

## SOLE TRACE OF H.M.A.S. SYDNEY AFTER HER LAST ACTION

Recovered from the sea by H.M.A.S. Heron while searching for survivors of H.M.A.S. Sydney this Carley life-float, damaged by machine-gun and shell fire, and two empty life-belts, constitute the sole trace of the famous Australian cruiser lost in action about two hundred miles from Carnarvon on the Western Australian coast on the 19th of November, 1941.

She went down with all hands after sinking the heavily armed German raider *Steinmetz* (also known as *Kormoran*)

THIS PLAQUE WAS ON THE AWM CARLEY FLOAT SHOWCASE  
FOR AT LEAST THE FIRST TWO DECADES.