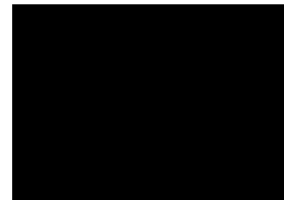


HMAS SYDNEY 11.
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY .

Office Of The Chief Of The Defence Force .
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Subject. Hmas Sydney 11 1941. Inquiry Into Loss Circumstances Surrounding
The fate Of The 645 Officers And Ratings, Being The Total Ships
Company. In The Engagement With The German Raider Hsk Kormoran
On The Night Of 19 Nov 1941, Or The Early Morning Of The 20 Nov
1941 . 120 Nm Off The Central Coast Of Western Australia During The
Second World War, On Co-Ordinates 26 Deg 14' S. 111 Deg 13' E. Where
The Wreck Lays In 2400 Metres Of Water Upright On The Indian Ocean
Sea Bed.

Attention.
Commissioner Terence Cole. QC.

From. John A Montagu Cd.

Author. THE LOST SOULS & GHOST OF HMAS SYDNEY 11 1941.

Dear Sir.

I last wrote to the Commission on the 10 June 2008 relating my interest in the Hmas Sydney 11 Inquiry addressing the circumstances of the Ships action and consequently loss of the entire Ships Company without trace of bodies or any form of Survivors wounded or POWs. I felt that it may be more benefit to the inquiry if I sent a copy of the Publication to you for reference of detail.

I do not wish to influence the inquiry way of thinking, however there are a number of issues that will no doubt assist you and maybe direct your investigations towards a resolution over the loss of so many young Australian lives from the World War 11 Sea Engagement between the Hmas Sydney 11 And Kormoran That resulted in the loss of Both vessels under unusual circumstances.

After viewing the wreck images, there are still a number of issues that require addressing and providing the answers too, Such as the following listed below.

- A. The obvious. What happened to the Hmas Sydney 11 645 Officers & Ratings.
Being the Total Ships Company.
- B. With 80 % Of The German Raider Kormorans Crew Surviving, in the same encounter, why this In balance of lives lost. Unless there was a two day difference in both vessels sinking. This important factor was also mentioned by Wing Commander Bourne. (Pilot Officer in 1941) When his Plane sighted the Kormorans Life Raft & Boats on 24 deg Lat S . 0500 h 23 Nov 1941 whilst on patrol Off the West Coast of the Australian Continent.
- C If the German Raider Kormoran Did sink at the same time or within a short period of the Hmas Sydney 11 Sinking, the collection of German life boats off Kormoran should have been A lot further East (shoreward) then their position logged by Australian search aircraft over The search period.

The deception of events surrounding the loss of both Vessels can be finally assessed once the detailed images of the two wrecks are released, why Hmas Sydney 11 was on the Western Track without and wireless signals to instruct her is unknown.

Yours Scencerely. John A Montagu Cd

14 July 2008

