

Friday, 19th Sept.

Up at 5 A.M. Sea very calm. Land in sight 8 or 10 miles away on starboard side. Mountainous, with islands off shore. Probably Tasmanian. If so, we are passing to south. Australian warship in front, 3 liners in line astern. Paravanes out since last evening. Plane flew across our front about a mile away. Orderly Corporal for the day. Went to R.A.P. on account of cold in the head. Inhaled a concoction with towel over head. Spent morning in Orderly Room, assisting bleak. Land seen earlier in morning was Australia.

By noon, stiff N.W. wind blowing, sea rising. After dinner,

came up with two funnelled Cruiser & two funnelled liner.

H.M.S. Achilles must have returned to N.Z. Three funnelled cruiser also left the convoy. Land still in sight - low lying. Had a "handle" in wet canteen with Bob & Colin.