

Ship Recognition

Like people, ships have their own characteristics, small differences that identify them, even ships of the same class of vessel.

In the Royal Navy, and in the Royal Australian Navy, there have been several classes of warship, that share many of the same pieces of equipment, but even that basic equipment also has its own variations.

Just as a face can identify a person, even those of seemingly similar appearance, ships too have their own identity, and if a person is familiar with those minor characteristics, one ship cannot be mistaken for another.

Just like a person , a ship's identity, looked at in isolated parts, especially when on the ocean floor can be mistaken, unless one studies carefully, each small characteristic, each small area, to show that it is a particular ship, putting the identity beyond argument.

The photographs of the discovery of the Sydney are not of one ship, it is an identity-kit representation of a number of parts of a number of different, to complete the version of the story claimed by the Germans, as per the story laid down in Captain Detmers' book. The fact is, as has been shown, there are a large number of differences between the photographs represented to be HMAS Sydney and the actual ship.

I expect that these will attempted to be explained by tricks of the light, distortions caused by underwater photography, etc, but that will not work, these are physical differences on the ship, not distortions, only the truth has been distorted, by the government, the navy, or by others, I don't know. I expect that this Inquiry will fully investigate these points that I have brought to their attention.

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