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WAR RAMUNGA WAR DIARY

H.M.A.S. "WARRAMUNGA".

WAR DIARY - JULY, 1943.

JULY.

1st		At sea Coral Sea patrol to southward of Jomard Entrance in company Task Force 74 ("AUSTRALIA", "HOBART", "WARRAMUNGA", "ARUNTA", "LAMSON").
2nd		At sea Coral Sea Patrol.
3rd		At sea Coral Sea Patrol
4th		At sea Coral Sea Patrol
5th		At sea Coral Sea Patrol.
6th	0820 0930 1410	Passed through Lowry Passage Anchored STOKES BAY, FLINDERS GROUP. Proceeded alongside U.S.S. "MIZAR" for provisions, fuel and water. Remained alongside during the night.
7th	0730	Slipped from "MIZAR" and proceeded to anchorage.
8th	1130 1315	Proceeded alongside U.S.S. "VICTORIA" for fuel. Slipped and proceeded to anchorage.
10th	1015	Weighed and proceeded in company Task Force 74 during forenoon to carry out A/A shoot to westward of Flinders Group. On completion proceeded to sea via LOWRY PASSAGE.
11th		at sea Coral Sea patrol
12th		at sea Coral Sea Patrol
13th	0830 2345	At sea Coral Sea Patrol fuelled from "AUSTRALIA" Proceeded to South East en route for TULAGI.
14th	2200	Orders to proceed to TULAGI cancelled. Proceeded as directed for ESPIRITU SANTO.
15th		On passage.
16th	0930 1210	Arrived ESPIRITU SANTO, secured alongside Tanker "W.C. YEAGER" for fuel. Proceeded to anchorage SECOND CHANNEL - "ARUNTA" and "LAMSON" secured alongside.
17th	0835 0945	Proceeded to sea, "ARUNTA" and "LAMSON" in company. carried out A/S patrol to eastward of searched channel. Formed screen ahead to of cruisers and altered course to northward to rendezvous with U.S. DESTROYER DIVISION 21.
18th	0720 0945	Rendezvous with DESTROYER DIVISION 21 proceeded alongside "AUSTRALIA" and "HOBART" to collect mail. "WARRAMUNGA" and "ARUNTA" detached for TOWNSVILLE via CAPRICORN CHANNEL.
19th		On passage carried out Radar tracking exercise and throw off shoot during forenoon.

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20th 1840 On passage inside BARRIER REEF.
Secured alongside WE ST CONCRETE PIER, TOWNSVILLE.

21st At TOWNSVILLE.

22nd 2215 Proceeded out of harbour, secured alongside "YUNNAN" for
ammunition and stores.

23rd 0130 Slipped and proceeded to northward to rendezvous with convoy.
0700 In company "ARUNTA" and M.V. "TORRENS" (Convoy T.N.120) for
MILNE BAY.

24th 1740 Anchored in MILNE BAY.

25th 0830 At MILNE BAY.
Secured alongside "BISHOPDALE" for fuel - on completion
returned to anchorage.

26th 1210 At MILNE BAY. Duty patrol between K.B. Mission and Jock
McMillan Bay till 1200.
Returned alongside "MERKUR" for provisions - on completion
proceeded to anchorage.

27th 0730 Proceeded in company "CONYNHAM" and "ARUNTA" as escort for
3 L.S.T's to WOODLARK ISLAND.

28th 0630 Arrived off WOODLARK ISLAND. Commenced independent A/S patrol
off harbour entrance until dark when loose formation astern
of "CONYNHAM" was assumed.

29th 0530 Resumed independent A/S patrol.
1230 Formed screen for L.S.T's returning to MILNE BAY.

30th 0700 Arrived MILNE BAY.
Proceeded to anchorage west of ALEFORD ISLANDS until
"BISHOPDALE" was clear.
0915 Secured alongside "BISHOPDALE" for fuel
on completion proceeded to anchorage east of LAULAU.

31st At MILNE BAY.

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Distance steamed during July	- 7939 Miles
Hours at sea.	- 481 hours
Average distance per ton fuel	- 4.4 miles.
Total distance steamed since commissioning.	- 45,092 miles.
Total hours under way from date of commissioning to end of July, 1943.	- 2,700 hours.

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WAR DIARY - JUNE, 1943.

JUNE.

1st	0950	continued exercises on passage to PALM ISLANDS Anchored at CHALLENGER BAY.
2nd	1415	Proceeded alongside MERKUR for stores - on completion returned to anchor.
	2300	Proceeded from CHALLENGER BAY via STEAMER PASSAGE for BRISBANE.
3rd		On passage to BRISBANE.
4th	1200	Proceeded to a position off CAPE MORETON to carry out A/S search - VENDETTA joined. Search maintained throughout the night.
5th	0600	Ceased A/S search
	0630	Identified U.S.S. MIZAR - joined and escorted to a position off CALOUNDRA HEAD.
		Proceeded independently MORETON BAY and secured at No. 5 wharf NEWSTEAD.
	1330	Slipped - proceeded down river to anchorage in NorthWest Channel, MORE-TON BAY.
	1730	Proceeded for exercises in company U.S. Submarine DRUM to submarine exercise area E.N.E. of CAPE MORETON.
6th		On completion exercises returned MORETON BAY, U.S. Submarine DRUM in company
	1730	Anchored in NORTHWEST CHANNEL
	2230	Proceeded to sea on passage to SYDNEY.
7th	2110	Secured at No. 7 wharf WOOLLOOMOOLOO. Fuelled.
8th	0740	Proceeded as ocean escort for HENRY D THOREAU to a position off LADY ELLIOTT ISLAND.
9th		On passage
10th	2255	Parted company with HENRY D THOREAU off LADY ELLIOTT ISLAND. Proceeded South.
11th	0615	In absence of orders for rendezvous with MATSONIA increased to 24 knots for SYDNEY.
	1100	Altered course to eastward to rendezvous with MATSONIA at 1300K/12th.
12th	1245	Identified MATSONIA
	1307	In station ahead, escorting MATSONIA to BRISBANE.
13th	0807	Parted company with MATSONIA off NORTH WEST No. 1 Buoy MORETON BAY. Proceeded up river and secured at SHELL WHARF.
	1745	Proceeded down river to rendezvous with U.S.S. SUMNER in NORTH WEST CHANNEL to act as escort to Sydney.
14th		On passage
15th	1630	Secured at No. 2 Buoy SYDNEY.
16th		at SYDNEY.
17th	0730	Proceeded up harbour, tugs assisting, docked in FITZROY DOCK, COCKATOO ISLAND.
18th	1615	Proceeded out of dock and down harbour, secured at KURRABA POINT fuelling wharf.

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19th 0730 Slipped and proceeded to De Gaussing range - on completion
of D.G. ranging secured to No. 1 Buoy.
1130 Slipped and proceeded to sea for PALM ISLANDS, E.T.A.
1400k/21st.

20th On passage

21st 1405 Secured alongside "AASE MAERSK" at CHALLENGER BAY, PALM
ISLANDS for fuel.
On completion proceeded to anchorage.

22nd 0900 Proceeded in company TASK FORCE 74 for exercises - recovered
aircraft torpedoes - proceeded to TOWNSVILLE, transferred
torpedoes to "HELM". Returned anchorage at CHALLENGER
BAY.

23rd At CHALLENGER BAY.

24th 1045 Proceeded alongside "AASE MAERSK" for fuel - on completion
returned to anchorage.

25th 0830 Proceeding in company with "LAMSON" and "ARUNTA" for
exercises. On completion returned to anchorage.

26th 1000 Proceeded in company TASK FORCE 74 via CURACOA CHANNEL for
FLINDERS GROUP - exercises on passage.

27th 0920 Anchored FLY CHANNEL, FLINDERS GROUP.
1620 Proceeded alongside "AASE MAERSK" for fuel - on completion
returned to anchorage.

28th at FLINDERS GROUP:

29th 0700 Proceeded to sea in company TASK FORCE 74 via LOWRY PASSAGE
for CORAL SEA PATROL.

30th at sea, to southward of JOMARD ENTRANCE.

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WAR DIARY FROM 11TH MAY, 1943.May

11th	0900	Arrived CID HARBOUR from Brisbane to join TASK FORCE 74. Secured alongside AASE MAERSK to fuel. On completion proceeded to anchorage.
12th	2100	Detached from TASK FORCE 74 for escort duties. Proceeded to TOWNSVILLE in company ARUNTA.
13th	0745 1210 2300	Secured at No. 1 Berth TOWNSVILLE Shifted ship to No. 3 Berth alongside ARUNTA Slipped - proceeded to sea.
14th	0800	Joined S.S. MANGOLA (Convoy T.N. 92) as escort to PORT MORESBY - "SWAN" in company.
15th		On passage PORT MORESBY.
16th	0930 1310 1530 1630	Arrived PORT MORESBY. Proceeded to anchorage. Shifted berth to MAIN WHARF for fuel Slipped and proceeded to sea. Joined convoy M.B.4, relieved H.D.M.L's 1074 and 1161 as ocean escort for MILNE BAY, via CHINA STRAIT.
17th	1345	On passage to CHINA STRAIT Relieved by United States S.C. off CHINA STRAIT. Parted company, proceeded for GRAFTON PASSAGE.
18th	0700 1215 1415	Raised EUSTON REEF BEACON. Altered course to northward to rendezvous with S.S. "ASPASIA NOMIKOS". In company with ASPASIS NOMIKOS for GRAFTON PASSAGE. Proceeded south independently to westward of FITZROY ISLAND after escorting ASPASIS NOMIKOS through possible minefield.
19th	0630	Rejoined TASK FORCE 74 at CID HARBOUR. Fuelled alongside AASE MAERSK, took provisions alongside MERKUR. Proceeded alongside HOBART for minor repairs.
20th	1330	Slipped from alongside HOBART and proceeded to anchorage.
21st	0720 1600	Proceeded in company DRAYTON - PERKINS for exercises north of CID HARBOUR Returned to anchorage
22nd	1025 1450	Proceeded in company DRAYTON for A/A firings to north of CID HARBOUR. On completion returned and secured alongside AASE MAERSK for fuel. Slipped and proceeded to anchorage.
23rd	0945	At CID HARBOUR Inspected by Commander, TASK FORCE 74.
24th	1340	At CID HARBOUR. Proceeded alongside YUNNAN for ammunition. On completion returned to anchorage.
25th	0730	Proceeded in company DESTROYER SQUADRON 5 for exercises.
26th	0020 1330	Returned to anchorage CID HARBOUR Proceeded alongside AASE MAERSK for fuel - completion returned to anchorage
27th	0730 1530	Proceeded in company TASK FORCE 74 for exercises to north of CID HARBOUR. Returned to anchorage.

WAR DIARY FROM 11TH MAY (CONT'D)

May

28th At CID HARBOUR

29th At CID HARBOUR

30th At CID HARBOUR.

31st 1245 Proceeded in company TASK FORCE 74 for exercises on
passage to PALM ISLANDS.

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