

«16-7-40» 0600 Sydney slipped and
proceeded into dry dock
2200 air raid several
bombs dropped, no damage.

«17-7-40» Sydney leaves dock and
returns to CB3 busy.

«18-7-40» Sydney and 3 destroyers
to sea, proceeding to sweep
for submarines to the Gulf
of Cherbourg

«19-7-40» Escorting destroyers reported
two enemy cruisers ahead.
Sydney gave chase. 0820 Enemy
in sight. Sydney opened
fire. After about 15 salvos
enemy opened fire, shells very
close. One cruiser badly
damaged and stopped, later
sunk. Second cruiser ahead
at high speed with Sydney
and HMS Abdullah close behind.

《19-7-40》

The second cruiser was seen to be smoking badly. She was hit several times before Sydney gave up chase.

《19-7-40》

1530 Sydney was bombed by raiders but no hits were scored. HMS Kawak was bombed while picking up survivors, and holed beneath waterline. Engine room flooded. She arrived back safely after a second attack on the way back.

《20-7-40》

0710 HMS Liverpool came out to escort us back to Alexandria
0950 Sydney entered harbour with the Australian stars flying proudly. Boats and ship's crews made a terrific din amidst cheers from 6000 odd sailors. Their reception was magnificent.

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WITH DEEP REGRET I HAVE TO INFORM YOU YOUR SON BERNARD ALBERT DIEWS ABLE SEAMAN IS MISSING AS A RESULT OF ENEMY ACTION STOP MINISTER FOR THE NAVY AND THE NAVAL BOARD DESIRE TO EXPRESS TO YOU THEIR SINCERE SYMPATHY

NAVY

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A.S. "SYDNEY"

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU

- Rolls & Coffee
- Fried Eggs & Bacon
- Tomato Puree
- Roast Turkey
- cauliflower & Cabbage
- Roast Potatoes
- Christmas Pudding
- Brandy Sauce
- Christmas Cake
- Mixed Nuts
- Cold Roast Beef
- Salads
- Fresh Fruit