

CALL THE HANDS

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From the President

Welcome to this 46th edition of *Call the Hands*. As always, we are pleased to present a wide cross section of stories and draw attention to some most interesting audio and video recordings. Don't miss the links to a short description by Lieutenant Commander Henry Stoker of AE2's 1915 passage through the Dardanelles strait and the snippets of life in HMAS Australia (II) in 1948. In a similar vein, those with an interest in HMAS Cerberus should not miss the link to aerial footage of the extensive building works undertaken in Cerberus in recent years. In its 100th anniversary year HMAS Cerberus is well equipped for current and future high trainee throughputs.

Highlighted are two remarkable people; Able Seaman Moss Berryman the last member of the Operation Jaywick operatives and Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Samuel Stening, a HMAS Perth survivor and POW. Links to their remarkable stories are worthy of attention.

Occasional Paper 91 provides detailed insight into strategic and operational level decisions concerning the employment of the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Navy's China Fleet and South Atlantic Squadron in pursuit of the German East Asia Squadron during the early months of World War One. It is a story of bungled and poor strategic decision making on the part of the First Sea Lord and Admiralty. The consequences of this disjointed strategy, wasted time and not allowing Admiral Sir George Patey freedom of action in his flagship HMAS Australia, to pursue the German Squadron were significant.

Occasional Paper 92 addresses the matter of the award of the first Royal Australian Navy Victoria Cross and other forms of recognition for Ordinary Seaman Edward "Teddy" Sheean. The paper also compares the number of awards to other Commonwealth naval personnel under the Imperial system and successor National honours systems.

Occasional paper 93 on the history of Boxing in the Royal Australian Navy highlights the popularity of this gentlemanly art which was popular in the RAN for more than 50 years. The great success of sailors and young officers from deployed ships in all weight divisions reflected greatly on the RAN and the ships on which the individual champions served and enhanced morale.

Finally, if you have a story to tell, wish to join the Society or volunteer with us we will be pleased to hear from you at any time.

Kind regards,

David Michael

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Able Seaman Moss Berryman, last member of the Krait Raid: Singapore 1943

Able Seaman Moss Berryman, crossed the bar at the aged of 96 on 6 August 2020. He was the last survivor of Operation Jaywick. He and his comrades, posing as Malay fishermen on board the former Japanese fishing boat, *Krait* which destroyed or damaged 37,000 tons of Japanese shipping in Singapore during the night of 26 September 1943.

His obituary is available at: <https://navalinstitute.com.au/obit-canoe-commando-in-singapore-habour/>



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Berryman, front centre. with his comrades aboard the *Krait*, a former Japanese fishing boat

Further Reading: Petar Djokvic, *Krait and Operation JAYWICK*, SPC-A feature History available at, <https://www.navy.gov.au/history/feature-histories/krait-and-operation-jaywick>

HMS Moonstone

Society volunteers recently examined a photograph taken by Surgeon Lieutenant Sam Stening in an effort to identify a vessel alongside HMAS Waterhen in the Mediterranean during the Second World War. Sam Stening was serving in *Waterhen* at the time. The ship was identified as HMS Moonstone (T90). Subsequent research revealed HMS Moonstone had an interesting record as an armed trawler taken up from trade and employed in anti-submarine warfare duties during the War.

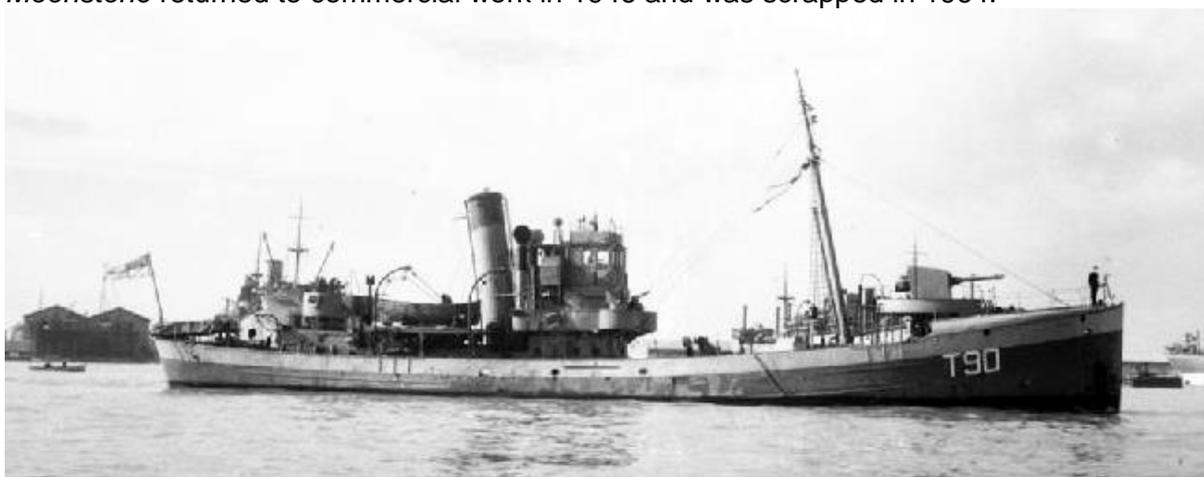


HMS Moonstone alongside HMAS Waterhen

Moonstone was assigned to the Mediterranean as part of the 4th AS (anti-submarine) Patrol Group, and later to the Red Sea. In June 1940 Italy joined the war against the Allies and the Royal Navy commenced operations against the *Regina Marina*. On 16 June *Moonstone* rescued the crew of the Norwegian tanker *James Stove* which had been sunk by the Italian submarine *Galileo Galilei* earlier that day. On 18 June *Galileo Galilei* was sighted and attacked by British aircraft, and *Moonstone* was dispatched to find her.

On 19 June *Moonstone* obtained an ASDIC contact and attacked, dropping two depth charges. The submarine's captain, realizing his opponent was smaller and less heavily armed, and troubled by an escape of poisonous fumes in the boat, chose to fight on the surface, where he would still have the advantage. Breaking the surface *Galileo Galilei's* crew manned her guns and got off the first shot, but this missed. *Moonstone* bore down and fired, hitting the submarine's bridge and killing or wounding the bridge crew, including her captain. Unable to continue, *Galileo Galilei* surrendered and was taken in hand by the trawler. Later, the destroyer *Kandahar* joined up, and took the submarine in tow to Aden. The submarine had suffered 12 killed and 4 wounded; *Moonstone* had no casualties. For this effort *Moonstone's* skipper, bosun William Moorman, was awarded the DSC and referred for an officer's commission. PO Frederick Quested, in charge of the gun crew, received the DSM

Moonstone returned to commercial work in 1946 and was scrapped in 1964.



Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Samuel Stening RANR

At the outbreak of World War II, Surgeon Lieutenant Commander Samuel Stening enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy. He served in the Indian Ocean and then in the 'Scrap Iron Flotilla' in the Mediterranean where his ship, HMAS Waterhen, was sunk in June 1941. Sam was later posted to HMAS Perth for the cruiser's deployment to Java and her subsequent sinking in Sunda Strait on 1 March 1942. After becoming a prisoner of war (POW) LEUT Stening, was employed in eight different camps in Japan. He survived the war and returned to his pediatric practice. Sam Stening's biography by Dr Ian Pfennigwerth, is a story not just about the Royal Australian Navy at war, and about being a Japanese Prisoner of War, but Sam Stening's post war career as an outstanding paediatrician. Sam reached the pinnacle of professional life when in 1977 he became President of the Australian College of Paediatrics.



Samuel Stening as a POW. AWM Image



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Further Reading

Dr Ian Pfennigwerth, *In Good Hands – The Life of Dr Sam Stening, POW*, published by Bellona, Sydney, 2012.

Dr Stening's dental instruments, AWM, <https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/blog/dr-stening-dental>

Podcast

Helen Meyer, Radio 101.5 Adelaide, recording by Dr Ian Pfennigwerth on the life of Surgeon LCDR Samuel Stening available at <http://radioadelaide.org.au/2018/02/26/surgeon-lieutenant-commander-samuel-stening-an-almost-forgotten-hero/>

The Elephant on Parade: Whale Island 1955

Received from Tony Horton this interesting image of the final Divisions for P Group Sub Lieutenants (9 RN, 3 RCN, 3 RAN (Horton, Beaumont and Digby McDougall)). One of P Group was not on parade (but hiding behind the air raider shelters to take the photos), his uniform being worn by the Mahout. The gentleman striding towards the elephant group is probably David Leach, the Parade Training Officer.



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Given the formality of gunnery training at Whale Island in Portsmouth most courses arranged a prank during the final days of course. An attempt by the final 'Long Gunnery Course' conducted in 1972 to outdo the 'elephant prank' was the sale of Whale Island.

Our thanks to Paul Martin who was a member of the 1972 Long Course for drawing attention to the auction poster widely circulated in the United Kingdom.

Life at Flinders Naval Depot 1926: A Recruit's Perspective

The following letter from Recruit Donald Francis Braun to his Mother was recently donated to the Society. Written in early 1926 it describes the first impressions as a 17-year-old of life in the Navy. His period of service was short, discharged in late 1929 as a consequence of manpower reductions.

H.M. AUSTRALIAN FLEET

Circa February/March 1926.

Dear Mum,

This is to let you know that I'm alright and doing well. The life down here is grand. Absolutely better than I expected.

I lobbed here at 7:30pm and got a kit and canvas hammock and blankets. The hammocks are as comfortable as any bed I've been in. Had a great feed and then walked round the Depot with Lance Major from Glen School. There is no rough house at all. It's just bonza. I get my uniform in 3 days time and I get home in a fortnight. I hopped out at six and had a short bath and then breakfast at 7. Worked all morning and I'm writing this at dinner time. I wish you could see the place and the boys, it's just a home from home. Cigarettes are at a premium now as it is payday next Thursday. There are pumping machines just outside our dorm and that puts you to sleep about 3 o'clock.

Going to the flics in the YMCA tonight and a dance on Thursday. I know a lot of mates down here from home and I'm having the time of my life. Lance told a Yeoman of Signals (an officer) that I know all about wireless and he took my name and said I would hear from him in a fortnight.

Plenty of good food and grub but not dished up like the Ritz. There's the bugle and I'll finish this tonight. My address is D. Braun, 00 YMCA, Flinders Naval Depot, Vic.

There's plenty of fun of a night here. Banjos, gramophones and all sorts to dance to and listen to.

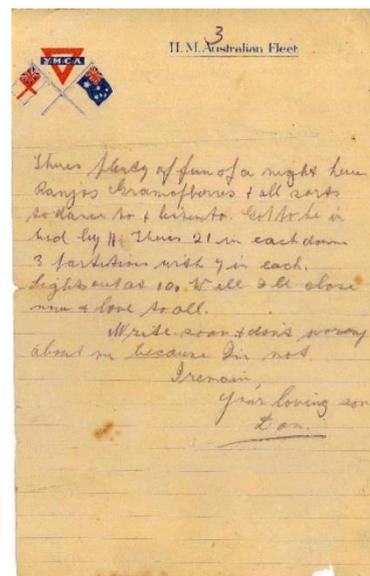
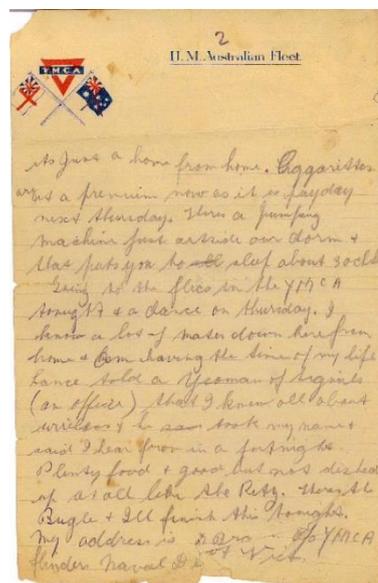
Got to be in bed by 11. There's 21 in each dorm, 3 partitions with 7 in each. Lights out at 10. Well I'll close now and love to all.

Write soon and don't worry about me because I'm not.

I remain,

Your loving son,

Don



Hammocks in Accommodation Block,
Flinders Naval Depot

Sound Recordings of Interest

In early September Radio New Zealand sound archives staff contacted the Society in relation to two recordings of interest to Society members and researchers. The first was a BBC recording of Lieutenant Commander Henry Stoker describing the initial phase of Australian submarine AE2s passage through the Dardanelles strait. The second was a series of recordings made on board HMAS Australia (II) in Port Chalmers, New Zealand, in 1948. Society researchers were able to assist by providing some names for the various crew members who speak on the recording.

BBC Recording: WWI Australian submarine AE2

In the early hours of 25 April 1915, Royal Australian Navy submarine the AE2 sailed up the narrow Dardanelles strait to disrupt Turkish supply ships. She faced strong currents, Turkish gun batteries on shore, and mines that had sunk two earlier submarines. Yet the AE2, commanded by Irish Lt. Commander Henry Stoker, successfully passed through the Narrows into the Sea of Marmara, making several attacks on Turkish shipping before she was hit by a torpedo boat. Stoker ordered his crew to evacuate and scuttled the vessel. He and his crew were taken prisoner for the rest of the war, and several died of illness in captivity. Forty years later, Henry Stoker recalled the nerve-racking voyage.



AE2 Crew members circa 1914

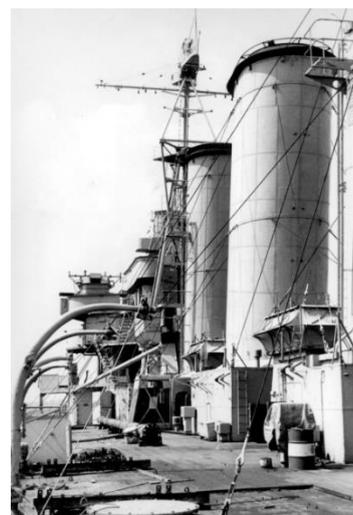
Year: 1915 (Recorded 1955)
Duration: 3.30 mins
Location: Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey
Available at: Anzac Sight and Sound, <http://anzacsightsound.org/audios/australia-s-submarine-at-gallipoli>

Further Reading: Biography, Lieutenant Commander Henry Hugh Gordon Dacre Stoker, available at, SPC-A <https://www.navy.gov.au/biography/lieutenant-commander-henry-hugh-gordon-dacre-stoker>

HMAS Australia (II) in Port Chalmers, New Zealand: 1948

This NZBS recording is of daily life and sound effects onboard HMAS Australia (II) of the Royal Australian Navy, whilst berthed at Port Chalmers in March 1948. The recordings include brief interviews, musical items, commentary and sound effects.

Year: 1948
Duration: 22:30 mins
Location: Port Chalmers, New Zealand
Available at: NZ Sound & Vision, https://www.ngataonga.org.nz/collections/catalogue/catalogue-item?record_id=237617



View of two of HMAS Australia's three funnels, RAN image

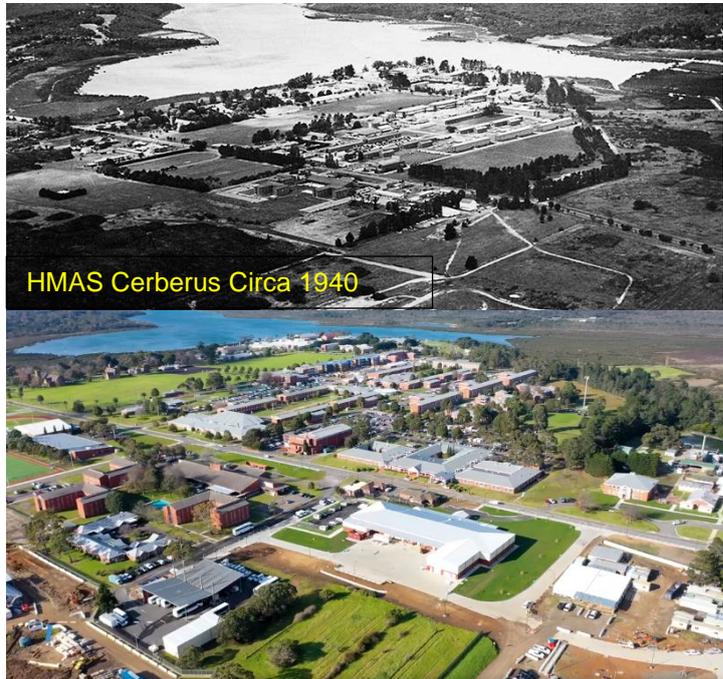
HMAS Cerberus: 100th Anniversary

HMAS Cerberus, marked 100 years of service on 01 Sept 2020. A commemorative plinth was unveiled at the site of the establishments first commissioning. The 'Cradle of the Navy' *Cerberus* continues in its primary role of training with approximately 6000 personnel from all three services trained annually.

Purchased in 1911 and called Flinders Naval Depot, it was commissioned as HMAS Cerberus 10 years later. Today it comprises numerous training and recreation facilities, two chapels, small marina and attractive grounds.

Despite the addition of modern buildings, the historic character of HMAS Cerberus remains. Its historic presence, heritage buildings, chapels, sports facilities and gardens are conducive to an effective training environment. HMAS Cerberus is listed on the Commonwealth Heritage List because its creation was intimately associated with the newly formed Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in 1911.

The complex is the largest, most significant and longest continuously functioning training facility held by the RAN and it is associated with the development of Australia's naval forces since the Navy's earliest days. Since 1921 HMAS Cerberus has trained countless numbers of RAN personnel. The development of *Cerberus* reflects Australia's naval history since the early part of the twentieth century. It has one of the largest ADF ceremonial grounds in Australia and the central area is outstanding for its design excellence. The complex is of monumental scale and distinctive formality, and it exhibits distinguished architecture of the early twentieth century. A number of eminent Australians were associated with HMAS Cerberus. These include; Vice Admiral Sir William Creswell, Captain William Clarkson and Commonwealth architect John Smith Murdoch.



Redevelopment Project

Following an engineering assessment on the condition, capacity and compliance of the facilities and infrastructure at HMAS Cerberus in 2013, the Department of Defence committed \$463.1 million to the redevelopment and upgrade of the base's training, support and accommodation facilities. Phase One of the redevelopment was scheduled for completion in mid-2020.

Videos

[HMAS Cerberus Redevelopment](https://www.facebook.com/HMASCerberus/videos/1128489734218480/) This three minute provides aerial views of the extensive development work nearing completion.

<https://www.facebook.com/HMASCerberus/videos/1128489734218480/>

[HMAS Cerberus marks 100 years of service](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRrGsLjOPTM), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRrGsLjOPTM>

Further Reading

NHSA Website Heritage Page, *HMAS Cerberus*, <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/naval-heritage-sites/hmas-cerberus/> Hugh Jarrett, *Cerberus in Wartime* published in the Naval Historical Review March 2004, available at <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/cerberus-in-wartime/>

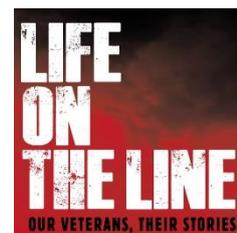
Podcasts and Coming Events

Australia's 101st Victoria Cross recipient, Teddy Sheean VC

In this 'Life on the Line' interview Dr Brendan Nelson discusses Australia's Victoria Cross recipient, Teddy Sheean VC. Dr Nelson, former Minister for Defence and Director of the Australian War Memorial, chaired the 2020 expert panel that reviewed Teddy's case. In this recording he tells Angus Hordern the story of Teddy Sheean, and exactly how his posthumous VC came about.

Available at:

<https://www.lifeonthelinepodcast.com/podcast/2020/9/25/teddy-sheean-vc-with-dr-brendan-nelson-vc>



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Marine Art Exhibition, 'Seas of Change': 10 to 25 October

The Australian Society of Marine Artists annual exhibition to celebrate the artistic achievements of member artists from around Australia is free to members and the public.

Location: Lavender Bay Gallery, Sydney

Details at: <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/event/24th-national-marine-art-exhibition-seas-of-change/>



Dutch East India Company's Shipwrecks off the Western Australian Coast

This presentation to WA Chapter Members will be held on Monday 19 October.

The speaker is the eminent Mr Hugh Edwards, OAM, who played a major part in the discovery of famous Dutch East India Company shipwrecks of the 17th and 18th centuries on the Western Australia coast, including as primary discoverer of the Batavia and Zeewyk.

Non-members are welcome by prior arrangement with the WA Chapter.

Please e-mail the WA Chapter President, Nigel Rogers at president.nhs.wa@gmail.com

Details at: <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/event/dutch-east-india-companys-shipwrecks-off-the-western-australian-coast/>

Virtual tour of the Garden Island tunnels: NNSA Zoom Presentation

This presentation by Colin Randall on 20 October will address the construction and circumstances which led to the construction of the unique Garden Island complex of tunnels and chambers which provide evidence of the desperate days of World War II. Just four days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour in December 1941, tunneling commenced to provide Air Raid Protection for the skilled workers on the Garden Island Naval Base. Designed initially to protect 1400 men standing up, it was expanded to accommodate 2500 men.

Details at: <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/event/virtual-tour-of-the-garden-island-tunnels/>

Remote and Autonomous Systems at Sea: ANI Goldrick Webinars: 7 October to 25 November

In this series of webinars the Australian Naval Institute will present an overview of Remote and Autonomous Systems at Sea. The Program will comprise eight webinars each approximately one hour in duration conducted weekly (Wednesday 1300-1400 AEDT) over eight weeks.

Details at: <https://navalinstitute.com.au/events/major-events/>



Photo of the Month:



Pets in the Mediterranean, 1940

Leading Supply Assistant Gordon Hill served onboard Vendetta and took several hundred photographs during this period. These photos have recently been donated to the NHSA.

News in Brief

NUSHIP Supply sets sail

The Royal Australian Navy's lead ship of the Supply Class auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) ships, NUSHIP Supply, has set sail from Navantia's Ferrol shipyard for Australia.

NUSHIP Supply will arrive in Western Australia early October and will be based at HMAS Stirling where the installation and testing of the combat and communications systems, as well as some logistics areas, will be completed by Australian industry.



Keel laying of NUSHIP Pilbara - a construction milestone

The National Shipbuilding Program reached another milestone recently with the keel laying for the third Offshore Patrol Vessel, NUSHIP Pilbara, taking place at Henderson, Western Australia.

Pilbara will be the first of ten Offshore Patrol Vessels to be built by the Lueresen and Cvmec teams in Western Australia, with the first two vessels completed at the Osborne Naval Shipyard in South Australia.

Upon commissioning the vessel will be known as HMAS Pilbara, which honours the role of the Western Australian shipbuilding industry in supporting the Navy. When completed the vessel will weigh approximately 1600 tonne and have a length of 80 metres.



The Steel Cat's show of speed

Guided Missile Destroyer HMAS Brisbane recently stretched her legs off the coast of Sydney, to conduct a full power trial.

A power trial is not a speed test to see how fast a ship can go. It is a well calibrated examination of turbine speed and shaft rotation against a range of parameters. The power trial was successful in the requirement to demonstrate the integrity of the shaft line, following an extensive maintenance period for the ship.



Other aspects of power trials include determining the ship's performance in terms of speed, power and propeller revolutions under prescribed ship conditions. This aids greatly in validating ships information for navigation purposes, such as time required for given speed, speed calculations, distanced travelled and fuel consumption rates. The trial marks a significant milestone for *Brisbane*, as the ship and her crew prepare for her work-up evaluations in the coming months.

This Month in History

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| October 1858 | The Victorian Government approved the building of a graving dock at Williamstown. |
| October 1888 | Plans for a protected cruiser for the Victorian Navy were prepared by Sir William Armstrong & Co., England, and placed before the Victorian Government. The 1040 ton ship was designed to carry three 6-inch breech loaders, four 6lb guns, six 3lb guns, and six Gatling guns, in addition to two 18-inch torpedo tubes. The ship was never built. |
| October 1911 | The existence of the new Australian Navy was formally advised when the Naval Board issued an historic order promulgating the designation 'Royal Australian Navy'. The order also directed that the permanent naval forces of the Commonwealth and for the ships of the Navy to be designated 'His Majesty's Australian Ships', and that all ships and vessels of the Royal Australian Navy were to fly at the stern the White Ensign as the symbol of authority of the Crown, and at the jack staff, the flag of Australia. |
| October 1913 | The first RAN fleet, under the command of RADM Sir George Patey, RN, in HMAS AUSTRALIA, (battle-cruiser), entered Sydney Harbour. With AUSTRALIA were her consorts HMA Ships MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, ENCOUNTER, PARRAMATTA, YARRA, and WARREGO. |
| October 1917 | HMAS SWAN, (torpedo boat destroyer), attacked a submarine disguised as a fishing schooner off Corfu. SWAN dropped depth charges, but the submarine dived and escaped, leaving her mast and sails on the surface. |
| October 1923 | HMAS PARRAMATTA, (torpedo boat destroyer), was dispatched to Wilsons Promontory, VIC, to fight bushfires. |
| October 1933 | The Australian Destroyer Flotilla , HMA Ships STUART, VAMPIRE, VENDETTA, VOYAGER and WATERHEN, departed Chatham and, proceeding via Suez, reached Singapore on 28 November, Darwin on 7 December and Sydney on 21 December 1933. |
| October 1942 | Foundation date of WRANS. First 14 girls were sworn into the Navy as enlisted personnel with enlisted status. RANNS was also established with 23 qualified nursing sisters in RAN hospitals and Miss Annie Ina Laidlaw was appointed superintending sister, with the equivalent rank of lieutenant commander. |
| October 1944 | A Japanese kamikaze aircraft crashed into the foremast of HMAS AUSTRALIA, (cruiser), killing 30 officers and ratings, including CAPT E. F. V. Dechaineux, RAN, AUSTRALIA's commanding officer. Sixty-four officers and ratings were wounded, including CDRE J. A. Collins, RAN, the task force commander. CAPT C. A. G. Nichols in HMAS SHROPSHIRE, (cruiser), reported: <blockquote>'During the dawn stand-to a low flying aircraft approached from the land between AUSTRALIA and SHROPSHIRE. It was taken under fire and retired to the westward. Observers in SHROPSHIRE reported that the aircraft, (a Val Aichi 99 dive bomber), was hit and touched the water, but recovered. It then turned east again, and although under heavy fire, passed up the port side of AUSTRALIA, and crashed into the foremast at 0605. There was a large explosion and an intense fire was started'. |
| October 1951 | Firefly fighter bombers from HMAS SYDNEY, (aircraft carrier), attacked railway tunnels on the west coast of Korea. One aircraft was lost in the operation and crashed close to Communist positions. The pilot, SBLT M. D. Macmillan, RAN, and Observer 1st Class J. Hancox, were unhurt, and later rescued by a USN helicopter piloted by CPO A. K. Babbitt, who was awarded the US Navy Cross, and the British DSM, for the same act of gallantry. |
| October 1960 | HMAS Wagga paid off. She was the last of the Bathurst Class in seagoing commission in the Royal Australian Navy. Wagga was declared for disposal on 31 May 1961 and sold out of service in March 1962, when she was purchased by the South Australian Carrying Co |
| October 1967 | The RAN-chartered MV JEPARIT, (general-purpose bulk carrier), sailed from Sydney on her 10th voyage to Vietnam. The ship was commissioned on 11 December 1969, following industrial stoppages. JEPARIT was paid off, and returned to her owners on 11 March 1972, having completed 17 return voyages to the war theatre. |
| October 1973 | UPI and AP issued a press release quoting: General Brown, US Air Force Chief-of-Staff; 'Early in the summer of 1968 near the Demilitarised Zone, [Vietnam], there was a series of [UFO] sightings which set off quite a battle, with an Australian destroyer taking a hit'. The destroyer was HMAS HOBART, hit by US aircraft missiles. |
| October 1985 | HMAS ASSAIL, the last of the RAN's Attack class patrol boats still in commission, was transferred to the Indonesian Navy as a gift. |
| October 1987 | Principal Chaplain A. W. (Bill) Rosier retired from the RAN after 22 years service. Chaplain Rosier joined the Royal North Shore Hospital in Sydney as Hospital Chaplain. |
| October | HMA Ships PERTH, HOBART, ORION, DUBBO, and IPSWICH, participated in the multinational Exercise |

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| 1991 | AUCKEX 91 in New Zealand waters. |
| October 1993 | A Sea King helicopter from HMAS TOBRUK, (landing ship heavy), was shot at, and sustained two hits by small arms fire in the tail, while conducting a routine reconnaissance flight near Kieta, Bougainville, as part of Operation Lagoon. The aircrew suspected that PNG Defence Force soldiers were responsible for the shooting. |
| October 2004 | The guided missile frigate HMAS MELBOURNE, (CMDR. R. V. S. Dutschke, RAN), responded to a distress call from the iron ore carrier LOWLANDS GRACE, which was anchored off Port Hedland WA. The iron ore carrier had been practicing life boat drills, when one of the lifeboats capsized. MELBOURNE dispatched two RHIB's with a medical team embarked, who rescued two of the merchant sailors, but two others had already drowned by the time the frigate's boats had arrived. |
| October 2016 | End of Operation Render Safe 2016 during which HMA Ships Diamantina and Huon spent two weeks finding and destroying unexploded WWII munitions in the waters around the Solomon Islands. The Sydney-based minehunter vessels found more than 10 tonnes of projectiles and bombs during their searches around the Russell Islands, Florida Group and Honiara. |
| October 2018 | HMA Ships Hawkesbury and Norman were decommissioned . They had been in Extended Readiness Availability since 2009. |

The entries selected for publication this month are randomly generated from an extensive database of historic naval events. The absence of a significant event is in no way intended to cause offence. The objective is to provide a cross section of events across time. The Society's website enables you to look up any event in RAN history. Searches can be made by era, date look up or today. The latter appears on the home page. The others are accessed via the Research page. <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/research/on-this-day/>

Occasional Papers in this edition

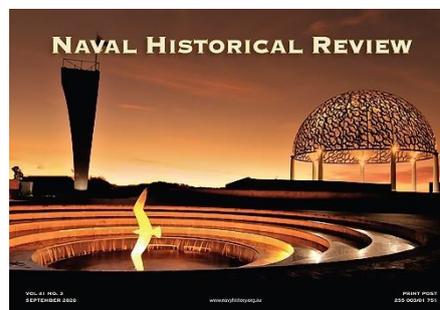
Included with this edition of Call the Hands are the following occasional papers: -

- Occasional Paper 91, Invidious Choices – The German East Asia Squadron and the RAN in the Pacific, Aug to Dec 1914
- Occasional Paper 92 - Teddy Sheean
- Occasional Paper 93 - Boxing in the Navy

Society Matters

Naval Historical Review

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Volunteering

The Society is currently seeking Sydney based volunteers to join us in the Boatshed. If you live in Sydney, have an interest and some time to give please consider this opportunity. The Society has for 50 years been very successful at what it does and we would like to continue with our ambitious goals but we can't do it without new blood to reinforce the current team of dedicated regular volunteers.

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