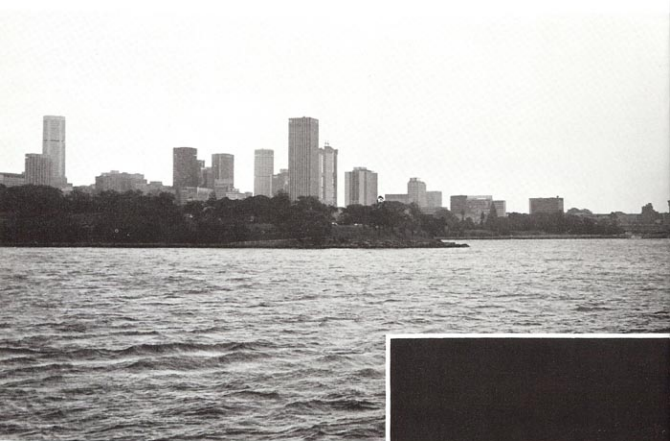


SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



Sydney, Australia, the land of the opals and city of 3 million people, welcomed POLAR SEA for four days of relaxation in our first "Foreign port".

Our entrance into Sydney Harbor was a spectacular sight. Fort Denison, originally built as a fort to protect the Colony in 1857, now a tide station, was one of our first sights on the harbor. Then Sydney's own Opera House. It took twenty years to build this huge performing arts complex. One of the worlds most unique landmarks. Our host ship HMAS YARRA provided special sports programs and tours for POLAR SEA and discounts for various souvenir items which crewmembers readily purchased.

When not sightseeing or on buying sprees, Kings Cross was the place to be in this sprawling metropolis. Affectionately called "The Cross", Kings Cross in Sydney's most cosmopolitan locality. It is the sight of much of Sydney's night life and its offbeat activities.

