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# NEWS

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## A SPECIAL EDITION

**Together We Can Do It**

**GOAL**

60,000  
52,500  
45,000  
37,500  
30,000  
22,500  
15,000  
7,500  
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**Reaching our Goal**

# CONGRATULATIONS

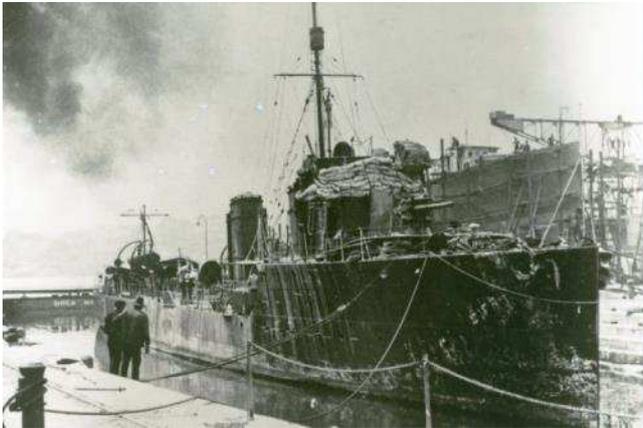
Well done members as of the end of November we have raised a quarter of our goal, we still have a long way to go so let's not rest on our laurels keep spreading the word to your fellow shipmates and keep saying ***Together We Can Do It***. For those of you who have not yet donated PLEASE give the matter some considerable thought, it is truly a wonderful project that we as a whole can be proud of and to have your name inscribed on such a memorial is hard to put in words. But future generations will know that you served your country with pride. We have received recognition from nearly every State to date with numerous comments, such as: from a Ret. R.Adm. along with a donation." *Wishing you every success in your splendid endeavour,*" Another comment "We are grateful for the FESR and the service it has provided for my husband's health." Again' Please find enclosed my donation for what I consider a very worthwhile endeavour." Again" Congratulations for your efforts, this is a worthwhile project which all sailors will appreciate". To date six of our widows have donated so that their husband's names will appear on the memorial. While I am on the subject of widows there are many of them who have also served with the WRANS they are not excluded from having their names on the memorial nor are those who served but are not in our association. The committee has come up with the idea to have plaques for the men and for the women under a heading of *Dedicated to the men & women who served in the Royal Australian Navy*. The same conditions apply to both: \$200.00 minimum donation.

**On behalf of the Reunion Committee I thank each and every one who has donated to our Project, and I wish you all a Very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.**

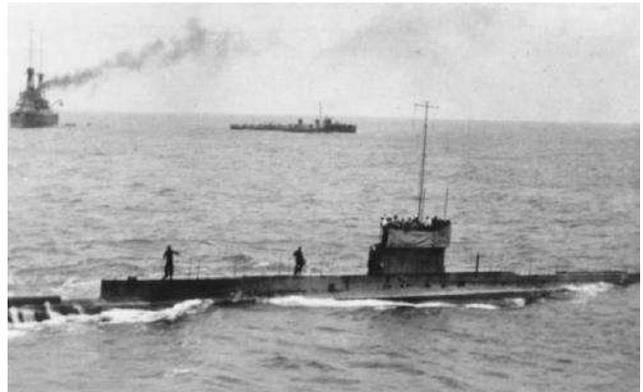
**Remember: *Together We Can Do It***  
***And Reach our Goal***

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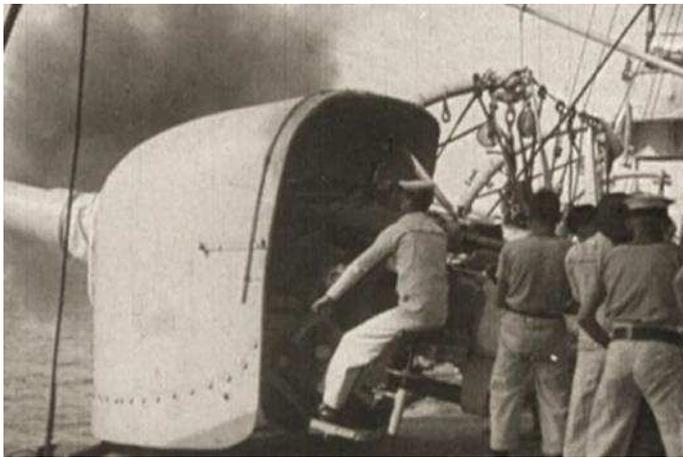
**Australia's Navy during World War I:** Australia's part in the land campaigns of World War I have long overshadowed the Royal Australian Navy's operations between 1914 and 1918. Yet the Navy's story has its own significance for our evolution as an independent nation and our identity as Australians. The sailors of our young Navy were on watch before the war began and they remained dedicated to their nation's service for many decades after it ended. Throughout the war, they operated across the seas and oceans of the world, establishing a tradition of intrepid courage and dogged endurance.



*Painted black and with splinter mats fixed to her forward superstructure, HMAS Warrego docks at Cockatoo Island on her return from New Guinea in 1915.*

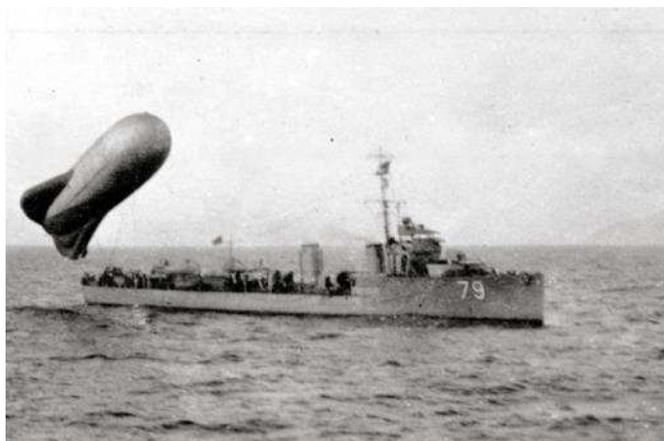
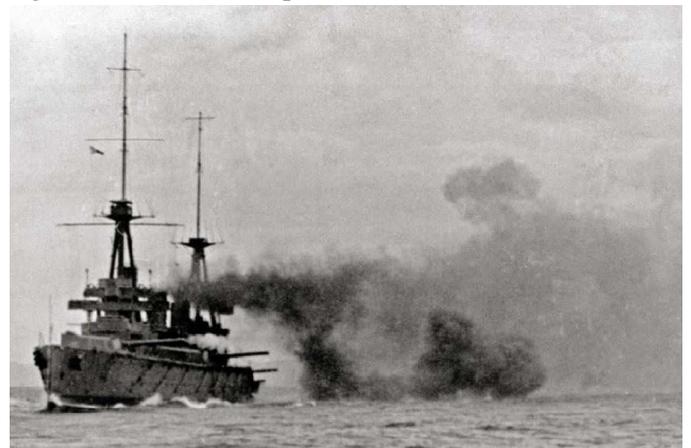


*The last known image of Australia's first submarine, AE1 with HMAS Yarra and HMAS Australia in the background, taken on September 9, 1914.*



Gunners aboard HMAS Sydney serving one of her six-inch guns in 1914.

*HMAS Australia fires a broadside from her 12-inch guns.*



*The Australian destroyer HMAS Parramatta lowers her balloon to allow the observers to change over*



HMAS Sydney prepares to launch a Sopwith Camel from its deck during WWI.

## SUNDAY CLOTHES

A little boy was walking down a dirt road after church one Sunday afternoon when he came to a crossroads where he met a little girl coming from the other direction. 'Hello,' said the little boy 'Hi,' replied the little girl. 'Where are you going?' asked the little boy.

'I've been to church this morning and I'm on my way home,' answered the little girl.

'I'm also on my way home from church. Which church do you go to?' asked the little boy. 'I go to the Catholic church back down the road,' replied the little girl. 'What about you?' 'I go to the Lutheran church back at the top of the hill,' replied the little boy.

They discover that they are both going the same way so they decided that they'd walk together. They came to a low spot in the road where spring rains had partially flooded the road, so there was no way that they could get across to the other side without getting wet.

'If I get my new Sunday dress wet, my Mom's going to skin me alive,' said the little girl. 'My Mom'll tan my hide, too, if I get my new Sunday suit wet,' replied the little boy. 'I'll tell you what I think I'll do,' said the little girl. 'I'm gonna pull off all my clothes and hold them over my head and wade across.' 'That's a good idea,' replied the little boy. 'I'm going to do the same thing with my suit.' So they both undressed and waded across to the other side without getting their clothes wet. They were standing there in the sun waiting to drip dry before putting their clothes back on, when the little boy finally remarked:

'You know, I never realized before just how much difference there really is between a

**CATHOLIC and a LUTHERAN!'**



**Bye for now have a  
Very Merry Xmas see  
you in 2015**