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THE H.M.S. PATRICK CAN

BUILT IN BRISBANE 1940

SYDNEY FISHING FIRM GARY & SONS

REQUISITIONED MARCH 1942

~~THE~~ TWIN MASTS 8 KNOTS (15 KMH)

300 TONNE WOODEN VESSEL SHALLOW DRAFT

5 MACHINE GUN FORECASTLE

4 .303 " " EACH SIDE OF THE BRIDGE

C.O. LIEUT H.C (SIBBY) MELDRUM R.N.R (S)

1ST LIEUT (ROY HELLIER) JOHN LEGGON

COXSWAIN PATTY DEALIN CHALLENGER

3 E.R.H.'S

EIGHT SEAMEN THREE STORES

A COOK, A STWARD AND TELEGRAPHIST

TOTAL 20.

EXCEPT THE E.R.H. & COXSWAIN THE CREW
LIVED IN A FAIRLY CAPACIOUS BUT ~~GOOD~~
COCKLEBACH HIDDEN FORECASTLE. WHEN THE
TROPICAL RAIN SQUALLS OF THE WET SWEEP
OVER THE SHIP THE FORECASTLE LEAKED LIKE

A SIEVE

TWO BOATS

A LEAKY LIFEBOAT SALVAGED FROM
THE WRECK OF THE