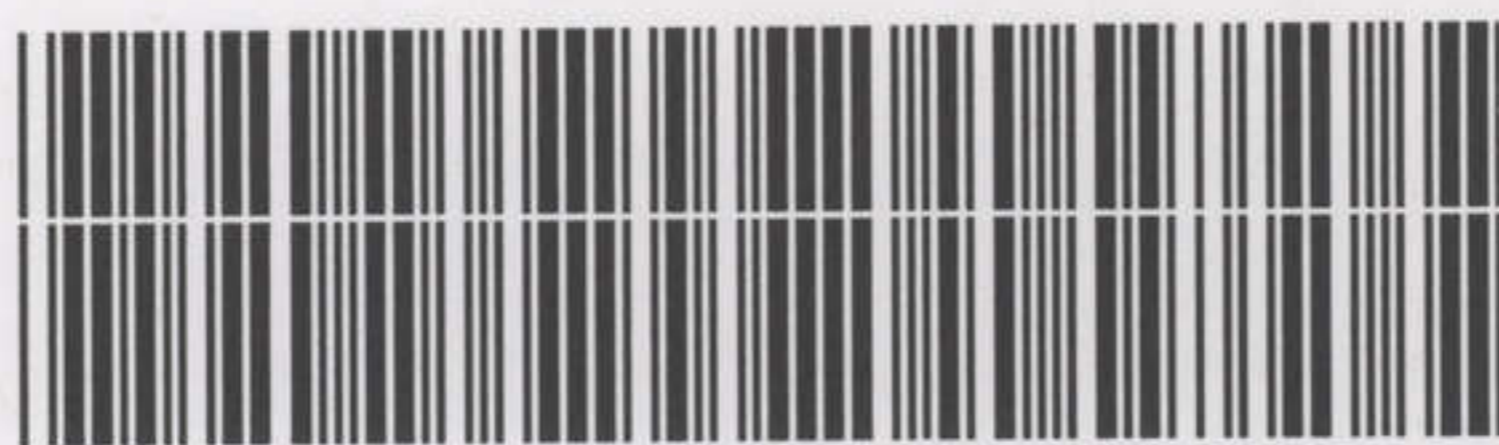


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Lae and Finschhafen, but these evidently had been demoralised by the tales of the bayonets of the 2/7th Battalion told them by the fleeing survivors of Tambu. Again the Japanese superman myth was exploded as well-fed and well-equipped troops fled in disorder before the advance of the 2/7th Battalion and the 2/3rd Independent Company.

2/3rd "Commandos"

It is as difficult to put down on paper the activities of the 2/3rd Independent Company as it was for the Japanese to pin them down in battle. Their role was one which took them into practically every area, to do every conceiv-

"... it was an unforgettable scene . . . even the natives were jubilant." Some of the Australian troops after they had just driven the Japs from Komiatum Ridge.

able type of job. The job they did was surpassed by no other unit.

They were alternately the "guinea pig" attackers—to test Japanese strength—a striking force where things were tough, devilish mischief-makers behind the enemy lines, and pathfinders in new country.

They had been in almost constant contact with the Japanese since the battle for Wau. Until July, when they dropped their commando tactics to be brought into action as infantry, they had a

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. VOYAGER

Date 1st September, 1942 C/455/42

To THE SECRETARY TO THE NAVAL BOARD. Copies to The Naval Officer-in-Charge Fremantle, and Squadron Engineer Officer.

Subject H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, WAR DIARY, August 1942.

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The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. Voyager for August, 1942, is submitted for information.

- DNF*
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- August 1 Escorting convoy "Schooner B".
- 2 Escorting convoy "Schooner B".
P.M. parted company from convoy in position 34 40's 119 17'E to return to Fremantle with H.M.A.S. Adelaide.
- 3 On passage to Fremantle.
A.M. Sighted and identified M.V. "Momba".
P.M. Sighted and identified S.S. "Katoomba".
- 4 A.M. Arrived Fremantle and berthed outside H.M.A.S. Adelaide at "F" shed.
- 5 In harbour Fremantle.
- 6 In harbour Fremantle.
- 7 In harbour Fremantle.
- 8 In harbour Fremantle.
- 9 In harbour Fremantle.
- 10 P.M. Carried out A/S exercises with U.S.S. "Seal" off Rottnest Island. Acted as searchlight target for Rottnest Island defences after dark. Anchored in Gage Roads on completion.
- 11 A.M. Wind had reached quite a force from westward and at 0145 starboard cable parted.
Proceeded under way in Gage Roads till daylight then entered harbour securing at "D" shed. Later shifted alongside N.C. "Tromp" at "F" shed.
- 12 A.M. In Fremantle harbour.
- 13 P.M. Proceeded to Gage Roads and carried out an unsuccessful search for lost anchor and cable.
Reberthed on N.C. "Tromp" at "F" shed on completion.
- 14 A.M. Sailed for Darwin via Geraldton.
- 15 A.M. On passage. Arrived Geraldton. Embarked fuel and provisions. Carried out repairs to steering engine.
P.M. Sailed for Darwin.
- 16 On passage to Darwin.
- 17 On passage to Darwin.
- 18 On passage to Darwin.
- 19 On passage to Darwin.
- 22/19*
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- August 20 A.M. Arrived Darwin secured outside S.S. "Islander" at Boom Jetty.
P.M. Proceeded alongside "Platypus" at P1 berth for engine-room repairs.
- 21 At Darwin alongside "Platypus".
- 22 A.M. Slipped from "Platypus", reberthing on her in new anchorage off Main Jetty.
- 23 A.M. Shifted berth to anchorage in stream.
At 1045 Air Alarm. "Voyager" proceeded to outer harbour returning to anchorage when "All clear" sounded. Targets attacked during "air raid" were 20 miles to the southward of Darwin.
- 24 A.M. Proceed on A/S patrol in harbour and approaches to Darwin.
P.M. Returned to anchorage inside boom.
At nightfall. 2100 "Air Alarm" sounded. Two enemy aircraft dropped bombs in Darwin which caused little damage.
- 25 A.M. Proceeded on A/S patrol in approaches to Darwin.
P.M. Returned to harbour. Embarked provisions and water and anchored inside boom on completion.
- 26 A.M. Proceeded on A/S patrol in approaches to Darwin.
P.M. Returned to anchorage inside boom.
- 27 A.M. Air Alarm at 0345 followed by attack on Darwin. Proceeded on A/S patrol in Darwin approaches.
P.M. Returned to anchorage inside boom.
- 28 A.M. Proceeded on A/S patrol in Darwin approaches.
P.M. Returned to anchorage off Boom Jetty - Commenced boiler clean.
- 29 At anchor off Boom Jetty - Darwin.
P.M. Proceeded alongside S.S. "Kooliga" at Boom Jetty and fuelled.
- 30 A.M. Air Alarm. Proceeded out into the stream and returned to anchorage off Main Jetty when "All Clear" sounded.
P.M. At 1730(K) sailed from Darwin for Fremantle^{via} Geraldton.
- 31 On passage.

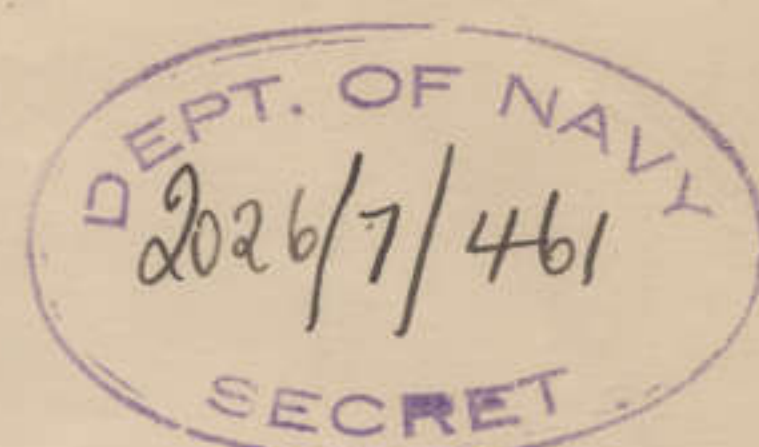
Total distance steamed 4347 miles.

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER.



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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H M A S VOYAGER
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Subject H.M.A.S. VOYAGER, WAR DIARY, July 1942

The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. Voyager for July, 1942, is submitted for information.

July 1 In harbour, Fremantle

July 2 P.M. Proceeded to Gage Roads for exercises. After dark carried out dummy surprise attacks on Fremantle oil tanks. Anchored in Gage Roads on completion.

July 3 P.M. Entered harbour and berthed between E and F sheds.

July 4 P.M. Sailed to rendezvous with U.S.S. Trinity, bound for Albany.

July 5 Proceeding to rendezvous with U.S.S. Trinity.

July 6 Made rendezvous with Trinity and commenced escort duties.

July 7 Escorting U.S.S. Trinity.

July 8 Escorting U.S.S. Trinity.

July 9 A.M. Arrived Albany, fuelled from Trinity, and shifted berth to Deep Sea Jetty on completion.

July 10 In harbour, Albany, awaiting orders.

July 11 In harbour, Albany.

July 12 P.M. Sailed from Albany and set course to rendezvous with convoy ZK11.

July 13 Contact was not made with convoy, and after carrying out an unsuccessful search along the convoy route, returned to Fremantle in accordance with previous orders.

July 14 P.M. Arrived Fremantle and berthed on N.C. Tromp between E and F sheds.

July 15 to July 18 At Fremantle.

July 19 P.M. Shifted berth by tug "Forceful" to H shed on H.M.A.S. Mercedes, and commenced boiler cleaning.

July 20 to July 25 At Fremantle, boiler cleaning.

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- July 26 A.M. Shifted berth alongside N.C. Tromp between E and F Sheds.
P.M. Completed with fuel and sailed to rendezvous with convoy "Schooner".
- July 27 Made rendezvous with convoy consisting of 10 ships and escorted by U.S. cruiser Phoenix and H.M.S. Kanimbla. Convoy split into two parts, "Schooner A", of four ships, bound for Melbourne and Sydney, and escorted by Phoenix and Voyager, and "Schooner B" of six ships escorted by Kanimbla and H.M.I.S. Madras bound for Fremantle.
- July 28 A.M. At 1045h, in position 33 51' S 114 15' E, convoy "Schooner A" was joined by convoy ZK12 escorted by N.C. Tromp. Combined convoy then became ZK12. Voyager and Tromp formed A/S screen ahead.
- July 29 Escorting ZK12. At 1810 Voyager parted company and proceeded to Fremantle.
- July 30 On passage to Fremantle.
- July 31 A.M. Arrived Fremantle and berthed between E and F Sheds. Sailed at 1200 as A/S escort for convoy "Schooner B". Voyager and Wollongong formed A/S screen ahead of convoy, Kanimbla (senior officer, escort) and Adelaide in support.

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To A C N B, REAR ADMIRAL -in-CHARGE, COMTASKFOR 44,
COMMODORE -in-CHARGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
Subject H M A S VOYAGER, WAR DIARY, APRIL 1942.

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APRIL.

- 1. Ship in Jervis Bay.
A.M. Exercising with air-craft, dive bombing attacks. Acted as torpedo target for land tubes recently installed on Point Perpendicular.
P.M. Exercised ship manoeuvring, and 4" sub calibre firing.
Ship at sea at night exercising night defence watches.
- 2. A.M. Exercised with aircraft, ship manoeuvring at speed. Fired one torpedo.
P.M. Anchored off breakwater.
- 3. A.M. At anchor in Jervis Bay. Paint Ship.
P.M. Exercised night ~~action~~ action stations.
- 4. Sailed for Sydney. Exercised general quarters.
P.M. Carried out day and night full calibre firing at B.P. target. Fired one torpedo using tug as target.
Carried out A/S patrol during night, Sydney to Jervis Bay and return.
- 5. A.M. Steering engine broke down and ship was steered by main engines.
P.M. Berthed alongside "Warrego" at Garden Island
- 6. A.M. Took repairs to steering engine in hand. Proceeded on convoy duty with Queen Mary, U.S. destroyer John D. Edwards in company.
P.M. Steering engine broke down. Ship returned to Sydney steering by main engines.
- 7 to 12 Alongside Garden Island undergoing repairs and R.D.F. installation.
- 13 A.M. Sailed for exercises and carried out general drills.
P.M. H.A. firing at sleeve target and 4" full calibre firing at B.P. target day and night.
- 14 At No. 5 buoy completing repairs to electrical circuits and engine room.
- 15 Proceeded to Mort's Dock, Balmain for repairs to A/S underwater fittings.
- 16 Undocked and berthed at south end of Cruiser Wharf.
- 17 Alongside Cruiser Wharf.
- 18 Shifted berth to Oil Wharf.
- 19 A.M. Proceeded to sea on escort duty with Queen Elizabeth.
- 20 Parted company with Queen Elizabeth and proceeded to Melbourne.
- 21 A.M. Arrived at inner Nelson Pier, Williamstown.
P.M. Sailed for escort duty with President Coolidge.
- 22 On escort duty.
- 23 A.M. Rendezvous with "Adelaide" who took over escort. Parted company and proceeded to Sydney.
- 24 A.M. Continued installation of R.D.F.
P.M. Proceeded to Mort's Dock, Balmain for repairs to rope guards on propeller shaft. Undocked, and berthed south end of Cruiser Wharf.
- 25 Continued R.D.F. installation
- 26 Sailed for passage to Melbourne.
- 27 Arrived Melbourne and berthed at inner East Nelson Pier.
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On completion proceeded up river to No 18 Victoria Dock for Oerlikon Guns to be installed.

29. A.M. Laid off wharf to allow "Stuart" to berth. "Voyager" then reberthing on "Stuart".
- 30th Sailed on passage to Fremantle at mean speed of advance 15 knots.

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Subject H M A S VOYAGER, WAR DIARY, March, 1942.

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March

1st & 2nd In No. 2 Dock, Cockatoo, Sydney.
3rd A.M. Undocked and secured to Oil Wharf, Garden Island.
4th Commenced preliminary trials. A/S inspection.
5th Preliminary Gunnery, Torpedo and D/G inspection. Fuelled ship.
6th to 12th Carrying out preliminary trials and refitting work.
13th) Basin trials alongside Oil Wharf, Garden
14th) Island.
15th Ammunitioned ship.
16th & 17th Refitting.
18th P.M. Proceeded over D/G Range and berthed on H.M.A.S. Canberra at Garden Island on return.
19th A.M. Shifted berth to No 4 Buoy. Commenced deperming.
20th At No 4 buoy, deperming.
21st P.M. Proceeded over D/G range and returned to No. 4 buoy.
22nd P.M. Swung ship for adjustment of compasses.
23rd A.M. Proceeded for full power trial off Sydney. P.M. Returned to harbour, No. 4 buoy on completion.
24th P.M. Proceeded alongside H.M.A.S. "WARREGO" at Oil Wharf, Garden Island, to facilitate taking in hand of defects.
25th Alongside "Warrego."
26th Alongside "Warrego".
27th P.M. Shifted berth to No. 4 buoy and carried Gunnery drills.
28th Heavy rain delayed completion by dockyard of electrical equipment in the ship.
29th Alongside "Warrego".
30th A.M. Shifted berth to No. 4 Buoy. A number of electrical defects still outstanding, decided to endeavour to carry out completion of work by ship's staff. P.M. Sailed for Jervis Bay to commence working up programme. Drills on passage. Arrived Jervis Bay and anchored off Breakwater. A.M. Exercising hands at Action Stations. Gunnery, Torpedo, and seamanship drills. P.M. Proceeded for exercise in Jervis Bay. 4" sub-calibre firing day and night and torpedo firing. Anchored off Breakwater on completion.

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Lieut., Commander.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" - WAR DIARY FOR THE PERIOD 1st. TO 31st. AUGUST, 1941.

1st. 0738 Anchored in Aden Roads on arrival from Port Tewfik.
1240 Proceeded into Aden Harbour, and secured to No. 4 Berth.
2nd. to 10th. In Aden Harbour awaiting orders to proceed to port
of refit.
11th. 1918 Proceeded to sea with H.M.S. "BARHAM" for night encounter
exercise.
2035 Commenced night encounter exercise.
2110 Completed exercise, and returned to harbour.
2210 Anchored in Aden Roads.
12th. 0700 Entered harbour, and secured alongside H.M.S. "ILEX" in
No. 1 Berth.
13th. In Aden Harbour.
14th. 1130 Anchored in Aden Roads.
16th. 0600 Entered Aden Harbour, and secured alongside H.M.S. "NUBIAN",
in No. 4 Berth.
1638 Proceeded to sea on passage to Bombay, with H.H.M.S.
"SPETSAI" in company.
17th. On passage to Bombay. Flat calm.
18th. " " " " Encountered S.W. monsoonal weather.
19th. to 21st. On passage to Bombay.
22nd. 1008 Anchored in Bombay Harbour.
1517 Entered Alexandra Dock, and secured alongside H.H.M.S.
"SPETSAI" at No. 5 Berth.
23rd. 0835 Shifted to No. 1 Berth.
2026 Cleared Alexandra Dock, and proceeded to sea on passage
to Colombo.
24th. On passage to Colombo.
25th. " " " "
26th. 0730 Secured in No. 14 S.W. Berth in Colombo Harbour.
27th. 0807 Proceeded to sea on passage to Singapore.
28th. to 31st. On passage to Singapore.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" - WAR DIARY - 1st. TO 31st. JULY, 1941.

July.

1st.		In Alexandria, boiler cleaning, and carrying out Engine Room repairs.
	0305	Air raid. 0445 All clear.
2nd. to 5th.		In Alexandria.
6th.	2310	Air raid.
7th.	0035	All clear.
	2300	Air raid. 2325 All clear.
8th.		In Alexandria.
9th.	1051	Entered Gabbari Dry Dock for periodic docking.
10th.	0015	Air raid. 0045 All clear.
	0245	Air raid. 0310 All clear.
	1148	Cleared dry dock, proceeded alongside to load military stores and personnel for Tobruk.
11th.	0715	Proceeded to sea on passage to Tobruk.
	0837	Returned to harbour to make good urgent defects.
	1938	Proceeded to sea for trials.
	2021	Trials satisfactory, returned to harbour.
12th.	0719	Proceeded to sea for Tobruk.
	2358	Secured alongside in Tobruk Harbour, to disembark stores and troops, and to embark wounded.
13th.	0000	Air Raid.
	0018	Air raid.
	0112	Completed loading, and proceeded to sea for Alexandria.
	0558	Sighted enemy submarine on surface in position 32 deg. 02' N., 25 deg. 51' E.
	0600	Submarine submerged, "Hero" attacking. Starboard engine of "Voyager" stopped, proceeding on port engine 22 knots, making good 17 knots.
	0615	"Hero" rejoined.
	1905	Arrived Alexandria.
14th. to 18th.		In Alexandria, making good defects.
19th.	0300	Air raid. 0525 All clear.
20th. to 23rd.		In Alexandria.
24th.	1840	Proceeded to sea for Port Said.
25th.	0634	Entered Port Said Harbour, and embarked Canal pilot.
	0659	Entered Suez Canal.
	1219	Anchored in Great Bitter Lake.
26th.	1555	Proceeded for Port Tewfik.
	2005	Cleared Suez Canal.
	2017	Anchored in Port Tefik Roads.
27th.		In Port Tewfik awaiting orders.
28th.	2348	Proceeded to sea for Aden.
31st.	2000	Perim Island abeam.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" - WAR DIARY FOR JUNE, 1941.

June.

1st. 1 to 4th. In Alexandria.
 5th. 5 0700 Left for Tobruk with military stores and personnel.
 2343 Anchored in Tobruk Harbour.
 6th. 6 0122 Slipped and proceeded for Mersa Matruh.
 0930 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh.
 1832 Proceeded to sea to search for crew of R.A.F. bomber which
 had been shot down at sea.
 7th. 7 0756 Search unsuccessful, returned to Mersa Matruh.
 8th. 8 1259 Left for Tobruk.
 2322 Secured alongside in Tobruk to disembark military stores
 and personnel.
 9th. 9 0027 Left for Alexandria, carrying British wounded and Senoussi.
 1540 Secured alongside in Alexandria to disembark passengers.
 10th. 10 2112 Left Alexandria for Mersa Matruh.
 11th. 11 0626 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh to load military stores.
 1302 Proceeded to sea en route to Tobruk.
 2259 Came to anchor in Tobruk Harbour to disembark cargo.
 12th. 12 0015 Left Tobruk for Mersa Matruh carrying 220 Senoussi.
 0930 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh.
 13th. 13 1307 Left Mersa Matruh for Tobruk with another cargo of military
 equipment and troops.
 2342 Came to anchor in Tobruk Harbour for unloading operations.
 14th. 14 0051 Disembarkation completed, left for Mersa Matruh.
 1451 Secured alongside in Alexandria to disembark passengers.
 15th. 15 In Alexandria.
 16th. 16 0600 Left Alexandria for Tobruk with military stores and troops.
 1943 Low-level bomber made attack on "Stuart" with no results.
 17th. 17 0005 Secured alongside in Tobruk Harbour to disembark.
 0113 Proceeded to sea to return to Mersa Matruh.
 D012 Arrived Mersa Mersa Mersa Matruh, and secured alongside to
 unload troops and embark another load.
 18th. 18 1307 Left for Tobruk.
 2320 Secured alongside in Tobruk to disembark.
 19th. 19 0026 Left for Alexandria with troops.
 1618 Secured alongside in Alexandria.
 20th. 20 1956 Left Alexandria for Mersa Matruh.
 21st. 21 0615 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh.
 1312 Proceeded to sea en route to Tobruk.
 2336 Arrived Tobruk.
 22nd. 22 0128 Left Tobruk for Mersa Matruh.
 1000 Secured alongside in Mersa to disembark.
 23rd. 23 1250 Proceeded with military stores and personnel for Tobruk.
 2333 Secured alongside in Tobruk.
 24th. 24 0047 Left for Alexandria.
 1624 Secured alongside in Alexandria to disembark troops.
 26th. 26 0606 Slipped and proceeded en route to Tobruk.
 2339 Arrived Tobruk, and secured alongside.
 27th. 27 0153 Left Tobruk for Mersa Matruh.
 1025 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh, where urgent Engine Room
 repairs were commenced.
 1406 Proceeded to sea to join "Stuart" in submarine hunt.
 28th. 28 0419 Dropped one depth charge on A/S contact, with no definite
 result.
 0540 Secured alongside in Mersa Matruh.
 1320 Left Mersa Matruh for Tobruk.
 2341 Arrived Tobruk, and secured alongside.
 29th. 29 0107 Left Tobruk for Alexandria.
 1600 Secured alongside in Alexandria to disembark troops.
 1637 Commenced boiler clean and urgent Engine Room repairs.
 30th. 30 In Alexandria, boiler cleaning.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" - WAR DIARY FOR 1st. TO 31st. MAY, 1941.

1st. 1 In company with 1st. Battle Squadron, escorting convoy of 7 ships from Crete to Alexandria.
1200 A submarine alarm by H.M.A.S. "Stuart", and depth charge attacks were made with no definite result.

2nd. 2 1900 Detached from Battle Fleet.
2007 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

5th. 5 1114 Left Alexandria for Tobruk, carrying troops and ammunition.
6th. 6 0232 Arrived Tobruk, and disembarked troops and ammunition.
0430 Slipped and proceeded with 250 troops for Alexandria.
0445 Anchor was dropped owing to poor visibility.
0545 Weighed anchor and proceeded to Alexandria.
1950 Entered Alexandria Harbour, and disembarked troops.

8th. 8 0942 Left Alexandria and proceeded to Suda Bay via Kaso Strait.
9th. 9 0942 Anchored in Suda Bay, and embarked 30 troops for Alexandria.
1800 Left Suda Bay as escort to convoy to Alexandria and Port Said

11th. 11 1830 Sank floating mine in position 32° 29' N., 27° 33.5' E.
2100 Port Said section of convoy detached.

12th. 12 1209 Entered Alexandria Harbour, and disembarked troops.
18th. 18 0122 Slipped and proceeded as escort of convoy to Tymbaki Beach.
1844 Fired two rounds 3" at unidentified aircraft.
2330 Arrived Tymbaki, and carried out inshore sweep, while troops were disembarked from convoy.

19th. 19 0400 Disembarkation complete, all ships proceeded to Alexandria.
1020 Unidentified aircraft carried out high-level bombing attack, without success.

20th. 20 0807 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

21st. 21 1330 Slipped to carry out D.G. trials.
1432 Trials complete, returned to harbour.
2226 Slipped and proceeded out of harbour.

22nd. 22 0545 Investigated caique "Banfield", en route from Raflia to Alexandria.
0630 Sank floating mine with rifle fire.
2330 Altered course and speed to search for survivors from "FIJI".

23rd. 23 0600 Search abandoned, proceeded to rendezvous with 1st. Battle Squadron.
0934 Took station on screen of 1st. B.S.;

24th. 24 0003 Entered Alexandria.
25th. 25 1331 Slipped and proceeded to join close screen of 1st. Battle Squadron.
1530 In station on screen.

26th. 26 1320 Heavy high-level and dive-bombing attack on the Fleet, resulting in two ships being hit. Avoiding action taken, course and speed varying.
2130 Detached as escort to "Formidable" which had been hit by two bombs, and proceeded to Alexandria.

27th. 27 0701 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
31st. 31 0930 Ship visited by Rear Admiral (Destroyers), who inspected and addressed ship's company.

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To THE SECRETARY TO THE NAVAL BOARD, NAVY OFFICE, MELBOURNE.
Subject WAR DIARY FOR APRIL, 1941.

Herewith enclosed War Diary of H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER"
for the month of April, 1941.

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P. H. G. 10/6
C.L.O. 20/7*

[Signature]
COMMANDER, R.A.N.

Copy to:-, Vice Admiral, Light Forces, H.M.S. "WOOLWICH".

WAR DIARY OF H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER FOR 1st. TO 31st. APRIL, 1941.

1st.	1 st	0700	Sailed from Piraeus Harbour with convoy of 9 ships for Haifa, Port Said, and Alexandria.
2nd.	2 nd	0630	Sighted second convoy overtaking from astern.
		1700	In position 34deg. 46' N., 24deg. 45' E., convoy attacked by 5 JU 88's, hits being scored on two ships, the British s.s. "HOMEFIELD" and the Greek s.s. "COULOURAS-XENOS". "VOYAGER" opened fire with 3".
		1739	Ordered to stand by damaged ships, while rest of convoy continued on it's course.
		1745	Crew of "COULOURAS-XENOS" picked up from boats.
		2025	Contact obtained close to "COULOURAS-XENOS", and one depth charge was dropped as a sounder.
		2051	Contact non-sub.
		2110	Regained contact in approx. same position.
		2115	Contact non-sub.
		2200	Picked up crew of "HOMEFIELD" after her Captain decided that salvage was impossible.
		3rd.	3 rd
0615	Rejoined convoy, taking up original station.		
0900	Buried one Greek seaman who died of injuries during the night.		
1442	Closed Commodore of convoy- s.s. "RUNO"- to take off a man requiring medical attention, the whaler returning at 1505.		
1516	Convoy again proceeded.		
4th.	4 th	0600	Port Said section of convoy detached.
		1440	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
6th.	6.	0715	Proceeded with convoy to Tobruk.
7th.	7.	Parted company with convoy 2 miles East of Tobruk, and returned to Alexandria.	
8th.	8.	0633	Entered Alexandria Harbour. Proceeded direct to buoy for boiler-cleaning and refit.
9th.	9.	1208	Entered Gabbari dry dock.
11th.	11.	1230	Air raid over Alexandria, the all clear sounding at 1318.
12th.	12.	0830	Proceeded out of dock to Gun Mounting Shop, where a change of Rangefinders was effected.
13th.	13.	0735	Secured alongside Fleet Repair Ship.
14th.	14.	2330	Clocks advanced one hour to Zone -- 3, Egyptian Summer Time.
15th.	15.	0330	Proceeded to sea along Libyan coast.
		1955	Operation cancelled owing to bad weather conditions.
17th.	17.	1342	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
19th.	19.	0257	Proceeded to sea along Libyan coast.
		1430	Sank floating mine by rifle fire to port of screen.
		1700	Opened fire at single aircraft bearing 160.
		1720	Opened fire on two aircraft bearing 210.
		1724	Ceased fire.
		2200	"GLENGYLE" disembarked troops into Motor Landing Craft.
		20th.	20.
22nd.	22.	2240	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
		1300	Proceeded to with convoy. H.M.S. "GLENGYLE" went aground in the Boghaz Pass, and was left behind.
23rd.	23.	0015	Able Seaman H.D.Hampson reported missing.
		0800	Further search for A.B.Hampson fruitless, presumed lost overboard.
24th.	24.	0011	Entered Suda Bay, and anchored.

WAR DIARY OF H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" FOR 1st. TO 31st. APRIL, 1941.

24th.	24	0915	Left Suda Bay in company to commence evacuation of British troops from Greece.
		1445	Obtained contact in position 36deg. 32' N., 24deg. 02.5' E.. One charge was released as a sounder. Three patterns were released at 1455, 1503, and 1526, but with no definite result.
		1615	Rejoined convoy.
		1742	Convoy attacked by three JU 88's, one bomb scoring a hit on forecastle of "GLENEARN", causing a fire.
		1800	"GLENEARN" stopped to gain control over fire, and succeeded.
		2115	Arrived off Nauplia.
		2350	Embarked 301 troops, including 160 Australian and New Zealand nurses.
25th.	25	0005	Proceeded on A/S patrol across Gulf at head of bay while with other ships embarked troops.
		0350	All ships left embarkation area, except "ULSTER PRINCE", which ran aground.
		0853	Approached by 2 JU88's bearing 140, but no attack came.
		1200	Attacked by 2 JU 88's, but both dropped their bombs short.
		1300	Detached from convoy, and proceeded to Suda Bay at 25 knots.
		1448	Entered Suda Bay to disembark troops.
		1540	Disembarkation complete, proceeded to anchorage.
		1806	Cleared Suda Bay with convoy of 9 ships for Alexandria and Port Said.
26th.	26	0400	Five ships returned to Suda Bay.
		0730	Increased speed, leaving 2 ships behind.
		1800	Again increased speed, leaving one ship behind, one ship remaining.
27th.	27	1650	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
29th.	29	1355	Left Alexandria as part of screen to 1st. Division of 1st. Battle Squadron.
30th.	30		Course and speed throughout the day as requisite to cover convoy of 7 ships from Suda Bay and Greece to Alexandria.

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Date 8th. April, 1941. Reference No. C/226/41.
To AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD.
Subject WAR DIARY FOR MARCH, 1941.

Enclosed herewith War Diary of H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" for
the period 1st. to 31st. March, 1941.

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H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER" - WAR DIARY FOR THE PERIOD 1st. TO 31st. MARCH, 1941.

March 1 At Alexandria.
3 0800 Proceeded to sea on passage to Tobruk.
1154 Ordered to return to Alexandria.
1410 Re-entered harbour.
5 0800 Proceeded to sea with 14th. Destroyer Flotilla for gunnery exercises.
1440 Gunnery exercises complete, returned to harbour.
6 0630 Proceeded to sea, forming screen on 1st. Battle Squadron.
7 1107 Secured alongside oiler in Suda Bay, Crete.
8 1535 Proceeded to sea with Battle Squadron to cover convoying movements west of Anti-Kithera Channel.
9 1207 Sank floating mine $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to starboard of Battle Squadron.
10 1440 Secured alongside oiler in Suda Bay.
11 0730 Proceeded on A/S patrol outside Suda Bay.
1750 Relieved on patrol, and returned to harbour.
12 0835 Proceeded to sea with Battle Squadron to cover ~~XXXXX~~ conv-
-oying movements west of Anti-Kithera Channel.
15 0717 Secured alongside oiler in Suda Bay.
1036 Proceeded on patrol outside harbour.
1356 Relieved on patrol, and proceeded to rendezvous with H.M.A.S. "Vampire" in Anti-Kithera Channel.
1922 Met "Vampire", and proceeded to Alexandria at 24 knots.
16 1533 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
1826 Proceeded to sea to overtake convoy bound for Tobruk.
17 0700 Assumed escort to convoy.
1005 Sank floating mine to port of convoy.
1535 Arrived in Tobruk Harbour.
1735 Proceeded on A/S patrol outside Tobruk.
18 0733 Anchored in Tobruk Harbour.
1224 H.M.S. "Rosaura", full of Italian prisoners, struck a mine $\frac{1}{4}$ mile outside Tobruk.
1410 Anchored in Tobruk, after taking part in rescue of survivors from "Rosaura".
19 0630 Proceeded with H.M.S. "Ulster Prince" to rendezvous with convoy bound for Piraeus.
1340 Sank floating mine with rifle fire to starboard of convoy.
1615 Met main convoy, and took station as escort.
20 2209 Anchored in Piraeus Roadstead.
21 1230 Proceeded as escort to convoy bound for Alexandria.
22 0110 Sighted vessel on fire just east of Anti-Kithera Channel.
1120 "JU 88" aircraft shadowing convoy. Opened fire with 3", and aircraft disappeared eastward.
1715 Convoy approached by two Italian torpedo bombers, one of which dropped a torpedo without success. Opened fire with main armament and A.A. weapons, and aircraft disappeared.
23 2020 Entered Alexandria Harbour and fuelled.
26 1700 Proceeded as escort to convoy bound for Piraeus.
27 0800 Sank floating mine with rifle fire to port of convoy.
28 1727 Enemy torpedo-carrying planes attacked convoy. One torpedo was dropped, passing 50 yards from ship's port side. Opened fire with main armament and 3", and aircraft disappeared.
29 1909 Anchored in Piraeus Roadstead.
30 1130 Fuelled, and proceeded into Megas Harbour, Piraeus.
31 Alongside Quay in Megas Harbour.

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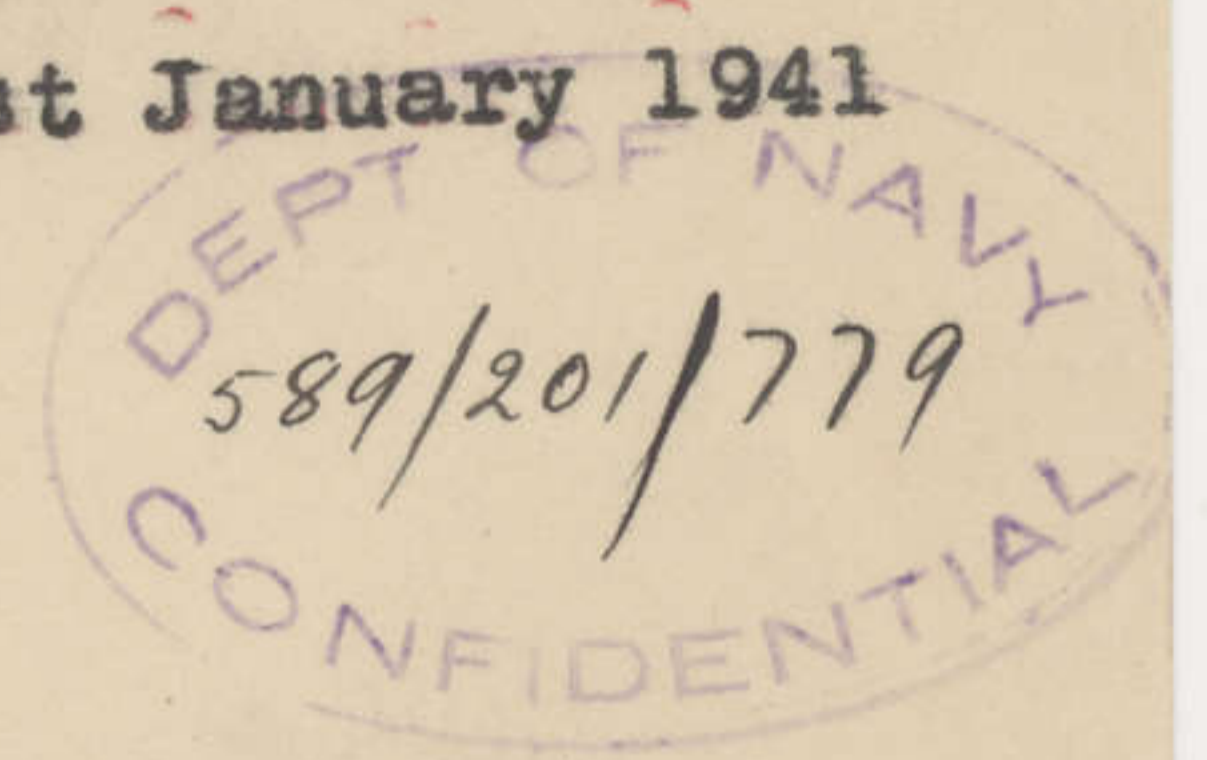
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Submitted herewith the War Diary of
H.M.A.S. "Voyager" for the month of December 1940.

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COMMANDING OFFICER

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H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER",

1st. March, 1941.

WAR DIARY FOR PERIOD 1st. FEB. 1941 TO 28th. FEB. 1941.

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Feb. 1.	1450	Sailed from Tobruk for patrol off Cyrenaican coast.
2.	0910	Entered Tobruk Harbour.
	1020	Senior Naval Officer, Inshore Squadron boarded for passage to Derna. Proceeded.
	1115	Two auxiliary ketches sighted. Embarked pioneering personnel and proceeded.
	1841	Anchored off Derna. Disembarked S.N.O.I.S. and pioneers.
	1825	Proceeded to patrol off Derna.
3.	0830	Anchored off Derna.
	1625	Proceeded to sea towards Tobruk.
4.	0845	Anchored off Tobruk.
	1035	Proceeded to Alexandria.
5.	0735	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
7.	1210	Commander-in-Chief boarded, accompanied by the Right Honourable R.G. Menzies. Ship's company inspected and addressed by the Premier.
8.	1600	Proceeded to sea.
	1630	Ordered to return to harbour.
9.	0900	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Tobruk.
10.	1545	Anchored off Tobruk.
	2030	Proceeded to sea in company with Captain (D) 10 for patrol.
11.	1030	Entered Tobruk Harbour to fuel.
	1315	Anchored off Tobruk.
	1740	Proceeded to sea in company with Captain (D) 10 for patrol.
	1900	Captain (D) 10 rescued sole survivor of South African Trawler "Southern Flee".
12.	0800	Formed screen on Naval clearance Squadron for Benghazi.
13.	0500	Parted company with Clearance Squadron off Benghazi, and commenced Outer Patrol.
	0715	Shadowed by one enemy aircraft. Opened fire.
14.		On patrol off Benghazi.
	1300	Proceeded towards Tobruk.
15.	0730	Entered Tobruk Harbour and fuelled.
	0945	Proceeded towards Benghazi.
	1415	Took station screening "Terror".
16.	1020	Entered Benghazi Harbour.
	1600	Air raid. Opened fire in blind barrage.
	1610	Raiders passed.
	1715	Proceeded to sea for patrol off Cyrenaican coast.
17.	0930	Sank floating mine in position 32deg. 42' N., 23deg. 32' E.
	1110	Sank floating mine in position 32Deg. 43.5' N., 23deg. 17' E.
18.	1212	Entered Tobruk Harbour and fuelled.
	1745	Proceeded on Cyrenaican Patrol.
19.	1500	Awaiting orders off Benghazi.
	1511	Harbour and shipping attacked by 6 enemy aircraft - either Heinkel III's or Junkers 88's.
		Opened fire.
	1545	Ceased fire. Raiders passed.
	1740	Assumed escort duties for convoy bound for Tobruk.
20.		On passage from Benghazi to Tobruk.

H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER",

1st. March, 1941.

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Feb.	21.	0730	Anchored off Tobruk.
		1450	Proceeded towards Alexandria escorting convoy.
	22.	1545	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
			Commenced boiler cleaning and making good defects.
	25.	0720	Entered dry dock.
	26.	0910	Left dry dock and secured alongside fleet repair ship.
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Sunday 1st In Alexandria Harbour.
Monday 2nd. 1613 Left Alexandria to escort convoy to Aegean Sea.
Tuesday 3rd. At sea
Wednesday 4th. *
Thursday 5th. 0910 Joined convoy from Port Said to Aegean
1730 Passed through Kaso Straits.
Friday 6th. Ordered to proceed with convoy to Piraeus
Saturday 7th. 1250 Entered Piraeus Harbour.
Sunday 8th. 1550 Left Piraeus on return to Alexandria.
Monday 9th. 1504 Entered Alexandria Harbour
Tuesday 10th. 1535 Left harbour to screen 2nd Division of the 1st. Battle Squadron.
Wednesday 11th) In Gulf of Es Sollum Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm
Thursday 12th) attacking Bardia.
Friday 13th. 0145 Lost man overboard in heavy sea
0230 Recovered man
1005 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
Saturday 14th. 1303 Proceeded to Gulf of Es Sollum.
Sunday 15th. 0320 Formed screen on H.M.S. "Terror" who was engaged in bombardment of Bardia.
Monday 16th. Terror continued bombardment of Bardia.
1110 Straddled by salvoes from shore batteries-one slight casualty
1738 Attacked by torpedo bombers Opened fire and drove them off after release of one torpedo
Tuesday 17th. Terror continued bombardment of Bardia.
1744 Opened fire with Terror on enemy troop movements along coastal road West of Bardia.
1800 Ceased Fire
2100 Ordered to return to Alexandria.
Wednesday 18th. 1729 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
2115 Embarked half a company of Commandos for passage to Sollum.
2247 Left Harbour and proceeded to Mersa Matruh
Thursday 19th. 0652 Entered Mersa Matruh. Embarked half a company of C Commandos and one company of Coldstream Guards with equipment for passage to Sollum.
0938 Left Mersa Matruh for Sollum.
1421 Anchored in Sollum and disembarked Commandos
1550 Sollum raided by 15 enemy bombers
1816 Proceeded to Mersa Matruh with Guards
1900 Obtained contact-Action stations.
1934 Released one pattern of depth charges
1942 * 2nd * * * * *
2037 * 3rd * * * * *
2220 Lost contact
Friday 20th 0050 Left A/S search to H.M.A.S. "Vendetta". Proceeded to Mersa Matruh
0844 Entered Mersa Matruh
1005 Attempted to tow off ship aground. Towing wire parted
1220 Disembarked company of Guards and proceeded to Sollum
2030 Took over escort of water carrier Myriel for Alexandria
Saturday 21st. 1100 Left convoy for patrol in Gulf of Sollum
Sunday 22nd. 1040 Proceeded to Alexandria.
1607 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
Monday 23rd. 0414 Proceeded to escort "Myriel" to Sollum
Tuesday 24th. 0800 On A/S patrol off Sollum.
1325 8 enemy bombers with fighter escort attacked Sollum
Wednesday 25th On A/S patrol off Sollum
1545 Sollum attacked by 5 enemy bombers with 35 fighter escort.
1807 Attacked by 3 enemy torpedo bombers Opened fire
Raid unsuccessful.
Thursday 26th. 0400 Proceeded to Alexandria.
1508 Entered Alexandria Harbour
2220 Captain (D) 10 joined ship
Friday 27th. 0010 Proceeded to sea escorting convoy to Sollum
2100 Captain (D) 10 transferred to Terror in Sollum
Assumed A/S patrol

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Saturday 28th 0410 Captain(D)10 boarded. Proceeded to screen Terror during her bombardment of Bardia.
1100 Captain (D) 10 transferred to Terror on return to Sollum
1900 Proceeded to searchmcoast between Bardia and Tobruk for enemy shipping.

Sunday 29th. 0145 Sighted small auxiliary ketch
0155 Vessel-Italian- brought to with a shot across her bows British prisoners of war on board took command and followed in *Zingarella* returning to Sollum.
1635 Trawler escorted "Zingarella" into Sollum Assumed A/S patrol of bay.

Monday 30th. On A/S patrol off Sollum.
1620 Captain (D) 10 boarded
1942 Proceeded to Alexandria.

Tuesday 31st 0623 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

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Submitted herewith are the War Diary of H.M.A.S.
"Voyager" for the month of November 1940 and the report on the
capture of the Italian ketch "Zingarella".

Commander D.S.O. R.A.N.
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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H.M.A.S. "Voyager",

31st December, 1940.

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Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following particulars of the capture of the Italian two-masted auxiliary ketch "Zingarella" on the night of 29/30 December, 1940.

2. At 0145, whilst on patrol in position approximately 8 miles West of Raz Azzaz, a ketch, subsequently identified as the Italian motor ketch "Zingarella", was sighted at about a mile's distance.

3. She was closed and one round 4" was fired, whereupon she hove to. She was then illuminated with a 10" searchlight and various white articles, such as shirts, were waved in the beam by such of the ship's company as were on deck.

4. The weather was too rough to alongside, or to lower a boat, but when hailed, they replied that they had English prisoners of war on board. At this moment, a Sergeant of the Queens Own shouted that he had the situation in hand, and he and eight of his regiment had one hundred Italian soldiers battened down below. I told him to collect all mail, correspondence, and confidential papers, and to tell the Captain to follow me, whereupon he replied "We'll see to that".

5. We then proceeded into Sollum, and turned over to "Terror".

6. The ketch was armed with two .303 Machine Guns mounted in the bows, but they were not manned at any time.

7. I consider that the Sergeant of the Queens Own acted in a most efficient and capable manner, and with great presence of mind.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


(J.C. Morrow)
C O M M A N D E R.

The Commander-in-Chief,
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Captain (D), 10th Destroyer Flotilla.

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WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER, 1940.

Nov.	1	0220	Proceeded from Patrol Suda Bay to join Med. Battle Fleet on passage to Alexandria.
		0504	Passed through Anti-Kithera Channel.
		0700	Joined Battle Fleet.
	2	1332	Battle Fleet attacked by enemy torpedo-bombers. "Voyager" opened fire with 3" H.A. gun.
	3	0837	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
	5	0937	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Malta.
	6	2050/ 2143	Obtained contact port side, and released three patterns before rejoining convoy.
	7	0740	Suda Bay section of convoy detached.
		0745	Obtained contact.
		0748	Contact non-sub. Proceeded.
	9	1940	Secured alongside oiler in Marsaselokh.
	10	0430	Proceeded to sea to join Med. Battle Fleet.
		0720	Joined Battle Fleet.
		1100	19th Div. 10th D.F. detached to join convoy, and escort it to Alexandria.
		1410	Joined convoy.
	13	0900	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
	14	0900	Commenced boiler cleaning.
	16	1600	"Breda" gun fitted forward of after binnacle.
	19	0900	Completed boiler cleaning.
			During period in harbour (13th. to 21st. Nov.), enemy air raids averaged five a day.
	21	0844	Slipped and proceeded to sea with 19th. Division 10th. D.F. for screening aircraft carrier during exercises.
	22	0730	Torpedo-bombing attack exercised upon aircraft-carrier.
		0928	Entered Alexandria Harbour.
	23	0614	Slipped and proceeded to sea with 19th. Div. 10th. D.F., with convoy bound for Malta.
	24	0400	Passed through Kass Straits.
		1140	Enemy aircraft reported in vicinity.
		1200	Attacked three times by enemy torpedo-bombers. Opened fire with total armanent. The enemy dropped one aerial torpedo, but were driven off.
	26	0700	Convoy entered Grand Harbour, Malta.
		0905	Entered Grand Harbour,
		1027/1040	Enemy air raid.
		1527	Slipped and proceeded to sea to escort convoy bound for Alexandria and Port Said.
	27		On passage with convoy.
	28		On passage with convoy.
	29	1600	Alexandria section detached with escort.
	30	1210	Parted company with Port Said sectoin and escort, and proceeded to Alexandria.
		1950	Entered Alexandria Harbour.

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22nd November 1940

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From 1st October to 31st October 1940

1st Oct. At sea proceeding from Malta to Alexandria.
 1400 Joined Battlefleet and took position on screen.

2nd " 0700 Ordered to proceed independently.
 1600 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

3rd " 0020 Proceeded to sea with 2nd Division of 1st Battlefleet.

4th " At sea screening.

5th " " " "

6th " 0830 Entered Alexandria Harbour.
 1400 General payment.

8th " 1820 Slipped and proceeded escorting convoy to Malta.

11th " 1650 Entered Malta Harbour.
 2207 Slipped and proceeded to sea to join Battlefleet.

12th " 0330 In station screening Battlefleet to Alexandria.
 1235 Attack by enemy aircraft. Opened fire in 8 in. long barrage.
 1240 Air raiders passed.
 1350 Attack by enemy aircraft.
 1405 Air raiders passed.
 2030 Obtained contact. Dropped one charge.
 2045 Contact not confirmed. Proceeded.

14th " 1855 Attack by enemy torpedo bombers.
 1910 Air raiders passed.

15th " 1205 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

16th " 0030 Raid by enemy aircraft.
 0145 Air raiders passed.
 2100 Raid by enemy aircraft.
 2140 Air raiders passed.
 2315 Draft of 3 ratings joined ship.

17th " 1100 Surgeon Lieutenant Robertson joined ship.
 1230 General payment.

20th " 1656 Slipped and proceeded to Haifa.

21st " 0829 Entered Haifa Harbour.
 1705 Slipped and proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Port Said.

22nd " 0715 Detached convoy into Port Said. Proceeded to Alexandria.
 1411 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

23rd. " 0900 Slipped and proceeded with destroyers to sea for exercises.
 1145 Exercised short range 3 in. barrage, and close range A.A. Armament.
 1300 Exercised anti-E boat tactics.
 1440 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

24th " 0300 Raid by enemy aircraft.
 0445 Air raiders passed.

25th " 0440 Raid by enemy aircraft.
 0505 Air raiders passed.
 0730 Slipped and proceeded to sea, screening 2nd Division of 1st Battlefleet.

27th " 0400 "Eagle" flew off aircraft for raid on Stampalia.
 0715 Aircraft returned.

28th " 0740 Received notice of State of War existing between Italy and Greece.
 1530 Entered Alexandria Harbour.

29th " 1010 Slipped and proceeded to sea escorting convoy to Suda Bay, Crete.

31st. " 1200 Protector proceeded to lay nets at entrance of Suda Bay.
 1400 Fareham sweeping channel. Convoy entered. Took up A/S patrol.
 1700 Entered Suda Bay to fuel.
 1906 Slipped and proceeded to sea to maintain A/S patrol outside nets.

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WAR DIARY

18th November '40

From 1st September to 30th September 1940

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1st Sept. On passage Alexandria to Malta
 2nd " 2110 (Z-3) Secured in Grand Harbour, Malta. Clocks retarded
 1 hour to (Z-3)
 3rd " 0800 In dockyard hands. Commenced refit.
 4th " 0830 Shifted berth to Boiler Wharf
 0900 Commenced de-ammunitioning.
 1230 Completed de-ammunitioning.
 5th " 1220 General payment
 10th " 0750 Party of 2 Officers and Approximately 80 ratings left
 ship for Ricasoli range.
 0850 Entered No 5 dock
 11th " 1335 Left No 5 dock
 1345 Secured to Burncola Wharf.
 22nd " 1000 Range party from Ricasoli returned to ship.
 24th " 0900 Commenced ammunitioning ship
 1530 Completed ammunitioning ship
 25th " 0800 Shifted berth to Canteen Wharf
 0840 Commenced refuelling
 1400 Completed refuelling
 27th " 0920 Shifted berth to No3 buoy
 0940 Commenced swinging ship
 1100 Completed swinging ship
 1615 Shifted berth to Canteen Wharf
 1740 Slipped and proceeded to sea to hunt submarine reported
 by aircraft.
 28th " 0715 Returned to harbour
 30th " 2200 Slipped and proceeded to sea to join Battlefleet.

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WAR DIARY

14th November 1940

From 1st August to 31st August 1940.

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1st Aug.	0915	Docked in Alexandria floating dock.
2nd "	1515	Undocked and berthed at 38 quay for boiler cleaning.
7th "	0900	Proceeded to 44 quay for fumigation.
	1300	Ship cleared and sealed.
9th "	0715	Ship's company returned on board. Proceeded to normal berth.
10th "	0900	Proceeded to sea with 20th Division for manouvres, and full calibre single ship firing.
	1410	Returned to harbour.
14th "	0600	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Port Said.
	1132	Obtained contact and dropped two depth charges.
	1205	Contact non-sub. Proceeded.
	2350	Arrived at Port Said.
15th "	1410	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Alexandria.
16th "	0725	Convoy within defended port. "Voyager" returned to Port Said.
	1600	Arrived at Port Said.
17th "	1519	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Alexandria.
18th "	0827	Arrived at Alexandria.
21st "	0825-1100.	Vessel "Wiped"
22nd "	1450	Proceeded to sea to sweep for reported submarine.
	1900	Proceeded to escort convoy to Port Said.
23rd "	1510	Detached convoy into Port Said.
	1600	Proceeded with second convoy to Haifa.
24th "	0730	Arrived at Haifa.
	1102	Proceeded to sea to escort convoy to Port Said and Alexandria.
25th "	1230	Detached portion of convoy for Port Said and took another ship under escort for Alexandria.
26th "	0919	Arrived at Alexandria.
28th "	0808	Proceeded to sea to escort "Eagle" during exercises.
	1515	Returned to harbour.
30th "	0314	Proceeded to sea to screen Battlefleet on operation to Malta.
31st "		At sea screening Battlefleet.

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From THE COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER"
Date 18th. August, 1940. Reference No. C/200/40.
To THE SECRETARY, NAVAL BOARD. C-IN-C, MEDITERRANEAN.
Subject WAR DIARY - JULY 1940.

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Herewith enclosed War Diary of H.M.A.S. "Voyager"
for period 1st. July, to 31st. July, 1940.

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Commander (R.A.N.)
COMMANDING OFFICER

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H.M.A.S. "Voyager"
as at 31/7/40
R.N.S.

WAR DIARY.

1st. August, 1940.

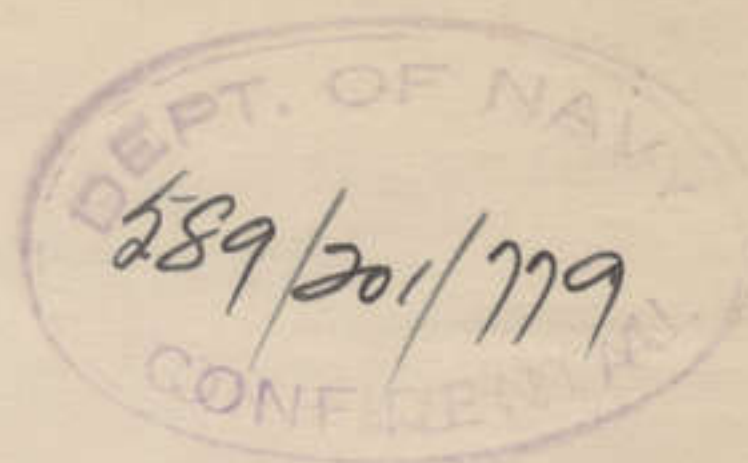
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7th.	July, 1940.	1443.	Sailed from Alexandria and formed screen on Battlefleet.
8th.	" "		Screening Battlefleet. Three bombing raids carried out by enemy aircraft during the day.
9th.	" "		Screening Battlefleet. 1520. Detached as escort to H.M.S. "Eagle". 1530. Battlefleet engaged enemy Battlefleet. 1530 - 2000. Numerous bombing raids carried out by enemy aircraft during this period.
10th.	" "		2000. Formed screen on Battlefleet. 0945. Closed H.M.S. "Warspite" for correspondence. 1024. Correspondence on board and proceeded to Malta, 1153. Secured in Malta Harbour. 1536. Sailed from Malta to carry out A/S. search. 2120. Joined convoy and proceeded to Alexandria. Bombed and machine gunned by enemy aircraft.
11th.	" "		0950. In contact with submarine - fired one charge. 1008. Fired pattern. 1015. Bombing attack by enemy aircraft. Four bombing attacks by enemy aircraft were carried out during the afternoon.
12th.	" "		1425. Bombing attack by enemy aircraft.
15th.	" "		1108. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
19th.	" "		0545. Sailed from Alexandria to act as target for attack by torpedo bombing aircraft. 0815. Attack carried out and torpedoes recovered. 1128. Secured in Alexandria Harbour, 1310. Sailed from Alexandria and formed screen on Fleet.
20th.	" "		0507. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
25th.	" "		1629. Sailed from Alexandria escorting convoy to Port Said.
26th.	" "		1700. Secured in Port Said.
28th.	" "		2030. Sailed from Port Said escorting S.S. "Verbania" to Haifa.
29th.	" "		1718. Secured in Haifa Harbour. 1939. Sailed from Haifa escorting convoy to rendezvous off Port Said, thence to Alexandria.
31st.	" "		1855. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

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Subject WAR DIARY - JUNE, 1940.

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Commander (R.A.N.)
COMMANDING OFFICER

WAR DIARY.

18th. July, 1940.

From 1st. June, 1940. to 30th. June, 1940.

1st. June, 1940. In harbour at Alexandria.

3rd. " " 0235. Proceeded to sea for exercises with Battle Fleet.
1800. Battle Fleet returned to harbour. Carried out night attack and screening exercise.

4th. " " 0800. Formed screen on H.M.S. "Eagle" during flying exercises.
1524. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

6th. " " 0843. Proceeded to sea for exercises.
0909. Rescued man overboard from H.M.A.S. "Stuart".
1912. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

10th. " " 1755. Proceeded to sea escorting "Eagle" for exercises.
2250. Secured alongside oiler in Alexandria Harbour.

11th. " " 0210. Proceeded to sea, carried out A/S. sweep.
0515. Formed screen on Battle Fleet and proceeded.
1955. Relieved by 2nd.D/F. and returned to Alexandria.

12th. " " 1111. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
1715. Proceeded to sea to carry out A/S. sweep off Alexandria.

13th. " " 1725. Assisted minesweeper sinking enemy mines. Sank 3 mines by gunfire.
1910. In contact with enemy submarine. Fired two patterns depth charges.
2000. Submarine surfaced. Opened fire. Submarine disappeared. fired two patterns depth charges submarine destroyed. Resumed A/S. search/

14th. " " 0100. In contact with enemy submarine. Fired last pattern depth charges.
0150. Lost contact.
0200. Contact regained
0250. Directing ship for H.M.A.S. "Stuart".
0400. Resumed A/S. search.
1131. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
1510. Proceeded to sea to carry out A/S. sweep.
1729. Formed screen on Battle Fleet.
1800. H.M.S. "Nubian" in contact. Proceeded to assist.
1835. Contact non-sub. - proceeded into Alexandria.
2057. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

15th. " " 1245. Proceeded to sea to carry out A/S. search.
1905. In contact - non-sub.
2050. In contact - mines.

16th. " " 1715. Joined 10th.D/F. and carried out A/S. search.

17th. " " 1930. Incontact - fired one charge - joined by H.M.A.S. "Vampire"
2000. Fired two patterns - Result doubtful.
2145. Resumed A/S. search.

18th. " " 0742. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
0927. Secured alongside H.M.S. "Resource" for Boiler Cleaning.

22nd. " " 1556. Proceeded to sea to carry out A/S. search.

25th. " " 1137. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

26th. " " 0745. Proceeded to sea to carry out Boghaz Patrol.
1915. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

27th. June, 1940. 0552. Proceeded to sea to carry out Operation Orders.
0811. Rescued man overboard.
1828. Sighted enemy submarine. 1830-Submarine dived.
1844. H.M.S. "Ilex" in contact. Depth charge attacks carried out by H.M.S. "Ilex", "Dainty" and "Decoy".
1957. Submarine surfaced - "Dainty" opened fire - submarine opened fire.
2014. Lowered whaler to rescue survivors.
2145. Hoisted whaler. 13 survivors rescued. Submarine sunk by gunfire.
2400. Proceeded.
28th. " " 1138. Sighted one enemy aircraft.
29th. " " 0505. Sighted enemy submarine.-- Submarine dived.
0615. Depth charge attacks carried out by "Ilex" "Voyager" and "Defender".
0640. Submarine in sight on horizon - "Ilex" "Dainty" and "Defender" proceeded to investigate.
0800. Closed "Dainty".
0820. "Dainty" sank submarine by gunfire after rescuing survivors.
0825. Proceeded.
1730. Closed "Dainty". - In boat communication.
1810. Returned to Alexandria.
30th. " " 1934. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
1950. Landed submarine survivors.

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Date 10th. June, 1940. Reference No. C/126/40.

To Secretary, Naval Board, Melb. C-in-C Mediterranean.

Subject WAR DIARY.

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Herewith enclosed War Diary of H.M.A.S. "Voyager" for period 1st. April, 1940., to 31st. May, 1940.

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Lieutenant Commander
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H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER"

10th. June, 1940.

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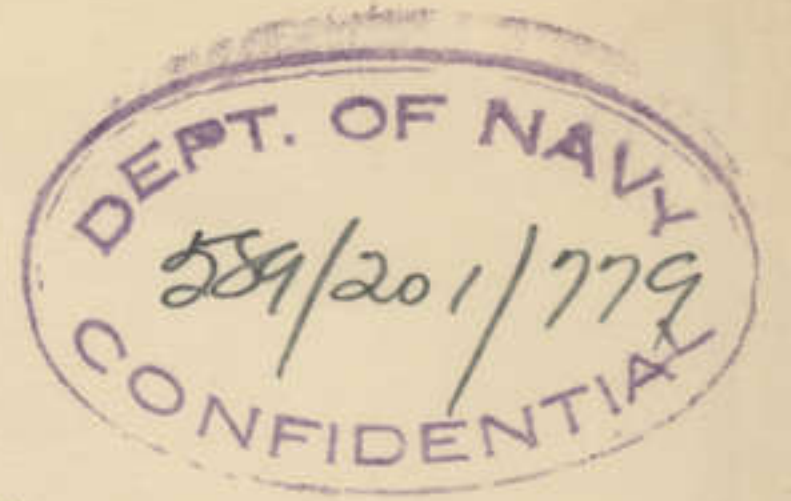
From 1st. April, 1940, to 31st. May, 1940.

1st. April. 1940. On passage escorting "Ark Royal" to Alexandria.
 2nd. " " 1445. Arrived at Alexandria and fuelled.
 1745. Sailed from Alexandria escorting transport
 "Dilwarra" to Malta.
 5th. " " 0935. Arrived at Malta and prepared ship for refit.
 6th. " " Commenced refit.
 8th. " " 0735. Proceeded into dry dock.
 29th. " " 0910. Proceeded out of dry dock.

1st. May. " Refitting.
 3rd. " " 2220. Sailed from Malta for Alexandria escorting
 H.M.S. "Resource" in company with "Waterhen" and
 "Vendetta".
 5th. " " 1055. Relieved by "Stuart" and "Vampire" and proceeded
 to Malta.
 6th. " " 1330. Secured in Malta Harbour.
 7th. " " 1939. Sailed from Malta in company with "Waterhen" and
 "Vendetta" to rendezvous with "Warspite".
 8th. " " 0554. Took station in screen on "Warspite" and
 proceeded to Alexandria.
 10th. " " 1029. Arrived at Alexandria.
 11th. " " 0730. Proceeded to sea for Boghaz Patrol.
 12th. " " 0800. Relieved of Boghaz Patrol and proceeded into
 harbour.
 14th. " " 0843. Proceeded to sea to carry out manoeuvres and
 exercises.
 1448. Exercises completed and returned to harbour.
 1617. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
 15th " " 0549. Proceeded to sea to carry out Fleet manoeuvres
~~1100~~ and exercises.
 1100. Fleet manoeuvres completed and commenced exercises.
 2100. Carried out Night Encounter and Shadowing
 exercise.
 16th. " " 0715. Secured alongside oiler.
 0840. Proceeded to sea for Boghaz Patrol.
 17th. " " 0820. Relieved of Boghaz Patrol and proceeded into
 harbour.
 18th. " " 0745. Proceeded to sea and anchored owing to unsuitable
 weather for submarine exercises.
 1020. Weighed anchor and proceeded into harbour.
 20th. " " 1645. Proceeded to sea in company with "Stuart"
 "Vampire" "Vendetta" "Waterhen" and French
 destroyers "Lynx" "Tigre" to escort French
 battleships "Tourville" and "Bulogne" to
 Bizerta.
 22nd. " " 1800. Two additional French destroyers joined screen.
 23rd. " " 0615. Parted company with battleships and returned to
 Malta with "Stuart" "Waterhen" "Vampire" and
 "Vendetta".
 24th. " " 0855. Sailed from Malta for Alexandria in company with
 "Stuart" and "Waterhen".
 25th. " " 2048. Arrived at Alexandria.
 27th. " " 0731. Proceeded out of harbour to carry out exercises.
 1650. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
 1850. Proceeded out of harbour to carry out full calibre
 night firing.
 2345. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.
 30th. " " 0831. Proceeded out of harbour and anchored as
 requisite.
 1035. Weighed anchor and proceeded into harbour.
 1229. Proceeded out of harbour to carry out exercises.
 2230. Commenced Night Encounter and Shadowing exercise.
 31st. " " 0656. Secured in Alexandria Harbour.

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From COMMANDING OFFICER H.M.A.S. "VOYAGER".

Date 27th. April, 1940. Reference No. C105/40.

To AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH NAVAL BOARD. C.in C. MEDITERRANEAN.

Subject WAR DIARY.



Herewith enclosed War Diary of H.M.A.S. "Voyager" for period from 3rd. September 1939 to 31st. March 1940.

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COMMANDING OFFICER.

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19th. April, 1940.

WAR DIARY.

From 3rd. September, 1939, to 31st. March, 1940.

- 3rd. Sept. 1939. 0919, Sailed from Sydney in company with H.M.A.S. "Hobart" on patrol.
2100. War declared with Germany. Carried out patrol off Cape Howe.
- 5th. Sept. Proceeded to Melbourne.
- 6th. " 1610. Secured alongside Nelson Pier Williamstown, and prepared to go into dry dock to effect repairs to oil tank caused by rough weather on passage.
1700. "Hobart" secured at Nelson Pier Williamstown.
- 7th. " 0245. H.M.A.S. "Vampire" secured at Nelson Pier Williamstown
0945. Proceeded into Duke & Orrs dry dock Melbourne.
- 8th. " 0815. Proceeded out of dry dock and secured at Nelson Pier Williamstown.
1322. Sailed from Williamstown for Fremantle in company with H.M.A.S. "Vampire".
- 12th. " 1030. Fired 12 rounds 4" full calibre.
- 14th. " 0830. Secured alongside "G" shed Victoria Quay, Fremantle.
- 18th. " 1050. Sailed from Fremantle and anchored in Gage Roads.
1645. Sailed from Gage Roads to carry out searchlight exercise with Military.
2100. Exercise completed and returned to Gage Roads anchorage.
- 19th. " 0800. Sailed from Gage Roads anchorage and secured alongside H.M.A.S. "Sydney" at No. 2. Quay, Fremantle.
- 26th. " 0731. Sailed from Fremantle to carry out sub-calibre firing at Patt. V1 target, towed by "Sydney".
0900. Sub-calibre firing completed and took target in tow for sub-calibre firing by "Sydney".
1100. Sub-calibre firing completed and proceeded into Fremantle Harbour, and secured at No. 2. North Wharf.
- 9th. Oct. 0739. Sailed from Fremantle in company with "Sydney" and "Vampire, to carry out sub-calibre firing, Destroyer Concentration Exercise, A/S. Exercise and close range bombing attacks by R.A.A.F 'planes.
1737. Exercises completed and anchored in Gage Roads.
1920. Proceeded in company with "Vampire" to carry out Night encounter exercise with "Sydney",
2012. Exercise completed and proceeded into Fremantle Harbour and secured alongside "Vampire" at NO.2. North Wharf.
- 14th. " 0855. Sailed from Fremantle for Singapore in company with "Vampire".
- 17th. " 1315. Streamed P/V's.
1420. Recovered P/V's.
- 19th. " 0938. Sighted H.M. Submarine.
1210. Sighted Dutch Sloop.
1220. Stopped. Dutch Sloop "Valk" closed.
1236. Proceeded.
- 20th. " 1738. Closed merchant ship for investigation. Dutch oiler "Cistula"
- 21st. " 1544. Secured alongside oiler "Ruthenia" at Singapore Naval Base.
2046. Shifted to No.13. Wwst Wall Singapore Naval Base.
- 29th. " 1700. H.M.A.S. "Stuart", "Vendetta".&"Waterhen" arrived Singapore Naval Base.
- 30th. " 0611. Proceeded from Naval Base to Johore Strait to relieve "Vampire" on "J.A." Patrol.
1757. Anchored off Boom Gate. Johore Strait.
- 31st. " 0628. Proceeded and patrolled boom whilst gate open.
0800. Proceeded on Johore Patrol.
1716. Anchored off Boom Gate. Johore Strait.

- 1st. Nov. 1939. 0617. Proceeded and patrolled boom whilst gate open.
0800. Relieved by H.M.S. "Stronghold" and proceeded for A/S. exercises in company with H.M.A.S. "Vampire".
1046. Carried out A/S. exercises with "Vampire and Submarine "Parthian".
1600. Exercises completed, parted company with "Vampire" and proceeded to Serangoon Harbour.
1812. Anchored in Serangoon Harbour.
- 2nd. " 0726. Proceeded in company with "Vampire" for A/S. exercises with Submarine "Parthian".
1530. Exercises completed and proceeded to anchorage in Serangoon Harbour.
- 3rd. " 0643. Proceeded in company with "Vampire" for torpedo firing by Submarine "Parthian" and A/S. exercises.
1340. A/S. exercises completed and returned to Naval Base.
- 7th. " 0551. Proceeded in company with "Stuart", "Vendetta", "Waterhen" & "Vampire", for sub-calibre firing and A/S. exercises.
0824.- 1305. Searching area in Singapore Strait for crashed Aircraft.
1430. Carried out A/S. exercises with "Vampire" and "Parthian". On completion of exercises remained in exercise area with Submarine.
- 8th. " Submarine "Parthian" carried out torpedo attack. Recovered torpedoes. Carried out A/S. exercises and on completion returned to Naval Base.
- 13th. " 1043. Sailed from Singapore for Colombo in company with "Stuart", "Vendetta", "Waterhen" & "Vampire".
- 14th. " 1030. Carried out Destroyer Concentration and A/S. exercise.
- 15th. " 1033. Carried out A/S. exercise.
- 16th. " 0945. Carried out A/S. exercise.
- 17th. " 1456. Parted company and proceeded in company with "Vampire" to Trincomallee.
- 18th. " 0812. Secured at oiling berth Trincomallee.
- 20th. " 0703. Sailed from Trincomallee for Nancowry with "Vampire".
- 23rd. " 1043. Anchored in Nancowry Harbour.
1700. French cruiser "Suffron" and H.M.S. "Kent" arrived.
1810. Proceeded out of harbour to carry out A/S. patrol off entrance.
- 24th. " 1015. Secured alongside oiler.
- 25th. " 0604. Sailed for Hut Bay.
1712. Anchored in Hut Bay.
- 26th. " 0603. Sailed from Hut Bay for Port Blair.
1017. Anchored in Port Blair.
- 27th. " 0636. Sailed from Port Blair for Barren Islands, Stewart Sound and Nancowry.
1039. Circumnavigated Barren Is.
1508. Entered Stewart Sound.
1602. Cleared Stewart Sound and proceeded to Nancowry.
- 28th. " 1711. Anchored in Nancowry Harbour.
- 30th. " 0625. Sailed from Nancowry Harbour for Colombo in company with French Cruiser "Suffron" & H.M.S. "Kent" & "Vampire".
- 2nd. Dec. 1032. Secured alongside "Vampire" in Colombo Harbour.
- 8th. " 1651. Sailed from Colombo for Aden in company with "Vampire" and H.M.S. "Diamond".
- 13th. " 1000. H.M.S. "Diamond" parted company and proceeded to Aden independently.
- 15th. " 0925. Secured alongside "Vampire" in Aden Harbour.
1405. Sailed from Aden for Suez in company with "Vampire".
- 18th. " 1002. Anchored off Suez Canal entrance.
1043. Proceeded through Suez Canal.
2015. Secured in Port Said Harbour.
- 21st. " 1110. Sailed from Port Said for Malta in company with "Vampire" and convoy "K.6.".

24th. Dec. 1326. Relieved by "Vendetta" & "Waterhen" and proceeded to carry out full-calibre firing.
 1418. Completed full-calibre firing and proceeded into M Malta Harbour.
 1516. Secured in Malta Harbour.

1st. Jan. 1940. 1427. Sailed from Malta to relieve H.M.S. "Bidiford" and take convoy to Marseilles.

4th. " 0836. Secured at Mole "C", Marseilles.
 1545. Sailed from Marseilles for Malta.

6th. " 0908. Secured at Boiler Wharf Malta.

9th. " 0815. Sailed from Malta for sub-calibre firing and torpedo attack.
 0950. Sub-calibre firing and torpedo attack completed and sailed for Alexandria.

11th. " 1043. Secured alongside oiler in Alexandria Harbour.

12th. " 1351. Sailed from Alexandria escorting H.M.S. "Resourse" to rendezvous with convoy "K.6".

13th. " Joined convoy "K.6". escorted by H.M.A.S. "Stuart" and proceeded to Malta.

15th. " 0600. Relieved by H.M.A.S. "Waterhen" and proceeded to Malta for oil fuel.
 1515. Completed fuelling and sailed to rejoin convoy
 1620. Relieved "Stuart" and proceeded with convoy to M Marseilles.

16th. " 0400. H.M.A.S. "Waterhen" returned to Malta.
 1500. H.M.A.S. "Vampire" joined Convoy.

18th. " 1618. Secured at "G" Mole, Marseilles.

23rd. " 1458. Sailed from Marseilles in company with "Vampire" escorting convoy to position off Malta.

25th. " 2200. Relieved of convoy and proceeded into Malta Harbour.

30th. " 1010. Proceeded into dry dock.

1st. Feb. 0925. Proceeded out of dry dock and secured at Boiler Wharf.

9th. " 0105. Sailed from Malta to escort convoy to position off Port Said.
 0202. Joined convoy.

12th. " 0634. Arrived off Port Said, left convoy and sailed for Alexandria.
 1628. Secured alongside oiler, Alexandria Harbour.

13th. " 0602. Sailed from Alexandria with all despatch.

14th. " 1500. Secured at Boiler Wharf. Malta.

19th. " 0727. Sailed from Malta to carry out R & I exercise and A/S. with Submarine "Oswald".
 1755. Secured at No.3. Berth Malta.
 2134. Sailed from Malta escorting convoy to Alexandria.

21st. " 2335. Secured alongside oiler, Alexandria Harbour.

23rd. " 1604. Sailed from Alexandria escorting convoy to Malta.

25th. " 1800. Secured at Burmola Wharf Malta.

28th. " 0916. Sailed from Malta to circumnavigate Malta and Gozo Islands for shore W/T. requirements.
 1700. Carried out sub-calibre firing.
 1730. Completed sub-calibre firing and joined convoy. Escorting convoy to Marseilles.

2nd. Mch. 0741. Secured at Mole "C" Marseilles.

4th. " 1531. Sailed from Marseilles escorting convoy to Malta.

7th. " 0615. Secured at Paialatoria Wharf Malta.

8th. " 0747. Sailed from Malta to carry out torpedo attack with H.M.S. "Westcott" and A/S. exercise with Submarine "Oswald"
 1720. Secured at Paialatoria Wharf Malta.

9th. " 1058. Sailed from Malta to join convoy and escort to Port Said;

12th. " 1537. Secured at Navy House Port Said.

14th. " 1555. Sailed from Port Said escorting convoy to Alexandria.

15th. " 0742. Secured alongside oiler Alexandria Harbour.
 1206. Sailed from Alexandria escorting convoy to Malta.

18th. " 1000. Relieved by French destroyer "L' alcyon" and proceeded into Malta Harbour.

20th. Mch. 1940. 1458. Sailed from Malta to join convoy.
1715. Relieved "Vendetta" and took over escort of convoy
for Port Said.
21st. " 1500. Parted company with convoy and returned to Malta.
22nd. " 0813. Secured alongside Boiler Wharf Malta.
1015. Sailed from Malta for Gibraltar.
24th. " 1740. Secured alongside No.3. Berth Gibraltar.
25th. " 1152. Sailed from Gibraltar for rendezvous 100 West of
Gibraltar, with H.M. S. "Ark Royal" and escort.
28th. " 1149. Secured at Boiler Wharf Malta.
31st. " 0920. Sailed from Malta in company with H.M.S. "Bulldog"
and "Westcott" escorting H.M.S. "Ark Royal" and "Glorious"
to Alexandria.