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"THE OTHER SIDE"

Dear Sir

I suppose in any War or Battle its worth looking at the other side.

I believe many of "KORMORAN's" crew of over 400 were decent and quite religious men, who were disturbed by the punishment taken by H.M.A.S SYDNEY II, and if they had witnessed any war crime would have told their story.

I think they were amazed, when SYDNEY ever came along side, I dont know of any who ever offered

any plausible reason
 Many of these men
 had been pressed into
 Naval Service from Germany's
 Merchant Fleet and were not
 too impressed by it all
 Even the German War
 ships were reluctant to
 paint Swastikas on their
 fore-decks as many of the
 Senior Officers had served
 in the German Imperial Navy
 I think other than the
 U-BOATS Adolf Hitler did
 not trust his Navy, which
 in many ways was a copy
 of the Royal Navy, formed
 by OLD KAISER BILL, and
 costed by putting a tax
 on SECT. (CHAMPAGNE) a rich
 mans TAX. I think if you
 buy GERMAN wine today you
 are still funding its NAVY.
 The reason my mind

is always taken back to
 its distinctive shape of
 German anchors!

As a young cad on
 the TYPE TUG my first young
 friend's boat "HENDON" which
 served at "SCAPA FLOW" as
 RESCUE TUG "HMS HENDON" during
 the early part of the WAR
 was sent to SEA under
 Ploeghs OTEP FORM to search
 for a small German motor
 ship broken down in a gale
 about 70 mile N.E of the TWE
 8000 men on board, when
 HENDON found her the SEA
 was so bad, the seamen
 could not get forward to
 connect a tow, as she
 was diving into big seas
 Capt Siveret of "HENDON"
 asked the German to try
 and rig a life-line to
 get one man forward and

droop one anchor a couple
of feet down, which was
done by the mate of the
boat.

He then put HENDON'S
under the ship's bow, and
rose and fell as the ship
did. HENDON'S mate John Bell
stood on the grating aft
and after pulling a spreader
in the eye of the four inch
tow wire managed to put it
over the fluke "A GERMAN FLUKE"
and started the tow to the
TYPE. Sadly 15 miles from
home the T-Skip sank and
HENDON again put himself
in great danger getting
the Germans off.

A nice letter from the
German Consul was their
reward. The year was 1949 or
early 50's

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