

Basic Detail Report



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Title

New Year Greetings card

Date

c 1940

Medium

Paper, ink

Dimensions

Overall: 140 × 113 mm

Name

Card

History

The Modified Leander Class light cruiser HMAS SYDNEY (II)

was launched in September 1934 as HMS Phaeton and commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy (and renamed) the following year. It served with distinction in the Mediterranean during the Second World War before being reassigned to Australian waters in early 1941 to serve as a convoy escort. On 19 November 1941, SYDNEY entered into a mutually destructive engagement with the German auxiliary cruiser HSK KORMORAN and sank with the loss of all hands. SYDNEY's loss is one of the most significant in the history of the Royal Australian Navy, and until its discovery in 2008 was one of Australia's most enduring naval mysteries. As a consequence, items associated with the vessel have considerable historical importance and sentimental value.