



Missing or other files than haven't yet been seen.

AA: A2671, 135/1941 (or 1941/135) Supplement 1. War Cabinet Submission by Mr A.A. Fadden, Acting Minister for Defence Co-ordination regarding the 21-27 April 1941 Singapore Conference.

This file has the conversations reported in Annexes C, D and E and were known as A.B.C.i, A.D.B. and B.D. respectively. The first two are available, Annex E does not appear to be. Annex E, contains details of discussions between the British and Dutch held after the earlier talks and just between the two countries, the other two countries being excluded.

In Aust Archives under CA46 – Defence Intelligence.

1 Jan 1940 – 31 Dec 46 CA 7137 Frumel (1 Jan 40 – 31 Dec 46)

10 May 41 – 23 Aug 45 CA 8386 COIC (Combined Operational Intelligence Centre) (10 May 40 – 23 Aug 45)

24 November 1941

240400Z ACNB signalled Singapore re Sydney being overdue 36 hours but really 96 hours. By then Commander Long had departed Singapore.

240459Z To NOIC Twl, C OPS,

Commander Long passage QANTAS

From Drage Text: "No information."

(I suspect that this signal (located in archives by Cmdr Ean MacDonald) refers to HMAS Sydney during Commander Long's return to Melbourne journey from Singapore, during which time Sydney went missing. Commander Drage was FESS (Far East Security Service) and Long (COIC) was traveling with Commander V E Kennedy Liaison Officer, Batavia, to Naval HQ Melbourne, where both were present during the search. Further details in my Intelligence Officers and Timeline submissions. Kennedy wrote a report on Sydney loss, even though he was supposed to have been in Batavia, unless Batavia was somehow involved.

Commander Kennedy's report is under

MP 1185/8, 2026/3/452. Cmdr Kennedy, was appointed Naval Liaison Officer, Batavia at the same time Commander Salm, RNN, was similarly appointed to Melbourne Naval HQ. Commander Kennedy previously was attached to Operations and Intelligence at Naval HQ before being sent to Batavia.

British Naval Liaison Officer, Batavia also submitted a report on the loss of HMAS Sydney (why is not known) and is together with the above report by Commander Kennedy. The report describes the joint operations between the Netherlands and Australian navies and air forces. What this report contains is unknown but the question remains – What joint operations? Why would this involve the Sydney?

M333-336 Records 1939-1944, OKM/SKL German Raider Ops. Battye Library AJPH. Unsure what this record contains but looks very interesting. Ref source was just a small jotted note on the back of a notepad, but perhaps can be located.