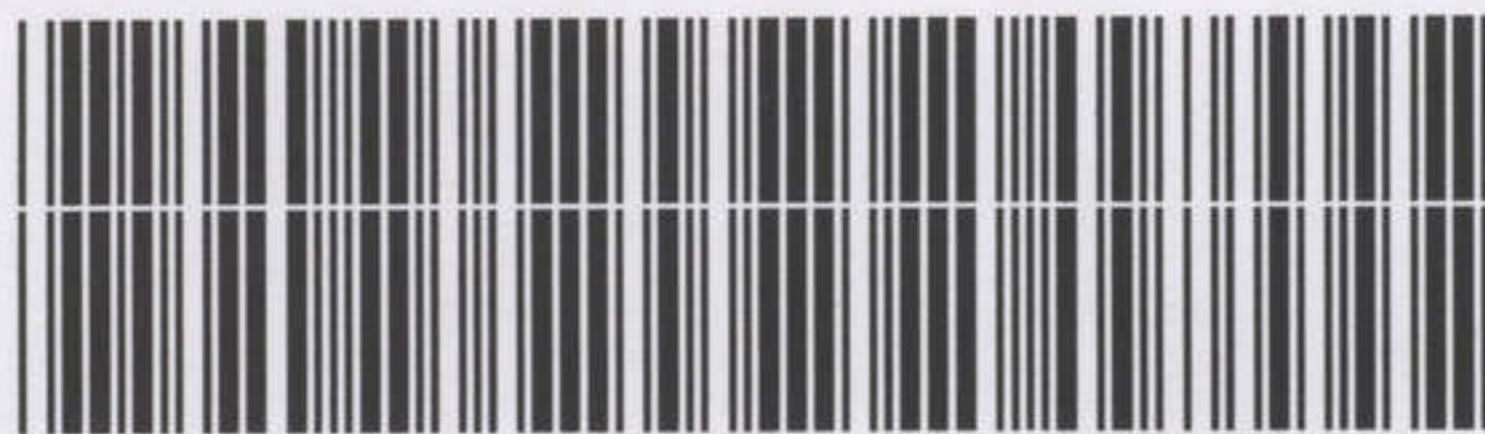


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H. M. A. S. "HEROS"

WAR DIARY - OCTOBER, 1940.

1st. to 3rd. October. Alongside H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" at Garden Island
4th. " A/S Exercises at sea with H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES"
5th. to 7th. " Alongside H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" at Garden Island
8th. and 9th. " A/S Exercises at sea with H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES"
Classes onboard.
10th. & 11th. " At No. 5 buoy. A/S classes onboard
12th. & 13th. " Alongside H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" at Garden Island
14th. to 18th. " A/S Exercises at sea with H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES"
classes onboard
19th. " Alongside H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN" at Garden Island
20th. " Carrying out A/S sweep and screen for outward
convoy.
21st. to 24th. " At No. 3 buoy. A/S classes onboard
25th. to 28th. " Damaged Depth Charge rails being repaired at
Garden Island.
29th. " Coaling at Balls Head
30th. & 31st. " A/S Exercises at sea with H.M.A.S. "ST. GILES".

C.M. Brown.

LIEUTENANT, R.A.N.R. (S).

Royal Australian Navy.

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H.M.A.S. "Heros",
22nd October 1940.

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

1st - 10th September	On Examination Service, Sydney.
11th September	Exercising - A/S classes at sea.
12th - 13th September	Officials of A/S School experimenting with underwater fittings at buoy.
14th - 15th September	Alongside "Penguin" at Garden Island.
16th - 18th September	A/S classes at buoy and A/S School officials experimenting with A/S sets and underwater fittings.
19th September	Exercises at sea with A/S classes embarked.
20th September	Replacing ship's own underwater fittings.
21st - 23rd September	Alongside "Penguin" at Garden Island.
24th September	Further tests at buoy by A/S School staff.
25th - 30th September	Alongside "Penguin" at Garden Island. Crews exercising ashore at A/S School when not duty local defence vessel.

CABrown.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. (S).
Commanding Officer.

Royal Australian Navy.

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No..... From..... The Commanding Officer, H.M.A.S. "PENGUIN"
Date..... 8th. November, 1940. Reference No. W. 2266/11/40/123
To..... The Commodore-in-Charge, Sydney.
Subject.... WAR DIARIES.

With reference to your 0538 of 31st. October, 1940,
herewith is forwarded War Diary of H.M.A.S. "HEROS" for the month
of August, 1940.



J. D. Davis
A/CAPTAIN.

Royal Australian Navy.

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No.....

H.M.A.S. "Heros",
1st September 1940.

WAR DIARY - H.M.A.S. "HEROS". AUGUST 1940.

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1st August	Sub-calibre firing off Sydney with Group 51.
2nd August	Acting as target for "throw shore" firing by H.M.A.S. "Perth" (off Sydney).
3rd-4th August	At No. 6 buoy: Man O' War anchorage.
5th-6th August	Anti-submarine classes embarked at the buoy.
7th August	Sub-calibre firing with Group 51 off Sydney.
8th August	Anti-submarine classes embarked for instruction at buoy.
9th August	Coaling at Balls Head, Sydney.
10th August	Carrying out A/S sweep ahead of convoy out from Sydney.
11th- 12th August	At No. 6 buoy, Man O' War anchorage.
13th August	Exercising off Sydney with A/S classes on board with Group 51.
14th-15th August	Towing target for sub-calibre firing by Group 51.
16th-21st August	Boiler cleaning alongside H.M.A.S. "Penguin" at Garden Island.
22nd August	Towing target for sub-calibre firing by Group 50.
23rd August	At No. 6 buoy, Man O' War anchorage.
24th-25th August	Carrying out A/S search from Port Kembla to Newcastle continuously with Group 51 (enemy report).
26th August	"Stand by Ship" in Watson's Bay.
27th August	Carrying out A/S patrol on the 50 fathom line, off Sydney.
28th August	Full calibre firing with Groups 50 and 51 off Sydney.
29th August	Exercises off Sydney with A/S classes onboard.
30th August	Carrying out A/S sweep ahead of convoy out of Sydney.
31st August	At No. 7 buoy, Man O' War anchorage.

C.H. Brown.

Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. (S).

War Diary.

H.M.A.S. "Herös"
At Sydney.
July 1940.

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- July 1st. At No.3 buoy for A/S instructional classes.
2. Alongside "Penguin" Officers and ratings(S.D) at A/S school A.M. Officers at spotting table P.M.
 3. A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51. Two D.C,s fired One from rails. One from throwers.
 4. A.M. A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51. P.M. proceeded into Sutherland dry dock.
 5. In dry dock: P.M. proceeded back to Garden Island.
 - 6 - 7. Alongside "Penguin" at Garden Island.
 8. At No.3 buoy preparing for Governor General,s inspection.
 9. Governor General,s inspection of Group 51.
 10. A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51.
 - 11-12. Towing target for "Moresby" off Sydney.
 - 13 -14. Alongside "Penguin".
 15. Carrying out A/S sweep & screen for convoy.
 16. A.M. At No.3 buoy A/S classes. P.M. De-Gaussing tests at Chowder Bay.
 17. Towing target for "Moresby".
 - 18-19. A/S exercises off Sydney with A/S classes.
 - 20-21. Alongside "Penguin"
 - 22-28. At Garden Island fitting new D.G. coil.
 29. At No.6 buoy : Officers and S.D. ratings at A/S school.
 30. A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51. Maxim gun practice.
 31. Towing target for sub-calibre firing Group 50 and 51 off Sydney.

C.A. Brown.

Commanding Officer.

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Jan. 15th 1940.

Commissioned ship at Poole and Steele's yard Balmain.

January 16th 1940.

Fitting out.

January 17th 1940.

Carried out depth charge trials at No. 6 Buoy.
At Garden Island fitting out.

January 18th 1940.

Stability tests at No. 3 Buoy Farm Cove.

January 19th 1940.

Gun trials outside Heads.
Speed trials over measured mile.

January 20th 1940.

Storing ship.

January 21st 1940.

At Garden Island.

January 22nd 1940.

Embarking Depth Charge equipment.

January 23rd 1940.

At Garden Island, continuing fitting out.

January 24th 1940.

As 23rd.

January 25th 1940.

Official inspection of davits and life saving appliances.

January 26th 1940.

Adjusting compasses at No. 5 Buoy.

January 27th 1940.

Painting ship.

January 28th 1940.

Sunday routine.

January 29th 1940.

Cleaning ship.

January 30th 1940.

Exercises with St. Giles off Sydney Heads.

January 31st 1940.

Loading pig iron ballast.

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February 1st 1940.

Depth Charge instruction by Base Staff instructors.

February 2nd 1940.

Gunnery instruction by Base Staff instructors.

February 3rd 1940.

Loading pig iron ballast.

February 4th 1940.

Sunday routine.

February 5th 1940.

Proceeded to Jervis Bay in company with St.Giles.

February 6th 1940.

Squaring ship after foul weather run from Sydney.

February 7th 1940.

A/S exercises off Jervis Bay.

February 8th 1940.

As Feb. 7th.

February 9th 1940.

Returned to Sydney in company with St.Giles.

February 10th 1940.

Cleaning ship.

February 11th 1940.

Sunday routine.

February 12th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with St.Giles.

February 13th 1940.

As Feb 12th.

February 14th 1940.

As Feb. 13th.

February 15th 1940.

As Feb. 14th.

February 16th 1940.

As Feb. 15th.

February 17th 1940.

Ship's usual routine for port.

February 18th 1940.

Sunday routine.

February 19th 1940.

Dockyard labour repairing forepeak.

February 20th 1940.

As Feb. 19th.

February 21st 1940.

As Feb. 20th.

February 22nd 1940.

As Feb. 21st.

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February 23rd 1940.

Dockyard labour effecting repairs to leaks in hull.

February 24th 1940.

As Feb. 23rd.

February 25th 1940.

Sunday routine.

February 26th 1940.

Dockyard labour engaged aboard.

February 27th 1940.

Proceeded to Newcastle in company with St.Giles.

February 28th 1940.

At Newcastle coaling ship.

February 29th 1940.

A/S exercises off Newcastle.

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March 1st 1940.

At Newcastle coaling ship.

March 2nd 1940.

At Newcastle usual ship's routine.

March 3rd 1940.

Sunday routine.

March 4th 1940.

Proceeded to Port Stevens in company with St.Giles.

March 5th 1940.

Proceeded to Newcastle in company with St.Giles.

March 6th 1940.

A/S exercises off Newcastle. Anchored in Broken Bay for night, in company with St.Giles.

March 7th 1940.

Returned to Sydney with St.Giles.

March 8th 1940.

Usual routine and painting ship.

March 9th 1940.

Usual ship's routine.

March 10th 1940.

Sunday routine.

March 11th 1940.

Speed trials over measured mile.

March 12th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney in company with Bingera and St.Giles.

March 13th 1940.

As Mar. 12th.

March 14th 1940.

Engaged in Examination Service duties, relieving Captain cook.

March 15th 1940.

As Mar 14th.

March 16th 1940.

As Mar. 15th.

March 17th 1940.

As Mar. 16th.

March 18th 1940.

As Mar 17th.

March 19th 1940.

As Mar. 18th.

March 20th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with Bingera and St.Giles.

March 21st 1940.

At Garden Island , usual ship's routine.

March 22nd 1940.

Good Friday. General Holiday.

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March 23rd 1940.

At Garden Island, general routine.

March 24th 1940.

Easter Sunday. Holiday routine.

March 25th 1940.

Easter Monday. General holiday.

March 26th 1940.

Proceeded to Port Kembla with Group 51.

March 27th 1940.

A/S exercises off Port Kembla.

March 28th 1940.

Returned to Garden Island in company.

March 29th 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

March 30th 1940.

At Garden Island. Saturday routine.

March 31st 1940.

Sunday routine.

April 1st 1940.

At Garden Island, general routine.

April 2nd 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

April 3rd 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51, returning p.m. to Watson's Bay.

April 4th 1940.

As Apl. 3rd.

April 5th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51, returning p.m. to Garden Island.

April 6th 1940.

To Ball's Head for coal returning to Garden Island.

April 7th 1940.

Sunday routine.

April 8th 1940.

Ship's general routine at Garden Island.

April 9th 1940.

As Apl. 8th.

April 10th 1940.

Group 51 forming A/S screen for H.M.S. Ramillies, returning p.m. to Garden Island.

April 11th 1940.

Sub-calibre firing off Sydney, returning to Watson's Bay.

April 12th 1940.

As Apl. 11th., but returning to Garden Island.

April 13th 1940.

At Garden Island. Saturday routine.

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April 14th 1940.
Sunday routine.

April 15th 1940.
At Garden Island. General Routine.

April 16th 1940.
Fumigating mess decks at Garden Island.

April 17th 1940.
As Apl. 16th.

April 18th 1940.
At Garden Island. General routine.

April 19th 1940.
As Apl. 18th.

April 20th 1940.
As Apl. 19th.

April 21st 1940.
Sunday routine.

April 22nd 1940.
At Garden Island. Officers and S.D. ratings at A/s School.

April 23rd. 1940.
Loop exercises off Sydney with Group 51, under X.D.O's orders, returning to Watson's Bay.

April 24th 1940.
As Apl. 23rd.

April 25th 1940.
At Watson's Bay, cleaning underwater fittings.

April 26th 1940.
At Garden Island, Ship's routine.

April 27th 1940.
At Garden Island. Saturday routine.

April 28th 1940.
Sunday routine.

April 29th 1940.
Proceeded to Jervis Bay with Group 51 and H.M.A.S. "Moresby".

April 30th 1940.
1 a.m. left Jervis Bay for Sydney, thence Ball's Head for coal, returning Garden Island 3 p.m. Alongside for stores, water etc. Sailed bound for Fremantle 11 p.m. with Group 51.

May 1st 1940.
Steaming to southward in increasingly bad weather. 2000 St.Giles disabled off Montague Island, with boiler trouble. Hove to and stood by St.Giles.

May 2nd 1940.
Daylight, Bingera took St.Giles in tow. 0945 Heros ordered to Jervis Bay by S.O. Group 51, to report situation to N.O.C.S. 1400 arrived Jervis Bay receiving orders to return with Group 51 to Sydney. 1700 left Jervis Bay to rejoin Group 51.

May 3rd 1940.
2100 arrived Garden Island, Sydney.

May 4th 1940.
At Garden Island. General routine.

May 5th 1940.
Sunday routine.

May 6th 1940. to May 14th inclusive.
At Garden Island, effecting repairs to hull and machinery occasioned by stress of weather.

May 15th 1940.
A/S exercises with H.M.A.S. Moresby off Sydney.

May 16th 1940.
At Garden Island. General routine.

May 17th 1940.
Complement, except one officer and three ratings commenced 14 days leave.

May 31st 1940.
Leave party resumed duties.

June 1st 1940.
At Garden Island . general routine.

June 2nd 1940.
Sunday routine.

June 3rd 1940.
Dockyard labour fitting Degaussing girdle.

June 4th 1940.
As June 3rd.

June 5th 1940.
As June 4th.

June 6th 1940.
Loop exercises at X.D.O's orders returning to Watson's Bay.

June 7th 1940.
As June 6th but returning to Garden Island.

June 8th 1940.
At Garden Island. General routine.

June 9th 1940.
Sunday routine.

June 10th 1940.
At Garden Island. General routine.

June 11th 1940.
A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51, returning to Watson's Bay.

June 12th 1940.
As June 11th.

June 13th 1940.
As June 12th but returning to Garden Island.

June 14th 1940.
A/S classes on board at No. 3 Buoy.

June 15th 1940.
As June 14th.

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June 16th 1940.

Sunday routine at No.3 Buoy.

June 17th 1940.

At No.3 Buoy preparing for Degaussing tests. Shore electricians aboard.

June 18th 1940.

At No3 Buoy. General routine.

June 19th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51, returning to Watson's Bay.

June 20th 1940.

As June 19th, returning to Woolloomooloo to coal, thence Garden Island.

June 21st 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

June 22nd. 1940.

As June 21st.

June 23rd 1940.

Sunday routine.

June 24th 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

June 25th 1940.

A/S classes at No.3 Buoy.

June 26th 1940.

A/S exercises off Sydney with Group 51, returning to Garden Island.

June 27th 1940.

As June 26th.

June 28th. 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

June 29th 1940.

At Garden Island. General routine.

June 30th 1940.

Sunday routine.

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