

# **HMAS Castlemaine Activity Book**

## General Questions

Throughout your tour of HMAS Castlemaine answer the following questions

**1. Over what years were the Second World War fought?**

**2. Who made up the Allied Forces?**

**3. Who made up the Axis Forces?**

**4. How many Australian Corvettes were built?**

**5. Where was HMAS Castlemaine built?**

**6. When was HMAS Castlemaine launched?**

**7. What roles were the corvettes built for? Where did they serve?**

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**8. How many men crewed HMAS Castlemaine?**

**9. How did the crew communicate with other stations on the ship?**

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**10. What were the bells used for?**

**11. What do the following terms mean?**

**Officer**

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**Seaman**

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**Stoker**

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**12. How many engines did HMAS Castlemaine have? Where were they built?**

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**13. What are 3 items in the museum that you find interesting? Describe what they are and why they interest you.**

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**14. What are some of the ways the men stayed clean and healthy? How were men treated if they were injured?**

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**15. What is the gyro compass, how did it work and why is it important?**

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**16. How much food was kept on board? How was it kept fresh?**

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**17. What sort of food did the men eat?**

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**18. How did HMAS Castlemaine communicate with other ships?**

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**19. Where did the captain command from & where did he sleep?**

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**20. How was navigation conducted on HMAS Castlemaine?**

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**23. Describe what the following weapons were used for;**

**Deck Gun**

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**Bofors**

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**Oerlikon**

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**Depth Charges**

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**24. How many men operated the deck gun & What were their roles?**

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**25. What was steam used for on HMAS Castlemaine?**

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**26. How did HMAS Castlemaine make steam?**

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**27. How many men worked in the Engine room & what were their jobs?**

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**28. How did HMAS Castlemaine make fresh water?**

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**29. What do you notice about the Officers mess compared to the crews mess?**

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**30. What was the wardroom? Who used it?**

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**31. How was the rudder connected to the ship's wheel?**

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**32. What would happen if the bridge was disabled?**

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**33. What was minesweeping and how did it work? Why was this important work?**

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## **Further Thinking**

Reflect on your tour of HMAS Castlemaine and any other research you have done to answer the following questions.

**34. Why was it important to have particular roles for each man?**

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**35. Why was it important for Australia to fight in World War Two? Why is it important to remember the service of the men and women involved?**

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