

Statement by Mrs. Armstrong of Geraldton :

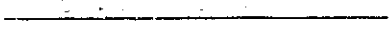
(I spoke to Mrs. Armstrong by phone)

Mrs. Armstrong states that as a child she lived at Bluff Point (Geraldton) - an area with a lot of sand-hills. One night, late in 1941, they were awakened by the sound of gunfire out to sea and they were all very frightened. Their Mother decided to leave the house and hide in the sand-hills until morning, and then perhaps they would find out what it was all about. Mrs. Armstrong states that it was a dark night with no moon. She cannot remember the exact date this incident occurred.


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I find the report of hearing gunfire at Bluff Point very interesting, also the fact that it was a dark night, and no moon.

In a statement I took from Mrs. A. Cox she also stated that it was a dark night and her Father watched a ship burn on or beyond the horizon, N.W- of Geraldton, from their home in Bluff Point. She also remembered that it was the night of the 19th November, 1941, it was dark, and there was no moon. We know for a fact there was no moon on the night of Wednesday, 19th November, 1941, (the night of the Sydney incident). To me it looks as though these Statements refer to the same night. Maybe future research will confirm this.


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