



Guardian of the sealanes. A RAAF Hudson overflies a convoy off the Australian coast. In the foreground is the troopship Duntroon, formerly engaged, pre-war, on passenger services by the Melbourne Steamship Co. The freighter at rear is unidentified. This photo is believed to have been taken from another former passenger liner, the Manoora, requisitioned from the Adelaide Steamship Co by the Royal Australian Navy, originally for use as an armed merchant cruiser (AMC). (courtesy Rod Rabble)



With routine flights such as convoy escorts and coastal patrols undertaken by many home-based Hudson crews it was small wonder that the interiors of their aircraft took on the trappings of home as crews attempted to make life as comfortable as possible. Here Sgt Reg Stolz from Bill Hoddinott's No. 14 Squadron crew attempts to brew a pot of tea using an electric jug placed under a teapot. In the centre of the photo is a toaster, whilst lined up in front appear to be cups and a sugar container. At right rear note the packet of "Weeties" breakfast cereal sitting on the oblique camera stand. The jug and toaster were possibly of airline origin as the fittings would be particular to aircraft of the day. They were certainly not standard issue in Hudsons. (courtesy Russ Rayson)