



A BRIEF DIARY MAP OF THE RAN IN WORLD WAR II 1939-1945

3 Sept 1939
Declaration of war with
Germany

2 Sept 1945
Surrender of Japan

7 Oct 1944
HMA Destroyer **HOBART** at Archagee

Dec 1939
HMA Destroyers begin operations in Mediterranean. **STUART**, **VAMPIRE**, **VENDETTA**, **VOYAGER** & **WATERHEN**

9 July 1940
Australian cruiser & destroyers in Battle of Calabria

26 June 1940
HMAS **SYDNEY** (cruiser) takes part in sinking Italian destroyer **ESPERO**

19 July 1940
SYDNEY sinks Italian cruiser **BARTOLOMEO COLLEONI** off Crete

7 July 1940
18/25 July
HMAS **AUSTRALIA** (cruiser) in action at Dabab

27 Nov 1941
HMAS **PARAMATTA** (sloop) sunk on way to Tobruk

30 June 1941
14/25 July 1942
HMAS **WARRAMONGA** sunk off Libya
VESTOR sunk north Tobruk

20/31 May 1941
Battle of Crete involving HMAS **PERTH** plus new destroyers **HMAS BIZAM**, **HAPLER** & **WESTOR**

26 Nov 1942
HMAS **ADELAIDE** (cruiser) sinks blockade runner, **BUMES**

18 Feb 1942
HMAS **HOBART** (cruiser) heavily attacked by Japanese bombers

26 Feb 1942
PERTH sunk in Battle of Sunda Strait

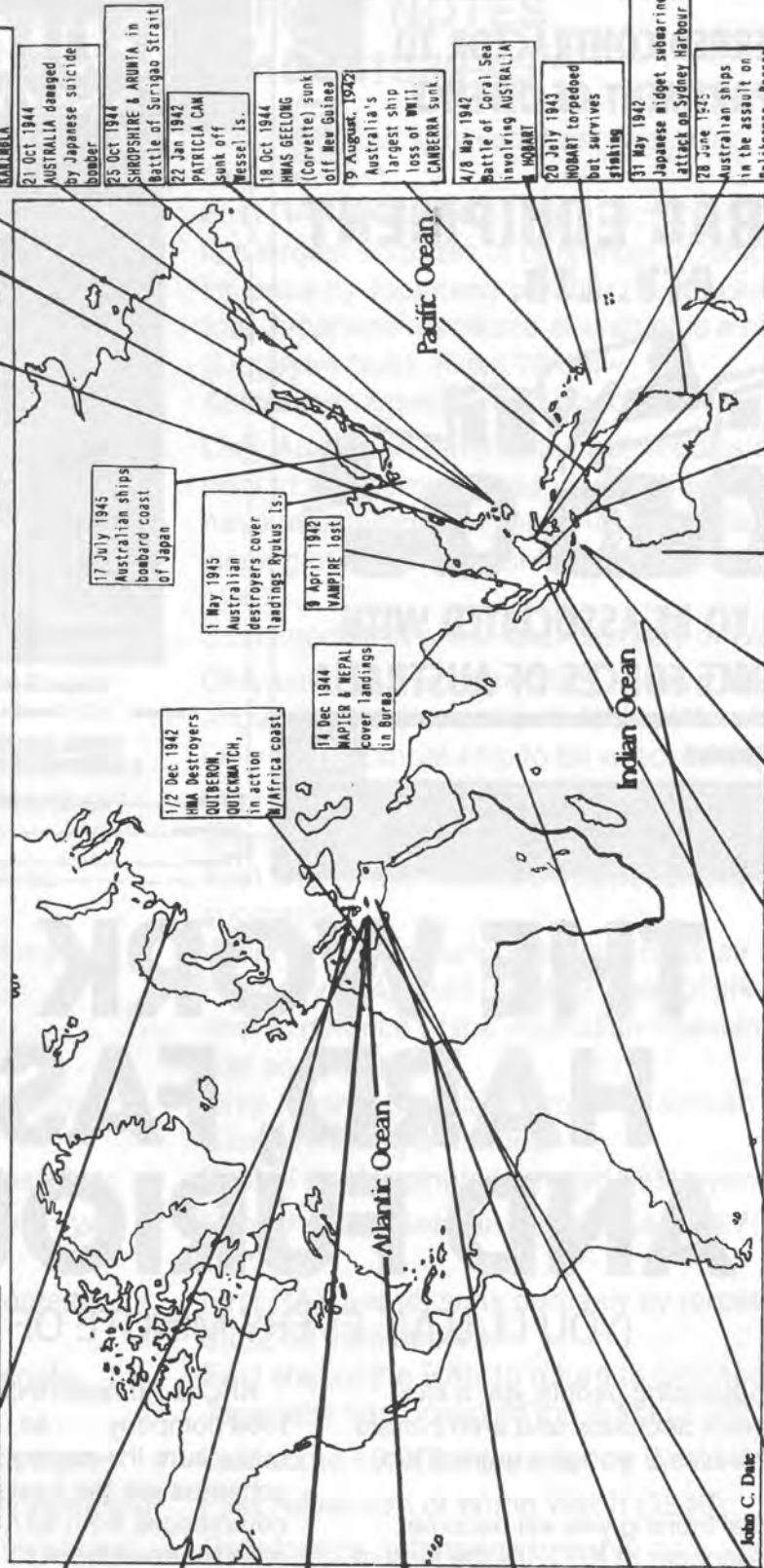
4 March 1942
HMAS **YARRA** (sloop) sunk, Timor Sea

19 Nov 1941
Australia's largest ship loss of personnel, **SYDNEY** lost

25 Sept 1942
HMAS **VOYAGER** lost at Timor (invasion of Brunei)

10 June 1945
Australian ships at HOBART & WARRAMONGA bombard at Tarakan, Borneo

28 April 1945
Ballajoon, Borneo



20 Oct 1944
Landings at Leyte. **AUSTRALIA**, **SHROPSHIRE**, **WESTALIA**, **ARUNTA**, **WANDORA**, **WARRAMONGA**, **KARIBILA**

15 Jan 1945
SHROPSHIRE bombards Corregidor Is

5/9 Jan 1945
Landings in Lingayen Gulf. **AUSTRALIA**, **ARUNTA** damaged, **WARRAMONGA**, **WANDORA**, **SHROPSHIRE**, **KARIBILA**, **GASCOINE**, **WESTRALIA**, **WARREGO**

17 July 1945
Australian ships bombard coast of Japan

1 May 1945
Australian destroyers cover landings Ryukus Is.

9 April 1942
VAMPIRE lost

14 Dec 1944
HAPLER & **WEPAL** cover landings in Borneo

11/2 Dec 1942
HMA Destroyers **QUICKBON**, **QUICKMATCH**, in action in Africa coast.

18 Oct 1944
HMAS **GEELONG** (Corvette) sunk off New Guinea

9 August 1942
Australia's largest ship loss of WW1. **CANBERRA** sunk.

4/8 May 1942
Battle of Coral Sea involving **AUSTRALIA** & **HOBART**

20 July 1943
HOBART torpedoed but survives fighting

31 May 1942
Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney Harbour

28 June 1945
Australian ships in the assault on Iwo Jima