

STATEMENT

There are two references of German Survivors from the Kororan being held temporary near the Old Convict Hiring Depot at Port Gregory. One is in the book "Roundabout Geraldton and the Victorian District by E.M. Halley and H.M. Wilson. The other was in the Geraldton Guardian on 2nd June, 1962. There is no reference to the number of Survivors held.

I have information that a small group of Kormoran survivors came ashore in late November, 1941 on a long beach south of Red Bluff, Kalbarri (not to be confused with Red Bluff, Carnarvon). Are these all, or part of the Kormoran survivors held near the old Convict Hiring Depot at Port Gregory?

During the eight years I have been researching the Sydney-Kormoran engagement, the story of a bullet riddled lifeboat from the Sydney being washed up, has been mentioned several times. Information has come to hand that the lifeboat washed near where the small group of Survivors came ashore.

I believe this small group of survivors had nothing to do with the lifeboat or its occupants and that it drifted from the South, as the main current drift at that time of the year is from South to North and these survivors came in from the North or North West.


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