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"SWAN" WAR DIARY

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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board,
the attached copy of War Diary of H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for the month
of September, 1942.

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COMMANDER, R.A.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-in-CHARGE.

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Naval Staff Office,
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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - 1st - 31st AUGUST, 1942.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, the attached War Diary of H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for the month of August.

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COMMANDER, R.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-in-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE.

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9th August, 1942.

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The Secretary
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

(Copy to "SWAN").

WAR DIARIES: A. M. S.

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The accompanying copy of a letter received from the
Commanding Officer, H. A. M. S. "SWAN" is submitted for the consideration
of the Naval Board.

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2. Having regard to the directions in Navy Office Memoranda
numbered 589/201/765 dated the 10th February, 1940, 589/201/774
dated the 14th May, 1940 and 035039 dated the 8th November, 1940, I
am not disposed to agree with the suggestion made by the Commanding
Officer of H. M. A. S. "SWAN" in paragraph 4 of his letter.

C.V.O.

It appears probable that H. M. A. Sloops and A. M. S. Vessels are
likely to be involved in events of more than average importance and
historical interest, and it is therefore proposed that Vessels of
these classes shall submit Part I of War Diaries, in original, to
the Naval Board through the Naval Officer in Charge of the Port at
which they are based.

W. Shaver

CAPTAIN.
Naval Officer in Charge, Queensland.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".
Date 29th July, 1942 Reference No. C.51/40.
To The Naval Officer-in-Charge, QUEENSLAND.
Subject. H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARIES.

The following remarks regarding the preparation and forwarding of War Diaries are forwarded with a view to receiving instructions to clarify a somewhat ambiguous situation:-

2. Paragraph 2 of Navy Office Secret Memorandum No. 035004 of 8th November, 1940, indicates

- (a) that War Diaries prepared in H.M.A.S. "SWAN" should be forwarded to the Rear Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron (vide paragraph 2e).
or alternatively,
- (b) the preparation of War Diaries by H.M.A.S. "SWAN" should be discontinued (vide paragraph 2a).

3. If (b) above is the present intention, no further clarification is necessary, and it would appear logical that this^{is} in fact the case, observing that the Commander Task Force 44 has instructed me to forward these returns in future to H.M.A.S. "SWAN'S" Administrative Authority.

4. It follows from paragraph 3 of the above quoted Navy Office Memorandum that the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Queensland, is unlikely to require these returns, and it is suggested therefore that for these purposes at least, Sloops should be regarded as Local Defence Vessels.

(Signed) G. C. OLDHAM.
COMMANDER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

I OCTOBER, 1942.

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THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - 1st SEPTEMBER to
30th SEPTEMBER, 1942.

ALL TIMES ZONE - IO.

- 1st Sept. At TOWNSVILLE - Boiler cleaning etc.
- 2nd Sept. 1650. Slipped and proceeded with "CASTLEMAINE" in company, escorting Convoy "PQ2".
- 4th Sept. 1630. Made rendezvous with "ARUNTA" in approximately position 13° 12'S 147° 27'E. "CASTLEMAINE" detached with "TAROONA" and "SEAWITCH" for PORT MORESBY. "ARUNTA" (S.O.) and "SWAN" proceeded with "ANSHUN" and "S.JACOB" to FALL RIVER.
- 5th Sept. 1200. "ARUNTA" and "ANSHUN" proceeded ahead to make South CHINA STRAIT PM 5th September, 1942, and FALL RIVER, AM 6th September, 1942.
- 6th Sept. 0915. Anchored with "S.JACOB" in BANARIA BAY, ROGEIA ISLAND (South China Strait).
1630. Hospital Ship "MANUNDA" passed North, bound for FALL RIVER.
- 7th Sept. 0700. Proceeded with "S.JACOB", North through CHINA STRAIT.
0900. Ordered by "ARUNTA" to remain South of CHINA STRAIT as "ANSHUN" had been sunk alongside at FALL RIVER.
1100. Ordered by "ARUNTA" to proceed with "S.JACOB" to PORT MORESBY.
- 8th Sept. 1530. Arrived PORT MORESBY. Anchored inside BABILISK PASSAGE and set A/S Watch.
2200 - 2300. Convoy from South entered harbour.
- 9th Sept. 0700 - 0830. Ferried 385 troops from S.S. "BOTH" to S.E. side of "T" piece of Main Wharf.
1140. Proceeded to sea for A/S patrol.
1340. Joined convoy at BASILISK PASSAGE and escorted it to GRAFTON PASSAGE.
Convoy consisted of "TASMAN", "S.JACOB", and "ADMIRAL HALSTED".
- 10th - 11th
SEPTEMBER. On passage to GRAFTON PASSAGE.
- 12th Sept. 0530. Off GRAFTON PASSAGE. Sighted "COLAC" (on EUSTON REEF) and "BALLARAT", also "BENDIGO" proceeding South with convoy of two ships.
0600 (Approximately). "COLAC" clear of reef.
0645. Entered GRAFTON PASSAGE - dispersed convoy - ships proceeding independently to CAIRNS.
0920. Anchored close to "TAROONA", N.W. of FITZROY ISLAND - made good defect to port circulating pump.
1900. "STUART" with convoy of two ships, anchored in vicinity.
2200. Proceeded with "TAROONA" to PORT MORESBY at Mean Speed of Advance 11½ knots.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

1 October, 1942

S.S.W. 33/42.

THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE*.

WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER, 1942.

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- 13th Sept. On passage to PORT MORESBY.
- 14th Sept. 1600. Arrived PORT MORESBY.
- 15th Sept. 0545. Proceeded, escorting M.V. "MALAITA" who had previously been damaged by a torpedo, and the Salvage Tug, "St.GILES", to STEPHENS ISLAND, GREAT NORTH EAST CHANNEL. Weather was particularly good, with mainly ESE wind force 3 and Sea 13.
- 16th Sept. 1100. Transferred Medical Officer to "St.GILES" to attend to a member of her crew.
1330. Parted company with "MALAITA" and St.GILES" off STEPHENS ISLAND who had made good $7\frac{1}{2}$ knots.
- 17th Sept. 1000. Arrived PORT MORESBY.
1855. Air Raid warning RED. One aircraft dropped bombs on 7 Mile aerodrome.
1910. Air Raid warning GREEN.
- 18th Sept. 1045. Air Raid warning YELLOW - A.A. fire ashore.
1056. All Clear.
1130. Sailed for A/S Search off BASILISK PASSAGE. Commenced escorting "MONTORO" to GRAFTON PASSAGE.
- 19th Sept. On passage PORT MORESBY to CAIRNS.
- 20th Sept. 1400. Arrived CAIRNS - "ARUNTA" in harbour boiler cleaning.
- 22nd Sept. 0830. Slipped and proceeded from CAIRNS.
1200. Made rendezvous inside GRAFTON PASSAGE with Convoy "SW" escorted by "CASTLEMAINE" and took over as S.O. Escort. Proceeded through passage and thence to Northward. Experienced increased vibration on port enging.
- 23rd SEPT. 1700. Sighted "WARREGO".
1800. Detached "WARREGO" with FALL RIVER portion of convoy. Proceeded direct for PORT MORESBY with "PAINE WINGATE" and "JOSEPH LANE" at $10\frac{1}{2}$ knots leaving "CASTLEMAINE" to escort "AROONA".
- 24th Sept. 1210. Carried out counter attack as result of contact supposedly submarine, but not subsequently confirmed. Position $9^{\circ} 59' S$ $147^{\circ} 08' E$.
1615. Arrived PORT MORESBY.
1715. "CASTLEMAINE" arrived PORT MORESBY with "AROONA".
1720 - 2200. "SWAN", "LITHGOW", and "CASTLEMAINE" employed ferrying troops from Transports to shore.
2235. Air Raid warning RED - A.A. fire ashore.
2315. All Clear.
- 25th Sept. 1530. Proceeded from PORT MORESBY escorting "JASON LEE" to TOWNSVILLE". Speed reduced to 10 knots owing to vibration and zig zagging not carried out.
- 26th Sept. On passage PORT MORESBY to TOWNSVILLE.
- 27th Sept. 1500. Entered GRAFTON PASSAGE.
- 28th Sept. 0330. H.M.A.S. "STUART" proceeding to TOWNSVILLE"overhauled "SWAN" off PALM ISLAND.
0800. Secured alongside H.M.A.S. "STUART" at West Side, No. I Jetty.
Commenced examination of machinery etc. to determine further cause of vibration.
- 29th Sept. At TOWNSVILLE.
0530. "STUART" slipped and proceeded to SYDNEY to make good defects.
0800. "LITHGOW" secured alongside.
- 30th Sept. 0530. Slipped and proceeded to SYDNEY for docking in

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accordance with instructions received from The Commander, South West Pacific Forces.

(Sgd.) G.C.OLDHAM

COMMANDER.

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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

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THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - 1st August to 31st August,
1942.

ALL TIMES ZONE -10.

SATURDAY 1st.

0815. Slipped from alongside "WARREGO" at Wharf at CAIRNS.

1200. Made rendezvous with "BENDIGO" and S.S. "SWARTEWHONDT" 10 miles to Southward of FITZROY ISLAND. Detached "BENDIGO" for CAIRNS and proceeded with "SWARTEWHONDT" to FALL RIVER.

SUNDAY 2nd.

On passage to FALL RIVER.

MONDAY 3rd.

1710. When in position $10^{\circ} 53'$ South $150^{\circ} 33'$ East four unidentified aircraft approached in two flights of two from the North East - a quarter of poor light - as if about to carry out T/B attack. Opened fire with OERLIKON gun - aircraft turned away and were then recognised as Kittyhawks.

2000. Entered CHINA STRAIT.

2220. Arrived FALL RIVER - carried out A/S Patrol.

TUESDAY 4th.

At FALL RIVER.

1300. Zero fighters attacked aerodrome.

1420. All clear.

WEDNESDAY 5th.

1800. "WARREGO" escorting "TASMAN" and "JAPARA" arrived FALL RIVER.

1930. Sailed with "SWARTEWHONDT" for GRAFTON PASSAGE.

2310. Cleared CHINA STRAIT.

THURSDAY 6th.

On passage FALL RIVER to GRAFTON PASSAGE.

1730. Sighted "COLAC" escorting two ships to Northward.

SATURDAY 8th.

0700. Entered GRAFTON PASSAGE and proceeded southwards with "SWARTEWHONDT". Stopped for 6 minutes involuntarily due to both forced lubricating pumps stopping.

2300. Detached "SWARTEWHONDT" to proceed independently to BRISBANE.

SUNDAY 9th.

0030. Secured alongside at TOWNSVILLE.

1530. Slipped and proceeded with "GESSNOCK" in company to relieve "ARUNTA" as S.O. Escort of Convoy proceeding from Southward.

1622. Took over from "ARUNTA" - Convoy consisted of "JAMES COOPER", "JAMES WILSON", and "BOTH".

MONDAY 10th.

0640. Off FITZROY ISLAND - sighted H.M.A.S. "BENDIGO" who had proceeded from CAIRNS to rendezvous with U.S. Submarine off GRAFTON PASSAGE.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

10 SEPTEMBER, 1942.

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THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE.

WAR DIARY

0930. Cleared GRAFTON PASSAGE to the Eastward. Informed A/S patrol aircraft (who had not been informed by his base) of "BENDIGO's" proposed rendezvous with U.S. Submarine.
1030. Passed "WARREGO" escorting 3 ships and bound South.

TUESDAY 11th.

A.M. Reduced involuntarily to 10 knots for 4 hours while spare valve chest was fitted to Port Air Pump.
1500. Despatched "CESSNOCK" with "WILSON" and "COOPER" for PORT MORESBY. Proceeded with "BOTH" towards FALL RIVER.

WEDNESDAY 12th

1230. Arrived FALL RIVER with S.S. "BOTH".
P.M. Defect to Fan engine necessitated shutting down one boiler for 35 minutes.

THURSDAY 13th.

0400. Proceeded with "BOTH" for TOWNSVILLE.
0730. Cleared CHINA STRAIT to Southward.

FRIDAY 14th.

On passage with S.S. "BOTH" from FALL RIVER to TOWNSVILLE.

SATURDAY 15th.

0700. Entered GRAFTON PASSAGE.

SUNDAY 16th.

0040. Secured alongside No. I Jetty, TOWNSVILLE.

MONDAY, 17th.

0650. Slipped and proceeded with "CESSNOCK" in company to escort Convoy consisting of "JOHN HART", "DANIEL BOONE", "MAETSUYCKER", "CREMER", "BANTAM", and "ANHUI" to Northward.

0800. (Approx.). Convoy formed off MAGNETIC ISLAND.

TUESDAY 18th.

0300. Cleared GRAFTON PASSAGE to Eastward with Convoy.

WEDNESDAY 19th.

1500. Made rendezvous with "WARRNAMBOOL" - Detached "WARRNAMBOOL" with "JOHN HART", "DANIEL BOONE" and "MAETSUYCKER" for PORT MORESBY. Set course with "CESSNOCK" "CREMER", "ANHUI", and "BANTAM" for FALL RIVER.

THURSDAY 20th.

On passage to FALL RIVER making good approximately 6knots.

FRIDAY 21st.

1115. Arrived FALL RIVER with Convoy.

SATURDAY 22nd.

At FALL RIVER.
1720. Air Raid warning "YELLOW".
1740. All Clear.
1900. Proceeded with "CREMER" and "BANTAM" for TOWNSVILLE.
2220. Cleared CHINA STRAIT to Southward.

SUNDAY 23rd -

MONDAY 24th.

On passage FALL RIVER to TOWNSVILLE.

TUESDAY 25th.

0720. Entered GRAFTON PASSAGE.
0950. Fired 4 rounds from "B" Gun for practice and to check fuze lengths.

WEDNESDAY 26th.

0415. Secured alongside No. I Jetty, TOWNSVILLE Harbour. Commenced boiler cleaning and maintenance work.

THURSDAY 27th -

MONDAY 31st.

At TOWNSVILLE boiler cleaning and carrying out general maintenance work.

STATISTICS FOR PERIOD 3rd SEPTEMBER, 1939 to 31st AUGUST, 1942.

During the above period H.M.A.S. "SWAN" has :-

<u>STEAMED</u>	106,400 miles by engine revolutions.
<u>MADE GOOD</u>	90,600 miles.
<u>BURNED.</u>	8,600 tons of oil fuel.
<u>A TOTAL</u>	of 690 steaming days out of 1091.

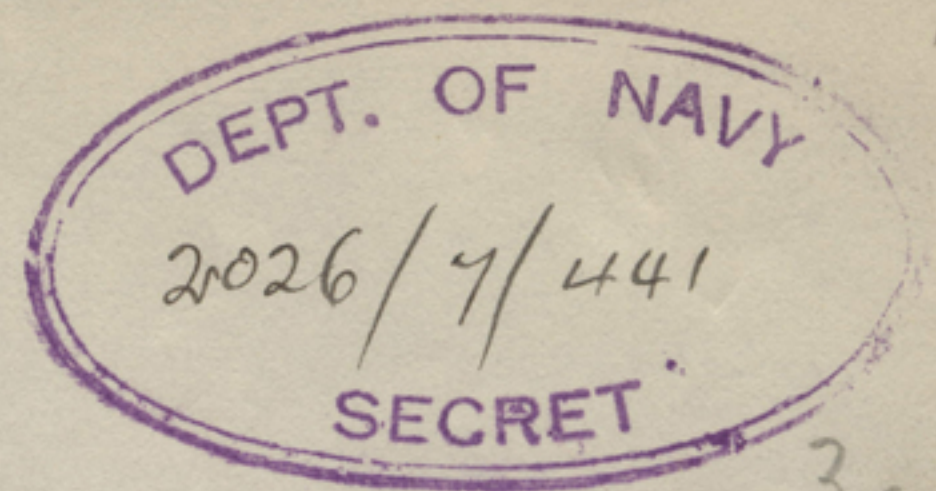
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

15th. August 1942. C.56/40.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Brisbane.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR PERIOD 9TH. JULY -31st. JULY 1942.

(all times, Zone -10.)

9th. July : 2315. Sailed from Townsville escorting M.V. "MALAITA" to Port Moresby.

10th. & 11th July : On passage to Port Moresby.

12th. July : 1800. Arrived Port Moresby with "MALAITA".

14th. July : 0040. Sailed from Port Moresby to rendezvous with convoy off FITZROY ISLAND, GRAFTON PASSAGE.

15th. July : Convoy delayed. Proceeded to Cairns for fresh provisions.
1515. Arrived Cairns.

16th. July : 0600. Sailed from Cairns. Made Rendezvous with S.S. "SWARTENHONDT" off Fitzroy Island - proceeded towards FALL RIVER, via China Strait.

17th. July : On passage to Fall River.

18th-19th.

19th. July : 1630. Arrived Fall River - carried out A/S patrol with "KATOOMBA" to protect "SWARTENHONDT" while discharging cargo.

20th. July : 0700. Sailed for Port Moresby to arrange mosaic of approaches to "PROVIDENCE" with the Commanding Officer, Allied Air Forces in New Guinea.

21st. July : 0800. Arrived Port Moresby.
1500. Conference with General SCANLON, Commander of Allied Air Forces in New Guinea, and other Officers - Received intelligence of JAPANESE landing at BUWA.
1820. Proceeded for Townsville.

22nd. July : Passed "BUNGAREE" and "BENDIGO" proceeding to Northward.

23rd. July : 2120. Arrived Townsville harbour.
Commenced Boiler Cleaning.

24th. July : At Townsville. Received instructions appointing Commanding Officer as Senior Officer of Operation "PROVIDENCE".
Preliminary planning in connection with this operation was commenced.

26th. July : 0001 (approx.). Air raid sounded - Ship at 4 hours notice for steam, with one boiler stripped for internal cleaning.
0022. Steam in one boiler - slipped, and while manoeuvring in the harbour touched S.S. "TIME".

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- 26th. July
(Cont'd.) : 0038. Proceeding out of Platypus Channel - enemy aircraft dropped about 7 or 8 bombs to seaward of Eastern breakwater, and about 9 cables from "SWAN". When clear of channel, obtained a contact which was classified as Submarine, but later regarded as "non sub". 0200. All Clear - returned to harbour.
Received information that operation "PROVIDENCE" was cancelled.
- 27th. July : At Townsville - Boiler Cleaning and Maintenance continued.
- 28th. July : 0045. "Yellow" warning.
0200. "Red" warning.
0225. Slipped and proceeded.
0330. All Clear - returned to harbour.
0425. Secured.
- 29th. July : 0001. "Red" warning.
0014. Slipped and proceeded.
0026. Opened fire with main armament at enemy aircraft - aircraft dropped 6 bombs between Magnetic Island and mainland.
0113. All Clear - returned to harbour.
- 30th. July : 1830. Proceeded for CAIRNS with object of avoiding further inconvenience caused by Air Raids.
- 31st. July : 0900. Arrived CAIRNS.

(Sgd.) G.C. OLDHAM.

Commander.

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The Secretary,
Naval Board,
MELBOURNE.

Submitted for information.

Victor Crady

COMMANDER, R.N.
NAVAL OFFICER-in-CHARGE, TOWNSVILLE

Naval Staff Office,
Townsville.
4th September, 1942.

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16 MAY A.M.
Date

From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 4 May 1942.

Reference No. C.51/40.

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Navy Office, MELBOURNE. (Copy to
The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M. Australian Squadron.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MARCH AND APRIL 1942.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the months of March and April 1942:-

1 March to 9 April:-

"SWAN" arrived at Brisbane from Darwin and entered the Dry dock at 1000 on 1 March, and the work of repairing damage sustained during air attacks in Darwin, and a general refit was taken in hand. The Ship remained in dock until 30 March and in Brisbane until 9 April, and 14 days "Long Leave" was granted to each watch.

During this period the following main "A" and "A" items were completed:-

Mainmast was removed, and a platform for an Oerlikon gun was constructed on each side of the Forward superstructure.

The existing 0.5" Multiple Machine Gun was moved to Port, and the platform extended to allow a second similar weapon to be fitted to Starboard.

The Outer Bottom Plating between Stations 20 and 30 was stiffened.

Approximately 7½ tons of top-weight was removed and about 3½ tons, not including the extra guns and ammunition, was added.

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10 April : 0045. Slipped and proceeded as A/S escort for H.M.S. "KANIMBLA" and U.S.S. "JAMES PARKER" to Melbourne.

11 April : At 2100 a tube in the fire-row of "A" Boiler was found to be badly distorted and loose at the top, while others showed signs of similar trouble. The boiler was shut down and "SWAN" was ordered to proceed to Sydney.

12 April : 1330. "SWAN" secured on "VOYAGER" at Garden Island.

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April): At Sydney. "SWAN" was moved to Cockatoo Island on 15 April and docked in Fitzroy Dock on 18 April, remaining in dock until 28 April. During this period the Forward Intermediate shafts were straightened, the shafts were re-aligned and the fire-rows in both boilers were re-tubed.

30 April : 1345. Slipped from Cockatoo Island and proceeded to sea for trials, returning to harbour and securing to No.3 buoy at 1630.

J. Davis
Lieutenant Commander
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN."

5 March, 1942.

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The Secretary to the Naval Board, VICTORIA.

Copies to: The Rear-Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron, & C.O. H.M.A.S. "WARREGO",
H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY, FOR FEBRUARY, 1942.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship
under my Command for the month of February, 1942:-

(All times are for Zone minus 10½ hours.)

1st February - At Darwin.

2nd. At 1030 I attended a conference in U.S.S. "BLACK HAWK" to discuss arrangements dealing with the sailing of certain U.S. ships at 1400, escorted by H.M.A. Ships "WARREGO" and "SWAN" and U.S.S. Destroyer "PEARY." This sailing was postponed due to weather and "WARREGO" and "SWAN" were subsequently withdrawn from the escort. During the afternoon a severe gale which continued for a week began and on two occasions I had to shift berth due to dragging anchors.

4th. At 1830/4 I weighed and proceeded to escort to U.S.S. "PORTMAR" to Windham. Due to weather

5th. conditions "PORTMAR" was only able to average 5 knots and it was not until 1500/6 that the Medusa Bank buoy was reached when I directed "PORTMAR" to proceed into Windham and returned to Darwin, anchoring at 1000/7.

8th At Darwin.
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10th. At 1100 I weighed and proceeded to relieve "WARREGO" on A/S Patrol outside Darwin. At 1630 I was ordered to meet S.S. "BRITISH MOTORIST" and escort her to Darwin but was unable to locate her until daylight on the 11th. Having passed her into harbour at 1000/11 I provided A/S protection for S.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" while she laid permanent buoys in the searched channel and on her return to harbour at 1630/11 resumed my A/S Patrol.

12th. A/S protection was again provided for "CAPE LEEUWIN" until 1600.

13th. Received orders to sweep Searched Channel and then returned to harbour. This was completed by 1330 and "SWAN" anchored at Darwin 1500.

14th. 1100 U.S.S. "HOUSTON" arrived. At 2030 I attended a Convoy Conference in U.S.S. "HOUSTON."

15th. 0200 Convoy consisting of U.S. Ships "MEIGS" "MAUNA LOA" and "PORTMAR" and M.V. "TULAGI" under escort of U.S. Ships "HOUSTON" and "PEARY" and H.M.A. Ships "WARREGO" and "SWAN" departed for Keopang. At 0915 a Japanese four-engined Flying Boat was sighted and this air-craft shadowed the Convoy until 1315 when it attempted to attack "HOUSTON" but turned away from the gun-fire of "HOUSTON", "WARREGO" and "SWAN." One fighter aircraft from Darwin had arrived by this time but it is believed that it was shot down by the Flying Boat.

16th. At 1115 the Convoy was attacked by a approximately 36 two-engined bombers and nine Flying Boats for an hour. The majority of attacks (high-level pattern bombing) were carried out against "HOUSTON" but all transports except "TULAGI" were also attacked, some slight damage and a small number of casualties being caused in "MAUNA LOA." Fighter aircraft which had been requested from Darwin, failed to find the convoy.

At about 1500 orders were received to return to Darwin and course was altered at 1520. During the night and following day (17th) the Convoy steered well South to try and avoid being located by reconnaissance aircraft, and all ships arrived in Darwin by mid-day on the 18th.

18th. "SWAN" anchored at 1315. "WARREGO" "SWAN" and "PEARY" had been ordered to sail to the Westward on completion of fuelling but this was postponed due to "SWAN" being short of Lubricating Oil and H.A. Ammunition. Arrangements were made by N.O.C. Darwin for S.S. "NEPTUNA" to berth at the wharf p.m. on the 18th to discharge cargo and enable Lubricating Oil which was over-stowed to be obtained, but she missed the tide and "SWAN" which had berthed at the wharf at 1830 to fuel remained there over-night.

19th. At 0700 "SWAN" left the wharf and anchored until "NEPTUNA" was berthed alongside when "SWAN" secured on "NEPTUNA" at 0940 to embark Lubricating Oil and some H.A. ammunition. At 0950 a severe air-raid commenced with high-level bombing of the wharf and targets ashore by approximately 50 two-engined bombers. The bombers were in sight before any warning was given and two formations bombed the wharf before "SWAN" got clear. Although they were very close and the wharf was hit "SWAN" was undamaged. I just had time to back out and point the ship into the wind when dive-bombing attacks commenced against shipping in the harbour. "SWAN" was attacked seven times but all bombs near-missed astern, presumably because I was steaming at 14 knots into the fresh breeze and using maximum rudder. Damage was caused early and the crews of 'X' Gun and the .5" Machine-Guns were early casualties as well as the Vickers' Machine Gunner on the Signal Deck. Casualties at 'X' Gun were caused by the explosion of the Ammunition in one half of the Ready Use locker which was penetrated by a bomb fragment. 'A' and 'B' Guns were able to engage nearly all aircraft attacking the ship, but they were short-handed and fire was not as effective as it might have been.

Against stationary targets the dive-bombing was exceedingly accurate and nearly all attacks observed were made at a comparatively shallow angle (not more than 40°) though two at about 75° were observed.

Casualties in "SWAN" were three killed and nineteen wounded, the killed being the Captain of 'X' Gun and one A.B. and one Signalman of the Starboard side of the Signal Deck. The wounded were from 'X' Gun .5" Machine-Guns and Supply and Repair Party aft though the S.B.A. was wounded while attending to casualties in the Sick Bay.

When the raid commenced my motor-boat and one whaler with one Stoker and eight seamen were alongside the ship and I believed until late in the afternoon that both boats and ratings must have been lost. Their absence left most guns short-handed and was a distinct disadvantage. Actually they all got clear in the motor-boat and took shelter in the mangroves but could not communicate with the ship until the tide rose sufficiently at about 1800 when they returned one having been injured in swimming from whaler to the motor-boat. The whaler was not seen again. A

At the conclusion of this raid my Medical Officer being ashore on duty, I went alongside "WARREGO" and obtained the services of his Medical Officer for a short period and then proceeded down Harbour to anchor and ascertain damage. At about this time (1220) a second attack by twenty-seven bombers was made on the aerodrome.

I anchored at 1250 and a boat sent by "PLATYPUS" was of much assistance in transferring the wounded to "MANUNDA" and the dead to Shore for burial.

"SWAN" was down by the stern and listed 8° to Starboard and examination showed the following damage:-

Compartments fully flooded:

After Ballast tank.
Inflammable Store.
Engineer's Store.
Port and Starboard Palm plate compartments.

Compartments partly flooded:

Engine Room.
Engineer's Workshop.
Forward and After ~~flats and~~ cabins, flats, and cabins.
Office flat and Gunner's Store.
Minesweeping Store.
Tiller flat.

The forced lubrication tanks, already depleted by lack of supplies in Darwin had become contaminated by the entry of sea-water. The Degaussing Coils, A/S Installation and CO₂ machines were out of action and there was considerable electrical damage, the ship being riddled with splinter holes.

From 1400 to 1800, by moving oil and water and plugging all accessible holes in ship's side the list was removed but the ship remained down by the stern by about 3' 6". Compartments shown as fully flooded could not be controlled by pumps and it was apparent that the ship was badly holed somewhere aft. I considered that she was in no condition to operate or to withstand further attacks but that there was a reasonable chance, given good weather, of proceeding East where docking facilities could be obtained, and reported accordingly to N.O.C. Darwin.

20th. At 0300 I received orders to sail with "WARREGO" and passed through the Boom at 0430, steaming North of the Vernon Group and Eastwards. At about 1115 both ships were ordered to return to Darwin to investigate a loop-crossing, but in view of the condition of "SWAN" I continued Eastwards, reporting to N.O.C. Darwin and "WARREGO" that I considered this to be the only chance of keeping "SWAN" afloat. This was approved by N.O.C. Darwin.

21st Feb., to 1st March: On passage from Darwin to Brisbane. From Cape Don to Thursday Island I kept as far to the Southward as possible hoping to avoid being sighted by enemy reconnaissance aircraft. "SWAN" was able to steam at 189 revolutions (clean bottom 12 knots) in the good weather experienced, but the condition of the ship aft called for constant inspection and 'shoring-up' and had bad weather been encountered it is probably that she would have been completely disabled though by this time I believed she would remain afloat.

Through Thursday Island I passed a request to D.N.O. Queensland for Lubricating Oil which was urgently required and this was received from the Pilot Vessel at Bowen a.m. on Thursday 26th. P.m. on Thursday 24th I anchored for an hour off Howick Island to tighten plugs etcetera inside and p.m. on 26th anchored for 2½ hours off Port Mollie to enable Engineer Officer to carry out essential repairs.

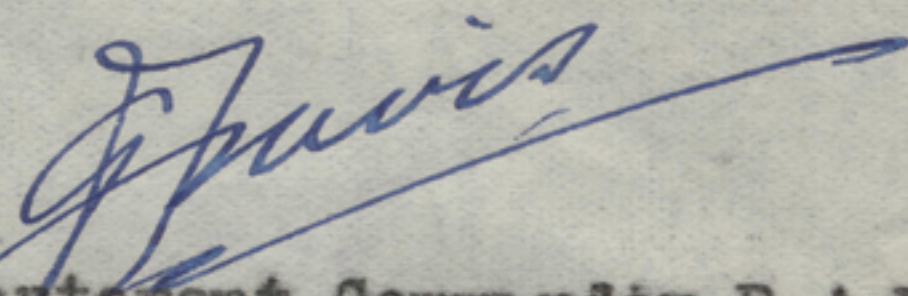
A fresh South-East Breeze caused me considerable anxiety between Whitsunday Passage and Moreton Bay and the necessary reduction in speed delayed my arrival in Brisbane.

I entered the Brisbane River at 0715 on March 1st and the ship was docked on arrival at about 1000. When the Dock was pumped out the Port side of the After ballast tank was found to be blown open leaving a hole approximately 64 square feet in extent though the propeller and shaft were apparently undamaged.

The damage caused by bomb fragments was considerable; the bombs which are thought to ^{have} been about 250 lbs. bursting on impact with the water, although it seemed certain that some were 'delayed-action', in particular, the one which caused the serious damage under-water.

Generally speaking, the behaviour and conduct of the Ship's Company during the air-raids were excellent and a report in accordance with Commonwealth Navy Order 43/42 is forwarded herewith giving details of personnel considered specially worthy of some recognition.

One most serious incident occurred when the second wave of bombers attacked the aerodrome and three ratings dived overboard from "SWAN" and swam to the "MANUNDA". This has been reported by Signal with a view to Disciplinary action being taken.


Lieutenant Commander R.A.N.
Commanding Officer.

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2. H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" - Months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1941 and January and February, 1942.
3. H.M.A.S. "WARRENAMBOOL" - Months of October, November and December, 1941, and January and February, 1942.
4. H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - Month of January, 1942.
5. H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" - Months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1941, and January and February, 1942.
6. H.M.A.S. "ORARA" - Month of December, 1941.

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The Secretary,
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2. It is observed that these ships are not under my administrative control.

Office of the Rear-Admiral
Commanding Anzac Squadron.
23rd April, 1942.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2 February 1942. Reference No. C.47/40

To The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron.
(Copy to The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO".)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1942.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for month of January 1942:-

- 1 Jan. to 9 Jan. : "SWAN" was in company with, and under the orders of H.M.A.S. "WARREGO".
- 1 Jan. : 1800 (Zone -11). Departed from Port Moresby.
- 2 Jan. : 1600 (-11). Rendezvoused with convoy for Port Moresby in position 13°04"S, 149°31"E. Stationed as A/S screen. Convoy escorted by H.M.A. Ships "AUSTRALIA", "CANBERRA", "PERTH" and H.M.S. "ACHILLES".
- 3 Jan. : 1430(-11). Convoy arrived Port Moresby. At 1745(-11) "SWAN" proceeded alongside "AQUITANIA" and embarked 250 troops, landing them across H.M.S. "ACHILLES" at Wharf. A second trip was made when 300 troops were landed and then approximately 170 were taken from Shore to "AQUITANIA", "SWAN" anchoring at midnight.
- 4 Jan. : 1900(-11). "WARREGO" and "SWAN" weighed and proceeded to afford A/S protection to H.M.A.S. "CANBERRA" and S.S. "AQUITANIA" until clear of searched channel, and were detached at 1945(-11) to proceed to Darwin.
- 5 Jan. : On passage to Darwin. At 2000(-11) anchored off Dalrymple Island until midnight.
- 6 Jan. : On passage to Darwin. At 1700 Medical Officer and L.S.B.A. transferred to "WARREGO" temporarily.
- 7 Jan. : On passage to Darwin. At 1615 (-10½) altered course to rendezvous with S.S. "HAWAIIAN PLANTER" and escort her to Darwin.
1815. Met S.S. "HAWAIIAN PLANTER" and formed A/S screen.
- 8 Jan. : 1700 (-10½). Passed through boom and secured on "WARREGO" at 1800 in Darwin harbour.
- 9 Jan. : 1330 (-10½). "SWAN" left Darwin escorting Dutch vessel "BANTAM" to Amboina. ("SWAN" carried 1 Captain and 16 other ranks A.I.F.)
- 12 Jan. : 0800 (-8½). Off La Ha, embarked Dutch Naval Officer and was piloted through minefields to Amboina, anchoring at 0900 (-8½) in 25 fathoms.
I proceeded to A.C.H., Halong, and eventually reported to the Naval Board that the earliest time of departure of "BANTAM" for Koepang would be P.M. Wednesday 14 January. I subsequently received orders to remain at Amboina and escort "BANTAM" to Koepang.
- 13 Jan. & 14 Jan. : At Amboina. Air raid warnings were frequent but no raids eventuated. By Wednesday, 14 January, it was obvious to me that "BANTAM" would not be ready to sail before P.M. Saturday, 17 January, and I reported to Naval Board accordingly.

13 Jan. & 14 Jan. : "BANTAM" had been alongside the Wharf unloading but on Wednesday she was anchored off for 36 hours while another Dutch Ship was unloaded.
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15 Jan. : 0920 (-8½). Air raid warning, probably reconnaissance aircraft.
1025. All clear.
1100. Warning. 1120. Approximately 16 Japanese Fighters appeared and shot down the two local "Brewsters" (Dutch), losing two themselves.
Following this 24 Bombers (Mitsubishi Type 96, Serial 37) in formation, bombed La Ha Aerodrome, after which the Fighters machine-gunned the aerodrome and the Catalina Base in the Inner Harbour.
"SWAN" was too far away to engage any aircraft though three rounds were fired from "X" gun when two fighters flew towards the Ship.
Damage from the raid was approximately as follows:-
Six bombs on runway of aerodrome, two Brewster fighters, two Catalinas and one Hudson destroyed.
4 A.I.F. killed, and one or two fuel dumps burnt.
Three Japanese fighters are believed to have been destroyed.

Friday, 16 Jan. : 0845 and 1040, Air raid warnings.
At 1055 two formations of 8 Japanese bombers (same type as previous day) were seen approaching "BANTAM" at the Wharf, "SWAN" being practically in line.
Fire was opened immediately and at about 1058 "SWAN" was nearmissed by 6 bombs, all of which fell within 100 yards of the stern.
Two bombs fell just inshore ahead of "BANTAM" but did no damage.
The bombers then attacked two A.I.F. dumps in the hills and returned and attacked "SWAN" again, seven or eight bombs falling around the stern much closer than the first lot.
Some splinters came inboard from each stick but no damage was caused except that a Whaler lying astern was holed and one rating at "X" gun received a scratch on his forehead.
"SWAN'S" gunnery appeared to be quite good except that one gun used wrong fuzes due to the fuze setter becoming deaf at the first broadside.
From the Ship the bursts appeared to be amongst the aircraft and reports from shore later confirmed this.
One bomber was seen to be emitting large puffs of black smoke after the first attack and it was reported from the Shore that after the second attack one fell out of formation and eventually crashed, but I had no confirmation of this.
I felt most uncomfortable and handicapped as the harbour, which is small, is mined on two sides and leaves little room in which to manoeuvre the Ship, and I had been unable to persuade the local authorities to give me a copy of their chart with details of the minefields.
When attacked, I was at anchor but on each subsequent warning I weighed and pointed across the harbour.
Fortunately no further attacks were made by bombers, but fighters attacked the Catalina Base again at about 1330 on Friday.
I consider that we were extremely fortunate in suffering neither casualties nor damage, and am convinced that had "SWAN" not been anchored close to the Wharf, "BANTAM" and the wharf, which was covered with bombs recently unloaded, would have been destroyed as the bombing was very accurate and "SWAN" the only opposition.
It seemed that the wharf was meant to be the target, but this was changed to "SWAN" on her opening fire.

Friday, 16 Jan.
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- The Ship's Company behaved splendidly, but these attacks emphasized the need for some form of gunshields and splinter protection round all exposed positions. The only splinter proof mattresses onboard are around "B" gun and I intend to request additional numbers of these at the first opportunity. In the meantime a limited amount of planking and shot mats have been rigged on the guard rails round "A" and "X" guns and the gun's crews have learnt how to dispose their hammocks to the best advantage. The bombs dropped are thought to have been about 500lbs. armour piercing.
- Sat. 17 Jan. : I had been requested to evacuate some troops (Ineffectives and some civilians, and having Naval Board's approval, at 1600 (-8½) I moved alongside the wharf, "BANTAM" now being at the Coaling Wharf, and embarked 1 Captain and 9 other ranks, A.I.F., an American Missionary and his son, and the wives of two Dutch Army Officers, each with 3 small children. At 1700 (-8½) both Ships sailed for Koepang. At about 2100 two red lights (vertical) were seen astern of "BANTAM" for a few seconds; I investigated but could find nothing.
- Sun. 18 Jan. : On passage to Koepang escorting "BANTAM". At 1615 (-8½) an object on the horizon ahead was sighted for a minute or two, and I altered course to the Southward as I felt from its sudden disappearance it must have been a submarine. At dark course was altered to regain original route at the entrance to Ombai Strait at daylight, and at 2245 "BANTAM" reported that she had been attacked by torpedoes (2 ahead, 1 astern) from the South. I could find no trace of the submarine but overtaking "BANTAM" again, I and others on the Bridge, saw a white light low on "BANTAM'S" port quarter, being flashed in a Southerly direction. I informed "BANTAM" but heard nothing concerning the matter from him.
- Mon. 19 Jan. : R.A.A.F. Hudson aircraft provided A/S cover for the passage through Ombai Strait and I amended my E.T.A. through one of them, "SWAN" and "BANTAM" anchoring in Koepang harbour at 2200 (-8½). H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" and two American Cruisers and some Destroyers were in the harbour.
- Tues. 20 Jan. : 0930 (-8½). "SWAN" departed Koepang for Darwin.
- Wed. 21 Jan. : 1430 (-9½). I received N.O.C.D.'s signal ordering me to rendezvous with "KATOOMBA" for submarine hunt off Darwin. 2315 (-10½). Arrived rendezvous but owing to weather conditions proceeded seawards again until daylight.
- Thurs. 22 Jan. : 0800 (-10½). Rendezvoused with "KATOOMBA" and "DELORAINÉ" and assisted in searching for damaged submarines, one being definitely located. At 1315 I was ordered to proceed into harbour and anchored at 1715. All passengers were disembarked and work was commenced on cleaning one boiler.
- 23 Jan. and)
24 Jan.) : At Darwin boiler cleaning.
- 25 Jan. : 0900 (-10½). Proceeded alongside "BRITISH SAILOR" for fuel. 1400. Slipped and proceeded, escorting S.S. "KOOLAMA" towards Wyndham.

- 25 Jan. : At 1830 "KOOLAMA" reported a suspicious "wake" following on her starboard quarter and I turned to investigate, getting a contact immediately. I dropped one depth charge once but lost the contact at about this time and was unable to regain it. I did not believe this was a submarine and had noticed a distinct tide rip on passing the position earlier. H.M.A.S. "DELORAINNE" who was in the vicinity investigated the area while I rejoined "KOOLAMA", but she found nothing.
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- 26 Jan. : At 0715 (-10 $\frac{1}{2}$) I left "KOOLAMA" in Cambridge Gulf and returned to Darwin, anchoring in the harbour at 2220.
- 27 Jan. : At 1100 (-10 $\frac{1}{2}$) weighed and proceeded on A/S patrol outside Darwin.
- 28 Jan. : At 0715 (10 $\frac{1}{2}$) I relieved U.S. Destroyer "PEARY" and provided A/S protection for H.M.A.S. "KOOKABURRA" who was working with divers on a sunken submarine. At 1715 I escorted "KOOKABURRA" to harbour and resumed my patrol.
- 29 Jan. : At 0800 (=10 $\frac{1}{2}$) I met H.M.A.S. "KARANGI" outside the boom and provided A/S protection for her while she laid buoys in the searched channel, escorting her to harbour at 1600 and investigating a report of a floating mine at 1800. This was probably one of the buoys laid by "KARANGI". "SWAN" anchored in Darwin harbour at 2000.
- 30 Jan.)
& 31 Jan.): At Darwin.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2 January 1942. Reference No. C.45/40.

To The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M. Australian Squadron.
(Copy to The Senior Officer 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR DECEMBER 1941.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of December 1941:-

Throughout the month "SWAN" was in company with the Senior Officer 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO").

- 1 Dec. : 0615. Weighed and proceeded from Adventure Bay, completed searching sweeps in approaches to Hobart at 1100 and proceeded for Melbourne at 1115.
- 2 Dec. : On passage, Hobart to Melbourne.
- 3 Dec. : 0500. Secured at Nelson Pier, Williamstown for fuel. 1115. Moved Ship to Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 4 Dec. : 0900. Slipped and proceeded for Sydney, experiencing very rough weather from Port Phillip to Wilson's Promontory.
- 5 Dec. : On passage Melbourne to Sydney.
- 6 Dec. : 1145. Secured on H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" at Garden Island.
- 7 Dec.)
to 11 Dec.) : At Sydney. "SWAN" was docked in Sutherland Dock, Cockatoo Island, with "WARREGO" on 9 December and undocked on 10 December.
During this period the four (4) 3 pdr. Q.F. saluting guns were removed, and a double depth charge chute was fitted either side aft, the number of depth charges carried being made up to 40.
- 12 Dec. : 0815. Slipped and proceeded for Brisbane.
- 13 Dec. : On passage Sydney to Brisbane.
- 14 Dec. : 0615. Secured at Newstead Wharf, Brisbane for fuel. 1125. Slipped and proceeded for sweeping operations off Bustard Head.
- 15 Dec. : 0815. Commenced sweeping between Lady Elliot Island and Bustard Head. 1830. Anchored off Lady Musgrave Island.
- 16 Dec. : 0430. Weighed and continued sweeping operations. On completion at 1445 set course for Brisbane.
- 17 Dec. : 1120. Secured on "WARREGO" at Newstead Wharf, Brisbane.
- 18 Dec.)
& 19 Dec.) : At Brisbane.
- 20 Dec. : 0800. Slipped and proceeded as A/S escort for Free French Cruiser "LE TRIOMPHANTE" and S.S. "ORMISTON". 1230. Joined "LE TRIOMPHANTE" and "ORMISTON" off Cape Moreton and proceeded.

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- 21 Dec. : 0600. Detached with "WARREGO" to rendezvous with U.S.S. "PENSACOLA" and convoy in position 26°28" S., 157° 11" E. 0930. In station as A/S escort for U.S.S. "PENSECOLA" and Convoy bound for Brisbane, H.M.A. Ships "CANBERRA" and "PERTH" and H.M.S. "ACHILLES" in company.
- 22 Dec. : 0830. Arrived Northwest Buoy, Moreton Bay and carried out A/S patrol while convoy entered. 1300. Proceeded up Brisbane River and berthed on "WARREGO" at Eagle St., Wharf at 1515. Commenced boiler cleaning.
- 23 Dec.)
to 25 Dec.) : At Brisbane.
- 25 Dec. : 2045. Received orders to recall all libertymen and sail as soon as possible.
- 26 Dec. : 0430. Slipped and proceeded with "WARREGO" for Port Moresby, landing one rating diagnosed as probable acute appendicitis at Caloundra at 1100.
- 27 Dec.)
to 29 Dec.) : On passage Brisbane to Port Moresby.
- 30 Dec. : Arrived Port Moresby at 0800, "SWAN" sweeping the channel into the harbour before proceeding alongside for fuel, berthing on S.S. "MANGOLA" at 1330. 1710. Slipped from S.S. "MANGOLA" and anchored.
- 31 Dec. : At Port Moresby.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2 December 1941. Reference No. C.43/40.

To The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M. Australian Squadron.
(Copy to The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 1941.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship
under my command for the month of November 1941:-

- 1 November) : Completed sweeping through Bass Strait, commenced
and) A/S and visual patrol between Cape Otway and
2 November) Cape Liptrap.
- 3 November : On patrol.
- 4 November : 0545. Convoy passed, 0700 rejoined the Senior Officer,
20th. Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") and
proceeded to Williamstown, berthing at Nelson Pier
at 1315 for fuel.
- 5 November : 0830. Shifted billet to Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 6 & 7 November : At Port Melbourne.
- 8 November : 1050K/8. Slipped and proceeded with Flotilla to
Hobart, berthing at Princes Pier, Hobart at 1230K
on 10 November.
- 11 & 12 November : At Hobart.
- 13 November : 1100. Slipped and proceeded, anchoring in Adventure
Bay at 1410.
- 14 November : 0530. Weighed and proceeded; weather unsuitable for
sweeping and Flotilla returned to anchorage at 0845.
- 15 November : 0530. Weighed and proceeded. At 0730 commenced
clearing sweep south of Tasman Island.
1030. Weather unsuitable for sweeping, "in sweeps",
returned to anchorage.
- 16 to 18 November : At anchor in Adventure Bay, rough weather making
sweeping impossible.
- 19 November : 0530. Weighed and proceeded. At 0715 commenced
clearing sweep south of Tasman Island. 1525. Clearing
sweep completed with negative results, flotilla
proceeded to Blackman's Bay, anchoring at 1840.
- 20 November : 0830. Weighed and proceeded to Hobart, berthing at
Princes Pier at 0945. Commenced boiler cleaning.
- 21 to 24 November : At Hobart.
- 25 November : 1400. Slipped and proceeded to Adventure Bay,
anchoring at 1700.

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- 26 November : 0630. Weighed and proceeded; carried out searching sweep in approaches to Hobart.
- 27 November : 0900. "SWAN" was detached and weighed and proceeded for Melbourne.
1200. Ordered to rejoin Flotilla.
1610. Rejoined Flotilla in Adventure Bay.
- 28 to 30 November : Flotilla continued searching sweeps in approaches to Hobart, anchoring each night in Adventure Bay.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 8 November 1941. Reference No. C.41/40.

To The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M. Australian Squadron
(Copy to The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 1941.

Submitted the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October 1941:-

Throughout the month H.M.A.S. "SWAN" was in company with the Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO").

- 1 October : At anchor in Broken Bay. 0415 weighed and carried out searching sweeps between Sydney and Newcastle until 1300 when bad weather prevented further sweeping and Flotilla returned to Broken Bay.
- 2 October : 1200. Weighed and proceeded to Sydney, securing on H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" at No.5 buoy at 1500.
- 3 October) : At Sydney.
to 6 October)
- 7 October : 0930. Slipped and proceeded - continued sweeping operations between Sydney and Newcastle, anchoring in Broken Bay each night, until 10 October when Flotilla returned to Sydney at 1700.
- 11 October : 1300. Flotilla slipped and proceeded to Hobart.
- 12 October) : On passage. Anchored in Port Arthur at 2000/13.
& 13 October)
- 14 October : 0615. Weighed and proceeded to sweep approaches to Hobart, berthing at Prince's Pier, Hobart, at 1520.
- 15 October : At Hobart.
- 16 October : 0900. Slipped and proceeded. Carried out A/S patrol in swept channel until S.S. "QUEEN MARY" passed inwards, anchoring near the Iron Pot at 1745 and carrying out continuous A/S patrol. During the night "SWAN" dragged and had to be re-anchored.
- 17 October : At anchor carrying out A/S watch. 1000. "MILDURA" relieved "SWAN", "SWAN" proceeding alongside Princes Pier, Hobart for boiler cleaning at 1400.
- 19 October) : Boiler cleaning at Hobart.
to 21 October)
- 22 October : 1350. Slipped and proceeded to anchor in Port Arthur at 1730.
- 23 October : 0500. Weighed and carried out A/S patrol in swept channel until S.S. "QUEEN MARY" passed outwards, anchoring in Port Arthur at 0930.
- 24 October : 0700. Weighed and swept approaches to Hobart, anchoring in North West Bay at 1540.

- 25 October : 0900. Weighed and carried out A/S patrol in swept channel until S.S. "QUEEN ELIZABETH" passed inwards, anchoring off Iron Pot and commencing continuous A/S watch at 1300.
- 26 October) : At anchor carrying out A/S watch.
& 27 October)
- 28 October : 0500. Flotilla less H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" weighed and proceeded for Waterloo Bay, anchoring there at 1600 on 29th. and being joined by H.M.A. Ships "DOOMBA" and "ORARA".
- 30 October) : Flotilla engaged in sweeping through Bass Strait.
& 31 October)



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2 October 1941. Reference No. C.39/40

To The Rear-Admiral Commanding, H.M. Australian Squadron,
(Copy to Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla.)

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1941.

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of September 1941 is submitted:-

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" was in company with Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") throughout the month.

- 1 Sept. At sea sweeping through Bass Strait.
2 Sept. Completed sweeping at 1300 and proceeded to Williamstown, berthing at Nelson Pier at 2100.
3 & 4 Sept. At Williamstown.
5 Sept. 0930. Slipped and proceeded, carried out 2 runs of Full Calibre firing at Patt V1. targets and berthed at Station Pier, Port Melbourne at 1300. Commenced boiler-cleaning.
6 to 10 Sept. At Port Melbourne.
Lieutenant H.C. Asher R.A.N.R.(S) joined Ship on 8 Sept. and Lieutenant J. Maxwell R.A.N. on 10 Sept.
11 Sept. 0630. Slipped and proceeded, sweeping S.C.F.6.
12 to 14 Sept. Swept through Bass Strait.
15 & 16 Sept. Carried out searching sweeps between Gabo Island and Twofold Bay, anchoring at night in Twofold Bay.
17 Sept. Swept from Twofold Bay to Bateman's Bay, anchoring in Bateman's Bay at 1800.
18 Sept. Swept from Bateman's Bay to Jervis Bay, anchoring in Jervis Bay at 1630.
19 Sept. Carried out searching sweeps off Jervis Bay, anchoring at 1440. 2200. Weighed and proceeded for Sydney.
20 Sept. 0800. Arrived Sydney, berthed on "WARREGO" in Destroyer Trot, Farm Cove.
Lieutenant R.T. Salmon R.A.N.R.(S) left Ship for H.M.A.S. "RUSHCUTTER".
21 to 24 Sept. At Sydney.
24 Sept. 1410. Slipped and proceeded to Broken Bay, anchoring at 1700.
25 to 30 Sept. Flotilla was engaged in searching sweeps between Broken Bay and Newcastle, anchoring in Broken Bay each night. High Angle Full Calibre firings were carried out at a sleeve target A.M. on 26 Sept. and 29 Sept. "SWAN" weighed at 2200 on 28 Sept. and proceeded to Sydney to land one rating suffering from Acute Appendicitis, rejoining Flotilla next morning. Eight ratings suffering from Mumps were landed during the month.



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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".
Date 2 September 1941. Reference No. C.37/40
To Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Australian Squadron.
(Copy to Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla)
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR AUGUST 1941.

Submitted:-

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command, for the month of August 1941:-

- 1st. August : 0745. Arrived Melbourne from Bass Strait.
- 2nd. and 3rd. August : At Melbourne.
- 4th. August : Slipped and proceeded to carry out searching sweeps on Western ~~Australian~~ Victorian Coast.
- 5th. August : Weather unsuitable for sweeping, anchored off Portland at 1220.
- 6th. August : Weighed at 1400 and proceeded towards Lacepede Bay.
- 7th. August : Sweeping off Lacepede Bay.
- 8th. August to 10th. August : Sweeping in Western Bass Strait.
- 11th. August : Weather unsuitable for sweeping, anchored in Apollo Bay at 0845.
- 12th. August : 0700. Weighed and proceeded to anchor in Sealers Cove at 1715.
- 13th. August & 14th. August: Sweeping Eastern Bass Strait, proceeding towards Melbourne at 1700K/14
- 15th. August : Anchored in Port Phillip from 0630 to 1400 due to fog, securing at Nelson Pier, Williamstown at 1515.
- 16th. August :
& 17th. August : At Williamstown.
- 18th. August : Slipped and proceeded to Hobart.
- 19th. August : On passage to Hobart.
- 20th. and 21st August. : Swept channel to Hobart proceeding alongside Princes Pier, Hobart at 1345/21.
- 22nd. August : At Hobart/
- 23rd. to 28th. August : At anchor off Iron Pot, keeping A/S watch .
- 28th August : 0700. Weighed and proceeded for Waterloo Bay.
- 29th. August : 1100. Anchored in Waterloo Bay.
- 30th. and 31st August. : Sweeping through Bass Strait.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2 AUGUST 1941. Reference No. C.35/40.

To THE REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON.
(COPY TO SENIOR OFFICER, 20th. MINESWEEPING FLOTILLA.)

Subject "H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR JULY 1941.

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of July 1941, is submitted:-

- July 1st. On passage - Hobart to Sydney.
- July 2nd. Arrived Sydney.
- July 3rd.
- to July 26th. At Sydney undergoing refit, docking etc.
- July 26th. 1900 Sailed from Sydney for Bass Strait.
- July 28th. 0630 Rendezvoused with Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") and H.M.A.S. "LITHGOW" in position Lat. 38° 33' South, 148° 27' East.
- July 28th.
- to July 31st. Carried out searching sweeps in Bass Strait.
- July 31st. Completed sweeping and proceeded towards Melbourne.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2nd. July, 1941. Reference No. C.33/40.

To THE REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M. AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON (Copy to
The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S."

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR JUNE, 1941. "DOOMBA").

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship
under my command for the month of June, 1941, is submitted :-

JUNE, 1st. 0730 Weighed and proceeded from Broken Bay
to Sydney, securing at No.4 buoy at 0950.

JUNE, 2nd & 3rd. At Sydney.

JUNE, 4th. & 5th. Slipped and proceeded at 0915/4 and carried
out searching sweeps between Sydney and Newcastle, anchoring
in Broken Bay each night.

JUNE, 6th. 0600 Weighed and proceeded to Sydney, securing
at Outer Destroyer Trot at 0820.

JUNE, 7th. 1010 Slipped and proceeded for Hobart.

JUNE, 8th. On passage to Hobart.

JUNE, 9th. 1330 arrived Hobart (Ocean Pier).

JUNE, 10th. 1000 Slipped and proceeded, swept channel between
Iron Pot and Cape Raoul, anchoring in Bull Bay for the night.

JUNE, 11th. Swept between Iron Pot and 100 fathom line,
anchoring in Bull Bay for the night.

JUNE, 12th. Commenced sweeping between Iron Pot and 100
fathom line but weather became too bad and sweeps were recovered
at 1215, ship proceeding to Hobart and berthing at Ocean Pier
at 1415.

JUNE, 13th. 0730 Slipped and proceeded but weather was too
bad for sweeping. Embarked one sick rating from Tasman Island
at 1410 and anchored off Port Arthur at 1520.

JUNE, 14th. Weighed and proceeded to sweep between Cape
Raoul and 100 fathom line until 1200 when sweeps were recovered
and A/S Patrol commenced. After H.M.T. "Queen Mary" had proceeded
to Hobart, "SWAN" anchored 2.4 miles 306° from Iron Pot and
commenced A/S watch at 1520.

JUNE, 15th. to June, 27th. At anchor off Iron Pot maintaining
A/S watch.

JUNE, 27th. 0700 Weighed and on departure of H.M.T. "Queen
Mary", proceeded to Hobart for boiler-cleaning, securing at
Queens Pier at 0915.

JUNE, 28th. & 29th. At Hobart. Ship was moved to Ocean
Pier A.M. 29th. for fuel.

JUNE, 30th. 0800 Slipped and proceeded for Sydney.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".
Date 14th. June, 1941. **Reference No.** C.31/40.
 THE REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON (Copy to
To H.M.A.S. "WARREGO".
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MAY, 1941.

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May, 1941, is submitted :-

May 1st to 5th. With 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla carrying out searching sweeps in vicinity of Cape Otway, anchoring in Appollo Bay at night.

May 5th. Arrived Williamstown at 1700.

May 6th. to 7th. At Williamstown.

May 8th. At 1700 proceeded to Bass Strait.

May 9th. Carried out searching sweeps in area where S.S. "NAIRANA" had reported paravanes damaged.

May 10th, 11th, 12th. Weather was unsuitable for sweeping and Flotilla was anchored in Appollo Bay.

May 13th. Searching sweeps in vicinity of Cape Otway were completed.

May 14th. to 17th. Flotilla proceeded towards Sydney, sweeping from S.C.F.6 to Cape Liptrap on 14th, between Cape Everard and Gabo Island on 15th, and off Point Perpendicular on 16th.

May 17th. Arrived Sydney.

May 18th. to 22nd. At Sydney - boiler-cleaning.

May 23rd. Left Sydney to carry out searching sweeps between Sydney and Newcastle; anchoring in Broken Bay at night.

May 24th. Continued searching sweeps - located "Millimamal" minefield - anchored in Broken Bay.

May 25th. Sweeping abandoned due to weather at 1100 and Flotilla returned to Broken Bay.

May 26th. to 30th. Flotilla carried out clearing operations in "Millimamal" minefield, anchoring in Broken Bay each night.

May 31st. "SWAN" weighed dan buoys and carried out searching sweeps through cleared areas, anchoring in Broken Bay for the night.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2nd. May, 1941. Reference No. C. 29/40.

To THE REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A.S. Squadron (Copy to the Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO"

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1941.

The following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of April, 1941, is submitted :-

"SWAN" has been in company with the Senior Officer 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO") throughout the month.

- April, 1st. am. Sweeping approaches to Hobart.
1330, secured at Ocean Pier, Hobart, for fuel.
- April, 2nd. Carrying out A/S Patrol outside Hobart and escorting H.M.T. "Queen Elizabeth" to Hobart, anchoring at 1830, 2 miles 314° from IRON POT, and carrying out continuous A/S sweep.
- April, 3rd. At anchor carrying out A/S sweep.
& 4th.
- April, 5th. 0600 weighed and proceeded to Hobart, securing at Prince's Pier at 0700, (Repairs to Boiler brickwork
- April, 6th. 1500, slipped and returned to anchorage, resuming A/S sweep at 1600.
- April, 7th. 1815, weighed and proceeded, escorting H.M.T. "Queen Elizabeth" to Cape Raoul, then proceeding to Bass Strait.
- April, 8th. On passage, Hobart to Bass Strait.
- April, 9th. Sweeping through Bass Strait.
& 12th.
- April, 13th. 0700, secured at Prince's Pier, Port Melbourne.
April, 14th. At Port Melbourne, carrying out gunnery and mine-sweeping exercises in Port Phillip on 17th.
to 18th.
- April, 19th. 1400, slipped and proceeded to anchorage off Portsea.
- April, 20th. Carrying out searching sweeps between Port Phillip
to 24th. and Burnie, Tasmania .
- April, 25th. Sweeping S C F 6 until recalled by Naval Board signal, secured at Nelson Pier Williamstown at 1700
- April, 26th. At Williamstown.
& 27th.
- April, 28th. 1300, slipped and proceeded to anchorage off Portsea.
- April 29th. Searching sweep from Port Phillip to Cape Otway, anchoring in Apollo Bay for night.
- April, 30th. Carrying out clearing sweep off Cape Otway, anchoring in Apollo Bay for the night.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 2nd. April, 1941. Reference No. C. 27/40.

To THE REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A. SQUADRON, (Copy to
The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S
"WARREGO".

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MARCH, 1941.

The following War Diary for H.M.A.S. Ship under my command for the month of March, 1941 is submitted :-

- MARCH, 1st. At sea, completed sweep of "Nimbin" minefield and proceeded to Sydney for boiler -cleaning.
- MARCH, 2nd to 7th. At Sydney.
- MARCH, 8th. & 9th. "SWAN" with "ORARA" in company carried out searching sweeps off Norah Head returning to Sydney P.M. on the 9th.
- MARCH, 10th. At Sydney.
- MARCH, 11th. Flotilla proceeded and carried out searching sweep off Port Kembla, proceeding towards Gabo Island at night.
- MARCH, 12th. Anchored in Twofold Bay at 1630, weather unsuitable for sweeping.
- MARCH, 13th. & 14th. Flotilla carried out searching sweeps off Gabo Island and along SCF 18, proceeding to Melbourne on completion and berthing at Prince's Pier at 0930 on 15th. after fuelling at Williamstown.
- MARCH, 16th. 2300 Flotilla slipped and proceeded.
- MARCH, 17th. to 20th. Flotilla at sea sweeping through Bass Strait and returning to Melbourne at 0930 on 21st.
- MARCH, 21st to 25th. At Port Melbourne.
- MARCH, 26th. 1500 slipped and proceeded.
- MARCH, 27th. to 30th. At sea, sweeping through Bass Strait until 0900 on 30th., when Flotilla proceeded for Hobart. At 1900 "SWAN" was detached to take one rating to hospital.
- MARCH, 31st. 0900 "SWAN" arrived Hobart, landed patient and proceeded at 0925 to rejoin Flotilla at 1230, sweeping channel to Hobart. Flotilla anchored in Wedge Bay for the night.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 4th. March, 1941. Reference No. G. 25/40.

To REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A. SQUADRON, (Copy to The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO")

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - "WAR DIARY", FEBRUARY, 1941.

Submitted the following "WAR DIARY" for H.M.A. Ship under my Command for the month of February, 1941 :-

Throughout the month "SWAN" was in company with the Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, (H.M.A.S. "WARREGO").

- February, 1st. At sea, sweeping from Citadel Island towards Port Phillip, anchored Port Phillip at 2230K.
- February, 2nd. Proceeded to Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
- February, 3rd. & 4th. At Williamstown.
- February, 5th. 2300K proceeded for Bass Strait.
- February, 6th. On passage to Eastern Bass Strait.
- February, 7th. - 10th. At sea carrying out searching sweeps off Gabo Island, Port Kembla, and Sydney, securing to No. 2 buoy at Sydney, 2045K/10.
- February, 11th. & 12th. At Sydney.
- February, 13th. & 14th. At sea carrying out searching sweeps and returning to Sydney at 2130K/14.
- February, 15th. - 21st. At Sydney, Docking, etc.
- February, 22nd - 28th. Engaged in clearing operations off Norah Head, anchoring at night in Broken Bay.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"
 Date 1st. February, 1941. Reference No. C.23/40.
 To THE REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A.SQUADRON, (Copy to :-
 The Senior Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO").
 Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - JANUARY, 1941.

Submitted for information the following War Diary of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of January, 1941
 H.M.A.S. "SWAN" was in company with H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" (Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla) throughout the month.

JANUARY :-

- 1st. - On passage, Bass Strait to Hobart.
- 2nd. & 3rd. - Flotilla alongside at Hobart.
- 4th. - 6th. - Flotilla carrying out searching sweeps in approaches to Hobart, anchoring at night.
 P.M. - "SWAN" led "ZEALANDIA" through swept channel, then returned to patrol channel during dark hours.
- 7th. - Flotilla carried out further searching sweeps, proceeding to Hobart on completion and berthing at 1845.
- 8th. - 0900 - Flotilla slipped and proceeded for Melbourne.
- 9th. - On passage to Melbourne - Carried out searching sweep along SCF.5A.
- 10th. - 1315 - Secured alongside Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 10th.-16th. - At Port Melbourne.
- 17th. - 0630 - Flotilla slipped and proceeded, swept SCF.6, proceeding to Wilson's Promotory on completion.
- 18th. - Flotilla carried out clearing sweep off Citadel Island, anchoring in Waterloo Bay for the night.
- 19th. & 20th. - Flotilla carried out clearing sweep off Cliffy Island, anchoring in Sealer's Cove each night.
- 21st. - 0600 - Shifted berth to Oberon Bay.
- 22nd. - 0600 - Weighed and proceeded but fog prevented sweeping and Flotilla anchored in Sealer's Cove at 1215.
- 23rd. - Flotilla carried out clearing sweep off Cliffy Island, anchoring in Waterloo Bay.
- 24th. & 25th. - Flotilla carried out searching sweeps anchoring in Waterloo Bay each night.
- 26th. - 0130 - Flotilla weighed and proceeded for Port Phillip.
 1815 - Secured at Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
- 27th. & 28th. - At Williamstown.
- 28th. - 2300 - Flotilla proceeded.
- 29th.-31st. - Flotilla at sea carrying out searching sweeps in Bass Strait



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN",
Date 2nd. January, 1941. **Reference No.** C.21/40.
To THE REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A. SQUADRON. (Copy to :-
 The Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla).
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - DECEMBER, 1940.

Submitted for information the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for the month of December, 1940.

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" was in company with the Senior Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" for the whole month of December.

DECEMBER :-

- Sunday, 1st. - Carrying out searching sweep from SCF.6A towards Wilson's Promotory. Ships anchored in Oberon Bay for the night.
- 2nd. - 0600 - Weighed and proceeded - thick fog prevented any sweeping - Ships anchored in Sealer's Cove at 1300.
- 3rd. - Carried out searching sweep along SCF.5 anchoring in Sealer's Cove at 1800.
- 4th. - 2200 - Weighed and proceeded towards Deal Island.
 - Carried out searching sweep along SCF.5A towards SCF.6 - Anchored Sealer's Cove at 2145.
- 5th. - Continued clearing sweep off Clifty Island.
 1630 - Anchored in Oberon Bay.
- 6th. - 1330 - Weighed and shifted billet to Sealer's Cove, anchoring at 1500.
- 7th. - Completed clearing sweep off Clifty Island -
 1635 - Anchored in Sealer's Cove.
- 8th. - After violent squalls and rain weighed and proceeded.
 1815 - Arrived Williamstown - fuelled.
 2315 - Slipped and proceeded for Backstairs Passage.
- 9th. & 10th. - On passage to South Australia - weather unsuitable for sweeping.
- 11th. & 12th. - Carried out searching sweeps from Backstairs Passage to 100 fathom line.
- 13th. - On passage to vicinity Cape Borda.
- 14th. & 15th. - Carried out searching sweeps from Althorpe Island to 100 fathom line. On completion proceeded for Adelaide.
- 16th. - 1000 IK - Berthed at "D" wharf, Birkenhead, Adelaide, for fuel and boiler cleaning.
- 17th - 18th. & 19th. - At Adelaide.
- 20th. - 1020 - In company with H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" slipped and proceeded towards Althorpe Island.
- 21st. - Carried out searching sweep from Althorpe Island to 100 fathom line. On completion "SWAN" proceeded to Port Lincoln to land seriously ill rating at 2330.
- 22nd. - 0430 - Rejoined "WARREGO" and proceeded to investigate area in which S.S. "Hertford" was damaged by explosion.
 1840 - In sweeps - mine foul of "SWAN's" port sweep - Steamed at slow speed through night after trying to clear sweep.
- 23rd. - At daylight sighted sweep, all clear - Proceeded to rendezvous with "ORARA" off Cape Jervis at 1600 -
 1630 - Proceeded for Bass Strait.
- 24th. - On passage to Bass Strait.
- 25th. - Carried out searching sweep from 100 fathom line along E.F. to position "D".
- 26th. - A.M. - Carried out searching sweep along SCF.6 and then proceeded to berth at Williamstown at 1500.
- 27th. & 28th. - At Williamstown.
- 29th. - 0001 K/29th. - Sailed from Williamstown/

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DECEMBER :-

- 29th. - 0001 K/29th - Sailed from Williamstown in company with "WARREGO" and "ORARA".
0500 - Commenced searching sweep down SCF.6 to E.F., anchoring in Phoques Bay for the night.
- 30th. - 0400 - Weighed and carried out searching sweep along E.F. to 100 fathom line, proceeding on conclusion for SCF.5A.
- 31st. - Carried out searching sweep along SCF.5A, proceeding on conclusion towards Hobart.
H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" rejoined Flotilla at 1330.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN",
 Date 2nd. December, 1940. Reference No. C.19/40.
 To THE REAR ADMIRAL COMMANDING, H.M.A. SQUADRON, (Copy to :-
 The Senior Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla).
 Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER, 1940.

Submitted for information the following War Diary of
 H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of November, 1940 :-

- 1st. November - "SWAN" returned to Port Melbourne from Port Phillip.
 2nd. & 3rd. - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
 4th. November. - Slipped and proceeded at 1500 in company with Senior
 Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla, in "WARREGO" for South
 Australian Waters.
 5th. " - On passage to South Australia.
 6th. " - Carrying out searching sweep in Backstairs Passage;
 anchored for night in Eastern Cove.
 7th. " - Carrying out searching sweeps in St. Vincent's Gulf;
 anchored for night in Eastern Cove.
 8th. " - 0140 IK - Weighed and proceeded with H.M.A.S. "WARREGO"
 for Port Melbourne.
 9th. " - 0200 K - Off Cape Otway searching for survivors and
 wreckage of S.S. "City of Rayville". Anchored in Apollo
 Bay at 1745.
 10th. " - 0200 K - Weighed and proceeded for searching sweeps
 off King Island at daylight, hove to in bad weather from
 1400 to 1900, then proceeded towards rendezvous with
 "Stratheden".
 11th. " - 0300 K - received signal postponing rendezvous with
 "Stratheden". Returned to King Island, rejoining
 "WARREGO" at 0700 and anchoring in Sea Elephant Bay at 1130.
 12th. " - Weighed and proceeded at 0100 K to rendezvous with
 "Stratheden" at 0500 and sweep ahead of her to Port
 Phillip. 0830 - "Stratheden" proceeded indepently,
 "SWAN" recovered sweeps and proceeded to Williamstown,
 berthing at Nelson Pier at 1815.
 13th. " - 0900 K - Slipped and proceeded - carried out search-
 ing sweep in swept channel "CD" P.M., then proceeded as
 requisite to sweep channel "EF" at daylight on 14th.
 14th. " - At sea sweeping channel "EF", - at 2000 K proceeded
 as requisite for Backstairs Passage.
 15th. " - At sea - On passage to Backstairs Passage.
 16th. " - Under way sweeping in Backstairs Passage and
 approaches. Anchored off Edithbourg at 2000.
 17th. " - In company with H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" sweeping through
 Investigator Strait; anchored in Emu Bay at 1945.
 18th. " - Sweeping "Stratheden's" route in Investigator Strait
 until 1200, then proceeded to Adelaide, securing at "D"
 Wharf, Birkenhead, at 1500.
 19th-20th. - At Adelaide - Boiler cleaning.
 21st. November - 0900 IK - Slipped and proceeded with "WARREGO" for
 Wilson's Promotory.
 22nd. " - On passage.
 23rd. " - 1530 K - Anchored in Oberon Bay.
 24th. " - Carrying out clearing sweep off Wilson's Promotory,
 anchoring in Sealer's Cove for the night.
 25th. " - Completed clearing sweep off Promotory, anchoring in
 Sealer's Cove for the night.
 26th. " - Carrying out searching sweep along SCF 5, anchoring
 in Sealer's Cove for the night.
 27th. " - Carrying out clearing sweep off Hogan Group,
 anchoring in Waterloo Bay for the night.

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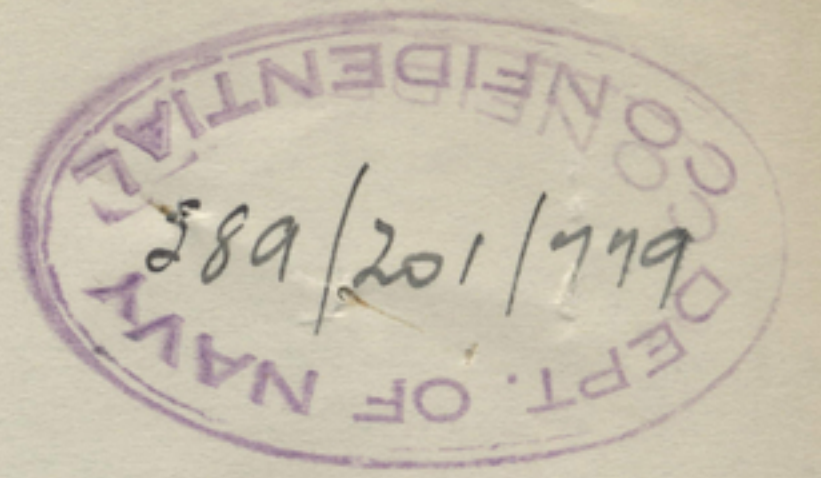
- 28th. November - Carrying out searching sweep along "SCF 5",
proceeding towards Port Phillip through the night.
- 29th. " - Carrying out searching sweep in "SCF 6" A.M.,
proceeding to Williamstown and securing at Nelson Pier
at 1400.
- 30th. " - 0900 K - Slipped and proceeded, carried out searching
sweep in "SCF 6" P.M.
1930 - Proceeded towards Wilson's Promotory.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".
Date 3rd November, 1940. Reference No. C.17/40
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, S.C.1. (Copies to :-
The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron and the
Senior Officer, 20th M/S Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "WARREGO").
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1940.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following War Diary of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of October, 1940 :-

- 1st October - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 2nd-4th October - In Port Phillip for excercises.
- 4th-6th October - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 7th October - Under way for excercises in Port Phillip, returned to Princes Pier, P.M.
- 8th October - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 9th October - Under way for excercises in Port Phillip, returned to Nelson Pier, Williamstown, P.M.
- 10th October - At Williamstown.
- 11th October - Under way for excercise in Port Phillip, returned to Williamstown, P.M.
- 12th-14th October - At Williamstown.
- 15th October - Under way in Port Phillip for excercises returned to Williamstown, A.M.
- 16th October - At Williamstown.
- 17th-24th October In company with 20th M/S Flotilla carrying out Searching Sweep in Eastern Bass Strait.
- 25th October - Returned to Port Phillip, fuelled at Williamstown and shifted berth to Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 26th-29th October - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 30th-31st October - In Port Phillip for excercises.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

Date 5th. October, 1940. Reference No. C.15/40

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The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron and the Senior
Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA").

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER, 1940.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for the month of September, 1940 ;

- 1st - 10th. September - At Garden Island, Sydney, refitting.
- 11th. September - Docked in Fitzroy Dock, Cockatoo Island.
- 13th. September - Undocked and returned to Garden Island.
- 14th - 15th. September - At Garden Island provisioning, storing and ammunitioning ship.
- 16th. September - Moved to Chowder Bay for De-gaussing trials, on completion of which ship was swung for adjustment of Compasses at No. 2 Buoy.
- 17th. September - Carried out Full Power Trial at conclusion of refit - Returned to No. 1 Buoy.
- 18th - 19th. September - At Sydney/
- 20th. September - Sailed from Sydney for Westernport.
- 22nd. September - Arrived Westernport.
- 23rd.- 26th. September - At Westernport.
- 27th. September - Sailed from Westernport and arrived at Port Melbourne.
- 28th - 30th. September - At Port Melbourne.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

Date 5th. September, 1940. Reference No. C.13/40

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The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron and the
Senior Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA").

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY - AUGUST, 1940.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board the following War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command :-

H.M.A.S. "SWAN" was refitting at Garden Island, Sydney, during the month of August, 1940, 18 days leave being given in two Watches.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 6th August, 1940. Reference No. C-11/40

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE.
(Copies to The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron.

Subject The Senior Officer 20th Minesweeping Flotilla H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA")
WAR DIARY = JULY, 1940.

- 1st July. In company with The Senior Officer 20th Minesweeping Flotilla (H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA") at anchor in Waterloo Bay, weather unsuitable for sweeping.
- 2nd & 3rd. Sweeping with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory. Exercised sub-calibre High Angle firing at smokebursts.
- 4th July. Sweeping with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA" from Cape Liptrap towards Cape Otway proceeding to Port Melbourne on completion.
- 5th July. 0200 Secured alongside Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.
- 5th to 10th. At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne. Range parties from Seaman and Miscellaneous branches carried out Annual Musketry Course at Williamstown range.
- 11th July. Slipped at 1500 and proceeded with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA". Steering gear tampered with (special report forwarded).
- 12th to 16th Sweeping in vicinity of Wilson's Promontory in company with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA", anchoring at night in Waterloo Bay.
- 17th July. Arrived at Williamstown at 0700, fueled and moved to, Princes Pier, Port Melbourne at 1330.
- 18th - 22nd. At Port Melbourne.
- 23rd July. Departed from Port Melbourne at 0945 with H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA", 1045 carried out "A" sweep demonstration for F.N.D. classes 1145 carried out sub-calibre Low Angle firing at Pattern VI Target, being detached to proceed to Sydney at 1245.
- 24th July. On passage to Sydney. 1600 dropped one depth charge for exercise, 1730 Exercised Night Action Stations firing one round practice per 4" gun, loading and unloading 0.5" Machine guns.
- 25th July. Arrived in Sydney, and secured in Destroyer Trot, Farm Cove.
- 25th-28th. In Farm Cove - deammunitioned ship, prepared for refit. O.A. O'Neile was wounded by discharge of round from 0.5" Machine Gun while dismantling. (special report forwarded).
- 29th July. Moved Alongside Sheerlegs Wharf, Garden Island, commenced refit. First watch commenced 18 days long leave.
- 30th-31st. At Garden Island refitting.

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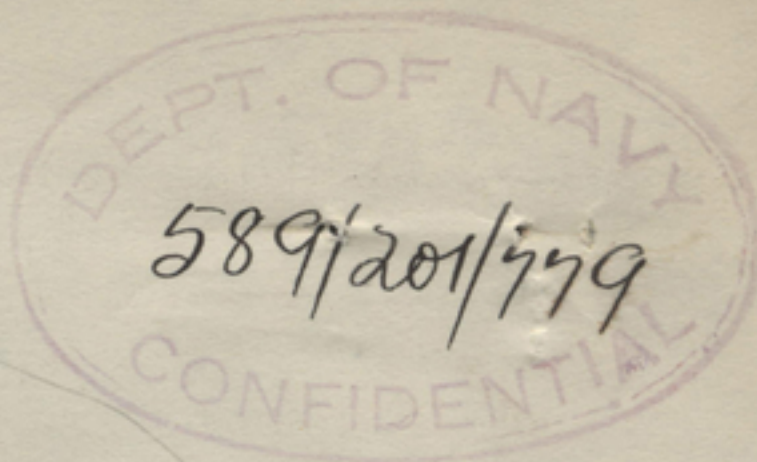
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"

Date 1st. July, 1940. Reference No. C.09/40.

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, S.C.1. (Copies to :-
The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron, and the Senior
Officer, 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA").

Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1940.

War Diary of H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of June, 1940, is submitted for the information of the Naval Board.

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| <u>1st - 4th. June</u> | - At Princes Pier, Port Melbourne - Boiler cleaning. |
| <u>4th - 6th. June</u> | - At sea, in company with "DOOMBA" carrying out searching sweeps in vicinity of Cape Otway. |
| <u>7th - 9th. June</u> | - At Nelson Pier, Williamstown. |
| <u>9th. June.</u> | - Proceeded to sea in company with H.M.A. Ships "PARRAMATTA" and "DOOMBA". |
| <u>10th. June.</u> | - At Sea. |
| <u>11th - 12th. June</u> | - Searching sweeps in Backstairs Passage and Spencer Gulf. |
| <u>12th. June.</u> | - Arrived Port Pirie, South Australia. |
| <u>13th. June.</u> | - At Port Pirie. |
| <u>14th. June.</u> | - Departed Port Pirie - Sweeping in Spencer Gulf in company with "DOOMBA". |
| <u>15th - 17th. June</u> | - At Port Adelaide. |
| <u>18th. June.</u> | - Departed Port Adelaide (detached). |
| <u>19th. June.</u> | - Searching sweep - Cape Borda to Althorpe Island and through Investigator Strait. |
| <u>20th. June.</u> | - Rejoined "DOOMBA" at sea. |
| <u>21st - 24th. June</u> | - Searching sweeps, in company with "DOOMBA", in vicinity of Cape Otway. |
| <u>25th. June.</u> | - Arrived Port Melbourne. |
| <u>26th - 27th. June</u> | - At Port Melbourne. |
| <u>28th. June.</u> | - Under ^{way} weigh for exercises in Port Phillip and proceeding to Wilson's Promotory with "DOOMBA". |
| <u>29th. June.</u> | - Searching sweep, in company with "DOOMBA", around Wilson's Promotory. |
| <u>30th. June.</u> | - At anchor in Waterloo Bay. |

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"
Date 1st. JUNE, 1940. Reference No. C.06/40.
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, S.C.I. -
(Copies to :- The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron,
The Senior Officer, 20th. M/S. Flotilla, H.M.A.S. "DOOMBA"
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1940.

The War Diary for H.M.A. Ship under my command for the month of May, 1940, is submitted herewith for the information of the Naval Board.

- 1st. May - Minesweeping exercises off Bunbury.
- 2nd - 5th. May - Alongside at Bunbury.
- 6th. May - Sailed from Bunbury and arrived at Fremantle.
- 8th. May - Sailed from Fremantle with "YARRA" for Minesweeping Exercises.
- 9th - 12th. May - At sea with "YARRA" for Minesweeping and Anti-Submarine Patrol during visit of convoy to Fremantle.
- 13th - 15th. May - At Fremantle.
- 16th - 23rd. May - On passage with "YARRA" to Port Phillip.
- 23rd - 24th. May - Searching sweeps with 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla in Bass Strait and off Gabo Island.
- 25th. May - At Twofold Bay - Diving operations.
- 26th - 27th. May - On passage - Twofold Bay to Port Melbourne.
- 28th. May - Arrived at Port Melbourne.
- 29th. May - Under way in Port Phillip, P.M., Torpedo target for H.M.A.S. "PERTH".
- 30th. May - Under way in Port Phillip, A.M., Torpedo target for H.M.A.S. "PERTH".
- 31st. May - At Port Melbourne.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN".

Date 1st May, 1940. Reference No. F 021/40.

To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE. S.C.I.
(Copy to The Rear Admiral Commanding:- H.M.A. Squadron)

Subject WAR DIARY MONTH OF APRIL. 1940.

War Diary for the month of April, 1940 is submitted herewith for the information of the Naval Board.

- 589/201
- 1st April. At sea on passage, Melbourne to Fremantle.
 - 2nd April. Arrived Fremantle.
 - 4th-6th April. Sweeping searched channel prior to arrival and departure of R.M.S. "ACQUITANIA".
 - 7th-10th April. Alongside Fremantle.
 - 10th-14th April. At sea intercepting and escorting Norwegian tankers to Fremantle.
 - 15th-18th April. Alongside at Fremantle.
 - 19th-22nd April. Sweeping searched channel prior to arrival and departure of convoy.
 - 23rd-25th April. Alongside at Fremantle.
 - 26th-27th April. At sea for gunnery practices.
 - 28th April. Alongside at Fremantle.
 - 29th April. On passage from Fremantle to Bunbury and arrived at Bunbury.
 - 30th April. Alongside at Bunbury.

H.M.A.S. "YARRA" has been in company during the above period.

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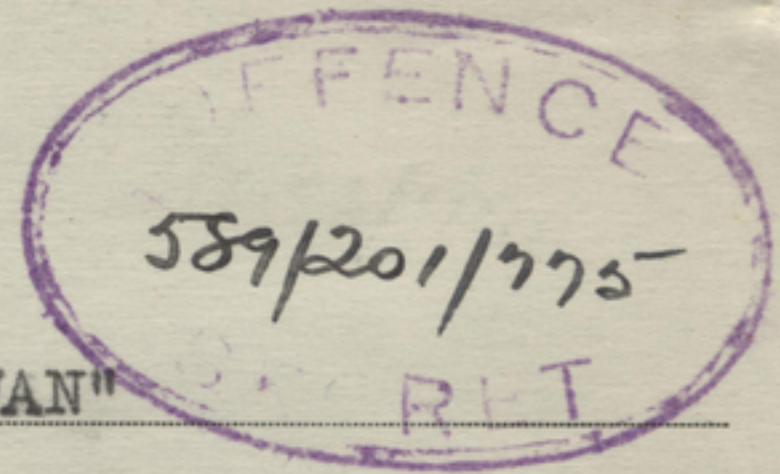
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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"
Date 1st. April, 1940 Reference No. C.04/40
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, S.C.1.
(Copy to - The Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A.Squadron)
Subject H.M.A.S. "SWAN" - WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1940.

Diary of H.M.A.Ship under my command for the month of March, 1940, is submitted herewith for the information of the Naval Board :-

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- 1st. March - Exercises from Broken Bay.
- 2nd. March - Sailed for and arrived Newcastle, New South Wales.
- 5th. March - Exercises at sea from Newcastle.
- 7th. March - Exercises with Minesweeping Trawlers. Anchored in Broken Bay on completion.
- 8th. March - Sailed for and arrived Sydney.
- 12th. March - Sailed for exercises with cruisers.
- 13th. March - Returned to Sydney.
- 16th. March - Sailed, with remainder of 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla in company, for Twofold Bay.
- 17th. March - Arrived at Twofold Bay.
- 18th - 20th. March - Minesweeping operations from Twofold Bay with 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla and Groups 50, 54, and 77 Auxiliary Minesweepers.
- 21st. March - 20th. Minesweeping Flotilla sailed for Port Melbourne
- 23rd. March - Arrived at Port Melbourne.
- 26th. March - Sailed, with H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company, for Fremantle, West Australia.
- 31st. March - On passage to Fremantle.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "SWAN"
Date 29th. FEBRUARY, 1940. Reference No. C.03/40
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD, MELBOURNE, S.C. 1.
Subject WAR DIARIES.

Submitted for the information of the Naval Board in accordance with Navy Office Confidential Memorandum No. 589/201/765 dated 10th. February, 1940, War Diary of H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for the period 1st. September, 1939, to 29th. February, 1940, is forwarded herewith.

1st. September, 1939 :- At Garden Island refitting and converting from M/S. to A/S.
5th. September, 1939 :- Completed conversion. Sailed for A/S. patrol outside Sydney Heads.
5th. - 28th. September :- Carried out A/S. Patrol outside Sydney Heads - alternative periods with H.M.A.S. "YARRA".
14th. September, 1939 :- Investigated report of alleged torpedo attack on French vessel 20 miles north of Sydney. No results.
16th - 19th. September :- Re-converted for M/S. duties.
30th. September :- Sailed for Port Phillip - H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company.

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2nd. October :- Arrived Port Phillip.
3rd - 10th. October :- Assisted H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA" in working up programme.
11th. October :- Proceeded, with H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company to sweep off Gabo Island on report of sighting of suspicious vessel. No result.
15th. October :- Returned to Port Melbourne.
23rd. October :- Sailed for Adelaide - H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company.
25th. October :- Arrived Adelaide.
28th. October :- Departed Adelaide.
30th. October :- Arrived Port Melbourne.

31st. October - 3rd. November :- Exercises in Port Phillip.
8th. November :- Sailed for Devonport.
10th. November :- Arrived Devonport.
13th. November :- Departed Devonport.
14th. November :- Arrived Port Phillip.
15th - 17th. November :- Exercises in Port Phillip.
21st - 23rd. November :- Exercises in Port Phillip.
24th. November :- Victoria Dock, Melbourne.
27th. November - 1st. December :- Exercises at sea. (Sheltered in Apollo Bay 29th - 30th. November, owing to heavy weather.)

1st. December :- At Williamstown.
4th - 6th. December :- Target towing for H.M.S. "KANIMBLA"
7th. December :- At Port Melbourne.
12th. December :- Gunnery School Firings.
20th - 22nd. December :- Exercises in Port Phillip.
23rd. December - 1st. January :- At Port Melbourne. Boiler cleaning and self refit.

2nd. January, 1940 - Sailed for Fremantle/

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- 2nd. January, 1940 :- Sailed for Fremantle - H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company.
- 12th. January :- Arrived Fremantle.
- 16th - 20th. January :- Sweeping searched channel and A/S. patrol during arrival, stay and departure of 2nd. A.I.F. Convoy.
- 21st - 23rd. January :- Boiler cleaning.
- 24th. January :- Sailed for Sydney - H.M.A.S. "YARRA" in company till Cape Otway (For Port Phillip).
- 1st. February :- Arrived Sydney. Ship taken in hand for refit; 10 days leave given to all hands and Officers.
- 23rd. February :- Completed refit.
- 28th. February :- Sailed for Broken Bay.
Arrived Broken Bay.
- 29th. February :- At Broken Bay.

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