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

1963

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

(Copy to: The Flag Officer Commanding, H.M.A. Fleet (Flag),  
The Flag Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Far East Fleet.  
The Captain, H.M.A.S. QUIBERON.)

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

Sir,

I have the honour to report the proceedings of H.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH for February, 1963. All times are Zone (-10) unless otherwise stated.

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd.

2. QUEENBOROUGH remained alongside QUIBERON at Pier BRAVO, during the period.

3. The stay in Saigon was marked by the hospitality of the European community to both the officers and ratings, the organisation by the Vietnamese Navy and the tremendous interest shown in the two ships by the local Vietnamese.

4. On Friday 1st February a combined reception for 180 guests was held aboard both ships.

5. On Sunday 3rd February, the ship was visited by 100 children comprised of groups from the local schools, boy scouts and girl guides. All appeared to enjoy their time onboard.

Monday 4th to Saturday 15th.

6. The ship set off from QUIBERON at 0958 (-8) on Monday 4th. At 1005 QUEENBOROUGH in the company of QUIBERON commenced the passage down the Saigon River. A pilot was on board. Personnel from the Australian Embassy were embarked for the river passage. The present emergency in Vietnam seriously restricts the movements of Australian personnel so they therefore were most pleased to accept an opportunity to venture beyond the perimeter of Saigon. At City St. Jacques, at 1430 (-8) the personnel were transferred by motor cutter to the escorting Vietnam Naval vessel for the return to Saigon.

7. The ship in company with QUIBERON proceeded for Singapore. The ship berthed at No. 6 South Stores basin, H.M. Naval Dockyard at 0606 (-7½) on Wednesday 6th. QUIBERON berthed on QUEENBOROUGH at 0615 (-7½).

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8. At 1105 (-7½) on Saturday 9th the ship cast off and proceeded in the company of QUIBERON for Fremantle.
9. A memorial service was held in QUIBERON at 0130(-8) on Monday 11th as both ships were in the near vicinity to the position where H.M.A.S. PERTH was sunk during World War II.
10. Exercises were conducted enroute to Fremantle. Details of all exercises carried out during the month are listed in Appendix C.
11. QUEENBOROUGH entered Fremantle harbour at 0700(-9½) Saturday 16th and berthed on QUIBERON at No. 6 North.
12. The ship was cleared by Customs during the forenoon and by 1100 (-9½) all Western Australian long leave libertymen had been landed.
13. A combined QUIBERON/QUEENBOROUGH Cocktail Party was held in QUIBERON which I and my officers attended at 1830 (-9½) Saturday 16th.

Sunday 17th to Monday 25th.

14. On Sunday 17th, the ship was open to visitors during the afternoon.
15. At 0900 (-9½) on Monday 18th QUEENBOROUGH cast off from QUIBERON and at 0905 proceeded in her company for Williamstown.
16. The ship entered Port Phillip at 2100 Friday 22nd and anchored for the night off Gellibrand Light at 2348.
17. At 0600 Saturday 23rd QUEENBOROUGH weighed and proceeded to Nelson Pier to berth on QUIBERON.
18. South Australian, Tasmanian and Victorian libertymen were landed for long leave during the short call at Williamstown.
19. A Royal guard consisting of 12 men was paraded at 0935 as H.M.R.Y. BRITANNIA steamed past the berth for passage up the River Yarra. The port side of the ship was also manned.
20. QUEENBOROUGH cast off from QUIBERON at 1655 and proceeded to ~~Lawson~~ Light structure to await QUIBERON. At 1720 QUEENBOROUGH joined QUIBERON and proceeded in company for Sydney, passing out of Port Phillip Bay at 2000.
21. Rendezvous was effected with H.M.A. Ships PARRAMATTA and YARRA at 0900 on Monday 25th in position 167 Macquarie Lt. 3.9 miles. PARRAMATTA and YARRA steamed past QUEENBOROUGH and QUIBERON to rehearse man and cheer ship. On completion, course was set for Sydney Harbour, the ship finally berthing at South end Cruiser Wharf at 1007.
22. Many of the Ship's Company's families and relatives as well as the Combined Eastern Area Bands were in attendance on the wharf to greet the ship on her return from duty in the Strategic Reserve. A Long Self Maintenance period was commenced on arrival.

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Tuesday 26th to Thursday 28th.

23. The ship was moved by tugs at 0900 on Tuesday 26th to No. 3 Buoy to facilitate de-ammunitioning. On completion, at 1500, the tugs moved the ship back to South and Cruiser Wharf berthing on QUIBERON.

Hull and Machinery.

24. On passage from Saigon to Singapore the presence of water in No. 9 F.F.O. tank was again revealed. Of necessity the tank was refilled on arrival Singapore but on passage to Fremantle the tank was cleaned and inspected. A 12 inch split was discovered on the line of rivets at the stringer below the split reported in the Report of Proceedings dated 4th February, 1963.

25. This too was a fatigue fracture caused by the flexing of the same, apparently stretched, panel of shell plating. The rate of leakage has subsequently increased to the order of 1 ton per day and a repair will be effected in Sydney. (My URDEP 1, D.T.G. 181213Z February refers).

26. Water has been found subsequently in Nos. 8 and 10 tanks. No. 10 tank has been inspected and no leak from sea discovered but No. 8 has not yet been emptied. It is possible that leakage has occurred between tanks. This will be investigated during the Long Self Maintenance period.

27. The general working of the ship in this area has resulted in a fracture in way of the port expansion joint which will be cropped and renewed in Sydney.

28. On departure Fremantle a leak from No. 2 F.F.O. tank into the adjacent refrigeration machinery compartment developed. Investigation revealed general wastage over 3 feet at the deck boundary angle which will be cropped and renewed in Sydney. Considerable leakage exists from the adjacent tanks into No. 2 tank.

29. Regular stripping of all contaminated tanks has been carried out but the presence of water in suspension has had the expected effect on furnace linings. The 3 year old brickwork of No. 1 boiler requires complete renewal. Some patching will be necessary in No. 2 furnace.

30. A 3 inch split in the shell plating of the forepeak has been temporarily repaired by ship's staff, but the condition of the plate is such that renewal of the section is necessary.

31. Fractures which have developed in the anchor fluke recesses will require assistance to repair.

32. On Sunday 10th the ship was shut down to diesel power for three hours to permit the renewal of a cover joint on the main feed ballhead valve to No. 1 boiler room.

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33. In all other respects the main and auxiliary machinery has performed well. An attempt has been made to complete the majority of Planned Maintenance for the Quarter before return to Sydney for the Long Self Maintenance period.

34. No serious electrical defects occurred during the month. All equipments have operated satisfactorily. All major components of Electrical Planned Maintenance have been completed. To compensate for the forthcoming leave period many of the routines for March have also been carried out.

#### Sport.

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

#### Health and Morale.

36. The health and morale of the ship's company remains good. The Welfare Committee met once during the month.

#### Training.

37. Re-examination For Ordinary Seamen Part III Examination was conducted on Monday 11th. Twelve of the thirteen candidates passed successfully. The results of this re-examination have been reported in QUIBERON's letter 64/10 dated 16th February, 1963.

38. An advancement Board was also held on 15th and 16th February. The results of this Board are being forwarded by QUIBERON.

#### Appendices.

39. The following appendices are attached:-

- (a) Distance and Steaming Figures.
- (b) Ship's 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 FEBRUARY, 1963.

Distance and Steaming Figures.

(a)	Distance steamed during the month	5276.6 miles.
(b)	Hours underway during the month	352 8/60 hrs.
(c)	Distance run per ton of F.F.O.	6.02 miles.
(d)	Distance steamed since commissioning	302045.6 miles.
(e)	Hours underway since commissioning	22584 14/60 hrs.
(g)	Occasions of exceeding economical speed:-	

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Ay. Speed.</u>	<u>Fuel Used.</u>	<u>Dist./Ton</u>	<u>Reason.</u>
22	11 hrs	16.6	31.35	5.85	QUIBERON's message D.T.G. 220205Z February.

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

Ship Movements.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
4	0900 (-8)	Cast off from Pier BRAVO at Saigon and proceeded for Singapore.
6	0836 (-7½)	Secured starboard side to No. 5 berth Stores Basin H.M. Dockyard Singapore.
9.	1105(-7½)	Cast off from No. 6 berth and proceeded for Fremantle.
16.	0747 (-8)	Secured starboard side to QUIBERON at berth 6 North Fremantle.
18.	0900 (-8)	Cast off from QUIBERON and proceeded for Melbourne.
22.	2348	Anchored in Position 179 Callibrand Lt. 1 mile, Williamstown.
23	0601	Weighed and proceeded for Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
23	0627	Secured starboard side to QUIBERON at Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
23	1655	Cast off from QUIBERON and proceeded for Sydney.
25	1012	Secured port side to, South end cruiser wharf.
26	0900	Moved by tugs to No. 3 buoy.
	1500	Moved by tugs to South end cruiser wharf on QUIBERON.

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

Exercises and Drills.

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Diving	9 hours.
1 P.C.T. exercise	2½ hrs.
Mortar Drill	1½ hrs.
Light mortar firing	6 projectiles.
Action firing	6 projectiles.
Bathy dip	16
Deep Soundings	192
1 hours operation live firing in accordance with P.O.C.A.F. letter 115/5.	

Gunnersy.

N.G.X.C.X.	1
R.O.P.X.	1
Sub Calibre shoot	1

Communications.

TTX	8
HKY	4
NAVCOMEX 4001	1
201	6
306	1
202	9
306A	2

Seamanship.

Seaboot transfers	2
Heaving line transfers	2

APPENDIX D TO THE CAPTAIN, R.M.A.S. QUEENBOROUGH'S REPORT OF  
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Sport.

Rugby.

QUEENBOROUGH 1st XV V Saigon team	Won 5 - 3
QUEENBOROUGH 2nd XV V Saigon Team	Lost 5 - 5
QUEENBOROUGH V R.M.S. TERROR	Won 14 - 0

Basketball.

QUEENBOROUGH V QUIBERON	Lost
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Water Polo

QUEENBOROUGH V QUIBERON	Lost
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Volley Ball

QUEENBOROUGH V QUIBERON	Won
QUEENBOROUGH V QUIBERON	Lost.

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Official Calls

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event.</u>
Friday 1st at Saigon.	Present in QUIBERON for return calls by:- Chief of Vietnamese Joint Services General Staff, Lieutenant General La Van Ty. Indian Consul General, Mr. T. S. Ramaswami. Commander of Vietnamese Navy, Captain Ho Thi Quyen. Charge d'Affaires, British Embassy, Mr. A. R. Burrows. Charge d'Affaires of Federation of Malaya, Mr. Ahmad Zainal Abidin. His Excellency, The Australian Ambassador, Mr. B. G. H.
Saturday 2nd	Present with office at Australia. Day reception given by H.E., the Australian Ambassador.
Thursday 7th at Singapore.	Maid farewell call on Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral D.P. Breyer C.B., C.B.E., D.S.C.
Saturday 15th at Fremantle.	Called on Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australia Area Commodore W.E.M. Marks, C.B.E., D.S.C.*.

APPENDIX E TO THE CAPTAIN, H.M.A.S. QUEENBOBOUGH'S REPORT OF  
PROCEEDINGS FOR FEBRUARY, 1963.

Official Calls

Date

Event.

Friday 1st at  
Saigon.

Present in QUIBERON for return calls by:-  
Chief of Vietnamese Joint Services General Staff,  
Lieutenant General Le Van Ty.

Indian Consul General, Mr. T.S. Ramaswami.

Commander of Vietnamese Navy, Captain Ha Thi Quyen.

Charge d'Affaires, British Embassy, Mr. A.A. Burrows.

Charge d'Affaires of Federation of Malaya, Mr.  
Ahmad Zainal Abidin.

His Excellency, The Australian Ambassador, Mr. H.C. Hill.

Saturday 2nd

Present with office at Australia Day reception  
given by H.E., the Australian Ambassador.

Thursday 7th at  
Singapore.

Paid farewell call on Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief  
Far East Fleet, Vice Admiral D.P. Dreyer C.B., C.B.E.,  
D.S.C.

Saturday 16th  
at Fremantle.

Called on Naval Officer-in-Charge, West Australia Area  
Commodore W.E.H. Marks, C.B.E., D.S.C.\*.