

RARE PICTURES UNCOVERED

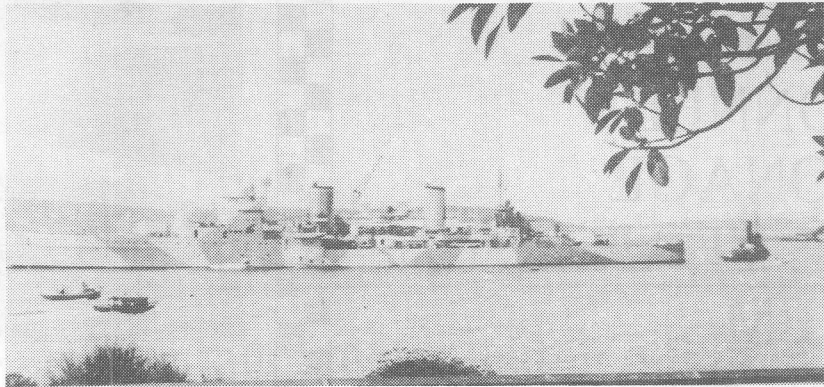
HMAS SYDNEY II was the glamour ship of the Royal Australian Navy – a seemingly invincible light cruiser.

When she disappeared in mysterious circumstances with 645 men aboard off the West Australian coast on the night of November 19/20, 1941 after engaging the German raider HSK KORMORAN, the Australian nation was deeply shocked.

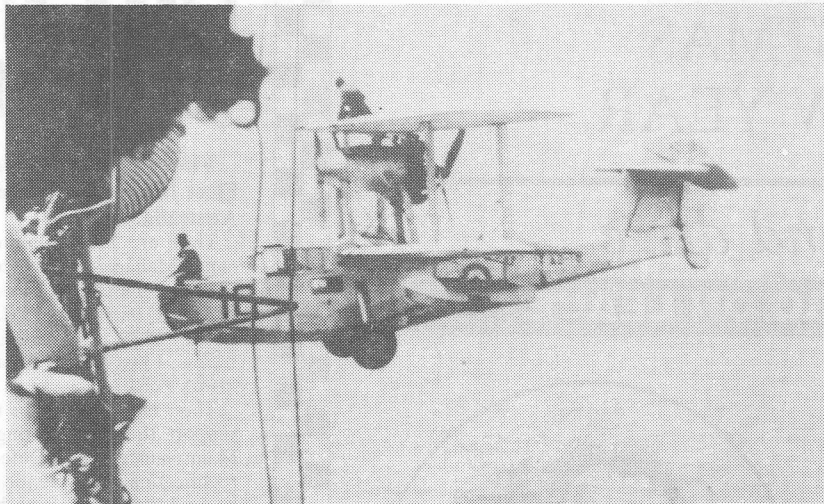
These published photographs of life onboard HMAS SYDNEY in 1940, some seen for the first time, give a glimpse of this proud ship while she was serving in the Mediterranean and in Australian waters.

Navy Public Affairs Officer (WA), Vic Jeffery uncovered these priceless shots during his endless and ongoing search for old photos for inclusion in the Fleet Base West historic negative collection.

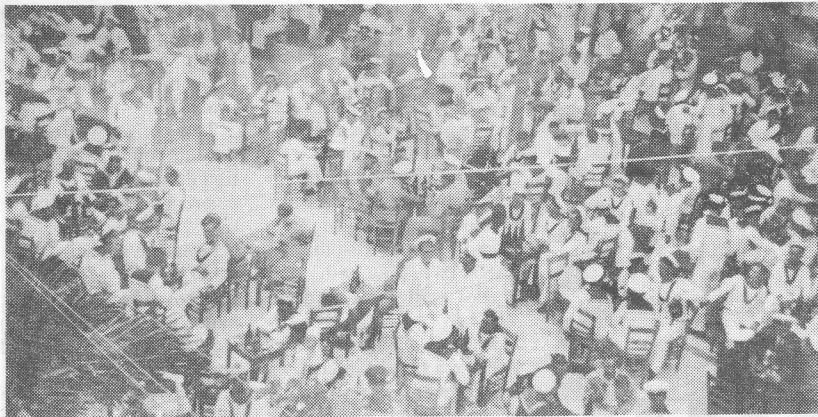
Some of these poignant photos came from a series of albums of the late Able Seaman Basil Garrett, a West Australian who was lost with HMAS SYDNEY. His albums had been left with a friend whose son passed them on.



Seen in her "warpaint" HMAS SYDNEY pictured in her beloved Sydney.



HMAS SYDNEY embarking her SEAGULL amphibian at sea.



A rare view of sailors from HMAS SYDNEY enjoying the hospitality of the "Fleet Club" in Alexandria, 1940.

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