

Extracts from the evidence of Kormoran survivors given on 23.11.41 immediately after their being taken on board HMTAquitania (vide JSCFADT Vol.19, pp.4545-7)

- 1) M. Hahnert 'Own vessel... returned fire'
 W. Cramer '[Action] after returning fire'
 G. Grossmann 'Replied "Holland", whereupon English ship opened fire'
 E. Frohlich 'Range of attacker 9000m.... British ship fired first'

- 2) M. Hahnert 'Own vessel sunk by cruiser'
 W. Cramer 'sunk by English light cruiser'
 G. Keller 'Vessel was sunk, not scuttled'
 F. Nieber 'Sunk by light cruiser'
 Anon 'Own vessel sunk'
 W. Galushka 'Sunk by gunfire everything on board smashed'
 W. Thurow 'Sunk by gunfire'

- 3) Anon 'We were waiting for the Aquitania, but the Sydney came first'

- 4) F. Treber drew action plot showing both ships stopped when action opened; later stated that from his position on a 15cm gun he 'had a clear view of what happened', and that Sydney had approached their starboard quarter 'with all guns pointing'