

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Defence Series No.102 HMAS CANBERRA, Cruiser of the Kent Class. 9,850 Tons.

Date

1939-1945

Primary Maker

Rose's Stereoscopic Views

Medium

Black and white half-tone photo-mechanical photographic image on paper.

Dimensions

Overall: 87 x 140 mm

Name

Postcard

History

HMAS CANBERRA was a Kent sub-class design of the County class heavy cruiser of the Royal Australian Navy, built by John Brown & Co Ltd at Clydebank, Scotland in 1925. After spending its first five months in British waters CANBERRA transferred to Australia and acted as flagship of the Australia Station on a number of occasions. When World War II broke out HMAS CANBERRA conducted patrols and escorted convoys in Australian waters and the Tasman Sea from 1939-1940. In 1940 it began escort services in the Indian Ocean. In May 1942 CANBERRA was stationed in Sydney to undergo refitting and was present during the Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour. In August 1942 CANBERRA was used to support American troop landings in Guadalcanal and Tulagi. It was during this period that the cruiser was torpedoed twice and sunk in the midst of fierce fighting during the Battle of Savo Island, 9 August 1942.