

## H.M.S. LOCH LOMOND

1959

January to August for	Under refit (Note : Extensive work was carried out to fit a centralised air conditioning system the whole of the forward structure.)
September	Commissioned for service in Persian Gulf. Commanding Officer: Commander C B Armstrong RN (P). Royal Marines Detachment embarked. Commenced sea trials after delay in completion of dockyard work.
October	Sea Trials in continuation. Further delays due to machinery problems.
November 22nd	Sailed for Portland from Sheerness for work-up.
December 12th	Work-up completion delayed by adverse weather conditions.. Sailed from Portland to Chatham for Leave Period. (Note : Work-up incomplete and to be resumed in January 1960.

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January	Completed work-up and prepared for foreign service at Portsmouth.
February 3rd 25th	took passage to Bahrain with rough passage in Atlantic. Deployed at Aden for patrol off Somaliland and visit to Berbera.
March 17th	Passage to Bahrain arriving on 6th for maintenance period, Deployed in southern Gulf for patrol and visited Abu Dhabi and Dubai. Took part in Exercise WINGED CHARIOT in Arabian Sea. (Note : HM Commando Carrier CENTAUR and HM Destroyer LAGOS also took port.) Minister of Defence (Mr Harold Watkinson) visited ship at Bahrain.
April 5th 8th	Arrived at Bahrain having given medical aid to tanker VOLVATELLA during passage. Deployed on patrol and visited Doha.
May	Took part in Exercise KHARGEX II with HMS LOCH INSH and Iranian Navy ships at Kharg Island. Took part in Exercise CASPEX V with ships of 9th Frigate Squadron and Amphibious Squadron. On completion took passage to Karachi routine docking.
June	Returned to Persian Gulf after delay in completion due to Sonar Dome repair work Visited Banda Abbas, Iran.
July	Deployed for patrol in southern Gulf and visited Qeshm, Lingeh and Qai. Arms found in dhow stopped during patrol with HMS LOCH FADA. Paid Official visit to Muscat.
August	Official visit to Doha after maintenance period at Bahrain.

	27th	Arrived at Bombay to join exercises with RIM ships.
September		On completion of exercises return to Bahrain. Film crew joined to make Recruiting Film 'First Left Past Aden'. Visited Mina-al-Ahmadi (Port of Kuwait) before further patrol off Qatar.
October		Self maintenance in Bahrain during which ship visited by Lord Carrington (First
Lord of the		Admiralty).
	23rd	Took part in Exercise HALLMARK to prepare for Exercise MIDLINK III
	28th	Passage to Karachi with HMS LOCH FADA to take part in MIDLINK III
		Joined sea serials for MIDLINK III during which aircraft and a US Navy submarine were used.
November		Exercise MIDLINK III in continuation. Phase 3 included convoy defence serials. Returned to Bahrain for Annual Inspection. Annual Inspection with HMS LOCH FADA and HMS LOCH RUTHVEN as
consorts.		
		On completion carried out patrol off Trucial coast.
	19th	Visited Doha.
December		Patrol in continuation with visits to Abu Dhabi and Dubai. After R&R at Bahrain visited Mina-al-Ahmadi for Xmas period. Film crew left ship.
	27th	took passage from Bahrain for UK to recommission.

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January		On passage to UK with calls at Aden and Gibraltar.
	26th	Arrived at Chatham to Pay-Off and refit.

HMS LOCH LOMOND was placed on the Disposal List in February 1965 and remained at Portsmouth until 1967 when she was taken to Chatham to be de-equipped prior to Sale. The ship was sold in 1968 to BISCO for demolition by Metal Industries and arrived in tow the breaker's yard in at Faslane on 7th October that year.