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By John Carroll

Rosenberg Publishing, Australia, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 282 x 210 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. During the Vietnam War, the perceived absence of an enemy threat was the prime factor that influenced the Australian government's decision to exclude from benefits and entitlements those who served on the country's HMAS Sydney, HMAS Jeparit, and HMAS Boonaroo, as well as the warships that escorted them into the war zone. It was a flawed decision made on the basis of fallacious information, and it was the cause of much bitterness. While the HMAS Sydney and her escort were at anchor, not only were they vulnerable to an enemy well versed in unconventional guerrilla warfare, but all who served on these ships were also exposed to highly toxic herbicides used to defoliate the nearby landscape - the residue of this procedure flowed into the surrounding rivers and streams. Due to the processes used at the time for the production of potable water, the dioxins contained in the distillate were enriched, thereby making them much more potent and deadly. This book highlights the vital part played by HMAS Sydney and other units of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the...



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