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There were two six inch guns
and a couple of lighter ones.
It was a beautiful clear calm
day & the target could be
seen from the ship. We poured
200 shots into it and the
Deloraine fired off all she had
as she was going south after
the shoot. It was a short
worth watching. We wiped the
deck out & raised anchors from
stores. The Deloraine did a

Happy Birthday to start the book Marg.

Friday 27th April, 1945

Did an Asdec patrol last night thru' till this morning but the sub is probably back at Tokyo now. In the afternoon ourselves and the Deloraine did a shoot at the point of KIARIRU island. There were two six inch guns and a couple of huts there. It was a beautiful clear calm day and the target could be seen from the ship. We poured 200 shots into it and the Deloraine fired all she had as she was going south after the shoot. It was a shoot worth watching. We wiped the huts out and raised smokes from stores. The Deloraine did a

good shot with her single 4 inch
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on a six inch gun - a burst
of flame rose as high as
the keel-tops. Pilot of plane
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The point on the island
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We returned to But + are
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Mail came aboard too -
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Saturday April 20th. Called in
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by Hollandia for fuel.
Sunday April 29th In Hollandia
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He is on the salvage tug
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tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce +
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Well I ask you - was that
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We returned to But + are to make this our base now as Aitape is too far back.

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Saturday April 28th

Called in at Aitape before proceeding

to Hollandia for fuel.

Sunday 29th April

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Got quite a surprise when Noel Testro was in a boat alongside us. He is on the salvage tug Tancred. In the evening I was able to get across there for supper.

There was fresh tomatoes, cucumber, lettuce and thinly sliced ham, followed by fresh fruit salad and jelly. Well I ask you – was that worth while going for? We had a good old natter about things and Noel was coming back with me, but as soon as his boat arrived at our ship to pick up his officers

The Swans pulled up her fish & landed back for But. Your head was slightly dampened again, Christine. Back at But on the 30th.

Tuesday 1st May at anchor all day. Seems as tho we might hit here for a few days. There is a ship coming off soon by the look of signals. But ^{possibly} we'll just wait about for a day.

Went ashore in the whaler for about half an hour to have a swim. It was good. Into a few of the boys got Japs rifles from another ashore. Two - one of the two diving blokes who have been on here for a week in our mess, - got

rocks tonight. Think it may be malaria. These swimmers are as usual, good blokes. They certainly dig out in the mess - we can't get 'em to stop helping every meal. This 6th Divvy do a good mob right there!

Wednesday 2nd May. Two corvettes and ourselves steamed down past Wewak to do a shoot today. Nothing could be seen except for smoke burst as the range was 15,000 yards. A number of the shells dropped short but pilot of plane said the area was well covered. ~~Correct~~ Target this time near 15 man. Japs again. M.L. did a patrol right outside Wewak Harbor & some

the Swan pulled up her pick and headed back for But. Your head was slightly dampened again, Christine – back at But on the 30th.

Tuesday 1st May

At anchor all day. Seems as tho' we might lie here for a few days. There is a turn coming off soon by the look of signal but until then possibly we'll just wait about for days.

Went ashore in the whaler for about half an hour to have a swim. It was goodoh. Quite a few of the boys got Jap rifles from swotties ashore.

Tom – one of the two Army blokes who have been on here for a week in our mess – got

crook tonight. Thinks it may be malaria. These swotties are as usual, good blokes. They certainly dig out in the mess – we can't get 'em to stop helping every meal. This 6th Divvy is a good mob right thru'.

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Two corvettes and ourselves steamed down past Wewak to do a shoot today. Nothing could be seen except for smoke bursts as the range was 15,000 yards. A number of the shells dropped short but pilot of plane said the area was well covered. Target this time was 75mm guns again.

ML's did a patrol right outside Wewak Harbour and were

fired on. They do patrols every night close inshore & have been fired on, but not hit, or few times.

~~Thursday~~ ~~Friday~~ ~~3rd~~ Poyang came in this forenoon with ammunition for us. We are to take 1400 + the corvettes quite a lot each, so some Japs somewhere are going to get a headache. Leander was working all afternoon and night at loading ammo. We are taking 600 aboard + putting 800 ashore till we have space for them.

Saw Wilkes on the Poyang. Tells me the Regent Theatre has burnt down. That's where his 'square' works too. By all indications Wilkes will have

himself married next time home. Must tell the old ship boys about this.

Friday 4th May Did a bit of instruction on the transmitter in the forenoon. Dubbo came

alongside us and gave us her extra fuel as she & below are going to Hollandia to refuel. They have to be back by Sunday morning or maybe there's a turn on them. This Skipper doesn't let us know much about what is going on.

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Thursday May 3rd

Poyang came in this forenoon with ammunition for us. We are to take 1400 and the corvettes quite a lot each, so some Japs somewhere are going to get a headache. Seamen were working all afternoon and night at loading ammo. We are taking 600 aboard and putting 800 ashore till we have space for them.

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Saturday 5th May

At anchor all day -
but went inshore for $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
swim in late afternoon. Surf
wasn't too high, but was
enjoyable.

Sunday 6th May Corvettes returned
and we went out with M^{rs}
and Landing Craft for exercises
for invasion. Swimmers went
out on corvettes then climbed
into barges which rushed them
into a beach. Back to Port
or anchored again.

Monday 7th May Shore leave
for a recreation party granted.
One truck load of chaps
went for a ride round the
little town to Agaña, but
actually didn't see anything -

much. We wandered around
to the old airship at Port.
The 500 lb bombs of our
bombs - the Japs ~~spare~~ were
ruined it. The craters, huge
too, are everywhere. Numerous
planes lying about along the
sides of the ship, mostly
all burned. They are just
about overgrown with grass
already. Nothing of very much
good left after the ravage
must have gone over them,
but still a lot of stuff
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Monday 7th May

Shore leave for a recreation party granted. One truck load of chaps went for a ride round the hills down to Dagua but actually didn't see anything

much. We wandered around to the old airship at But. The 500lb bombs of our blokes and the Yanks sure ruined it. The craters, huge too, are everywhere. Numerous planes lying about along the sides of the strip, mostly all burned. They are just about overgrown with grass already. Nothing of very much good left after the salvage mob have gone over them, but still a lot of stuff a man would take if it was down south. Quite a lot of the boys got Jap rifles and the carbines.

Tuesday 8th May

Duty ship + will be for good by the

sound of things. We were listening
for the Hobart to send us a
message about his arrival.
Now tonight said 6th Air
are now only 2 mile from
Warramunga.

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over today. That's what we want.
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been such a thing, but give us
a chance & will soon settle
into it quickly.

Thursday 10th May. Went out in
forenoon and met Hobart

and Warramunga. The Hunter
was with the 16 inch cruiser
H.M.S. Newfoundland a few mile
away. It was quite funny -
our shipper made us wear
khaki shorts & caps when we
were near the Commodore's ship,
yet when we went up to
fire a message across to the
Hobart they had all sort of
shorts on & very few caps.
So our shipper about turned out
a joke. We went back to
but the fleet steamed
down to bombard Cape Boreas.
Then had a lecture from
Lieut. Pring the Artillery Officer
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Thursday 10th May

Went out in forenoon and met Hobart and Warramunga. The Arunta was with the 6 inch cruiser H.M.S. Newfoundland a few miles away. It was quite funny – our skipper made us wear khaki shorts and caps when we were near the Commodore's ship, yet when we went up to fire a message across to the Hobart

they had all sorts of shorts on and very few caps. So our Skippers show turned out a joke. We went back to But but the fleet steamed down to bombard Cape Boram.

Had a lecture from Lieut Pring the Artillery bloke who conducts the Army liaison for all our shoots. He told us the full tale of the

landing tomorrow. We are to bombard at Red Beach just past Cape ~~Warak~~ ^{MAWAK} and hope will land there to cut back behind Warak. There are about a thousand Japs left in the Warak area with about 600 on the two big islands KAIRIRU + Muschu.



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towards evening ourselves + Dabba left for Bat. This time we sailed thru Shuchai Strait to see if it was safe. Nothing happened so we'll use this strait now. It took off about 2 hours steaming around Kim R. R. V Island. Shuchai look rather nice. (As we steamed past Wankah Harbour I could see about 4 smaller ships, a couple of jetties + numerous barges along the forebank. Steps of Wankah Point were our base + its from there the Artillery are firing - (this was on the 13th that we saw this).)

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Cruisers bombarded Wewak foreshore too.

Towards evening ourselves and Dubbo left for But. This time we sailed thru' Muschu Straits to see if it was safe. Nothing happened so we'll use these straits now. It cuts off about 2 hours steaming around KAIRIRU Island. Straits look rather nice.

(As we steamed past Wewak Harbour I could see about 4 sunken ships, a couple of jetties and numerous barges along the foreshore. Atop of Wewak Point were our Aussie tents and it's from there the Artillery are firing - X this was on the 13th that we saw this).

Sunday 12th May

Shifted our base position from But to Cape WOM. We can see Wewak Point from

here. It was here that some
Yanks from NA3240 did over the
2/1st Field Regt mistaking them
for Japs. The Yanks killed 4
and wounded 11 Aussies, so
they had better not come within
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we passed. Evidently not

tough for us as we lay at
anchor all day. The day was
a beautiful tropical day - in
fact at lunch time they let
beach watch swim for a
short while over the side. It's a
funny war. We are now swimming
but - swimmers are swimming on
the beach, yet not far inland.
We can see artillery shells
bursting on little ~~beach~~ beach
bombs & doing ~~beach~~ area over.
The RAAF have been working
hard all this week. They are
doing ~~beach~~ over continually
with '500 pounders'. They also
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here. It was here that some Yanks from NADZAB did over the 2/1st Field Regt mistaking them for Japs. The Yanks killed 4 and wounded 11 Aussies, so they had better not come within range of our 6th Divvy guns again. Some of our boys went ashore but couldn't get far around. The Artillery here are on the go all the time with harassing fire at the Japs in the hills. S'pose it's alright but I'm all for a peaceful life – they should fit their guns with silencers.

Sunday 13th May

Steamed down to Red Beach and anchored close in. Fired oerlikens at MOAM as we passed. Evidently no

targets for us as we lay at anchor all day. The day was a beautiful tropical day – in fact at lunch time they let each watch for a short while swim over the side. It's a funny war. We are here swimming here – swotties are swimming on the beach, yet not far inland we can see artillery shells bursting on hills and Beaufort bombers doing Wewak area over. The RAAF have been working hard all this week. They are doing Wewak over continually with '500 pounders'. They also did Red Beach over with us on D-DAY. It was on our way back that we got quite a good look thru' glasses

at Wawak Harbour. Could see
smoke on Wawak point where
flame throwers were being on caves
in hill side. Infantry clearing
caves on hillside + artillery
on top firing their guns further
onward.

Bolac left to go south this
afternoon. That's Deloraine +
Bolac out of our original Wawak
Force. Dalbo has just come
up from south so as soon as
this area is cleaned up we'll
probably go (we hope).

Monday 14th May Anchored at
Wom. Got leave in afternoon -
Tom (the snortie) Long + I went
ashore. We got a much ride
right round the beach + got
to Wawak point. Tom's Chatter

was on top so we went up to
see them. On the way up we
had a look at a lot of the
caves + ex-camps. One of the
caves even had an iron gate on
it. They go right in under
the hill + would be a menace
to clear enemy from. Flame
throwers are the only effective
weapon - or to set fire inside
+ then seal the exit. Bolac
told us that as far as was known
most of the Japs had been
burnt out. There was a lot
of old stuff lying about but
nothing real valuable. There
probably would be inside the
caves, but going in amongst
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at Wewak Harbour. Could see smoke on the Wewak point where flame throwers were being on caves on hillside , Infantry clearing cases on hillside and artillery on top firing their guns further onward.

Colac left to go south this afternoon. That's Deloraine and Colac out of our original Wewak force. Dubbo has just come up from south so as soon as this area is cleaned up we'll probably go (we hope).

Monday May 14th

Anchored at WOM. Got leave in afternoon and Tom (the swottie), Ferg and I went ashore. We got a truck ride right round the beach and got to Wewak point. Tom's battery

was on top so we went up to see them. On the way up we had a look at a lot of the caves and ex-camps. One of the caves even had an iron gate on it. They go right in under the hill and would be a menace to clear enemy from. Flame throwers are the only effective weapon – or to set fire inside and then seal the exits. Blokes told us that as far as known most of the Japs had been burnt out. There was a lot of old stuff lying about but nothing real valuable. There probably would be inside the caves, but going in amongst burnt bodies and the chance of striking trouble didn't appeal

to us at the time. Saw the
effect of the flame thrown on
a Jap, who was caught outside
& he was the best imitation of
a piece of black charcoal I in
ever saw in one piece.

We went to see Louis not
then managed to get around
Hemah beach. Our ship is half
way round, then have branched
off gone thru the airfield &
today are attacking a low hill
about a mile or two away.
We got as far as half way
round and weren't allowed
any further. Only blokes actually
engaged in the operation were
allowed to go on - no other
matters either. But I think
we were first sailors to

get half way round Hemah
Harbour seeing it just been
taken. The forenoon had certainly
been done over by the RAF.
There are about 30 odd barges
smashed up on the beach &
behind the beach is just one
continuation of bomb craters
filled with water, making
stinking swamps. The Japs
have now had a lot of gear
here at Hemah. We got
rides back to the beach then
had a swim before returning
to the ship.

Tuesday May 15th Went out
during the forenoon for a
shoot again. Plastered back
Borom with 100 odd shells
then M's shaped it, we

to us at the time. Saw the effect of the flame throwers on a Jap who was caught outside and he was the best imitation of a piece of black charcoal I've ever seen in one piece. We went to see Tom's mob then managed to get around Wewak beach. Our AIF are half way round, then have branched off gone thru' the airfield and today are attacking a bare hill about a mile or two away. We got as far as half way round and weren't allowed any further – only blokes actually engaged in the operation were allowed to go one - no other swotties either. But I think we were first sailors to

get half way round Wewak Harbour seeing it's just been taken. The foreshore had certainly been done over by the RAAF. There are about 30 odd barges smashed up on the beach and behind the beach is just one continuation of bomb craters filled with water, making stinking swamps. The Japs have sure had a lot of gear here at Wewak. We got rides back to the beach then had a swim before returning to the ship.

Tuesday May 15th

Went out during the forenoon for a shoot again. Plastered Cape Boran with 100 odd shells then ML's strafed it, we

also fired our outlines around
the tip of the point. We
were after guns. We moved
up near Red Beach and did
another shoot at the peak of
a hill near there were 3 guns.
Aircraft reported damage to
all 15 millimeter guns. Aircraft
said all shoot was very good.
Wish we could get in real
close + have the satisfaction of
seeing the Japs get it!

March to anchor at noon.
Had one hour's rain above -
really good too as it's been very
hot!

One of the Japs caught a shark
tonight! They hooked him then
climbed into their dinghy to
play him. He dragged the

dinghy with 3 men in it, around
the harbor for well over an
hour before they landed him.
He was a big beast. All
the ships in harbor were
watching the show.

Spoke to have a shoot
at Mueche tomorrow but see
signals tonight that say our
troops have been fired on by
15 mm guns just south of A
where we were today so we
may do that. They are also
concentrations of Japs been
righted.

I'll be glad when all this
is over. Bombardments are alright
& spare but being action
operator I spend all the time
in the Wireless cabin except when

also fired our oerlikens around the tip of the point. We were after guns. We moved up near Red Beach and did another shoot at the peak of a hill where there were 3 guns. Aircraft reported damage to all 75 millimetre guns. Aircraft said all shoot was very good. Wish we could get in real closer and have the satisfaction of seeing the Nips get it.

Back to anchor at WOM. Had an hour's swim ashore – really good too as it's been very hot.

One of the ML's caught a shark tonight. They hooked him then climbed into their dinghy to play him. He dragged the

dingy with 3 men in it, around the harbour for well over an hour before they landed him. He was a big beaut. All the craft in harbour were watching the show.

S'posed to have a shoot at Muschu tomorrow but see signals tonight that say our troops have been fired on by 75mm guns just south of where we were today so we may do that. There are also concentrations of Japs been sighted.

I'll be glad when all this is over. Bombardments are alright I s'pose but being action operator I spend all the time in the Wireless Cabin except when

I go up for a look. On D Day
I was in the w/r office for 8
hours straight then back for
3 later on. That was before
I did the Middle too. I
spend more time in the office
than I do out of it.

Wednesday May 11th Married
3 years today and have not
regretted it for a single moment.
Thanks to Mary.

Went out with M's to
knock out a couple more guns.
Shot went very well. We
waited about at Red Beach
for another target. In the
afternoon we received a call
on the R/S from M.H.27. He
had been fired on from
KIRARV island. We ball

steamed across, but M's had
come out. She had been in
the narrow straits between KIRARV
+ MOSCHV islands. She knocked
out two pill-boxes & knocked
over 3 japs on the beach.
Returned to anchor at base
town. Received a call from
below during the evening. The
refit has been put back 3
months because the Adelaide
dockies are on strike. She
got as far as Kachang &
then got that signal. They
are certainly disappointed & not
don't blame them. They ought
to have no loose with Japs
or some of these rotten
dockies. Japs methods would
make them up a bit.

I go up for a look. On D Day I was in the W/T Office for 8 hours straight, then back for 3 later on! That was before I did the Middle too. I spend more time in the Office than I do out of it.

Wednesday May 16th

Married 3 years today and have not regretted it for a single moment. Thanks to Marg. Went out with MLs to knock out a couple more guns. Shoot went very well. We waited about at Red Beach for another target. In the afternoon we received a call on the R/T from ML427. She had been fired on from KAIRIRU island. We all

steamed across, but ML had come out. She had been in the narrow straits between KAIRIRU and MUSCHU islands. She knocked out two pill-boxes and knocked over 3 Japs on the beach.

Returned to anchor at Cape Wom. Received a call from Colac during the evening. Her refit has been put back 3 weeks because the Adelaide dockies are on strike. She got as far as Madang and then got that signal. They are certainly disappointed and we don't blame them. They ought to turn us loose with whips on some of these rotten dockies. Gestapo methods would wake them up a bit.

Thursday May 17th Dalbo arrived
from Bat + Hollandia last night
they brought us 400 more
rounds of 4 inch shells +
3 tons of supplies. Bigger goodness
hugs when we'll get away.

Secured a picture from shore
- "Dorothy" with Alon, Lendia +
Gavin Jan! In contrast to our
last show this one went
perfectly - a beautiful clear
night + no break downs.

Friday 18th May At anchor
all day while repairs done
to brickwork in the boilers.
Before left again, this time for
Bougainville. She doesn't get
south of now until the middle
of June so she will wait
at Bougainville till then.

Saturday 19th May Still doing
repairs to brickwork below.
We expect a cold as having
a good many others and I
spend the afternoon sleeping.

Night orders say we are
going to sea at 5:30 tomorrow
morning, going to Cape Moresby,
firing 400 rounds + remaining
there all day.

Sunday 20th May
Went for a shoot at Moresby
but after a couple of shots
rain reported observation +
we had to return to Moresby.
While at Moresby we are always
ready to go if the troops
shut any trouble that we
can help with.

Thursday 17th May

Dubbo arrived from But and Hollandia last night. They brought us 400 more rounds of 4 inch shells and 3 ton of supplies. Cripes goodness knows when we'll get away. Secured a picture from ashore – 'Destiny' with Alan Curtis and Gloria Jean. In contrast to our own last show, this one went perfectly – a beautiful clear night and no break downs.

Friday May 18th

At anchor all day while repairs done to brickwork in the boilers. Colac left again, this time for Bougainville. She doesn't go south now until the middle of June so she will wait at Bougainville till then.

Saturday 19th May

Still doing repairs to brickwork below. I've copped a cold as have a good many others, and I spent the afternoon sleeping.

Night orders say we are going to sea at 5.30 tomorrow morning, going to Cape Moam firing 400 rounds and remaining there all day.

Sunday 20th May

Out for shoot at Moem but after a couple of shots rain spoiled observation and we had to return to Wom. While at Wom. we are always ready to go if the troops strike any trouble that we can help with.

Monday 21st May

A safe Moen has been taken by our troops this morning and our troops are almost linked up between the stretch between Red Beach and Moen which means the Japs will only be able to retreat to the hills. The Skipper said that is our Wavah Force job almost finished, so it looks as tho' we might go home this time.

Tuesday 22nd May Went down to the stretch between Moen + Red Beach and fired a couple of hundred rounds into a couple of gun emplacements. For the first time we anchored in Wavah Harbour this time. Must be the first ship to

do that since the Japs arrived here in 1942. No sooner in than some swallows came alongside in a huge old Jap barge. They couldn't steer it properly + bumped us all over.

Wednesday 23rd May From our anchorage close inshore, we fired over the hills to knock out a 75mm gun in a village about 4 mile away. Weather spoilt planes observation so we directed us onto two other villages. On these two targets we rained many of the but so Skip must have got quite a headache. He had a heavy bombardment.

Habbo + M's did the point of Kivari Island over again.

Monday 21st May

Cape Moam has been taken by our troops this morning and our troops are almost linked up between the stretch between Red Beach and Moam, which means the Japs will only be able to retreat to the hills. The Skipper said that is our Wewak Force job almost finished, so it looks as tho' we might go home this time.

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do that since the Japs arrived here in 1942. No sooner in than some swotties came alongside in a huge old Jap barge. They couldn't steer it properly and bumped us all over.

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From our anchorage close inshore, we fired over the hills to knock out 75mm gun in a village about 4 mile away. Weather spoilt planes observation so he directed us onto two other villages. on these two targets we ruined many of the huts so Nip must have got quite a headache. He hates these bombardments.

Dubbo and ML's did the point of Kairiru Island over again

and had a couple of shots
fired on them again.

Thursday 24th May Went to
hunt for ammunition for ourselves
and Rabbs - then we loaded
the guns we returned to ship
and Rabbs came alongside to
take her share off. That is
the last of the ~~one~~ thousands
we have had from Poyang.

Friday 25th May Went out
from Hwang Harbour - fired
on another gun - then returned
to anchor in Hwang. Our
motorboat did survey work
soundings again round the
harbour. During afternoon
the ship fired a few more
shots at us and as we are
short of ammunition we have

to get out of the harbour and
go back to base town to
anchor. Ship is getting a bit
desperate or something because
he has been making a habit
of firing lately.

Saturday 26th May Went
back into Hwang Harbour
and did our last shoot at
2 villages inland. Results were
very good. Artillery engaged
the gun that fired on us
yesterday & silenced it. That
finished about all of our
usable ammunition. We have
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to feel them.

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Thursday 24th May

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Friday 25th May

Went out past Wewak Harbour and fired on another gun – then returned to anchor in Wewak. Our motorboat did survey work soundings again round the harbour as we are short of ammunition. During afternoon the Nip fired a few more shots at us and as we are short of ammunition we had

to get out of the harbour and go back to Cape Wom to anchor. Nip is getting bit desperate or something because he has been making a habit of firing lately.

Saturday 26th May

Went back into Wewak Harbour and did our last shoot at 2 villages inland. Results were very good. Artillery engaged the gun that fired on us yesterday and silenced it. That finishes about all of our useable ammunition. We have fired a few thousand rounds around here, and done a lot of damage, so we will be leaving quite a few Nips with headaches if they are alive to feel them.

Sunday 27th May Tom + Bert the
two smoothies who have been
with us for about 5 weeks went
off today. They were ~~the~~ P.M.S.
Hollies on their slouch hats to
go back to their battery.
They got a great ribbing from
the boys here when they left.
He had been calling Bert a
shove + telling him to wait
in the real life, and he used to
say he would, when we had boats
joined the Mary.

So with a last look at
the desolate shore of Cape Horn +
the fitted plateau of Stewart Point,
we say Goodbye to Stewart +
good Middam, before we sail
into the sunset to Madang.

Trip down was a bit roughish
which doesn't look too good
for further down.

28th May Monday. Arrived at
Madang and moored up the
stream. Let's get out of here
it's too damned hot.

Two new Sparkies arrived.
Hollies relief + Ray Millington.
Hollies is staying here till we
go south, so four watches will
be a real rest for us.

Have my wish we can't
get full of water here so
we are on our way to the
Admiralty Islands for it.

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So with a last look at the desolate shore of Cape Wom and the pitted plateau of Wewak Point we say goodbye to Wewak and good riddance, before we sail into the sunset to Madang.

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Two new Sparkies arrived. Nobbie's relief and Ray Millington's. Nobbie is staying here till we go south, so four watches will be a real rest for us.

Have my wish, we can't get fuel or water here so are on our way to the Admiralty Islands for it.

29th May Tuesday

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It's a year since I was here +
at that time the place had
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Now there are hundreds of
tin huts, buildings, wharves +
goodness knows what. As for
shipping well there isn't too
type of craft afloat that isn't
anchored in here. Aircraft
carriers (Indefatigable) ocean carriers,
battleships, cruisers, destroyers (our
own at least are here with the
Kippers) frigates, sloops (Yank Bishah
and Burke.) corvettes + the
hundreds and one other small
craft.

Seen an old Diana
Larkin picture "First Love" on
board. Sound track was
worn, but otherwise the show

went quite well.
Wednesday 30th May Left Manus
about 2 PM, headed now for
Madang. We arrive tomorrow
and are supposed to leave on
the following day, but after
being mucked about so much
we won't count on going until
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things don't look too bright.
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Bishah can't take us until
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even then. We are standing
a boiler clean as we

It's a year since I was here and at that time the place had a few tents up and that's all. Now there are hundreds of tin huts, buildings, wharves and goodness knows what. As for shipping well there isn't a type of craft afloat that isn't anchored in here. Aircraft carrier (Indefatigable), escort carriers, battleships, cruisers, destroyers (our own N class are here with the Kippers), frigates, sloops (Yank, British and Aussie) corvettes and the hundred and one other small craft.

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have well over 1000 steaming
hours up.

June 1st Friday.

Wrought to play the
Dabbs football today and
after all my lolls about now
playing again I was lollid
into playing. However I took
things easy so that I would
not hurt my knee. I had
an elastic bandage round the
knee too. I expect a blast
when 'Mang' reads this because
I won't have nerve to say
it in my letter today.

In the evening we got
a selection of short reels
to show. Unfortunately the
reels were dry & not to
sailor's tastes. Quite a few

of the boys left and so when
it started to rain we finished
the show up and now tho' we
had two good reels of the
Battle for China left.

June 2nd Saturday

Young Robbie Hall left
us today. He is going down
on the Stuart. Out of the 11
CB's who left Sydney there are
now only 4 left.

June 3rd Sunday. Quite a good
day today. It was decided
to hold a swimming carnival
charging 6' for entry and with
donations to send the profit
to the Children's Hospital.
The carnival was conducted
along official lines. We rigged
up speakers so that

have well over 1000 steaming hours up.

June 1st Friday

Arranged to play the Dubbo football today, and after all my talk about never playing again I was talked into playing. However I took things easy so that I would not twist my knee. I had an elastic bandage round the knee, too. I expect a blast when Marg reads this because I won't have the nerve to say it in my letter today.

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events could be announced and also records could be played in between events. The whole day was a success & realized about £10. Apart from the usual straight events there were novelty events. One of them was a costume dive in which the entrants had to dress up then do a novelty dive. One of the boys dressed as a pirate and another got rigged in tight breeches & threads as a girl. The pirate furnished the "girl" up the tower where a scuffle took place, then they jumped in. Yet another dressed thick sea boot socks, sweaters, glass gloves, scarf & balalaika, then went there

the comedy of being cold & heating the temperature of the water before falling in. "Babe" had a pair of blue slides with one leg long and one cut out, a half a shirt, one shoe, and one sock on different feet and a slouch hat turned up at the front. He looked a real Dove.

Another novelty event was to do shorts shirt & socks at various stages of a race. The antics of the chaps trying to get into shorts etc under the water were really funny. So as well as the hidden laugh it was an enjoyable day for ourselves.

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the comedy of being cold and testing the temperature of the water before falling in. 'Butch' had a pair of blue strides with one leg long and one cut out, a half a short, one shoe and one sock on different feet, and a slouch hat turned up at the front. He looked a real Dave.

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So as well as a profitable day for the Kiddies Hospt'l it was a most enjoyable day for ourselves.

June 4th Monday

That makes me 25 today.
Quarter of a century - not
exactly a bird any longer.

Got letters from home & cards
from all at home. Plus one
from my clever daughter. Also
got latest photos of my little
girl daughter. This a good line.

Showered Battle for Britain
at picture show in evening. It
was real good. Had got half
way thru another of the
Battle for Britain when the
valve blew in the machine &
as we have no spares we
had to finish it there. Still
that's another 2/6 for me.

June 5th Tuesday

At sea
about 2/30 for going to

Langemah. We are going to
test the boiler for Lecky,
calling at Tonnerville then we
will return to Brisbane. At
least that is what we are
supposed to do - goodness knows
whether they'll put us back or
not again.

The boiler was hit by a
75 millimetre gun over at
Bougainville. She got hit in
the engine room - two strokes
were killed. Now she is at
Langemah being patched enough
to tow her down. It will
be a slow tedious job,
especially if we strike rough
weather. I saw tonight that
here the sea is unsettled so
it is probably very rough further
down.

June 4th Monday

That makes me 25 today. Quarter of a century - not exactly a kid any longer.

Got letters from home, cards from all at Burnley plus one from my clever daughter. Also got latest photos of My Pin Up Girl daughter. She's a good line.

Showed Battle for China at picture show in evening. It was real good. Had got half way thru another of the Battle for Russia, when a valve blew in the machine and as we have no spares we had to finish there. Still that's another 2/6 for me.

June 5th Tuesday

At sea about 2/30pm going to

Langemak. We are going to tow the Colac to Sydney, calling at Townsville then we will return to Brisbane. At least that is what we are supposed to do – goodness knows whether they'll put us back or not again.

The Colac was hit by 75 millimetre guns over at Bougainville. She got hit in the engine room – two stokers were killed. Now she is at Langemak being patched enough to tow her down. It will be a slow tedious job, especially if we strike rough weather. Even tonight up here the sea is unsettled so it is probably very rough further down.

We can stick it tho' if we
are headed towards good old
Annapolis.

6th June Wednesday Arrived Lima
in forenoon and took on
fuel, then tied up alongside
a liberty ship at the wharf.
Boys selling their Jap rifles to
the Japs & getting all sorts
of prices, until the Jap
shipper complained and our
chaps were stopped from selling
any more.

Leaving with the bolac tomorrow
we think.

7th Thursday Left during forenoon
with bolac in tow. Many
how lines that should stand
up if we get rough

weather across the boat sea.
Weather beautiful and no
boring at 8 to 9 knots. In way
we are headed the the
right way, and besides we can't
get trapped for other jobs while
doing this.

8th June Friday Things still O.K.
Weather beautiful, clear, calm
day.

According to our navigator
we will be in Townsville on
the 12th to fuel, then all
being well, we'll be in
Sydney on or about the 19th.
Now hoping we don't stay
in Sydney too long - the
sooner we hit Brisbane the
sooner we get on leave.
We are going there!

We can stick it tho' if we are headed towards good old Aussie.

6th June Wednesday

Arrived L'mak in forenoon and took on fuel, then tied up alongside a Liberty ship at the wharf. Boys selling their Jap rifles to the Yanks and getting all sorts of prices, until the Yank skipper complained and our chaps were stopped from selling anymore.

Leaving with the Colac tomorrow we think.

7th Thursday

Left during forenoon with Colac in tow. Heavy tow line that should stand up if we get rough

weather across the Coral Sea. Weather beautiful and so towing at 8 to 9 knots. Anyway we are headed the right way, and besides we can't get trapped for other jobs while towing this.

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We are(n't) going thru'

China Strait this time. Instead
we are swinging wide and
going thru toward island
in the Louisiade Archipelago.
That's almost 100 miles east of
Milne Bay. After there we
will be in the Coral Sea,
so tomorrow afternoon we'll see
what she looks like.



Saturday 9th June

Well we came
into the Coral Sea at 4am.
this morning and my heart
flayed up a bit. Just a
nice steady roll at present.
Just as well too, because.
Today we got one only typhoid
immolation. At least I think
that is what it was - a man
got so many needles poked
into him that he doesn't
know what they are. We
got the lot in one inoc. instead
of in two parts as usual.
I'd believe me, it's sure a
done. A man feels stiff in
every joint. The majority of
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(map inserted)

Saturday 9th June

Well we came into the Coral Sea at 7am this morning, and it hasn't played up a bit. Just a nice steady roll at present. Just as well too, because today we got an anti typhoid inoculation. At least I think that is what it was – a man gets so many needles poked into him that he doesn't know what they are. We got the lot in one innoc. instead of in two parts as usual. And believe me, its sure a dose. A man feels stiff in every joint. The majority of the boys are getting around like old crocks. A man has

to grin when he sees it.
I hope scientists don't discover
any more new wags on the
flap will surely inoculate a
man against it.

Sunday 10th June

The weather still good altho
the nights are getting a
bit fresh.
Monday 11th June Then the
Barrier Reef at Grafton Passage
during the forenoon. It was
good to see the coast line
of Durie. She looks better
than any part of N.C.
Actually it does look good
too. The mountains of the
Great Divide are along the
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blue look from seawards.

The day today has been
beautiful. The sun was quite
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afternoon in the sun getting
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We are going into Townsville
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some fresh food then coming
straight out again to low
beach again.

Very bad news tonight about
cyclones down the coast. It
is reported reported to be
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heading for. Heavy floods etc.
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Thru' the Great Barrier Reef at Grafton Passage during the forenoon. It was good to see the coastline of Aussie. She looks better than any port of N.G. Actually it does look good too. The mountains of the Great Divide are along the coast and have a real blue look from seawards.

The day today has been beautiful. The sun was quite warm, out of the wind and the majority of us spent the afternoon in the sun getting as much as we can before we almost perish down south.

We are going into Townsville tomorrow forenoon for fuel and some fresh food, then coming straight out to tow Colac again.

Very bad news tonight about cyclone down the coast – it is reported to be stationary at where we are heading for. Heavy floods etc, in northern NSW. As if that wasn't sufficient for one night, the announcer mentioned the

heavy fogs in Melbourne and
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Well it looks just as well.
Coming in between the two
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round and over the hills here.
Behind this are the mountains
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I have to forethought somewhere,
we received mail here today.
It was very much appreciated.
I got 4 letters, 2 cables
and the papers from Hong.
Another surprise was a parcel
from Jackie Woods mother. It
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Tuesday 12th

Left Colac outside at Magnetic Island with the Strahan while we went in and fuelled. My first impression of Townsville in 1942 was that it was a very picturesque tropical town. Well it looks just as well. Coming in between the two big islands, you see the single rise of Castle Hill with the town itself spread

round and over the hills base. Behind this are the mountains inland. I'd like to show Marg this place on a cruise.

Sun shining, but bitingly cold wind. It's definitely overalls, shirt and socks for me from here on.

Due to forethought somewhere, we received mail here today. It was very much appreciated. I got 4 letters, 2 cakes, and the papers from Marg. Another surprise was a parcel from Jackie Woods mother. It was one of the parcels that stores makes up. It was very kind of her especially as she has Jack away and also has about 5 kiddies.

We got fresh food aboard
and supper tonight consisted
of a huge salad. The meat
was the Yankee salty stuff,
but we hid that under
piles of lettuce and tomato.
Fresh milk aboard too.
High that you can drink.

It just shows a man how
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Wednesday 13th Passed thru
Thursday Passage this forenoon.
Looks pretty much like you
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lines of islands. Sun warm
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Friday June 14th Sea a
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at all actually. So far we

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head south past Sandy Cape.
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Friday June 15th

Sea sprung up a bit bumpy thru' the night and our tow line parted leaving the Colac adrift about 4AM. At 5/30 everyone was called and we had to haul the heavy towing cable in by hand – quite a job too. By the time we

finished it was too late to go to bed so that was about an 'hours sleep' & had after coming off the thistle.

During forenoon we got as close as we could into the bar but time after time the rocket-gun line missed reaching the bar so that they could haul the tow line. Had heavy swell and a strong wind made things difficult. Finally we drifted close enough for a hand line to be thrown over. After that we soon got going again. But with this near we are now only making 5 to 6 knots in contrast to 9 to 10 before. We were ahead of time but that

show put us back as far home. Skipper sends my amended time of arrival at Lydney, as being 24 hours late, which makes it sometime Monday. If we strike weather only worse in the tow again. Breaks we'll never reach Lydney with the bar.

Saturday June 16th

Weather not too good and we are making very good time. But we are still heading down the old coast so we are in the right direction.

Sunday June 17th Still hope to be there Monday. ~~But~~ begin find a list of names on the boards today of people

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18th June Monday 1945

Sydney & Leam



it is proposed to send on leave from Sydney. My name is down but as I didn't expect to go from Sydney I am not counting on it. If permission is granted by Navy Board there will be about 70 odd starting their leave from Sydney on Tuesday.

18th June MONDAY 1945

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 with emission switch on m.c.w.
 for this oscillator modulates
 P.A. grids. For R/T the circuit
 acts as a mike amplifier
 modulating P.A. grids

Keying: Key relay makes +
 breaks all cathodes.

aerial limiter

6X5GT AR8.

m/F MIXER 6U7G 6U7G H/F Tuner (R/F)
 m/F " 6A8G 6A8G " mixer 6V6G 03

FIRST I/F 6U7G

2nd I/F 6U7G

DET. AF. AVC. 6G8G. 6A8G BFO

R.C. 8. TRANS. REC.

Function. RC. 8 is designed especially
 for installation in vessels of all
 types, trucks or ground station.
 R/T. C.W. or m.c.w. can be sent or
 received.

The complete equipment has been
 specially designed for dependable
 operation under adverse service
 conditions. All parts have been
 treated to withstand vibration
 temperature, ~~and~~ humidity and
 sea water atmosphere.

Range is between 2 & 10 mc/s. in
 two bands. 2-4.4. 4.4. to 10 mc/s

vision is made to operate the
 set by remote control.

Power output valve of rec is capable
 of an output of 750 milliwatts
 Power output of trans is between
 4 & 20 watts depending on freq.

