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"BUNGAREE" WAR DIARY

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

Date 27th November, 1944. Reference No. 36/1/3.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, SYDNEY.

Subject *M. Kelly 18.5.45*  
WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER, 1944.

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Submitted:

The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "Bungaree" for the month of November, 1944, is forwarded.

Thursday 2nd November. 1000. Ship weighed and proceeded from Milne Bay for Madang.

Saturday 4th November. 0630. Entered Madang Harbour and anchored. Commenced discharging cargo.

Monday 13th November. Proceeded alongside Madang Wharf.

Wednesday 15th November. Slipped from Madang Wharf and anchored in harbour.

Thursday 16th November. 1000. Weighed and proceeded for Milne Bay.

Saturday 18th November. 1050. Secured alongside No. 4 Wharf Abiana.

Sunday 19th November. 0900. Slipped and proceeded for Sydney.

Saturday 25th November. 1030. Secured alongside No. 2 Circular Quay.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED.</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH.</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH.</u>
November.	2642	10	236
Total.	115,363	769	130,76.5

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a/Commander R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 1 November, 1944. Reference No. 36/1/2

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, SYDNEY

Subject WAR DIARY - OCTOBER 1944.

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Submitted:

The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "Bungaree" for the month of October, 1944 is forwarded:-

Sunday 1 October. 0700. Proceeded from anchorage in Cleveland Bay to No. 1 wharf, Townsville. Embarked free freight stores for Sydney.

Monday 2 October. 0800. Slipped from No. 1 wharf Townsville and proceeded to Sydney.

Friday 6 October. 0715. Secured alongside No. 8 wharf, Walsh Bay. 2115. Commenced coaling.

Saturday 7 October. 1300. Completed coaling.

Sunday 22 October. 1000. Slipped from No. 8 wharf, Walsh Bay, with cargo and 87 personnel for passage to Milne Bay and Madang.

Monday 30 October. 1050. Secured alongside Pontoon Wharf, Ladava, and commenced unloading cargo.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>
October	2840	12	269
Total	112,521	759	128,405

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a/Commander R.A.N.  
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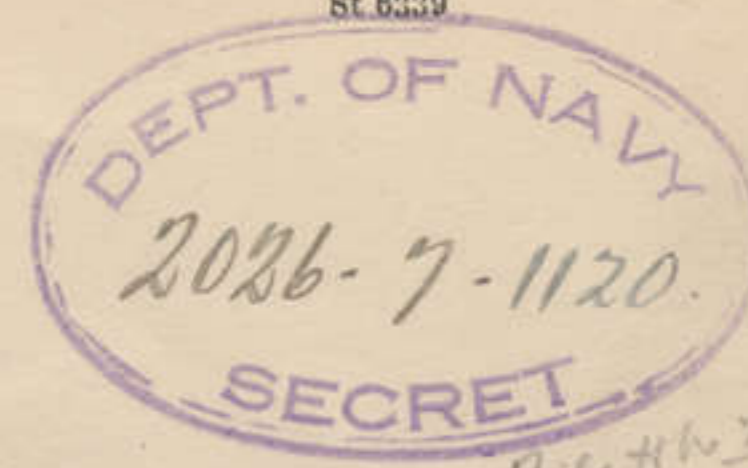
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 1 October, 1944. Reference No. 36/2/1

To The Secretary, Naval Board, Melbourne.

Subject LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

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Submitted for the information of the Naval Board, the following Letter of Proceedings for the month of September, 1944.

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2. On the 1st. of the month the ship was alongside No.3 wharf, Walsh Bay, loading cargo for Milne Bay and Madang. The cargo was loaded in No.2 and No.3 holds by the Central Wharf Stevedoring Company. Loading completed P.M. 1 September, with approximately 2000 tons of cargo.

3. At 0900 on Saturday 2 September, "Bungaree" slipped from No. 3 wharf Walsh Bay on passage to Milne Bay. 87 personnel were carried for passage. The passage was uneventful, except for excessive rolling crossing the Coral Sea. This was due to the cargo being stowed low down in the ship, thus altering her heeling moment. An A.A. shoot with all weapons was carried out on passage.

4. At 1100 on Saturday 9 September, the ship anchored in B.10 berth, Milne Bay.

5. On Tuesday 12 September, ship shifted to Pontoon Wharf, and commenced unloading cargo. At first, American coloured labour was used to unload, but this was found to be slow and unsatisfactory, so ship's personnel continued the unloading.

6. On Thursday, berth was shifted to Lyal Wharf, which is partially collapsed, and could only take one truck at a time. Despite unpleasant weather conditions, and heavy rain, unloading was carried out continuously in watches. A large amount of the cargo consigned to, and landed in Milne Bay, was subsequently re-loaded for Madang. A large quantity of stores and vehicles for 2nd. Medical Receiving Station R.A.A.F. was loaded for Madang and 42 R.A.A.F. personnel embarked.

7. At 1100 Saturday 16 September, "Bungaree" slipped from Lyal Wharf and sailed for Madang.

8. At 0630 on Monday 18 September, ship anchored in Madang Harbour.

9. At 1630 on Tuesday 19 September, ship proceeded alongside Madang Wharf and commenced unloading cargo with Army Docks Company labour. The co-operation and assistance rendered by all Services during unloading was most marked and greatly appreciated. On completion of unloading, free freight stores were embarked, and one ten ton crane for Milne Bay.

10. At 1000 on Monday 25 September, "Bungaree" slipped from wharf and sailed for Milne Bay, with 48 Naval and 48 Army personnel for passage.

11. At 1730, 26 September, a signal was received from Liberty Ship "Richard Henry Dana" asking for assistance, as she was aground on Curtiss Reef. "Bungaree" closed and anchored close to Liberty Ship. Two grass lines and two manilla hawsers were passed, but owing to conflicting instructions in the Liberty Ship, she commenced heaving in our lines and I was forced to slip the ropes and.....

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(Letter of Proceedings - H.M.A.S. "Bungaree")

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and get clear, as the ship was in dangerous proximity to the reef. Salvage Tug "Tancred" and American transport "Stratford" had now arrived, so "Bungaree" proceeded to Milne Bay, asking "Tancred" to obtain our hawsers if possible, after salvage had been completed.

12. At 1340 on Wednesday 27 September, ship berthed at No. 4 wharf, Ahima, and commenced loading free freight and armament stores. Loading was carried out by American Docks Company, who carried out the work quickly and efficiently, in marked contrast to our previous experience when coloured labour was used.

13. At 1200 on Thursday 28 September, "Bungaree" slipped from No. 4 wharf Ahima, and sailed for Townsville, anchoring in Cleveland Bay at 2115 on Saturday 30 September.

14. The conduct of the Ship's Company has been very satisfactory, and the work of unloading at Milne Bay, under the most trying conditions, reflects credit on the personnel.

15. The health of the Ship's Company has been excellent.

*A. L. Cant*  
a/Commander R.A.N.  
COMMANDING OFFICER

Copies to:

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(Letter from the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
No. 36/1/13 dated the 4th August, 1944)

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WAR DIARY - JULY 1944.

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B.S. 2205/250/40.  
The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval  
Board with reference to my B.S. 1713/250/40 dated 18th  
June, 1944.

*Q.C. Fairhead Gould*

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A/Rear-Admiral

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Pott's Point, Sydney.  
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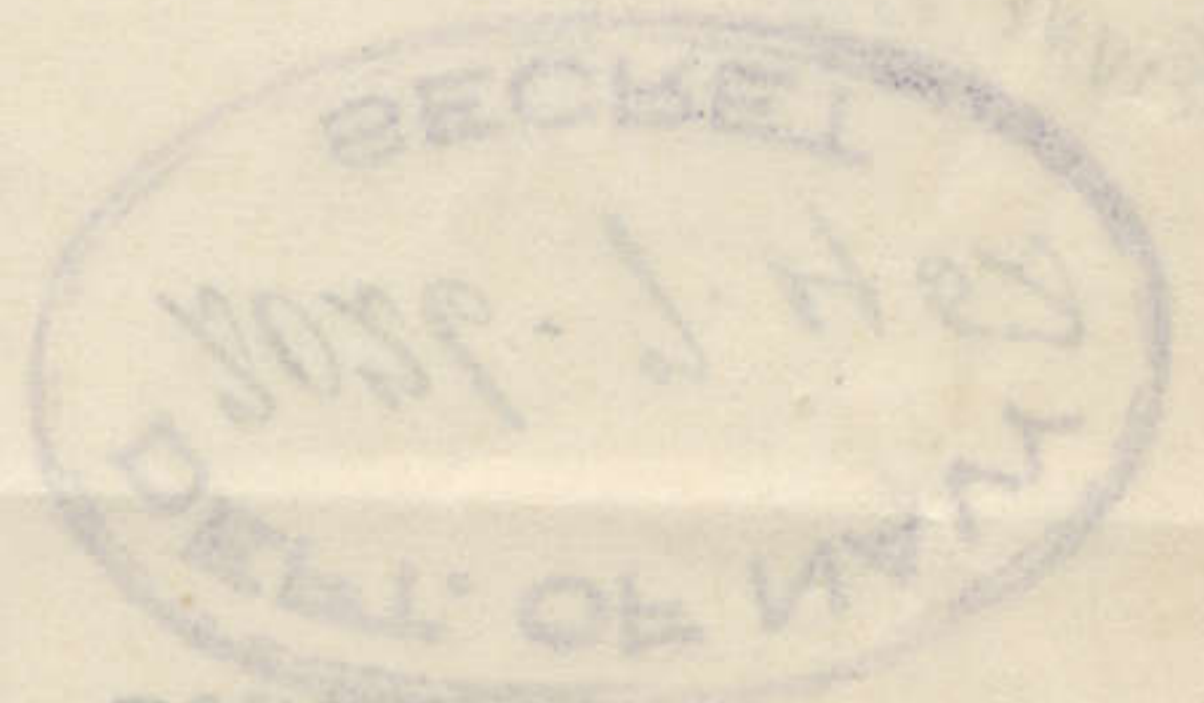
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The Secretary,  
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NAVY DIVISION - JULY 1944.

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The Secretary,  
B.S. 220/200/40.  
- No. 22/1/2 dated the 11th August, 1944 (atp, Sydney and dated 11/8/44 on letter from the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "ABDOLABER")



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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 4 August 1944. Reference No. 36/1/13.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney.

Subject WAR DIARY - JULY 1944.

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Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of July 1944.

Saturday 1 July		Carrying out Surveying Operations in vicinity of North Eastern Approaches to Torres Straits.
Wednesday 5 July	1315	Weighed and proceeded on passage to Townsville. H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" in tow.
Saturday 8 July	1615	Secured No.1 Pier Townsville; H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" alongside.
Sunday 9 July	1100	Loaded 50 Tons Free Freight Stores.
Monday 10 July	0705	Slipped and proceeded on passage to Sydney.
Sunday 16 July	0315	Arrived Sydney. Secured No.2 Buoy.
Monday 17 July	0950	Slipped from No.2 Buoy.
	1015	Secured No.2 Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island.
	1315	Unloaded Free Freight Stores.
Tuesday 18 July	0700	Commenced Boiler Cleaning and Dockyard Refit.
	1550	1st Watch proceeded on Long Leave.
Thursday 27 July	1000	Shifted Berth to Oil Wharf.
Monday 31 July	1200	1st Watch returned from Long Leave.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED.</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>
JULY	2037	16	262
TOTAL	106266	723	12259
MONTHLY AVERAGE	2849	19	323



*R. B. ...*  
 COMMANDER R.A.N.

Copy to Commodore Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron.

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SUBJECT: H.M.A.S. BUNGAREE

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JUNE, 1944

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(Letter from the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
dated 1st July, 1944 - reference 36/1/12).

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - WAR DIARY - JUNE, 1944.

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval  
Board.

2. "BUNGAREE"'s War Diary for April, 1944 is  
also attached.

*Alf Fairhead-Pould.*

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
11th July, 1944.

A/Rear-Admiral.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 1 July 1944.

Reference No. 36/1/12.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney.

Subject WAR DIARY - JUNE 1944.**RESTRICTED**

Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of June 1944.

Thursday 1 June		Carrying out Boiler Overhaul and
Wednesday 7 June		Storing ship at Townsville.
Thursday 8 June	0700	Slipped and proceeded on passage
		to Bowen.
	1900	Secured Coal Wharf, Bowen.
	1930	Commenced Coaling ship.
Friday 9 June	1530	Completed Coaling ship.
Saturday 10 June	0600	Slipped and proceeded on passage to
		Townsville.
	1907	Secured No. 5 Wharf, Townsville.
	2200	Slipped and proceeded on passage to
		Survey Grounds.
Tuesday 13 June	1955	Anchored off Rennel Island.
Wednesday 14 June	1000	Weighed and commenced Surveying
		Operations in vicinity of Eastern
		Approaches to Torres Strait.

	<u>DISTANCE</u> <u>STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS</u> <u>UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS</u> <u>UNDER WEIGH</u>
JUNE	2487	22	284
TOTAL	104229	707	11997
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MONTHLY AVERAGE	2817	19	324
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COMMANDER R.A.N.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 1 May 1944.

Reference No. 36/1/10.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney.

Subject WAR DIARY - APRIL 1944.

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Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of April, 1944.

Saturday 1 April		Carried out Survey Operations in vicinity of Eastern Approaches to Torres Strait.
Thursday 13 April	1620	Proceeded on passage to Bowen.
Monday 17 April	0820 0930	Secured Coal Wharf, Bowen. Commenced Coaling Ship.
Tuesday 18 April	0330 0555 1940	Completed Coaling Ship. Slipped and proceeded to Townsville. Secured No.4 Berth, Townsville.
Wednesday 19 April	1600	Commenced Storing Ship.
Saturday 22 April	0700	Slipped and proceeded on passage to Normanby Sound and Survey Grounds.
Tuesday 25 April	1745	Anchored in Normanby Sound.
Wednesday 26 April	0808	Weighed and commenced Surveying Operations in vicinity of Eastern Approaches to Torres Strait.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>
APRIL	1417	25	302
TOTAL	<u>100230</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>11377</u>
MONTHLY AVERAGE	2864	18	325

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H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - WAR DIARY - MARCH, 1944.  
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The Secretary,  
The Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval  
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*G.C. Fairhead Gould*

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
21st. April, 1944.

A/Rear Admiral.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 6 April 1944. Reference No. 36/1/9.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney.

Subject WAR DIARY - MARCH 1944.

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Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of March, 1944.

<u>WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH</u>	0816L	Anchored in Cleveland Bay.
	1610L	Secured No.5 Berth Townsville. Discharged Free Freight Stores.
<u>THURSDAY 2 MARCH</u>	1818L	Slipped and proceeded on passage to Booby Is., H.M.A.S. "LATROBE" in company.
<u>SUNDAY 5 MARCH</u>	1114L	Anchored in Normanby Sound.
<u>MONDAY 6 MARCH</u>	0825L	Weighed and commenced Surveying Operations in vicinity of Booby Is.
<u>FRIDAY 24 MARCH</u>	1424L	Completed Surveying Operations and anchored in Normanby Sound.
<u>SUNDAY 26 MARCH</u>	1830K	H.M.A.S. "POLARIS" arrived from Port Moresby to come under "BUNGAREE'S" Operational Control.
<u>MONDAY 27 MARCH</u>	0718K	Weighed and commenced Surveying Operations in vicinity of Tuesday Is.
<u>THURSDAY 30 MARCH</u>	1940K	H.M.A.S. "CAPE LEEUWIN" arrived from Cairns to come under "BUNGAREE'S" Operational Control.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>
MARCH TOTAL	1641 98813	24 632	241 11075
MONTHLY AVERAGE	2906	19	326



*R. Bassett*  
COMMANDER R.A.N.



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The Secretary,  
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(N.I.)

*G. Esquirhead Gould*

A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
11th March, 1944.

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

Date 1 March, 1944. Reference No. 36/1/8.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1944.**RESTRICTED**

Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of February, 1944.

<u>Tuesday 1 February</u>		Continued self refit and Boiler Clean at No.5 Wharf Circular Quay.
<u>Tuesday 8 February</u>		Second Watch returned from long leave.
<u>Monday 21 February</u>	0930L	Proceeded to sea for Gun Trials. "Y" Gun unsatisfactory.
	1305L	Returned to Harbour. Secured to Birts Buoy.
<u>Wednesday 23 February</u>	0930L	Slipped and proceeded to sea for further Gun Trials. "Y" Gun satisfactory.
	1108L	Returned to Harbour and discharged Gunnery Test Party.
	1150L	Proceeded to sea on passage Sydney to Booby Island.
<u>Friday 25 February</u>	2308L	Arrived Brisbane. Secured New Farm Wharf.
<u>Saturday 26 February</u>		Loaded Survey and Free Freight Stores.
<u>Sunday 27 February</u>	0930L	Proceeded to sea for Townsville and Booby Island.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
February	1147	7	124	N11
Total	97172	608	10834	9289
Monthly Average	2975	18	328	281



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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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A/Rear-Admiral

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
10th February, 1944.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 1st February, 1944 Reference No. 36/1/7

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - JANUARY, 1944.**RESTRICTED**

Submitted the following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of January, 1944.

Saturday 1st January. On passage from Port Moresby to Sydney.

Sunday 2nd January. Called at Townsville for mails

Thursday 6th January. 2120L Arrived Sydney secured to No 2 buoy.

Friday 7th January. 1530L Shifted berth to No 5 Wharf Circular Quay.

Monday 10th January. Commenced Boiler clean and self refit. 1st Watch proceeded on long leave.

Monday 24th January. 2nd Watch proceeded on long Leave

	DISTANCE STEAMED	DAYS UNDER WEIGH	HOURS UNDER WEIGH	MINES LAID.
January	1621	7	143	NIL
Total	96025	601	10710	9289
Monthly Average	3001	19	335	290



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

Date 1 January 1944. Reference No. 36/1/6.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

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Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of December 1943.

Wednesday	1 December	1430L	Arrived Sydney. Secured No. 1 Buoy.
Friday	3 December		Coaled Ship.
Sunday	5 December		Embarked heavy deck cargo of free freight stores for Melbourne.
Monday	6 December	0900L	Sailed independently for Melbourne.
Wednesday	8 December	1930L	Secured alongside Nelson Pier, Williamstown. Unloaded free freight stores.
Thursday	9 December	1415L 1530L 2230L	Proceeded up River Yarra. Secured alongside entrance to Duke & Orr's Dry Dock. Secured in Duke & Orr's Dock.
Saturday	11 December	1115L 1600L	Undocked. Proceeded to Geelong. Secured alongside Cunningham Pier.
Sunday	12 December		Embarked Mines.
Monday	13 December	1505L	Embarked Mines. Proceeded independently for Sydney.
Wednesday	15 December	2230L	Secured to No. 2 Buoy.
Sunday	19 December	0800L	Sailed in Convoy G.P.93 for Cape Moreton.
Tuesday	21 December	1800L	Parted company with Convoy, proceeded with "PIRIE" as escort for Townsville.
Friday	24 December	0630L	Anchored in Cleveland Bay.
Saturday	25 December	0200L 1700L	Sailed independently for Grafton Passage. Joined by "LITHGOW" for passage to Port Moresby.

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Monday 27 December 1120L Arrived Port Moresby. Secured  
alongside Jetty.

Wednesday 29 December Carried out Minelaying Operations.

Thursday 30 December Carried out Minelaying Operations.  
Reloaded Mining Deck.

Friday 31 December Completed Minelaying Operations.  
Embarked free freight stores and  
Naval personnel for passage.  
1500L Sailed for Townsville, escorted by  
"CASTLEMAINE".

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
December	3498	21	333	467
Total	94404	594	10567	9289
Monthly Average	<u>3045</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>300</u>



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COMMANDER R.A.N.

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B.S.208/250/40.  
The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, SYDNEY.  
21st January, 1944.

A/Rear-Admiral.

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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

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2. "BUNGAREE" has been instructed to render a full report in accordance with K.R. & A.I. Article 1170 regarding the grounding on 23rd November, 1943.

*G. C. Fairhead-Gould*

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point,  
SYDNEY.  
12th December, 1943.

A/Rear-Admiral.

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

Date 1 December 1943 Reference No. 36/1/3.

To The Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER 1943.**SECRET  
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Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of November 1943.

Monday 1 November	Coaled ship. 1630L Sailed for Melbourne carrying out 4" and 12 Pdr. full calibre firing outside Sydney Heads.
Wednesday 4 November	0730L Secured alongside Nelson Pier Williamstown.
Monday 8 November	0730L Proceeded to Geelong. 1100L Secured alongside Cunningham Pier. Commenced embarking mine units.
Tuesday 9 November	1700L Completed embarking mine units. Sailed from Geelong independently for Sydney.
Friday 12 November	1000L Secured No. 1 Buoy Port Jackson.
Sunday 14 November	0800L Sailed for Moreton Bay in Convoy G.P. 83.
Wednesday 17 November	0330L Anchored in Moreton Bay. 1600L Sailed in Convoy Q.L. 30 for Barrier Reef.
Friday 19 November	0400L Proceeded independently from Lady Elliott Island.
Sunday 21 November	Carried out Minelaying operations, then proceeded to Cairns. 1730L Anchored off Cairns to collect mail and have defective A/S Oscillator replaced. 2000L Proceeded to Mining Grounds.
Tuesday 23 November	0934L Touched bottom to north of Cockburn Reef, damaging A/S Dome. Carried out minelaying operations.
Wednesday 24 November	Reloaded mining deck.
Thursday 25 November	Completed minelaying operations. Proceeded south.
Friday 26 November	2200L Anchored off Cairns to collect mail and stores. 2300L Proceeded south.

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Saturday 27 November ( )  
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On passage to Sydney.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
November	4858	26	482	467
Total	90906	573	10,234	8822
Monthly Average	3030	19	341	294



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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, SYDNEY.  
15th November, 1943.

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

Date 3 November 1943. Reference No. 36/1/2.

To Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - OCTOBER 1943.**SECRET**

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of October 1943.

Friday 1 October. On passage through Barrier Reef to mining ground.

Saturday 2 October. 2100L Anchored in vicinity of Cape Bedford.

Sunday 3 October ( Carried out minelaying operations.

Wednesday 6 October (

Thursday 7 October 1720L Anchored off Lizard Island to make an astronomical observation.  
2052L Proceeded south.

Friday 8 October 0953L Anchored off Cairns to collect mail.  
1400L Proceeded independently to Sydney.

Wednesday 13 October 0525L Arrived Sydney. Secured to No.2 Buoy. Commenced Boiler cleaning.

Tuesday 26 October 1050L Shifted berth to Cruiser Wharf Garden Island to complete Boiler cleaning.

Wednesday 27 October 1150L H.N.M.S. "TROMP" secured alongside.

Sunday 31 October Alongside Cruiser Wharf Garden Island.

	<u>DISTANCE</u> <u>STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER</u> <u>WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER</u> <u>WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES</u> <u>LAIID.</u>
October	2362	14	225	467
Total	86048	547	9752	8355
Monthly Average	2967	19	336	288



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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
29th October, 1943.

*G.C. Fairhead Gould*

A/Rear-Admiral.

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

Date 1 October 1943. Reference No. 36/1/1

To Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1943.**RESTRICTED**

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of  
September 1943.

Wednesday 1 September. At Birt's Buoy - Neutral Bay, Coaled Ship.

Thursday 2 September. Commander R.B.A. Hunt R.A.N. assumed command.

Friday 3 September. Adjusted compasses and calibrated W/T D/F set.

Saturday 4 September. 1500K Sailed for Geelong in Convoy C.O. 123.

Sunday 5 September. (  
Monday 6 September. ( On passage to Geelong.

Tuesday 7 September. 1200K Arrived Geelong, secured alongside Cunningham Pier. Embarked 20 Dummy Mine Units.

Wednesday 8 September. 0925K Sailed from Geelong.  
1300K Carried out Test Lay in Port Phillip.  
1600K Berthed Prince's Pier, Port Melbourne.

Wednesday 15 September. 0830K Sailed for Geelong.  
1215K Berthed Cunningham Pier, Geelong.

Thursday 16 September. Embarked Mine Units.

Friday 17 September. Completed embarking Mine Units.  
1700K Sailed from Geelong.  
2330K Joined Convoy O.C.126 for Sydney.

Saturday 18 September. (  
Monday 20 September. ( On passage to Sydney.

Tuesday 21 September. 0445K Secured Birt's Buoy - Neutral Bay.

Saturday 25 September. 0740K Sailed for Brisbane in Convoy G.P. 69.

Sunday 26 September. (  
Monday 27 September. ( On passage to Brisbane.

Tuesday 28 September. 1330K Anchored in North West Channel, Moreton Bay.  
1600K Sailed for Barrier Reef in Convoy Q.L.16.



Wednesday 29 September. On passage to Barrier Reef.

Thursday 30 September. Convoy Q.L. 16 dispersed in Curtis Channel.  
Proceeded independently.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED.</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
September	2429	17	300	-
Total	83686	533	9527	7888
Monthly Average	2989	19	340	282



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*G.L. Muirhead Gould*

A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, SYDNEY.  
8th. September, 1943.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

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

Date 1 September 1945. Reference No. 41/23/43.

To Rear Admiral-in-Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - AUGUST 1943.

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of August 1943.

Sunday 1 August. ( On passage from Noumea to Auckland  
Tuesday 3 August. ( escorted by U.S.S. Y.M.S.88.

Wednesday 4 August. 1550M Secured alongside Calliope Pier,  
Devonport.

Thursday 5 August. ( Embarked mine units and free freight  
Monday 9 August. ( stores.

Tuesday 10 August. Embarked free freight stores.

Wednesday 11 August. Shifted berth to Western Wharf.  
Coaled ship.

Thursday 12 August. 0900M Sailed from Auckland escorted by  
U.S.S. Y.M.S.88.

Friday 13 August. ( On passage to Noumea. Experienced  
Tuesday 17 August. ( severe cyclone.  
0900L Arrived Port Noumea.

Wednesday 18 August. ( Carried out mining operations.  
Monday 23 August. (

Tuesday 24 August. At anchor in Port Noumea.

Wednesday 25 August. Painted ship.

Thursday 26 August. 0900L Sailed from Noumea.

Friday 27 August. ( On passage from Noumea to Sydney.  
Monday 30 August. ( 1600L Secured to Birt's Buoy.

Tuesday 31 August. Disembarked Free Freight Stores.

	DISTANCE STEAMED.	DAYS UNDER WEIGH	HOURS UNDER WEIGH	MINES LAID.
August	3241	20	324	349
Total	81257	516	9227	7888
Monthly Average	3009	19	342	292



*H. K. Calder*  
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The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" (Copy to Naval Board.)

LETTER OF PROCEEDINGS - H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

With reference to your submission No.40/23/43 of 1st. September, 1943, and B.S.250/64 of 28th. June, 1943, your attention is again drawn to C.N.O.233/42 regarding the inclusion of a reference to the health and conduct of the Ship's Company in reports of proceedings.

(S) G.C. MURHEAD-GOULD

A/Rear-Admiral.

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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"'s letter  
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The Secretary,  
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*Geoffrey Head Gould*

A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
20th August, 1943.

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

Date 2 August 1943 Reference No. 39/23/43.

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - JULY 1943.

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of July 1943.

<u>Thursday 1 July.</u>		In Dock at Cockatoo Island.
<u>Friday 2 July.</u>		Undocked. Secured No. 2 Buoy.
<u>Saturday 3 July.</u>		Coaled ship.
<u>Monday 5 July.</u>		Provisioned and Ammunitioned Ship. Completed fitting RADAR Type 271.
<u>Tuesday 6 July.</u>		Swung ship for adjustment of Com- passes.
	1300K	Proceeded to sea for RADAR trials.
	1630K	Returned to Sydney to land RADAR trial party and one sick rating.
	1730K	Proceeded to Auckland escorted by H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE".
<u>Wednesday 7 July.</u>	0700K	H.M.A.S. "TOWNSVILLE" parted company - proceeded independently.
<u>Monday 12 July.</u>	0700M	Arrived Auckland. Secured East Calliope Pier.
<u>Tuesday 13 July.</u> (		
<u>Friday 16 July.</u> (		Embarked 467 Mine units.
<u>Saturday 17 July.</u>	1115M	Sailed for Noumea escorted by H.M.N.Z.S. "TUI".
<u>Thursday 22 July.</u>	1000L	Arrived Noumea - anchored inside Port Noumea.
<u>Saturday 24 July.</u> (		
<u>Thursday 29 July.</u> (		On Mining Grounds - carried out Minelaying operations.
	1000L	Anchored inside Port Noumea.
<u>Saturday 31 July.</u>	1230L	Sailed for Auckland escorted by Y.M.S.88.

	<u>DISTANCE</u> <u>STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER</u> <u>WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER</u> <u>WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES</u> <u>LAI'D.</u>
July	2716	20	280	446
Total	78016	496	8903	7539
Monthly Average	3000	19	342	290



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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
23rd July, 1943

*G.L. Fairhead. Gould*

A/Rear-Admiral.

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

Date 5 July 1943 Reference No. 38/23/43

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney. Copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - JUNE, 1943.

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Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of June, 1943.

<u>Tuesday 1 June</u>	0900K	Sailed from Sydney for Brisbane Convoy GP 53.
<u>Friday 4 June</u>	0600K	Anchored in North West Channel Moreton Bay.
	0830K	Embarked Surveying Motor Boat No.1675 - proceeded in Convoy BV 65 for Barrier Reef.
<u>Sunday 6 June</u>	1600K	Proceeded independently.
<u>Tuesday 8 June</u>	0820K	Anchored on Mining Ground.
<u>Wednesday 9 June</u>		Carried out Minelaying Operations.
<u>Thursday 10 June</u>	1200K	Anchored off Cairns. Re-loaded Mining Decks.
	1820K	Proceeded to Mining Ground.
<u>Friday 11 June</u>	1440K	Anchored on Mining Ground
<u>Saturday 12 June</u>		Carried out Minelaying Operations.
	2000K	Called at Townsville for Mail and proceeded South. Rendezvous with A/S Escort H.M.A.S. "GLADSTONE"
<u>Monday 14 June</u>		
<u>Wednesday 16 June</u>	0625K	Anchored in North West Channel Moreton Bay. Disembarked Surveying Motor Boat.
	0830K	Proceeded independently for Sydney.
<u>Thursday 17 June</u>	0845K	U.S.S. "BAGLEY" joined company as A/S escort.
<u>Saturday 19 June</u>	0300K	Secured No.3 Buoy Port Jackson
	0830K	Shifted to Oil Wharf Garden Island. Commenced Boiler Cleaning.
<u>Sunday 20 June (</u>		
<u>Tuesday 29 June(</u>		Boiler Cleaning

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Wednesday 30 June

0800K

Shifted to Cockatoo Island  
for Docking.

	<u>DISTANCE STEAMED</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
June	2608	19	356	467
Total	<u>75300</u>	<u>476</u>	<u>8623</u>	<u>7093</u>
Monthly Average	3012	19	345	284



*H. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER R.A.N.

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"BUNGAREE" WAR DIARY MAY, 1943.

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The Secretary,  
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G.C. Muirhead Gould.

A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

Date 3rd June, 1943. Reference No. 36/23/43.

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney-copy to: R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - MAY, 1943.SECRET.

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Submitted.

War diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of  
May, 1943.

<u>Saturday 1 May.</u>	<u>0020K.</u>	Sailed from Cairns for Brisbane
<u>Monday 3rd May.</u>	<u>1700K.</u>	Joined S.S. "CALEDON" off Bustard Head and proceeded with A/S Escort "LITHGOW" and "GYMPIE".
<u>Wednesday 5 May.</u>	<u>0340K.</u>	Anchored in Moreton Bay. Disembarked Surveying Motor Boat N <sup>o</sup> . 1675.
	<u>0900K.</u>	Proceeded with "KALGOORLIE" as escort for Sydney.
<u>Friday 7 May.</u>	<u>1700K.</u>	Arrived Sydney Secured to Birts Buoy.
<u>Monday. 10 May.</u>		Coaled Ship.
<u>Saturday 15th May.</u>	<u>1315K.</u>	Sailed from Sydney in convoy C.O.94.
	<u>2200K.</u>	Convoy scattered in cyclone off coast of New South Wales.
<u>Sunday 16 May.</u>	<u>0515K.</u>	Hove to off Port Kembla.
<u>Monday 17 May.</u>	<u>0315K.</u>	Cyclone moderated - proceeded independently.
	<u>2200K.</u>	Joined "BUNDABERG" escorting S.S. "PERSEUS" off Gabo Island.
<u>Tuesday 18th May.</u>	<u>0930K.</u>	Convoy joined by S.S. "MOMBA"
	<u>1415K.</u>	Convoy joined by "KALGOORLIE" escorting S.S. "BARON ELPHINSTINE" and "BUNDALEER".
<u>Wednesday 19 May.</u>	<u>1315K.</u>	Arrived Geelong - secured alongside Cunningham Pier.
<u>Thursday 20 May.</u>		Commenced embarking mine units.
<u>Friday 21 May.</u>		Completed embarking mine units.

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Thursday 27 May.

1500K.

Sailed from Geelong in  
convoy O.C. 95. for Sydney.

Monday 31 May.

0130K.

Arrived Sydney - secured  
N<sup>o</sup> 2 Buoy.

MONTHLY FIGURES - Commissioned 9th June 1941.

<u>MONTH.</u>	<u>DISTANCE.</u>	<u>DAYS UNDER WEIGH.</u>	<u>HOURS UNDER WEIGH</u>	<u>MINES LAID.</u>
May 1943	2507	17	335	Nil.
Total	72692	457	8267	6626
Monthly Average	3029	19	345	276.



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No. 34/23/43, dated 1st May, 1943.)

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H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" - WAR DIARY - APRIL, 1943.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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*G. C. Muirhead-Gould*  
A/Rear-Admiral.

Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
13th May, 1943.

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Rear Base - New Guinea - 12th May 1942

(The following is a list of the rear base  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

Date 1st May, 1943. Reference No. 34/23/43.

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney-copy to: R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - APRIL, 1943.

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War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of

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Thursday 1 April.

2030K

Anchored in North West Channel, Moreton Bay. Turned over Surveying Motor Boat N° 1675 to N.O.I.C. Brisbane.

2200K

Proceeded independently for Sydney.

Sunday 4 April.

0500K

Arrived Sydney - Secured N° 3 Buoy.

Monday 5 April.

Coaled ship.

Wednesday 7 April.

1600K

Sailed in Convoy C.O.86. for Geelong.

Saturday 10 April.

1930K

Secured alongside Cunningham Pier Geelong.

Sunday 11 April.

Commenced embarking mine units

Monday 12 April.

Completed embarking mine units.

Thursday 15 April.

1800K

Sailed from Geelong - joined convoy O.C.87. for Sydney.

2345K

Arrived Sydney-Secured Birts Buoy.

Saturday 17 April.

0840K

Sailed for Brisbane in Convoy G.P. 46.

Monday 19 April.

2130K

Anchored off Pile Light, Moreton Bay. Embarked Surveying Motor Boat, N° 1675.

Tuesday 20 April.

1000K

Sailed in Convoy B.T. 53 for Barrier Reef.

Wednesday 21 April.

1230K

Parted company from convoy and proceeded with "LITHGOW" as A/S escort.

Thursday 22 April.

1600K

"LITHGOW" parted company. Proceeded independently.

Friday 23 April.

2300K

Anchored in Cleveland Bay to land one rating with acute appendicitis.

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Saturday 24 April.

Sunday 25 April.)

Monday 26 April. )

Tuesday 27 April.)

Carried out mining operations

Strong South Easterly Winds with frequent rain squalls. At anchor in Barrier Reef waiting for weather to moderate.

Wednesday 28 April.

1400K

Carried out Mining Operations Anchored off Cairns to transfer mine units from holds to mining deck and to collect mail.

Tuesday 29 April.

Carried out mining Operations

Friday 30 April

2000K

Carried out Mining Operations Anchored off Cairns to collect mail.



The following Table shows the distance steamed, mines laid and days and hours spent under weigh each month since the day of commissioning, together with the progressive total under each heading at the end of each month and the monthly average of each series to the end of April.

These figures will be kept up to date in future monthly War Diaries.

Date of Commissioning 9 June 1941.

MONTH	DISTANCE	TOTAL	DAYS UNDER		HOURS UNDER		MINES	
			WEIGH	TOTAL	WEIGH	TOTAL	LAID	TOTAL.
1941 June	650	650	13	13	140	140		
" July	780	1430	10	23	107	247		
" Aug,	4539	5969	25	48	469	716	254	254
" Sep,	135	6104	2	50	22	738		
" Oct,	3341	9445	28	78	367	1105	412	666
" Nov,	4795	14240	25	103	495	1600		
" Dec,	1812	16052.	13	116	192	1792	412	1078.
1942 Jan,	719	16771	8	124	83	1875		
" Feb,	3950	20721	21	145	401	2276	420	1498
" Mch,	4656	25377	22	167	440	2716	422	1920
" Apl,	3853	29230	20	187	405	3121	423	2343
" May	3722	32952	22	209	387	3508	423	2766
" June	3415	36367	18	227	377	3885	423	3189
" July	4727	41094	26	253	570	4455	423	3612
" Aug,	2304	43398	17	270	297	4752		
" Sep,	2168	45566	17	287	265	5017	423	4035
" Oct,	4280	49846	25	312	503	5520	258	4293
" Nov,	4292	54138	25	337	479	5999	465	4758
" Dec,	3786	57924	24	361	461	6460	467	5225
1943 Jan,	4128	62054	25	386	467	6927	467	5692
" Feb,	1039	63091	5	391	107	7034		
" Mch,	3612	66703	24	415	465	7499	467	6159
" Apl,	3482	70185	25	440	433	7932	467	6626
MONTHLY AVERAGE	3052		19		345		288	

*N. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER. R.A.N.

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The Secretary,  
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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
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A/Rear-Admiral.

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Naval Board,  
The Secretary,  
P.O. Box 488, Sydney.

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NAVY DIVISION - SYDNEY, 24th April, 1943.

(The commanding officer H.M.A.S. "BUNGABEE" is referred to in the letter dated 24/4/43, dated 24/4/43.)

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

Date 1 April, 1943. Reference No. 32/23/43.

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to: R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - MARCH 1943.

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of  
March, 1943.

Monday 1 March		Alongside Cruiser Wharf Garden Island - Refitting. Coaled ship.
Tuesday 2 March		Provisioned ship.
Wednesday 3 March.		Ammunitioned ship - completed Refit.
Thursday 4 March.		D.G. Ranging - Port Jackson. Carried out gun trials of new mountings at sea off South Head. Secured No 3. Buoy.
	1620L.	
Friday 5 March.		Swung ship for adjustment of compasses and calibration of D/F Equipment.
Saturday 6 March.	1635L	Sailed for Geelong in convoy C.O.77. Convoy subjected to dummy torpedo attacks by Beaufort Aircraft off St Georges Head.
Tuesday 9 March.		Proceeded independently ahead of convoy from Wilsons Promontory.
Wednesday 10 March	0725L	Secured alongside Cunningham Pier Geelong. Commenced embarking mine units.
Thursday 11 March.		Completed embarking mine units.
Friday 12 March.	1300L	Proceeded into Port Phillip & carried out full calibre day and night firings at Pattern VI target and close range firings at sleeve target.
Saturday 13 March	0030L 0230L	Cleared Port Phillip Heads. Joined convoy O.C. 78 for Sydney.
Monday 15 March	2200L	Secured No 3 Buoy.
Wednesday 17 March.	1020L	Sailed for Brisbane in convoy G.P. 39.



Saturday 20 March	0800L	Anchored off Pile Light. Embarked Surveying Motor Boat No 1675
	1715L	Sailed in Convoy B.T . for Barrier Reef.
Wednesday 24 March	0330L	Hove to in Cleveland Bay to disembark 14 bags of D.A. correspondence brought from Navy Office Melbourne to N.O.I.C. Townsville.
	1500L	One depth charge for exercise which failed to fire.
	1530L	Arrived on mining ground
Thursday 25 March	2145L	Carried out Mining Operation Anchored off Cairns.
Friday 26 March	1740L 2000L	Loaded mining deck from the holds Sailed from Cairns after collecting mail. Arrived on mining ground.
Saturday 27 March	2015K	Carried out mining operations
Sunday 28 March		Carried out mining operations
	2015K 2215K	Anchored off Cairns for mail. Proceeded south for Brisbane.
Monday 29th March ) Wednesday 31 March)		On passage to brisbane.

The following table shows the distance steamed and number of mines laid each month since the day of commissioning with the progressive total distance steamed and number of mines laid at the end of each month.

DATE OF COMMISSIONING 9 JUNE 1941.

YEAR.	MONTH.	DISTANCE.	TOTAL DISTANCE	N <sup>o</sup> OF MINES LAID.	TOTAL N <sup>o</sup> OF MINES LAID.
1941.	June.	650	650		
"	July.	780	1430		
"	August	4539	5969	254	254
"	September	135	6104		
"	October.	3341	9445	412	666
"	November	4795	14240		
"	December	1812	16052	412	1978

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YEAR.	MONTH	DISTANCE.	TOTAL DISTANCE	No OF MINES LAID.	TOTAL No OF MINES LAID.
1942.	January	719	16771		
"	February.	3950	20721	420	1498
"	March	4656	25377	422	1920
"	April	3853	29230	423	2343
"	May	3722	32952	423	2766
"	June	3415	36367	423	3189
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"	February	1039	63091		
"	March	3564	66655	467	6159



*N. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER. R.A.N.

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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".  
Date 8th March, 1943. Reference No. 31/23/43.  
To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to: R.A.C.A.S.  
Subject WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1943.

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Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of February, 1943.

Monday 1st February)		On passage Barrier Reef to Sydney.
Friday 5th February)	1100	Secured No. 1 Buoy. De-ammunitioned ship. Advance Party and Interstate Ratings despatched on Long Leave.
Saturday 6th February.		Shufted berth to Cruiser Wharf, Garden Island.
Monday 8th February		Remainder of Ships Company proceeded on Long Leave Care and Maintenance party retained onboard. Commenced Refit.
Sunday 28th February.		Refitting at Garden Island.

REAR-ADMIRAL-IN-CHARGE  
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*W. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER. R.A.N.

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The Secretary,  
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Naval Base Headquarters,  
Potts Point, Sydney.  
24th March, 1943.

*De Muirhead, Gould*  
A/Rear-Admiral.

(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"'s  
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From The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE".

Date 1st February, 1943. Reference No. 30/23/43.

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to: R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - JANUARY, 1943.SECRET.

Submitted.

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of  
January, 1943.

Friday 1st January)		On passage Barrier Reef to Sydney.
Monday 4th January)		
Tuesday 5th January.	0200L	Secured to No.3 Buoy. Coaled ship.
Wednesday 6th January.	1500L	Sailed in Convoy C.O.59 for Geelong.
Thursday 7th January)		On passage Sydney to Geelong.
Saturday 9th January)	1600L	Secured East Side Cunningham Pier.
Sunday 10th January		Embarked 467 mine units.
Monday 11th January	2100L	Sailed in Convoy O.C.61 for Sydney.
Tuesday 12th January)		On passage Geelong to Sydney.
Thursday 14th January)	1900L	Secured to No.2 Buoy.
Wednesday 20th January	1000L	Sailed in Convoy G.P.31 for Barrier Reef.
Thursday 21st January)		On passage Sydney to Barrier Reef.
Tuesday 26th January )		
Wednesday 27th January)		Carried out mining operations
Thursday 28th January )	1930L	Secured Concrete Pier Townsville.
Friday 29th January	1600L	Transferred mine units from holds to mining deck. Sailed for mining area.
Saturday 30th January		Carried out mining operations.
Sunday 31st January.		Carried out mining operations. Landed surveying motor boat at Townsville. Landed advance Long leave party at Townsville. Sailed for Sydney.
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*H. K. Collier*  
COMMANDER. R.A.N.

(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" letter  
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War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of December, 1942.

<u>Tuesday 1st December.</u>	}		On passage Sydney - Melbourne.
<u>Wednesday 2nd December.</u>			
<u>Thursday 3rd December.</u>		1400L.	Secured alongside No.7 North Wharf.
<u>Friday 4th December.</u>	}		Unloading steel freight.
<u>Saturday 5th December.</u>			
<u>Sunday 6th December.</u>		0500L. 0930L.	Proceeded Geelong. Commenced embarking mine units.
<u>Monday 7th December.</u>		1530L. 1600L.	Completed embarking 467 mine units Proceeded to join convoy C.O. 51 for Sydney.
<u>Tuesday 8th December.</u>	}		On passage Geelong - Sydney.
<u>Wednesday 9th December.</u>			
<u>Thursday 10th December.</u>			
<u>Friday 11th December.</u>		1315L.	Secured at BIRTS BUOY.
<u>Saturday 12th December.</u>			Coaled ship.
<u>Tuesday 15th December.</u>			Defective Dynamo Armature re-installed.
<u>Wednesday 16th December.</u>		1100L.	Sailed for Brisbane in convoy G.P.26.
<u>Thursday 17th December.</u>	}		On passage Sydney - Brisbane.
<u>Friday 18th December.</u>			
<u>Saturday 19th December.</u>		0730L.	Secured alongside Q.M.B.A's wharf Pinkenbar.
<u>Monday 21st December.</u>		1000L.	Sailed for Barrier Reef in Convoy B.T.29.
<u>Tuesday 22nd December.</u>			Experienced severe cyclone off Sandy Cape.
<u>Thursday 24th December.</u>		1130L. 2000L.	Parted company with convoy. Proceeded independently to Mackay to land one rating suffering from acute appendicitis. Sailed Mackay for mining area.

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<u>Sunday 27th December.</u> )		Carried out mining operations.
<u>Monday 28th December.</u> )		
<u>Tuesday 29th December.</u> )	1400L.	Anchored off Fairway Buoy Cairns. Transferred remaining mine units from hold to mining deck.
<u>Wednesday 30th December.</u>	0300L.	Proceeded to mining area.
	1900L.	Completed mining operation. Proceeded South for Sydney.
<u>Thursday 31st December.</u>		On passage Barrier Reef - Sydney.



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War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of November 1942.

<u>Sunday 1st November.</u>		On passage. Auckland to Geelong
<u>Monday 2nd November.</u>	0830L	Secured alongside Cunningham Pier. Commenced embarking mines.
<u>Tuesday 3rd November.</u>		Completed embarking 465 mine units.
<u>Wednesday 4th November</u>	1700L	Proceeded from Geelong on passage to Sydney in Convoy O.C.41
<u>Saturday 7th November.</u>	2230L.	Secured at BIRTS buoy Sydney.
<u>Monday, 9th November.</u>		Coaled Ship.
<u>Wednesday 11th November.</u>	0900L.	Proceeded to sea escorted by H.M.A.S. "SWAN" for B.D.F. calibration trials. Not completed owing to fact that aircraft returned to base.
	1500L.	Joined Convoy G.P. 21 off Sydney on passage to Cape Moreton.
<u>Friday 13th November.</u>		Parted company with Convoy G.P. 21. Proceeded with "KURUMBA" on passage to Whitsunday Passage. Assumed duties of Commodore of Convoy.
<u>Saturday 14th November.</u>	0030L.	H.M.A.S. "GOULBURN" joined Convoy as A/S escort, with "MERKUR".
<u>Sunday 15th November.</u>	0740L.	Off Whitsunday Passage. Dispersed Convoy. Proceeded independently to mining area.
<u>Wednesday 18th November.</u>	}	Carried out mining operations.
<u>Thursday 19th November.</u>		
<u>Friday 20th November.</u>		
<u>Saturday 21st November.</u>	0615L. 1010L.	Anchored off Cairns Fairway buoy. Detected hydrophone effect to northward. Weighed. Shifted berth to northward of Double Is. Transferred mines from hold to mining deck.
	1930L.	Weighed and proceeded to mining area.
<u>Sunday 22nd November.</u>	1900L.	Conducting mining operations. Proceeded on passage to Newcastle.

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<u>Friday 27th November.</u>	1030L.	Secured alongside No. 4 Wharf. Port Waratah and commenced embarking steel freight for Port Phillip.
<u>Sunday 29th November.</u>	0430L.	Proceeded on passage to Sydney.
	1430L.	Secured to BIRTS buoy Sydney. Landed defective dynamo armature.
<u>Monday 30th November.</u>	1630L.	Proceeded from Sydney on passage to Port Phillip.

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The Secretary,  
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*G. C. Muirhead Gould*

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Submitted:

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of October, 1942:

- 1st October. Ship completing short refit and docking at  
to Sydney, during which period R.D.F. was installed  
5th October but not completed.
- 5th October. 1200L Long leave liberty men returned.  
1515L Sailed in company with Sydney portion of Convoy  
C.O.33. on passage to Geelong.  
1700L Rendezvoused with Newcastle portion of Convoy C.O.33
- 8th October. 1045L Parted company with Convoy and proceeded ahead.  
1200L Entered Port Phillip  
1730L Secured alongside Cunningham Pier Geelong.
- 9th October. Embarking 465 mines units. Attempt to complete  
10th October. R.D.F. installation but not finished before  
sailing.
- 10th October. 1700L Sailed from Geelong on Passage to Auckland,  
New Zealand.  
2330L Joined Convoy O.C.33. outside Port Phillip.
- 11th October. Encountered adverse weather in Bass Strait which  
persisted for five days.
- 13th October. 1600L. Parted company with Convoy O.C.33 in latitude  
36° 30's and proceeded independently to Auckland.
- 16th October. Weather improved appreciably.
- 19th October. Exercised Minelaying Stations.
- 20th October. 1845m Secured alongside Calliope Wharf, Auckland.
- 21st October. 1700M. Proceeded on passage to Bay of Islands, for  
operation P.P.M.1.
- 22nd October. 0700M. Arrived Renown Anchorage, Bay of Islands for  
operation P.P.M.1.  
1900M. Operation completed, having laid 258 mines. Returned  
to Auckland.
- 23rd October. 0815 Arrived Auckland and secured alongside Western  
Wharf for coal and water.



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24th October. 0650M. Shifted berth to anchorage in stream.  
1315M Remainder of mining operation cancelled. Commenced disembarking remainder of mines for stowage in New Zealand.  
25th October. 1205M Disembarkation of mines completed.  
1500M Sailed independently on passage to Geelong.

During the ships stay in New Zealand the Base R.D.F. staff offered all assistance with the ships installation and although not properly completed it was capable of useful operation on the passage to Geelong.

The weather through the return passage was good and Gabo Island was sighted at 1800L 31st October.



*H. K. Calla*  
COMMANDER. R. A. N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
2nd November, 1942.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 2nd. October, 1942 Reference No. 24/23/42

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Submitted:

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of September, 1942:

<u>1st. September</u>	1145K	Weighed and proceeded in company with north-bound convoy from Moreton Bay on passage to Magnetic Passage.
<u>2nd. September</u>		On passage.
<u>3rd. September</u>	0645K	Parted company with convoy in Capricorn Channel and proceeded independently.
<u>4th. September</u>		On passage.
<u>5th. September</u>	0800K	Arrived Magnetic Passage for Operation "SAM".
<u>6th. September</u>		Completed first lay of Operation "SAM" and proceeded to Townsville to reload mining deck from holds.
<u>7th. September</u>	p.m.	Returned to vicinity of Magnetic Passage.
<u>8th. September</u>		In vicinity of Magnetic Passage.
<u>9th. September</u>	1000K	Operation "SAM" completed after being delayed by unfavourable weather. Proceeded independently on passage to Brisbane.
<u>10th. September</u> and <u>11th. September</u>		On passage.
<u>12th. September</u>	2030K	Anchored off Pile Light, Moreton Bay,
<u>13th. September</u>	0555K 0730K	Weighed and proceeded up Brisbane River. Secured alongside Abattoirs Wharf.
<u>14th. September</u> and <u>15th. September</u>		Alongside Abattoirs Wharf, Brisbane.
<u>16th. September</u>	1000K 1430K	Proceeded down river. Anchored in company with Convoy P.G.13 in Northwest channel to await arrival of escorts.
<u>17th. September</u>	1245K	Weighed in company with Convoy P.G.13 and proceeded on passage to Sydney, escorted by "YANDRA" and "TOWNSVILLE".
<u>18th. September</u>		On passage to Sydney.

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19th. September 1700K Arrived Sydney and secured alongside Garden Island preparatory to commencing short refit, and granting of long leave.

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Alongside Garden Island.

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*J.C. Quirkhead Gould*

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War Diary of H.M.A.S. " BUNGAREE" for month of August, 1942.

Saturday 1st August. At Abattoirs Wharf Brisbane. Boiler Cleaning.  
 P.M. Ships Rugby team played against H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA"  
 Score 27 - 5 in favour of "ARUNTA".

Monday 3rd August.  
 0600K. Proceeded down river and joined Convoy P.G.7.  
 for passage to Sydney.  
 Escorted by "WHYALLA". "BUNGAREE" acted as  
 additional A/S escort.  
 1415k. Cleared Cape Moreton. Proceeded by inshore route.  
 1415K. "ARUNTA" joined convoy.

Tuesday 4th August.  
 1200K. In position 4½ miles east of South Solitary  
 Island. Weather steadily deteriorating (From  
 South East). Speed of convoy gradually  
 reduced during afternoon and night.  
 1800k. "ARUNTA" parted company.

Wednesday 5th August.  
 0730K. "Moresby" joined company.  
 1300K. Newcastle portion of convoy escorted by "Moresby"  
 parted company and proceeded to destination.  
 2100K. Entered Sydney Harbour and secured to No. 3 Buoy.

Thursday 6th August.  
 0340K. Received general warning of enemy submarine  
 in vicinity of Sydney.  
 0844K - 0930K. Shifted berth from number 3 buoy to No 3 Wharf.  
 Pyrmont. Commenced coaling ship.

Friday 7th August.  
 0800k. - 0845K. Shifted berth to Cruiser Wharf at Garden  
 Island.  
 Commenced boiler cleaning and remedying of  
 small defects.

Wednesday 12th August  
 A.M. Engine Room Department inspected by Engineer  
 Officer "H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN".  
 1915K Received general warning of enemy submarine in  
 vicinity of Sydney.

Thursday 13th August  
 1400K. Proceeded in company with convoy C.O.18 on  
 passage to Geelong.  
 1630 Joined company with Newcastle portion of convoy  
 escorted by "WHYALLA" and "YANDRA". "BUNGAREE"  
 acting as additional A/S. escort.

Friday 14th August.

1450K. "BUNGAREE" obtained A/S. Contact and dropped astern to investigate.  
1500K. Contact classified as non-sub.  
2040K. Rounded Gabo Island.

Saturday 15th August.

2000K. Rounded Wilsons Promontory  
Weather deteriorating from South West.

Sunday 16th August.

1100k Parted company with convoy and proceeded ahead .  
1230k Entered Port Phillip.  
1730K Secured alongside Cunningham's Pier, Geelong.

Wednesday 19th August } Embarking mine units at Geelong.  
Thursday 20th August }

Friday 21st August.

0830K. Proceeded from Geelong for H.A. and L.A. practice firings in Port Phillip. H.A. practice subsequently cancelled.  
2100K. Anchored off Gellibrand Light.

Saturday 22nd August.

2300K Sailed in company with Convoy O.C.20. "BUNGAREE" acted as Commodore of Convoy.

Sunday 23rd August.

0345K Cleared Port Phillip. Escorted by "WILCANNIA" and "DELORAINIE".  
0640k. P/V boom fractured at Gooseneck  
1700k. Rounded Wilsons Promintory.

Monday 24th August.

2030K. Rounded Gabo Island.

Wednesday 25th August.

0500K. Entered Sydney Harbour and secured to No.2. Buoy.

Thursday 26th August.

0730K. Proceeded on passage from Sydney to Moreton Bay in company with convoy G.P.11. Escorted by "GEELONG" and "DUBBO".

Saturday 29th August.

2340K. Rounded Cape Moreton.

Sunday 30th August.

0500K Anchored off Brisbane Pile Light House to await west - bound convoy.



H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
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Submitted:

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<u>Wednesday 1st. July</u>		On passage Noumea to Sydney.
<u>2nd. July</u>	0700K	Arrived Sydney and secured to No. 1 Buoy. Embarked coal and stores.
<u>3rd. July</u>	0200K	Slipped from No. 1 buoy and proceeded on passage to Geelong with convoy C.O.8 from Newcastle, escorted by U.S.S. "HELM" and H.M.A.S. "KALGOORLIE". "BUNGAREE" acted as additional A/S escort after joining convoy off Searched Channel at 0700.
<u>4th. July</u>	1145K p.m.	Rounded Gabo Island. Experienced heavy weather with strong westerly winds. Convoy speed reduced to about 4 knots and it was found that this speed was too low to provide steerage way for "BUNGAREE" under the prevailing weather conditions. It was therefore decided to proceed ahead during the night.
<u>5th. July</u>		Weather moderated slightly. Convoy, which had been scattered during the night, reformed during the forenoon and "BUNGAREE" rejoined company.
<u>6th. July</u>	1200K 1600K	Weather moderated appreciably. Passed South East Cape. Parted company with convoy and proceeded ahead to Geelong at best speed in order to commence embarking mines a.m. 7th. July.
<u>7th. July</u> and <u>8th. July</u>		At Geelong. Embarked 423 mine units.
<u>9th. July</u> and <u>10th. July</u>		At Geelong.
<u>11th. July</u>	0700K 1300K	Left Geelong on passage to Flora Pass and Port Moresby. Joined convoy O.C.10 off Port Phillip Heads, escorted by "STUART" and "GEELONG". "BUNGAREE" acted as additional A/S escort.
<u>12th. July</u> and <u>13th. July</u>		On passage.

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<u>14th. July</u>	0930K 1100K	Arrived Sydney. Secured to No. 2 Buoy. Slipped from No. 2 Buoy and proceeded in company with Convoy G.P.6 northbound. Escorted by "STUART" and "CAIRNS".
<u>15th. July</u>		On passage.
<u>16th. July</u>	1630K	Off Cape Moreton. Parted company with Convoy G.P.6 and proceeded with s.s. "BOTH" and "CAIRNS" on passage northward.
<u>17th. July</u>	1100K	"MILDURA" joined convoy and "CAIRNS" parted company and returned to Brisbane.
<u>18th. July</u>	1030K	"MILDURA" parted company and returned to Brisbane. "BOTH" and "BUNGAREE" proceeded independently.
<u>19th. July</u>	1800K	"BENDIGO" joined company as A/S escort off Cape Bowling Green for onward passage to Port Moresby.
<u>20th. July</u>	1130K  1515K 1645K  2200K	Anchored with "BENDIGO" in mining area, in Flora Pass, for operation GORDON. Proceeded to lay dan buoys on edges of reefs. Weighed and proceeded to lay mines. Completed operation GORDON. Proceeded with "BENDIGO" in company via NORTHWEST and FELLOWE reefs to anchor off Cairns. Anchored off Cairns.
<u>21st. July</u>	0430K to 0830K 0845K	Transferred mine units from holds to mining deck.  Weighed and proceeded with "BENDIGO" in company to Port Moresby via Grafton Passage.
<u>22nd. July</u>		On passage.
<u>23rd. July</u>	0700K 0735K 1038K	Entered reef through PADANA NAHUA. Commenced laying mines. Completed operations BOB and TRADER, passing onwards through PADANA NAHUA on passage to Townsville.
<u>24th. July</u>		On passage.
<u>25th. July</u>	0001K  0900K 1645K	"BENDIGO" parted company to rendezvous with convoy in Grafton Passage. Entered Grafton Passage. "BENDIGO" rejoined and proceeded in company.
<u>26th. July</u>	0020K  0400K  0715K	A.A. bursts and searchlights observed in direction of Townsville. Entered Cleveland Bay. Received warning of presence of enemy submarine. Joined H.M.A.S. "SWAN" on patrol. Transferred mails from examination vessel and proceeded on passage south.
<u>27th. July</u> and <u>28th. July</u>		On passage.
<u>29th. July</u>	0726K  0817K 1230K 1930K 2030K	Obtained A/S contact in position 26°34' South 153°52' East. Investigated and attacked with two depth charges at 0752K. Contact subsequently classified as non-sub. Proceeded on passage to Brisbane. Entered Brisbane Searched Channel. Passed Brisbane Pile Light. Secured alongside Ab attours Wharf, Brisbane.

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30th. July }  
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31st. July }

At Brisbane.  
Commenced boiler cleaning.

*T. K. Caldwell*

COMMANDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
1st. August, 1942.



(THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE". LETTER NO. 16/23/42,  
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WAR DIARY, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" JUNE, 1942.

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*D. Squirhead-Gould*

Office of the  
Rear-Admiral-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
13th. July, 1942.

A/Rear Admiral.

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## Commonwealth of Australia

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 3rd. July, 1942

Reference No. 16/23/42

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - JUNE, 1942

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Submitted:

War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of  
June, 1942:-

1st. June                      At Sydney.  
0030K H.M.A.S. "KUTTABUL" sank alongside Garden  
Island as result of attack by Japanese  
midget submarine. "BUNGAREE" had closed  
up at action stations on first alarm at  
2230K/31st. May, but enemy forces were not  
sighted.

2nd. June                      At Sydney.  
to  
7th. June                      }

8th. June                      At Sydney.  
0030K Gunfire to seaward. Closed up A.A. defence  
stations.  
0040K Air Raid Warning Red.  
0115K All Clear. Secured defence stations.

9th. June                      0200K Slipped from No. 6 Buoy and proceeded on  
passage to Geelong, with Sydney portion of  
Convoy C.O.1.  
0640K Rendezvous with Convoy C.O.1 from Newcastle  
at entrance to Sydney searched channel.  
Escorts were H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" and H.M.A.S.  
"KALGOORLIE". "BUNGAREE" acted as addition-  
al A/S escort for passage to Port Phillip.

10th. June                      1200K Escorting aircraft indicated presence of  
submarine on starboard side of convoy and  
attacked with bombs. Convoy turned to  
port but resumed course when target was  
reported as non-sub.

11th. June                      0615K Attack was made by "BUNGAREE" on an under-  
water contact, reported by A/S operator as  
a submarine. Four depth charges were  
dropped, but no visible results were observ-  
ed. ("BUNGAREE" report 10/11/42 of 12th.  
June to The Secretary, Naval Board).

12th. June                      0930K Parted company with Convoy C.O.1 and  
proceeded ahead.  
1200K Entered Port Phillip.  
1645K Secured alongside Cunningham Pier, Geelong.

13th. June                      At Geelong. Commenced embarkation of  
to  
15th. June                      } mine units Monday 15th. June.



16th. June, 1400K Completed embarkation of mine units.  
 1415K Proceeded on passage to Noumea.  
 2000K Cleared Port Phillip Heads.  
 2015K "WHYALLA" joined company as A/S escort.

17th. June 0645K "WHYALLA" parted company to join Convoy O.C.3.  
 1000K Joined company with U.S.S. "PERKINS", "WHYALLA",  
 and Convoy O.C.3. "BUNGAREE" took station as  
 additional A/S escort.

18th. June On passage with Convoy O.C.3.

19th. June 1200K Parted company with convoy and proceeded ahead  
 to rendezvous with Netherlands Cruiser "TROMP",  
 which was then to act as escort to Noumea.  
 1730K Joined company with "TROMP".

20th. June }  
 to }  
23rd. June } On passage to Noumea.

24th. June 1320L Entered Bulari Passage.  
 1630L Anchored in Great Roads, Noumea.

25th. June 0615L Weighed and proceeded for mining area, to  
 commence operation "CHARLES".  
 0700L Anchored in mining area.  
 0800L Surveying vessel "BASS" secured alongside to  
 assist with the laying of dan buoys.

26th. June 0939L Commenced laying mines. (Rows A, B, C and D).  
 1400L Proceeded to anchorage in Dumbea Bay and trans-  
 ferred mines from holds to mining deck.  
 During the afternoon, one mine failure was  
 sunk by Surveying Vessel "BASS". (Rifle fire).

27th. June 0600L Weighed and proceeded for continuation of mine  
 laying. (Rows E, F and G).  
 1000L Completed Operation "CHARLES".  
 "BASS" recovered dan buoys.  
 1600L Cleared Bulari Passage in company with "TROMP",  
 which was to act as escort to Sydney.

28th. June }  
 to }  
30th. June } On passage to Sydney. Kites were flown by  
 "BUNGAREE" on 30th. June as targets for "TROMP's"  
 short range A-A weapons' practice.

*H. K. Callu*  
 COMMANDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
 3rd. July, 1942.



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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE's" letter No. 14/23/42 dated 10th June, 1942.)

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The Secretary,  
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*A.C. Quirkhead-Doyle*

Office of the  
Rear-Admiral-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
23rd June, 1942.

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## Commonwealth of Australia

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 10th. June, 1942 Reference No. 14/23/42

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - MAY, 1942

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Submitted: War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of May, 1942:-

<u>1st. May</u>	}		At Sydney.
to			
<u>2nd. May</u>			
<u>3rd. May</u>		1030K	Slipped from P. and O. buoy and proceeded on passage to Geelong.
<u>4th. May</u>			At sea.
<u>5th. May</u>		0820K 1025K 1800K	Met H.M.A.S. "ORARA". Rounded Wilson's Promontory. Wind freshening from N.W.
<u>6th. May</u>		0100K 0410K 1230K 1520K 1745K	Passed Port Phillip Heads. Anchored off Portarlington. Wind N.W. force 6. Weighed. Course and speed as required for ship handling exercises. Proceeded up harbour to Geelong. Secured alongside Cunningham Pier.
<u>7th. May</u>	}		Embarked outfit of mines. Completed 1500K/8.
and			
<u>8th. May</u>			
<u>9th. May</u>		0800K 1030K -1230K 1444K 1525K	Proceeded on passage to Noumea. Carried out ship handling trials off Portarlington. Met H.M.A.S. "ARUNTA" in South Channel. Cleared Port Phillip Heads.
<u>10th. May</u>		0400K 1645K 2330K	Rounded Wilson's Promontory. In position 38° 35' South 148° 30' East joined company with H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" which assumed duties of surface escort for onward passage to Noumea. Advanced clocks to zone -11.
<u>11th. May</u>		0900L 0930L	H.M.A.S. "MILDURA" joined company as A/S escort. Conducted signal exercises with "MANOORA".
<u>12th. May</u>		0140L 0930L 1540L	Sighted convoy PM 2070 bearing 090° 4 miles, steering southwest. Exercised minelaying control parties. Wind increasing to gale force from N.W. Sighted Lord Howe Island bearing 083°.

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<u>13th. May</u> and <u>14th. May</u>	} }	On passage Noumea.
<u>15th. May</u>		1745L H.M.A.S. "GEEELONG" joined company as additional A/S escort. She reported her A/S set out of action and was stationed astern of "BUNGAREE".
<u>16th. May</u>		1420L Entered Bulari Passage. 1712L Anchored in Great Road, Noumea.
<u>17th. May</u>		0952L Shifted to anchorage off Bovis Point. Commenced laying dan buoys preparatory to minelaying (Operation "JOHN").
<u>18th. May</u>		Completed laying dan buoys and laid two rows of mines between 1652L and 1745L. Anchored off Bovis Point.
<u>19th. May</u>		0600L Weighed and laid 3rd. and 4th. row of mines. Then proceeded to Great Road to transfer mines from holds to mining deck.
<u>20th. May</u>		0615L Weighed and proceeded to complete Operation "JOHN". 1352L Lay completed. Anchored off PRONY REEF to recover dan buoys. 1550L Shifted to anchorage south of FREYCINET Island.
<u>21st. May</u>		0550L Weighed and proceeded on passage to Sydney. 0812L Cleared Bulari Passage. H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" joined company as A/S escort. 2200L H.M.A.S. "WILCANNIA" parted company and returned to Noumea.
<u>22nd. May</u> to <u>25th. May</u>	} }	On passage Sydney. At 2112L on 24th. May unidentified underwater noises resembling echo sounding transmissions were detected by A/S. Altered course to avoid. 25th. May - clocks retarded to zone -10.
<u>26th. May</u>		0650K Entered Sydney Harbour. 0729K Secured to No. 6 buoy. Embarked coal.
<u>27th. May</u> and <u>28th. May</u>	} }	At Sydney.
<u>29th. May</u>		0740K Air Raid Warning Yellow. 0825K All Clear.
<u>30th. May</u>		7 days' leave granted to interstate personnel
<u>31st. May</u>		2230K Enemy submarines reported inside harbour defences. U.S.S. "CHICAGO" opened fire. 2235K Action stations. 2355K No further incidents. Watch to Defence stations.
<u>1st. June</u>		0030K H.M.A.S. "KUTTABUL" sunk alongside Garden Island as result of torpedo explosion. Closed up at Action Stations.



*H. K. Callaghan*  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.

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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" letter No.12/23/42 dated 4th May, 1942.)

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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Be pleased to lay before the Naval Board the attached War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for April, 1942.

D. Quirkhead Gould

Office of the  
Rear-Admiral-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
11th May, 1942.

A/REAR-ADMIRAL.

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# Commonwealth of Australia

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 4th. May, 1942 Reference No. 12/23/42

To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY, APRIL, 1942

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Submitted: War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of April, 1942:-

<u>1st. April</u> to <u>5th. April</u>	At Sydney.
<u>6th. April</u>	0915K Sailed for Geelong. 0940K Carried out 2 pdr. gun trials. 1200K Met H.M.S. "ACHILLES" and H.M.A.S. "ROCKHAMPTON". 1300K Met H.M.A.S. "BINGERA".
<u>7th. April</u>	At sea. Encountered heavy weather. Wind W.S.W. force 7 - 8.
<u>8th. April</u>	At sea. Weather moderating. 1715K Met H.M.A.S. "STUART".
<u>9th. April</u>	1114K Passed Port Phillip Heads. 1519K Anchored off eastern entrance of Wilson's Spit channel to await permission to enter Geelong. 1619K Weighed and proceeded. 1730K Secured alongside Cunningham Pier, Geelong. 1815K Commenced embarking mines.
<u>10th. April</u>	0800K Continued embarking mines.
<u>11th. April</u>	0830K Continued embarking mines. 1100K Completed embarkation of mines (423).
<u>12th. April</u>	0900K Sailed from Geelong for Townsville. 1400K Cleared Port Phillip Heads.
<u>13th. April</u>	At sea. 0600K In position 340° Deal Island light 33.5 miles.
<u>14th. April</u> to <u>17th. April</u>	At sea.
<u>18th. April</u>	At sea. 0124K In position 041° North Reef Lt. 30.0 miles. Proceeded via Cumberland and Whitsunday passages. 1515K Met s.s. "AROONA" southbound.
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<u>19th. April</u>	0310K 1838K	In position 270° Dent Island Light 1 mile. Anchored in Cleveland Bay.
<u>20th. April</u>	0430K  1147K 1740K	Proceeded to carry out first lay of operation "KEITH" in Palm Passage. Heavy rain squalls wind E.S.E., force 5. No land marks visible. First day's lay completed. Anchored in Cleveland Bay.
<u>21st. April</u>	0930K  1730K	Proceeded inside Townsville Harbour to trans- fer mines from holds to mining deck, as there was too much movement whilst at anchor to do this. Proceeded out of harbour and anchored in Cleveland Bay.
<u>22nd. April</u>	0415K  1247K 1815K 1915K	Proceeded to carry out second lay of operation "KEITH" in Palm Passage. Encountered a few rain squalls. Wind E.S.E. force 4. Operation completed. Anchored in Cleveland Bay. Weighed and proceeded to Sydney.
<u>23rd. April</u>	  1220K	At sea. Proceeded via Whitsunday and Cumberland Passages. In position 270° Dent Island light 1.2 miles.
<u>24th April</u> and <u>25th April</u>		At sea. Wind E.S.E. or E., force 4 - 6.
<u>26th. April</u>		At sea. Wind moderated.
<u>27th. April</u>	1330K	Secured to P. & O. buoy, Sydney. Embarked coal.
<u>28th. April</u> to <u>30th. APRIL</u>		At Sydney.

*H. K. Calla*  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
4th. May, 1942.



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Worm. Bungaree has done excellent work, always with a minimum of fuss. *W.A. 29/4.*

2nd N.M.

C.N.S.

Recommend C.O. be kept in mind for commendation or award in due course.

*C.N.S. [Signature]*

I would like to point out, at this juncture, how successfully "BUNGAREE" has fulfilled her mission.

27/4/42.

*[Signature]*

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*Mr. Stewart*



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(The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"'s letter No. 9/23/42 dated 4th April, 1942.)

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WAR DIARY, MARCH, 1942.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Be pleased to lay before the Naval Board the attached War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for March, 1942.

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*G. C. Murrhead-Gould*

Office of the  
Rear-Admiral-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
18th April, 1942.

A/REAR-ADMIRAL.

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# Commonwealth of Australia

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
 Date 4th. April, 1942 Reference No. 9/23/42  
 To Rear Admiral in Charge, Sydney - copy to R.A.C.A.S.  
 Subject WAR DIARY, MARCH 1942

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Submitted: War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
for month of March, 1942:-

<u>1st. March</u>		At Sydney.
<u>2nd. March</u>	0900L	Sailed for Geelong.
<u>3rd. March</u>		At sea.
<u>4th. March</u>	2200L	Arrived Geelong and secured along-side Cunningham Pier.
<u>5th. March</u>	a.m.	Commenced embarking outfit of mine units.
<u>6th. March</u>	1415L	Completed embarkation of 423 mine units.
	1630L	Sailed for Auckland.
<u>7th. March</u> )		At sea. Wind S. to S.E., force 6. Rough sea with moderate swell.
<u>8th. March</u> )		
<u>9th. March</u> )		
<u>10th. March</u>	a.m.	Received warning by W/T of possible enemy unit in the vicinity. Altered course for COOK STRAIT.
<u>11th. March</u>		Wind and sea moderating. Swell moderate, from S.E.
<u>12th. March</u>	2330L	Passed CAPE FAREWELL 12½ miles to starboard.
<u>13th. March</u>		Passing through COOK STRAIT.
<u>14th. March</u> )		On passage to Auckland.
and )		
<u>15th. March</u> )		
<u>16th. March</u>	1500M	Anchored in Man-o-war anchorage, Auckland Harbour.
<u>17th. March</u>	0900M	Sailed to carry out first lay of minelaying operation "NED".
	1730M	Anchored in Auckland Harbour.
<u>18th. March</u>		At anchor, transferring mines from holds to mining deck.
<u>19th. March</u>	0900M	Sailed to complete operation "NED".
	1900M	Anchored in Auckland Harbour.

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<u>20th. March</u>	0900M	Sailed for Sydney.
<u>21st. March</u> to <u>24th. March</u>		At sea. Variable winds, N.E. to W.S.W., force 2 to 4. Sea and swell slight to moderate.
<u>25th. March</u>	1200L	Arrived at Sydney and secured to No. 2 buoy.
<u>26th. March</u> to <u>31st. March</u>		At Sydney. Coaled ship. Ship fitted for two Oerlikon guns and two Pom-pom guns, ex "CANBERRA", fitted.

*N. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
4th. April, 1942.



(Letter from the Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
No. 7/23/42 dated 4th March, 1942).

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Be pleased to lay before the Naval Board the  
attached copy of War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month  
of February, 1942.

*G.L. Quintad. Gould.*  
Commodore.

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Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
10th March, 1942.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 4th. March, 1942 Reference No. 7/23/42

To Commodore in Charge, Sydney - copy to R.A.C.A.S.

Subject WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY, 1942

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Submitted: War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of February, 1942:-

<u>1st. February</u> and <u>2nd. February</u>	)	At anchor off Williamstown. Installation of A/S equipment completed.
<u>3rd. February</u>		1400K Sailed for Noumea, New Caledonia.
<u>4th. February</u> and <u>5th. February</u>	)	At sea.
<u>6th. February</u>		0700K Anchored in Watson's Bay, Sydney. Landed one injured rating. 1200K Sailed from Sydney.
<u>7th. February</u>		At sea, proceeding to rendezvous with H.M.S. "LEANDER" off Cape Moreton.
<u>8th. February</u>		1920L Sighted H.M.S. "LEANDER". "BUNGAREE" proceeded towards Noumea, whilst "LEANDER" returned to rendezvous to stand by tanker "FALKEFJELL" which had developed engine trouble.
<u>9th. February</u>	p.m.	H.M.S. "LEANDER" parted company, and proceeded to the eastward. Strong S.E. to E. winds, force 6.
<u>10th. February</u> and <u>11th. February</u>	)	On passage to Noumea. Strong easterly winds continued.
<u>12th. February</u>		0700L Sighted one Catalina aircraft, which carried out A/S patrol during the forenoon. 1140L Entered BULARI Passage, and at 1336L anchored in Great Road, Noumea. p.m. Commandant de la Marine (Capitaine de fregate Gilbert) called to discuss proposed minefields.
<u>13th. February</u>		Ship remained at anchor. a.m. Captain, Navigating Officer and Surveying Officer flew over the proposed minefields. p.m. Captain paid official calls on the Free French Commissioner for the Pacific, (Contre Admiral G. Thierry D'Argenlieu), the British Consul, and the Australian Trade Representative. Free French sloop "CHEVREUIL" arrived.

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- 14th. February 0645L Sailed and carried out operations TOM B, C, D and G. On completion proceeded to YANDE Passage. One motor boat under Lieutenant Lowry, R.N., was left at Noumea to carry out surveys.
- 15th. February 1235L Sighted Catalina aircraft which had carried out a search to the north and west of YANDE Island.  
1240L Entered YANDE Passage, and at 1300L anchored off YANDE Island.  
p.m. Transferred mines from holds to mining deck.
- 16th. February 0745L Carried out operation YANDE. On completion proceeded to PUME Passage.  
1415L Carried out operation PUME, and on completion sailed for Noumea.
- 17th. February 1030L Anchored in Great Road, Noumea.  
p.m. Captain paid official call on His Excellency the Governor of Noumea. Further discussions were held with Free French Naval Authorities. Ship's Company granted leave until 1800L. British Consul paid return call.
- 18th. February 0645L Proceeded and carried out operations TOM I and H, and at 1715L anchored in Great Road.
- 19th. February 0700L Proceeded and carried out operations TOM A and E.  
1730L Anchored in Great Road.  
1800L Contre Amiral Thierry D'Argenlieu paid return call.
- 20th. February 0515L Proceeded and carried out operations TOM M, F and NGE.  
1250 Anchored in Great Road.  
1450 His Excellency the Governor of New Caledonia paid return call and addressed the ship's company.  
1630L Sailed from Noumea.
- 21st. February a.m. At sea on passage to Sydney.  
Cover provided by Catalina aircraft.  
Strong N.E. to E. winds, force 5 - 6.
- 22nd. February Strong S.E. to E. winds force 6 - 7, with ship rolling heavily, confused seas. Port lifeboat damaged during middle watch.
- 23rd. February a.m. Weather moderating.  
Carried out 12 pdr. H.A. firing at smoke bursts.
- 24th. February 1800L Arrived at Sydney and secured to No. 2 buoy.
- 25th. February } At  
to } Sydney.  
28th. February }

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
4th. March, 1942.

*H. K. Caldwell*  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.



(THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" LETTER  
NO. 3/23/42 DATED 3RD FEBRUARY, 1942).

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

*G.C. Quinton-Doyle*

Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
9th February, 1942.

Commodore.

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE B"Date 3rd. February, 1942 Reference No. 3/23/42To Commodore in Charge, Sydney - copy to  
Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. SquadronSubject WAR DIARY - JANUARY 1942**RESTRICTED**

Submitted: War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for month of January, 1942:-

1st. January ) Ship alongside Garden Island in dockyard  
 to ) hands for refit, alterations and additions  
23rd. January ) and docking. Ship's Company granted long  
 leave in two watches.

24th. January a.m. Carried out D.G. ranging.  
 p.m. Carried out swing for adjustment of compasses and D/F calibration. On completion proceeded to sea for gun trials.  
 1800 Sailed for Geelong.

25th. January )  
 and ) At sea.  
26th. January )

27th. January 1000 Arrived at Geelong and berthed at Cunningham pier. Commenced embarking mines.

28th. January 1400 Completed embarkation of mine outfit (420 mines) and proceeded to Portarlington anchorage.

29th. January a.m. Under way in Port Phillip carrying out seamanship training.  
 p.m. Carried out day and night full calibre firing. On completion anchored off Williamstown.

30th. January ) At anchor off Williamstown. Completed  
 and ) installation of A/3 type 128B.  
31st. January )



*H. K. Colde*  
 COMMANDER, R.A.N.



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FORMER.

Navy Office Secret Memorandum No. 034990 of  
8th November, 1940.

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- 9.. War Diary H.M.A.S. "Maitland" quarter ending 31st December, 1941.
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The Secretary,  
NAVAL BOARD.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board.

(sgd)..// Commodore.

Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge.  
Sydney.  
3rd March, 1942.

## Commonwealth of Australia

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## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 13th. January, 1942. Reference No. 2/23/42.

To Commodore in Charge, Sydney : copy to  
Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron

Subject WAR DIARY - DECEMBER, 1941

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RESTRICTEDSubmitted : War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
for month of December, 1941.

- 1st. December, 1941 p.m. Carried out minelaying operations  
WILLIAM and LINDSEY. On completion sailed for  
C. GRAFTON.
- 2nd. December a.m. Anchored North of C. Grafton to  
transfer mines from hold to mining deck.
- 3rd. December a.m. Proceeded to TRINITY OPENING.  
p.m. Carried out minelaying operation  
DARCY. On completion endeavoured unsuccessfully  
to sink a pawl failure mine, and at 2000 anchored  
in vicinity.
- 4th. December a.m. Demolition party sent away to destroy  
the mine - this was accomplished at 1030.  
Proceeded at 1110 for Cleveland Bay.
- 5th. December 0500 Anchored in Cleveland Bay to collect  
mail from N.O.I.C. Townsville.  
0800 H.M.A.S. "MORESBY" arrived.  
1000 Sailed for Sydney.
- 6th. December 0800 Altered course for Mackay.  
1130 Anchored off Flat Top Island - landed  
Lieutenant E. H. Taylor, R.A.N.R., (Suffering from  
acute appendicitis).  
1420 Sailed for Sydney.
- 7th. December At sea.
- 8th. December a.m. Received orders to proceed to  
Brisbane.  
2115 Anchored off Pile Light, Moreton Bay.
- 9th. December a.m. Proceeded up Brisbane River and  
berthed at Hamilton Wharf.
- 10th. December a.m. Sailed for Sydney.
- 11th. December At sea,
- 12th. December p.m. Arrived at Sydney and secured to  
No. 2 buoy.
- 13th. December At No. 2 buoy Sydney. Coaled ship.
- 14th. December )  
to )  
17th. December ) At No. 2 buoy Sydney.

18th. December      Proceeded alongside Garden Island.  
19th. December    }    Alongside Garden Island in dockyard hands.  
    to                    }    Ship's Company granted long leave in two  
31st. December    }    watches.

*H. K. Callie*  
COMMANDER, R.A.N.

*A/clo* *[Signature]* *19/3*

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
13th. January, 1942.



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From The Commanding Officer H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 6th. December 1941 Reference No. 19/23/41

To The Commodore-in-Charge, Sydney; copy to  
Rear Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron.Subject WAR DIARY - NOVEMBER 1941.SECRET.

Submitted, the War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of November 1941:-

1st November	0830. Departed Normanby Sound for Newcastle, having completed the Torres Strait mine laying operations.
2nd November to 7th November	} At sea.
8th November	0930. Arrived Newcastle and secured at No. 4 berth, East Basin. Embarked 680 tons of coal. Night leave granted to two watches.
9th November	0600. Departed Newcastle for Sydney. 1800. Arrived Sydney. Exchanged damaged surveying motor boat for one from Garden Island. 2030. Departed Sydney for Geelong.
10th November and 11th November	} At sea.
12th November	2030. Arrived Geelong, secured alongside Cunningham Pier.
13th November	A.M. Embarked 48 dummy mines. P.M. Proceeded to Port Melbourne, securing alongside Princess Pier at 1500.
14th November to 16th November	} At Port Melbourne.
17th November	1000. Departed Port Melbourne for exercise area. P.M. Laid 48 dummy mines, on completion proceeded to Geelong. 1845, secured alongside Cunningham Pier.
18th November	Commenced embarking outfit of mines.
19th November	P.M. Completed embarkation of mines.
20th November	1000. Departed Geelong for Lizard Island.
21st November	At sea.
22nd November	2330. Anchored in The Sound, Port Jackson, to land appendicitis case, and proceeded at midnight.
23rd November to 28th November	} At sea

29th November 1100. Anchored east of Lizard Island, in the vicinity of Cooks Passage.

30th November Carried out minelaying operations ROB and GEORGE.



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*G. K. Calder*  
Commander, R.A.N.

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

Date 5th November 1941. Reference No. I6/23/41.

To The Commodore in Charge, Sydney; copy to Rear Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron.

Subject WAR DIARY - OCTOBER 1941.

SECRET.

Submitted. The War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of October 1941:-

1st October } At Jervis Bay, carrying out seamanship and  
 to } gunnery exercises. H.M.A.S. "TOORIE" in company  
 3rd October } recovering 60 sand-filled mine units which had  
 been laid in Montague Roads.

4th October P.M. Sailed for Port Melbourne.

5th October }  
 6th October } At sea.

7th October A.M. Secured alongside Princess Pier, Port Melbourne.

8th October Alongside Princess Pier.

9th October A.M. Sailed from Port Melbourne and carried out day and night 4" full calibre firing at Patt. VI target.

10th October A.M. Sailed for Geelong, and secured at Cunningham Pier. Commenced embarking outfit of mine units.

11th October P.M. Completed embarkation of 412 mine units.

12th October P.M. Sailed for Sydney.

13th October )  
 14th October ) At sea.

15th October P.M. Arrived Sydney.

16th October A.M. Carried out D.G. trials.  
 P.M. Sailed for Townsville, via Capricorn Channel and Barrier Reef.

17th October } At sea. Cover provided by R.A.A.F. patrols  
 to } each morning.  
 20th October }

21st October P.M. Anchored in Cleveland Bay.

22nd October A.M. Secured alongside at No. I Pier, Townsville. Orders received from Naval Board to carry out mining operations in Torres Straits.

23rd October At Townsville.

24th October A.M. Sailed for Torres Straits.

25th October )  
 26th October ) At sea.

- 27th October A.M. Anchored in Normanby Sound.  
P.M. "Catalina" flying boat arrived from Port Moresby to provide aerial reconnaissance of proposed mine fields.
- 28th October A.M. Commanding Officer and Navigating Officer flew over mine field site west of Prince of Wales Island, but poor visibility rendered the flight valueless.  
P.M. "Catalina" flying boat returned to Port Moresby. "BUNGAREE" shifted anchorage to western approach to Yule Channel.
- 29th October P.M. Carried out operation "NAT" in western approach to Yule Channel, (see separate report). On completion, anchored eight miles WNW of Bampfield Head.
- 30th October P.M. Carried out operation "HOP" in channel between Rothsay Banks and Bampfield Head, (see separate report), and anchored off Red Wallis Island on completion.
- 31st October A.M. Carried out operation "BUCK" south of Red Wallis Island, (see separate report).  
P.M. Carried out operation "NICK" south of Rothsay Banks, (see separate report). On completion, proceeded to anchorage in Normanby Sound. All Torres Straits operations completed.



*T. K. Calla*  
Commander, R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
5th November 1941.

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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. BUNGARIE.

Date 3rd. October 1941

Reference No. 15/23/41

To The Commodore-in-Charge, Sydney - copy to:-  
Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron.Subject WAR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 1941SECRET.

Submitted: The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGARIE" for the month of September, 1941 :-

1st. Sep. '41.) Alongside at Garden Island Sydney. Dockyard  
to ) carrying out modifications to minelaying  
28th. Sep. '41.) equipment, fitting new rails in hold and  
refitting generally. Ship's company granted  
long leave. Sixty sand filled mines were  
embarked during this period.

29th. Sep. A.M. Proceeded to No.2 buoy. Ammunitioned  
Ship and prepared for Sea.  
1730 Sailed for Jervis Bay.

30th. Sep. 0700 Anchored off Captain's Point Jervis  
Bay.  
1000 Laid 60 sand filled mines in Montague  
Roads. (Lay witnessed by Commodore Muirhead-  
Gould, Eng. Capt. Doyle and Dockyard personnel).  
On completion Ship proceeded outside Jervis  
Bay for Commodore's inspection of Coast Line.  
1330 Anchored off Captain's Point, Commodore  
left Ship.  
1700 H.M.A.S. "TOORIE" (mine recovery vessel)  
returned 8 mines to BUNGARIE.



H. K. Callin

Commander, RAN.

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B.S. 2038/250/40.  
The Secretary,  
Naval Board.Forwarded for the information of the Naval  
Board with reference to Navy Office letter No. 034990 of 8th  
November, 1940.Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge,  
SYDNEY  
16th October, 1941.

G. Muirhead-Gould

Commodore.



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From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"

Date 17 September 1941 Reference No. 13/23/41

To The Commodore-in-Charge, Sydney - copy to:-  
Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron.Subject WAR DIARY ) AUGUST 1941SECRET.

Submitted: The following War Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of August, 1941 :-

- 1st. August) At sea, on passage from Geelong to Sydney  
2nd. August) being escorted by H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".
- 3rd. August A.M. Arrived Sydney. Dockyard mounted 12Pdr. HA/LA gun for'd. Embarked 28Ft. surveying motor boat.  
P.M. Sailed for Port Moresby, escorted by H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE". Carried out 12Pdr. gun trials outside Port Jackson. Trials satisfactory.
- 4th. August) At sea. Carried out gunnery and seamanship  
to ) exercises, and exercised minelaying control  
6th. August) parties.
- 7th. August. 0020 H.M.A.S. "ADELAIDE" parted company.  
0030 Lady Elliot Island abeam to port, entered Barrier Reef.
- 8th. August.) Proceeding through Barrier Reef with favourable  
10th. August.) S.E. Winds.
- 11th. August. 1130 Anchored north of Double Island Torres Straits to await arrival of H.M.A.S. "MANOORA".
- 12th. August. 0530 Proceeded on passage to Port Moresby via Great North East Channel, being escorted by H.M.A.S. "MANOORA".
- 13th. August. 0600 H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" parted company and proceeded to Port Moresby. Wind ESE force 5-6 reduced "BUNGAREE'S" speed through the water by 2 knots.  
1900 Anchored in Port Moresby. H.M.A.S. "MANOORA" in harbour.
- 14th. August. A.M. Commanding Officer and Navigating Officer flew over proposed minefield to inspect dan buoys laid by N.O.I.C. Port Moresby.  
P.M. "BUNGAREE" shifted billet to anchorage west of Hanudamana Island.
- 15th. August. 0730 Weighed and carried out minelaying operation NORMAN (see separate report).  
On completion proceeded alongside Government Jetty Port Moresby. Granted leave to Ship's Company until 2200.
- 16th. August. A.M. Shifted billet to anchorage in Port Moresby harbour. Captain paid official calls on Administrator, O.C.RAAF. and O.C. Militia. P.M. Wind SE force 6. Set anchorage watch. Granted leave to one watch until 1900.

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- 17th. August. At Port Moresby. Commanding Officer inspected minefields from the air but could not see any mines. Wind SSE force 6. P.M. Granted leave to two watches until 1800.
- 18th. August. 1315 Weighed and proceeded to Sydney via Cook's Passage. Ship's Company at Defence Stations in two watches.
- 19th. August. At sea.
- 20th. August. 0640 Proceeded through Cook's Passage Ship's Company at cruising stations in three watches.
- 21st. August.) Proceeding through Barrier Reef. Light  
22nd. August.) favourable winds.
- 23rd. August. 0500 Lady Elliot Light abeam. Proceeded out of Barrier Reef.
- 24th. August. 1800 Received distress message from S.S. "DELLIE" giving a position east of Danger Point. "BUNGAREE" at that time was off Smoky Cape and signalled her position to Naval Board. H.M.A.S. "KYBRA" was ordered to investigate.
- 25th. August. A.M. Encountered strong SW winds with rough seas, the only really bad weather experienced since leaving Geelong at the end of July. P.M. Arrived Sydney and secured to No.2 buoy at 1600.
- 26th. August. 1000 Secured alongside Garden Island.
- 27th. August.) Alongside at Garden Island, dockyard carrying  
to ) out modifications to minelaying equipment  
31st. August.) and putting rails in the holds for extra  
stowage. Majority of Ship's Company granted long leave.

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N. K. Calhoun  
Commander, RAN.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
7 September 1941.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Navy Office letter No. 034990 of 8th November, 1940.

Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge.  
SYDNEY.  
22nd September, 1941.

*S. J. Quirk*  
Commodore.

## Commonwealth of Australia

Department of The Navy.

## Royal Australian Navy.

From Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
 Date 10 August, 1941 Reference No. 10/23/41  
 To The Commodore in Charge, Sydney - copy to :  
 Rear Admiral Commanding, H.M.A. Squadron  
 Subject WAR DIARY - JULY 1941

SECRET

Submitted:

The following war Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE"  
 for the month of July, 1941 :-

1st July) Berthed at Princes Pier, Port Melbourne. Dockyard  
 to ) carrying out modifications to minelaying equipment.  
13 July) Embarked 54 dummy mines for test lays.

14 July  
 a.m. Sailed from Port Melbourne. Carried out  
 turning trials in Port Phillip and commenced laying dan buoys  
 in exercise area.

15 July  
 Completed laying dan buoys. These were laid out  
 to represent those required for the field at Port Moresby.

16 July Laid four dummy mines in exercise area.

17 July  
 Under way in Port Phillip, carrying out speed  
 trials and day and night .303 A.R. firings.

18 July  
 a.m. Carried out speed trials.  
 p.m. Carried out 4" full calibre firing. On  
 completion proceeded to Port Melbourne for weekend.

19 July  
 2nd. Naval Member, (Commodore J.W. Durnford),  
 visited ship. Dockyard commenced installation of gyro compass.

20 July  
 At Port Melbourne.

21 July  
 a.m. Proceeded to Port Phillip for exercise.  
 Carried out .303 firing (day and night) and exercised  
 steering breakdown.

22 July) Under way in Port Phillip, carrying out minelaying,  
 and ) gunnery and seamanship exercises.  
23 July)

24 July p.m. Carried out day and night 4" full calibre  
 firings.

25 July  
 a.m. Carried out seamanship exercises under way.  
 p.m. Berthed at Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.

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26 July  
to  
29 July

At Port Melbourne. Dockyard completing  
modifications. Coaled ship.

30 July

0900 - sailed for Geelong and arrived there 1600.  
Commenced embarking outfit of mines -(254 in number).

31 July

1100 - sailed from Geelong.  
1600 - Cleared Port Phillip and proceeded to Sydney  
in company with H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY".

*H. K. Caldwell*  
Commander.

H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE",  
10 August, 1941.

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SYDNEY

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

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Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board  
with reference to Navy Office letter No. 034990 of 8th  
November, 1940.

*sent 20/8*  
Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge,  
SYDNEY.  
21st August, '41.

*G. S. Quirkhead-Doyle*  
Commodore.

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The Commodore-in-Charge,  
Sydney.  
(Copy to "BUNGAREE")

*Handwritten: H.K. 307*

Forwarded observing that "BUNGAREE" is under your administration.

*Handwritten: Dec 14/30/7.  
on 9/10/31/7.*

(Sgd) J.G. Grace

*Handwritten: C.L.O.*

Office of the  
REAR-ADMIRAL COMMANDING  
H.M.Australian Squadron.  
C/o G.P.O.  
18th July, 1941.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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The Secretary,  
Naval Board.

Forwarded for the information of the Naval Board with reference to Navy Office letter No. 034990 of 8th November, 1940.

*Handwritten: G.C. Quirkhead, Dault*

Office of the  
Commodore-in-Charge,  
SYDNEY.  
23rd July, 1941.

~~Maintenance Captain~~  
For Commodore.

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

Date 9th. July, 1941 Reference No. 5/23/41

To The Rear Admiral Commanding H.M.A. Squadron

Subject WAR DIARY - JUNE 1941

Submitted:

The following war Diary of H.M.A.S. "BUNGAREE" for the month of June, 1941 :-

9th. June

Ship commissioned at Garden Island, Sydney, as a minelayer, under the command of Commander N.K. Calder, R.A.N., with a complement of 13 officers and 138 ratings. Ship still in dockyard hands.

10th. Junea.m. Proceeded to No. 2 buoy, Man o' war anchorage. Storing ship.  
p.m. Darken ship trials.11th. Junea.m. Proceeded to sea for Gunnery, Paravane and steaming trials, all of which were satisfactory. Committed the ashes of the late Commander J. Cobby, R.N., (Retd.), and Paymaster Lieutenant W.G. Sparrow, R.A.N. (Retd.), to the sea.  
p.m. Carried out anchor trials in the Sound - secured to No. 2 buoy.12th. June Proceeded alongside Garden Island.13th. June Alongside Garden Island, Embarking stores.  
to , Dockyard completing work of conversion, and carrying  
18th. June out minelaying equipment trials.19th. Junea.m. Carried out D.G. ranging.  
p.m. Embarked ammunition and swung ship for adjustment of compasses and D/F calibration.  
1830 Sailed from Sydney.20th. June

On passage to Geelong. Moderate westerly winds, increasing to force 6 at 2200, when Gabo Island was abeam.

21st. JuneBetween Gabo Island and Wilson's Promontory. Southwesterly winds force 6 to 7 reduced speed made good to 7 knots, representing a loss of 2 knots.  
1800 H.M.A.S. "HOBART" passed, westbound. Challenge and identification signals exchanged.22nd. June0400 Rounded Wilson's Promontory. Wind and sea moderating.  
1830 Entered Port Phillip.  
2310 Anchored in Corio Bay.

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23rd. June

0930 Proceeded alongside Cunningham Pier, Geelong.  
Embarked 28 dummy mines.  
p.m. Proceeded to anchorage off Portarlington.

24th. June

Under way in Port Phillip, carrying out turning trials, and exercising gunnery and minelaying quarters.  
p.m. Anchored off Portarlington. Exercised Darken Ship, closing up at Defence Stations, and searchlights' crews.  
H.M.A.S. "TOORIE", mine recovery vessel, in company.

25th. June)

Under way in Port Phillip, carrying out exercises similar to those on 24th. June.

and )

26th..June)

27th. June

Exercising in Port Phillip.  
p.m. Secured alongside Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.

28th. June)

Alongside Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.

and )

29th. June)

30th. June

0900 Sailed for minelaying exercise area off Mornington.  
1440 Laid 8 dummy mines in exercise area.  
1730 Secured alongside Princes Pier, Port Melbourne.



*Z. K. Calla*  
Commander.