month at sea has been spent at speeds in excess of 20 knots.

28. There has been an increased incidence of leaks on the super structure deck caused by burst rivets and electrolytic attack at dissimilar metals.

#### Sports.

29. Details of all major sports played are listed in Appendix D.

#### Health and Morale.

30. The health and morale of the ship's company remains good. The Welfare Committee has met twice during the month. A gift of \$HK 1000 was made by the Welfare Committee to the Social Services Organisation in Hong Kong on 9th January. This sum opened the subscription fund to give assistance to the needy residents of Hong Kong over the Chinese New Year period.

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Trainees.

31. The Trainees board was held on 7th and 8th January, QUEENBOROUGH trainees being examined in QUIBERON and QUEENBOROUGH examining QUIBERON trainees. Of the 26 trainees that sat the board from QUEENBOROUGH eleven passed completely and three failed and are due for re-examination.

32. Results of this Board have already been forwarded under cover of QUIBERON's letter 64/10 dated 12 January, 1963.

Appendices.

The following appendices are attached.

- (a) Distance and Steaming figures.
- (b) Ship Movements.
- (c) Exercises and drills.
- (d) Sport.
- (e) Official Calls.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant,

*F.R. Woods*  
 (F.R. WOODS.)  
 LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, R.A.N.  
 CAPTAIN.

**APPENDIX A TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1963.**

Steaming Figures.

- (a) Distance steamed during the month 4412.6 miles.
- (b) Hours underway during the month 285 54/60 hrs.
- (c) Distance run per ton of F.F.O. 4.4 miles.
- (d) Distance steamed since commissioning 296769.0 miles.
- (e) Hours underway since commissioning 22232 5/60 hrs.
- (f) Occasions of exceeding economical speeds:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Avg. Speed.</u>	<u>Fuel Used.</u>	<u>Dist/Ton.</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
10	12 hrs	17.8	40.8	5.24	TIGER work up exercises.
11	22	18	76.0	5.22	Exercise Clipper
12	4	18.7	15.0	4.99	Exercise Clipper
14	7	18	24.15	5.22	Exercise Smilax
15	7	18.6	25.9	9.03	" "
16	9	18.5	25.2	5.89	" "
17	23	17.1	71.4	5.52	Cont. USN/Comm. Exercises
18	20	17.5	66.0	5.31	" " "
19	6	20.0	27.0	4.44	" " "
21	8	16.7	23.2	5.76	Exercise Sumpson.
22	16	15.9	42.4	6.0	" "
23	5	17.2	15.75	5.47	" "

APPENDIX B TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF  
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Ship Movements.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event.</u>
10	0740	Cast off from North Arm, Victoria Basin and proceeded for Subic Bay.
12	0921	Berthed port side to at Riveria Point No. 12 Subic Bay.
14	0654	Cast off from Riveria Point and proceeded for exercises.
19	0715	Secured port side to H.M.S. ROTHESAY at Riveria Point 13 and 14, Subic Bay.
21	0741	Cast off and proceeded for Hong Kong.
23	0916	Secured port side to QUEENRON at No. 3 buoy Hong Kong.
27	0955	Slipped from No. 3 Buoy, proceeded for Nha Trang.
29	0852	Anchored in position 114 MUI CHUT Pt. '5 mile.
30	1500	Weighted and proceeded for Saigon.
31	1024	Secured starboard side to QUEENRON at Pier BRAVO Saigon.

APPENDIX C TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1963.

Exercises and Drills.

Seamanship and General.

Action Stations	1
Laid Dan Buoy	1
Light jacketay transfers	1
Fuelling ahead	2
O.O.W. Manoeuvres	4
Towed splash target	3
Heavy jacketay transfers	1

A.I.O.

SPE B	1
S.A.U. Procedure	2
Continued operating for CLIPPER, BASILISK, CORROSWALTER/USN and SAMPAN.	

Communications.

NAVOOMBX 201	6
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NGSOX	
NRX	

Gunnery

MR and CR A.A. Firings	2
NGSOX	3
4" Gun Drill	4 hours.

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Demolition Exercise	1
Diving	4 hours.
IDOT exercise	1 hour
SST exercise	1 hour.
Departure Screen	2
CASEX AS	5 hours.
CASEX AT/A18	23 hours.
USN, RN, RAN exercises	26 hours.
Light Mortar Firings	2
Bathythermograph Dip	16

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A.B.C.D. Exercise	}	1
Nuclear Evasion Exercise		

APPENDIX D TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR JANUARY, 1963.

Sport.

Rugby.

QUEENBOROUGH/QUIBERON	V	TARANAKI	Lost 14. to 3
"	"	V Hong Kong Police	Lost 12 to 6
"	"	V TIGER	Won 20 to Nil.

Hockey

QUEENBOROUGH	V	TARANAKI	Won 6 to Nil.
QUEENBOROUGH	V	Royal Signals	Won 1 to Nil.

Tennis.

QUEENBOROUGH	V	Vietnam Team	Lost.
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APPENDIX B TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF  
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Official Calls.

Date	Event.
Friday 4th January	Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral J.P. Seatchard D.S.C.** returned call of 16th December. Met officers and walked round ship.  Present at cocktail party given by Flag Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet, First Officer Second in Command, Far East Fleet and Captain and Officers H.M.S. TIGER.  Present at dinner in honour of Flag Officer Commanding in Chief, Far East Fleet in Wardroom, H.M.S. TAMAR.
Saturday 12th January	Present at Luncheon given by Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet for COMNAVY-5 Rear Admiral L.J. Kira U.S.N.
Saturday 19th January	Present with officers in H.M.S. HERMES at official cocktail party given by Commonwealth Officers for U.S.N. Officers.
Saturday 25th January	Paid farewell call on Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong, Commodore G.R. Synonds D.S.C.  Paid farewell call on Flag Officer, Second in Command, Far East Fleet, Rear Admiral J.P. Seatchard D.S.C.**
Tuesday 29th January	Called on Province Chief of Khan Hoa Province, Major Le Tap. Called on Senior Army Officer, Nha Trang, Colonel Nguyen Van Kiem.  Called on Commander of Vietnamese Naval Academy, Lieutenant Du Tri Hung.  Called on Lieutenant Colonel James T. Durham, U.S. Army, H.Q. Military Aid and Advice Group.  Present at luncheon given by Province Chief, Major Le Tap.  Present in QUIBERON for return calls by: Lieutenant Du Tri Hung. Lt. Colonel Van Kiem. Province Chief, Major Le Tap.  Present at official reception for ship's officers at Vietnamese Naval Academy.

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Date	Event
Thursday 31st January.	Called on His Excellency, the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam, Mr. B.C. Hill.
	Called on Charge d'Affaires of Federation of Malaya, Mr. Ahmad Zainal Abidin.
	Called on Indian Consul General, Mr. T.S. Ramanudi.
	Called on Charge d'Affaires, British Embassy, Mr. R.A. Burrows.
	Present at official luncheon given by H.E. the Australian Ambassador.
	Accompanied H.E., the Australian Ambassador to sign Golden Book of President Dien at Gia Long Palace.
	Accompanied H.E. the Australian Ambassador to call on H.E., Mr. Nguyen Dinh Timan, Assistant Secretary of State for Defence.
	Called on Chief of Vietnamese Joint Services General Staff, Lt. General Le Van Ty.
	Called on Commander of Vietnamese Navy, Captain Ho Tan Quy.
	Called on Prefect of Saigon, Mr. Va Tien Huan.
	Present with officers at official reception given by Commander, Vietnamese Navy.