27th June 1942
Arrived at Darwin about 1900 or 2000. Drew mosquito net and got our heads down.

28th June
Went on picnic to cocoanut grove & rapid creek for swim.

29th June
Alert today but no Japs over.

30th June
Alert today still no Japs over.

1st July
Waiting for souther cross to come in
2nd July 1942
Joined Southern Cross today. Went to the pictures in the night, took our own seats.

3rd July
Sailed for Badurog Island returning on the 7th.

8th July
Alongside wharf loading stores for Kei and Auro Islands.

9th July
Party of R.E.F. soldiers on board. Sailing this morning with H.M.A.S. "Warrambool" as escort.

10th July
At sea, doing lookout watch, two hours on and six off.

11th July
At sea, passed merchant ship.

12th July
Arrived at Nobo at 0830. Hudsons escorting us in. Dutch dipped flag to us. "Warrambool" left us. R.E.F. soldiers went ashore and searched village, came aboard again, sailed at 1100.
13th July
Arrived at Inale at sunrise, and anchored T.E.1
soldiers going ashore here. Unloaded 40 tons of stores onto Javanese boats.
also traded for bunches of bananas.
sailed for Darwin during afternoon.

14th July
At sea

15th July
At sea

16th July
Arrived back
At Darwin

17th July
Received 8 letters

19th July
Lying at anchor
in Darwin harbour.

20th July
At Darwin

21st July
At Darwin

22nd July
At Darwin

23rd July
At Darwin

24th July
At Darwin
25th July
Went alongside wharf and loaded stores. Went to pictures at night to see "King Solomon's Mines" air-raided half way through. Took shelter on beach heard about 8 bombs explode.

26th July
Tojo over again tonight. Three bombers flying at 28,000 feet searchlights got them. Ack-Ack opened up. Three more over again in hours time.

27th July
Tojo over again at 2200. Searchlights could not find them.

28th July
Tojo over again at 0130. Searchlights got them. One searchlight hit by bomb.

H.I.F. commando came on board this morning sailing for Timor. Min. 29th July
or Timor Laut. H.M. A.S. "Bhima" with us.

29th July
At sea

30th July
At sea. One engine broken down
31 July


1st August.

At sea

2nd August.

Arrived at Darwin, took wounded off in motor boat. Heard Japs had occupied islands on 29th July. Darwin had 50 Jap bomber over while we were away. Kittyhawks shot down 20. Platapus here 10 received 5 letters & cigarette case from Dick.
3rd August.
Commodore Pope on board to give us a pep talk.

4th August.
Unloaded our 53 tons of stores. Loaded another 10 tons of stores for Bathurst Island. Four abos also on board sailed at 1000.

5th August.
Arrived at Bathurst Island at 1200. Unloaded stores and went ashore. Had feed of mandarins from Mission.

6th August.
Ran on mud bank going up Apsley Strait, so returned and unloaded Melville IIs stores also. Went ashore had swim and paddle in native canoe.

7th August.
Still alongside Bathurst Island.

8th August.
Sailed for Darwin about mid-day.

9th August.
Arrived at Darwin at 1600. Sub scare on so patrolling.
10th Aug.

Still patrolling. Received watch and three bundles of papers from home, also two letters.

11th Aug.

Went over to the Platypus and opened banking account. Sea was fairly rough so got wet through.

12th Aug.

Lying at anchor.

13th Aug.

Lying at anchor.

14th Aug.

Lying at anchor.

15th Aug.

Loaded flour for Melville & Bathurst Is.

16th Aug.

Sailed at 1100. Arrived at Apsley Strait 1730. Went ashore and was eaten alive by mosquitos.

17th Aug.


18th Aug.

Sailed for Snake Bay in morning, arrived during night.
19th Aug.
Went ashore at 1330 with rifle. Jumbo and Henry took us after kangaroos but did not see any, so we had rifle practice on the beach. Had a swim. Mr. Yribble brought geese, crabs, oysters and turtle eggs on board so we will have fresh food.

20th Aug.
Pulled up pick and went alongside comforts. Had letter from Dick.

21st Aug.
Arrived Darwin Harbour at 1600. Yribble yanks and swatties went off. Received six letters, papers and one parcel.

22nd Aug.
Captains rounds, so a lot of scrubbing was done. Received £3.000 prize. Received Jap mine. Lockheed came over.
just as we were eating dinner. Big stick of bombs dropped near Batchelor. Nine fighters and four bombers were brought down but no Kitty hawks. Received letter from mum,book & Ray.

24th Aug
received letters from mum & Peg. Also parcel from Mum. Tojo over at 2100, two planes. We moved up middle arm & anchored. Tojo over again at 2400. Dropped load of bombs on Darwin. They were not picked up by searchlights.

25th Aug.
managed to get 40 yrs tobacco. Went alongside wharf, loaded on stores.

26th Aug.
sailed for bape Don 0400. Arrived at bape Don 2100.

27th Aug.
Took off petrol in motor boat. Pulled up pick at 1145. Very strong tide. Could not pick up motor boat as it broke down.
Picked up motor boat and sailed for broker ls. Arrived 1930 and anchored.

28th Aug.

29th Aug.
Arrived at Thomas Is, one of Wessel group. Anchored in bay.

30th Aug.
Went ashore in the afternoon had good time. Back on board at 1830. Up picked sailed for millingimbi at 1930.

31st Aug.
Arrived at millingimbi mission at 2010. Lying outside. Went on mud bank for 12 hours.

1st Sept.
Went into millingimbi. Went ashore in afternoon got turtle shell, bailer shell, augong
teeth and spear from natives. Went out to Beaufort bombers land and take off again. Talked to pilot who escorted us into Raba.

2nd Sept.
Sailed for Youlburn Is at 0845. Followed Arroette out of bay.

3rd Sept.

4th Sept.

5th Sept.
Still sailing. Anchored off Melville Is. at 1900.

6th Sept.
Up pick at 0500. Arrived Darwin harbour 1115. Received 9 letters & paper from Dick & Mum.
7th Sept.
Received 3 letters.

8th Sept.
Got bottle of beer.

9th Sept.
Lying at anchor in Darwin harbour.

Went alongside wharf and loaded on stores. Sailed for Cape Fourcroy at 2300.

10th Sept.
Arrived Fourcroy at 0900. Took off stores. Duty, no shore leave.

11th Sept.
Sailed for Wyndham at 2345.

12th Sept.
Arrived Anson bay 1815. Anchored near "Maroubra". Her engines are broken down.

13th Sept.
Up pick at 1225.
Sailing for Wyndham with "Maroubra."

14th Sept.
At sea.
15th Sept
at sea
16th Sept
Arrived at Wyndham at 0930. "Tolga" here drank all the beer or what there was.
Alongside unboarding stores. Went ashore in the afternoon. Boiling hot in sun. Bought a few files and also bottle of rum.
17th Sept
Anchored out in harbour in morning painting ship
19th Sept
Still painting ship
19th Sept
Still lying in harbour "Maroubra" engines being repaired by our E.A. cap's rounds
20th Sept
Underway at 1430
Anchored down gulf all night
21st Sept
Up pick at 0600 sailed for Darwin
22nd Sept
Saw "Tolga" on way in, slight rain arrived Darwin 0200
on 23rd.
23rd Sept.
Received 4 letters
bunch of papers
alongside wharf to
unload drums.
24th Sept.
 Issued with comforts.
Heavy rain in afternoon.
issued with bottle
beer.
25th Sept
Tojo over at 0330 &
again at 0500. Dropped
stick of small bombs
along waterfront,
also on shore.
Received letter from Reg.
26th Sept.
Tojo over again this
morning at 0400. Heard
bombs but could not
see explosion. Wrote
to Pop.
27th Sept.
Tojo over again at
0500. Dropped bombs
along waterfront,
missed everything.
Blocks put on for one hour.
Today at 0200. Had
letters from Mum &
Dick. Painting ship.
28th Sept.
Still painting ship.
Received papers from Pop.
Wrote to mum.
29th Sept.
Still painting ship.
30th Sept.
Received photo and ring back from R.N.F.U.
1st Oct.
Pay-day. £12 10d.
Received letter from Dick & Dorak.
2nd Oct.
Received letter from Peg.
3rd Oct.
Received parcel from mum also papers from R.N.F.U. Picked up skipper at boom wharf.

pretty full. Scored 160 cigs.
6th Oct.
Sailed for Cape Fourcroy at 0200. Arrived at Fourcroy 1030. Doing 4 to 8 watch. Sailed for Perron Is. at 2400.
7th Oct.
Arrived Perron Is. at 1730. Left at 1800.
9th Oct.
Arrived Anson Bay at 2100.
9th Oct.
Left Anson Bay at 1200, sailing for Port Keats.
Anchored outside Port Keats 2030.
10th Oct.
Up pick at 0745, sailed into port and anchored at 0930.
11th Oct.
Still at Port Keats.
Up pick at 1800 and sailed for Lubra.
12th Oct.
Arrived Lubra at 1400.
13th Oct.
Up pick at 0300, sailed for Darwin.
Anchored in harbour at 1030. Letter from Kath.

14th Oct.
Lying at anchor.

15th Oct.
Pay day received £4.

16th Oct.
Received letters from Peg & Pop, also papers.

22nd Oct.
Alongside C.A. Jetty at 1015 to load stores. Anchored again at 1710.

23rd Oct.
Up pick at 0200, passed through boom at 0300. Arrived at Cape Don 1830. Left again 1930.
24th Oct.
Passed broker Is. at 0800. Arrived South
25th Oct.
Unloaded stores. No leave. Up pick 0610, sailing for
Millingimbi.
26th Oct.
Arrived Millingimbi 1400. Leave from 1500
to 1800. Unloading stores. Got fish from
Boongs.
27th Oct.
Lying at anchor. More fish tonight.

28th Oct.
Up pick at 0630. Sailing for Elcho Is.
Dropped pick at Elcho Is. at 1430. Boongs
alongside with fish.
29th Oct.
Leave from 1330 to 1800. Went ashore had look
at mission. White
Woman living here. Went shooting, nearly
got shot myself.
30th Oct.
Up pick 0130 sailing
for Yirralla. Anchored
off Melville Bay 1900
31st Oct.
Up pick at 0700.
Received paw-paw.
Went ashore at 1300.
1st November.
Arrived Wessel Is. 1230. Shore leave in afternoon. Went ashore to lagoon shooting.
2nd Nov.
Had fish from boongs. More leave.
Went ashore shooting.

3rd Nov.
Up pick 0200. Sailing for Broken Is.

4th Nov.
Arrived Broken Is. 1400. Sailed again at 1930.

5th Nov.
Anchored off cape Hotham at 0800.

6th Nov.

Received 10 letters and three papers.
1st Nov.
Passed through boom at 1930. Sailing for Anson Bay.

8th Nov.
Arrived Anson Bay 0730.

9th Nov.
Sailed again for Darwin 0630.

10th Nov.
Arrived Darwin.

15th Nov. 1942
21 today. Lying in Darwin Harbour with nothing to do.
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