

ANCIENT WRECK.

Search by H.M.A.S. Sydney.

H.M.A.S. Sydney, while on the spring cruise from which it returned to Sydney yesterday, met a long-standing request by the Western Australian Government that, whenever a warship of the Royal Australian Navy was in the vicinity of Montalivet Island, off the northern coast of Western Australia, a search should be made for the wreck of a Portuguese man-o'-war, which was in those waters many years ago.

Two ancient guns, marked "Lisbon, 1521," were found on the island in 1917. They are now objects of interest at Garden Island, to which, as the senior Australian naval establishment, they were transferred.

The Sydney searched for the ancient wreck but did not find any trace of it.

On its cruise, the Sydney visited Brisbane, Darwin, Broome, Geraldton, Bunbury, Fremantle, Albany, and Adelaide. It had been absent from Sydney since August 11.