

STATEMENT BY JAMES MCKAY
("SMOKEY")

Smokey was 11 years old in November, 1941. He states he was sitting on the beach near the Jetty at Horrocks Beach at 1900 hours, watching a Naval engagement taking place approx. 14 miles out to sea. He saw gunflashes in two different positions which indicated to him there were two ships firing at each other. It was dark and the engagement lasted approx. 1 hour. He also reports hearing a Plane flying around - it was too dark to see it but he could definitely hear it. The plane was using a spotlight and he could see the light shining on the water.

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This Statement is very interesting, although I believe he is confused with the time being 1900 hours, as it wasn't dark at that time. I have no cause to doubt the rest of his statement. He states the engagement lasted approx. 1 hour. This is the same time span I calculated the engagement lasted. His report of hearing an aeroplane flying around and using a spotlight is very interesting. In the short time I interviewed him he mentioned it several times, so I have no doubt he definitely heard it.

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