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INFORMATION ON SYDNEY

Sydney, capital city of New South Wales, has a population of more than 1,310,000 with a metropolitan area covering more than 120,000 acres — nearly three times that of Washington, D.C. The Sydney Harbor Bridge is the longest and widest arch-suspension type structure ever built. It has a 1,60 foot span; loops 440 feet above water level; has 4 lines for electric railways; 6 lanes for vehicles and 2 "footways".

A large zoo and aquarium are well worth seeing — located at the famous TARONGA ZOOLOGICAL PARK. Among other interesting sights in the park is the TARONGA PARK CLOCK, a huge floral timepiece made of 100,000 plants, which keeps accurate time and announces the quarter of the hour by cuckoo.

Taking of photos of ships, fortifications or any part of the waterfront is prohibited. Photographs may be taken ashore but must be turned in to the Intelligence Officer, Commander Service Force, Room 111, Grace Building, for developing and printing. Receipts will be given and approximately 5 days later the films with one print will be ready for call. There is no charge for this service. Photographers in the Sydney area are not allowed to accept films for developing or printing.

The following are locations for Navy Prophylaxis Stations:

U.S. Naval Dispensary, 177 Williams Street, Kings Cross
Cairo Hotel, 81 McCleary Street, Potts Point
Norwood Barracks, Kirribilli Avenue, Kirribilli
Grand Central Hotel, 151 Clarence Street, City (5th Floor)

There are numerous "motion picture palaces" in Sydney and in addition, good stage shows and revues may be seen at the following theaters:

MINERVA 26 Criwell Street, Potts Point
ROYAL 59 Castlereagh Street
TIVOLI 331 Castlereagh Street

The American Red Cross Service Club offers the enlisted men various forms of entertainment and numerous facilities for having a "Good time". This organization boasts one of the best restaurants in Sydney with very special, very low, prices for the armed forces. Here on Wednesday and Saturday nights free dances are held: on Sunday nights a free stage show and on Sunday morning a free Coffee Party with "donuts".

In the event of an air raid while in Sydney, men on liberty are requested not to attempt to return to their ships or to enter H.M.A. naval establishments during the attack. They should obey the rules for civilians, and should volunteer to assist air raid wardens, repair parties and first aid parties, if required.

The Naval Supply Depot at Sydney maintains a unit at 177 Williams Street, which includes a canteen, small store issuing room and officer's equipment and clothing store. Stocks in all of these are limited at present.

The following Hotels staffed by voluntary workers offer meals at reasonable rates and recreation rooms to enlisted men:

ROYAL NAVY HOUSE, Grosvenor Street	ST. ANDREW'S BUFFET, George Street
AFZAC BUFFET, Hyde Park	RECREATION CLUB, Manly
CATHOLIC UNITED SERVICE CENTER	C.U.S.A.NAVY CLUB, Young Street
ALL SERVICE HOTEL	HOSPITALITY LEAGUE, Miss Anne Marsh