

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF HMAS SYDNEY II

Before The Hon TRH Cole AO RFD QC

Held at the Residence of Mr Ernst Hildenbrand
[REDACTED] Germany

Counsel Assisting: LEUT Matthew Tyson
LEUT Stephen Harper

On Thursday, 3 July 2008
(Day 6)

26 THE PRESIDENT: I have come to the home of Mr Ernst
27 Hildenbrand [REDACTED] in Germany to take evidence from
28 you. Thank you very much for agreeing to see us.

29

30 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I have come to the residence of Mr. Carl
31 [Transcribers note: it seems that the interpreter used a wrong name. The
32 correct name should be "Hildenbrand", instead of "Carl".] in Ingelheim in
33 Germany to take a statement from him in connection with the sinking of
34 the Sydney.

35

36 THE PRESIDENT: As I'm
37 about to take evidence from you for the Commission, I would
38 ask you to take the oath.

39

40 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: For this purpose I would like to ask you to take
41 the oath.

42

43 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I swear by God the Almighty in Whom I believe that
44 every word I say shall be the truth, so help me God.

45

46 <ERNST HILDENBRAND, sworn:

47 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much indeed.

1

2 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Thank you very much.

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: OK.

5

6

7 LEUT TYSON: Q. Herr Hildenbrand, I should just
8 introduce myself. My name is Leut Matthew Tyson. I'm here
9 with Herr Frank Thomas, interpreter, and my colleague,
10 Leut Stephen Harper.

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Mr. Carl [Transcribers note: it seems that the
13 interpreter used a wrong name. The correct name should be "Hildenbrand",
14 instead of "Carl".], I would like to introduce myself personally. I am
15 Lieutenant Tyson. I am here together with our interpreter, Mr. Thomas,
16 and my colleague, Lieutenant Harper.

17

18 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

19

20 LEUT TYSON: We are here on behalf of the Cole
21 Commission of Inquiry into the circumstances surrounding
22 the loss of HMAS Sydney II.

23

24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I am here on behalf of the Cole Commission of
25 Inquiry into the sinking of the HMAS Sydney II.

26

27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

28

29 LEUT TYSON: Sir, could you start, please,
30 by telling us your full name?

31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Mr. Carl [Transcribers note: it seems that the
33 interpreter used a wrong name. The correct name should be "Hildenbrand",
34 instead of "Carl".], could you please start the interview by stating your
35 full name?

36

37 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Ernst Hildenbrand.

38

39 A. Ernst Hildenbrand.

40 Q. What was your date of birth?

41

42 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What is your date of birth?

43

44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: [REDACTED]

45

46 A. [REDACTED]

47

1 Q. Sir, can you please tell us what your address is?

2

3 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you please state your full address?

4

5 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, [REDACTED]

6

7 A. [REDACTED]

8

9 Q. Sir, just before the outbreak of World War II, what
10 was your occupation?

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What was your occupation at the onset of the Second
13 World War?

14

15 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I was a gardener.

16

17 A. I was a gardener.

18

19 Q. You were a sailor on Kormoran. Could you tell us,
20 please, whose division you were in? Who was in charge of
21 the division?

22

23 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I volunteered for the marine when I was a young
24 boy, aged 16, 17, and I was then recruited in by the Kriegsmarine as a
25 volunteer in 1940.

26

27 A. I volunteered for the Navy as a young boy, when I was
28 16, 17 years old, and then in 1940 I became also volunteer
29 in the Kriegsmarine.

30

31 Q. Were you in Skeries' division or von Goessel's
32 division?

33

34 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Which was your division? The one of Mr. Skeries or
35 the one of Mr. Goessel?

36

37 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Goessel. Doctor Goessel, yes, yes. He was the
38 officer in charge of the division.

39

40 A. Yes, I was in the division of Mr Goessel, who was our
41 division officer.

42

43 Q. And can you tell us, please, sir, what were your duties on Kormoran?
44 What did you do?

45

46 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And can you tell us about your duties on board of
47 the Kormoran?

1
2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: My duties? We were trained on a gun. It was a 15 cm
3 gun. And I was loading the shells [Translator's note: lit. "the shell
4 number" or "the shell guy"]. We were grouped into shells and cartridges,
5 and I was then the number 1. Well it was three groups, first the gun
6 commander, then two "BUE's" (Befehlsuebermittler) (= command messengers)
7 and then me loading the shells.

8
9 A. I was trained at the guns, at the 15cm guns, that's
10 where I was, but then we had a crew that was divided into
11 three groups. First there were the people who operated the
12 guns, then there were called shells, and then they were

13
14
15
16 called cartridges. Well, it was three divisions - the
17 first one at the gun, the second one were the people who
18 transmitted the orders and I was in the third group they
19 called the shell or grenade.

20
21 Q. Can you please explain what was the third group, what
22 did you do? Did you load munitions?

23
24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What were the exact duties of this third group of
25 which you were a member? Did you load the shells, or ...?

26
27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. I was a seaman and a seaman has all sorts of
28 duties on board of the ship. Cleaning, and so on and so forth. Aside from
29 that I had to operate the guns. I was assigned to the fifth gun under the
30 command of first Lieutenant Goessel in the second division.

31
32 A. No, no, no, I was a seaman and, as a seaman, we have
33 many tasks on board, like cleaning and everything, but also
34 we were - well, I did help in the operation of the guns and
35 I was at the fifth gun under our division officer
36 Mr Goessel.

37
38 Q. Sir, I want to take you to the afternoon of
39 November 1941 when Kormoran met Sydney.

40
41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Now I would like to take you back to the 19th of
42 November 1941, the day of the battle between the Kormoran and the Sydney.

43
44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

45
46 Q. Do you
47 remember the alarm to go to battle stations ringing that

1 afternoon?

2

3 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you remember the alarm being sounded on that
4 day? Or when the alarm was sounded to man the battle stations?

5

6 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. Let me explain the circumstances. At 4
7 o'clock, 4 pm, my shift ended. We were just about to sit down to have our
8 meal when the alarm went off. And we thought that here we go again ... we
9 ran to our gun. Then we heard, it was said to be a steamer, a smoke
10 column. We did not worry at that time. Then all of a sudden it was said
11 that it is a ship of the "grey class" [Translator's note: "graue Klasse"
12 ("grey class") is jargon for "warship"]. It turned out to be the Sydney.
13 We did not know that it was the Sydney. But a ship of the grey class.
14 What was what we have heard.

15

16 A. Well, I have to say a bit about it. It was about
17 4 o'clock in the afternoon, 16 o'clock, to be true, and my
18 watch just had finished and we were sitting down to have
19 our lunch or to eat something when then the alarm rang, and
20 then we ran to our guns and the first thing we saw was just
21 the steam column that we thought was a steamer - or the
22 smoke column, sorry, coming up there, and then as the ship
23 approached, we could see that it belonged to what we called
24 the grey class. We didn't know at this point that it was
25 Sydney, but we knew it was a warship.

26

27 Q. Sir, you said you ran to the gun. Which gun did you
28 run to?

29

30 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You said you ran to your gun. Which gun did you run
31 to?

32

33 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: To the fifth. The gun to which I was assigned to.
34 It was aft, starboard.

35

36 A. I ran to the fifth gun, which is in the aft on the
37 starboard side. That was the one where my battle station
38 was.

39

40 THE PRESIDENT: Q. That's the 15cm gun?

41

42 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Was that the 15 cm gun?

43

44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, correct.

45

46 A. Yes.

47

1 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, I'll show you a diagram which is a
2 sketch plan of Kormoran. Could you please indicate on that
3 diagram where that 15cm gun was that you were at? This is
4 the bow and the stern.

5

6 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That was at the bow. Yes the bow. And there, on the
7 right, starboard.

8

9 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you mark where roughly that was?

10

11 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Starboard. There are the flaps. Here at the back.
12 Here.

13

14

15 THE PRESIDENT: I'll just mark that. I'll put a cross
16 where Mr Hildenbrand put a mark and I'll mark that diagram
17 exhibit 16.

18

19 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I mark it as evidence number 16 where Mr.
20 Hildebrand has made a cross.

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. I am reading a book about the Kormoran,
23 everything is in there as well.

24

25

26 EXHIBIT #16 SKETCH PLAN OF KORMORAN INDICATING LOCATION

27

28 OF 15 CENTIMETRE GUN BEING BATTLE STATION OF
29 MR ERNST HILDENBRAND

30

31 THE WITNESS: I've just read a book from Kormoran again.
32 It's also included in there.

33

34 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, that 15cm gun that you were at, did
35 that have any type of camouflage or disguise?

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: This 15 cm gun to which you were assigned, was it
38 camouflaged or hidden in any way?

39

40 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, there were flaps. The flaps were pulled
41 upwards with counter weights. So when needed, the counter weights were
42 detached and then the flap lifted up.

43

44 A. Yeah, they were disguised with flaps and they were
45 lifted up and had counterweights on the other side and that
46 made - it was quite easy to lift them up. In the worst
47 case, they could be lifted up.

1

2 Q. When you received an order to fire, how long did it
3 normally take to remove the camouflage and have the gun
4 ready to fire?

5

6 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When an order was given to open fire, how long did
7 it usually take to remove the camouflage and free the guns ...

8

9 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: It took a long time. It took a very long time.
10 After all, the Sydney was ...

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: No, I mean on the Kormoran.

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Oh, on the Kormoran. Yes, yes. It only took a few
15 minutes. But on the Sydney it took a long time.

16

17 A. Well, the Sydney needed quite a long time for it,...

18

19 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: The question is, on the Kormoran, at your gun, how
20 long did it take there?

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: When we fired it only took a few minutes

23 A. ...but - it was just a question of a few minutes.

24

25 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Did you ever get an order to fire, or
26 did you just get an order to remove the camouflage?

27

28 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you ever get an order to fire or did you only
29 get the order to remove the camouflage?

30

31 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, it came much later. The order to fire came
32 much, much later. At 4 o'clock we came [to the Sydney]. The battle was at
33 half past five and at half past five we received the order to remove the
34 camouflage. And the guns were all set then.

35

36 A. Well, no, that was much later. Well, first we sighted
37 Sydney at 4 o'clock, as I said before, and then at
38 half past 5 the order was given to remove the disguise and
39 then the order to start firing.

40

41 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, on this particular 15cm gun, what
42 was your precise role? What did you do on that gun?

43

44 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What was your precise role at the 15 cm gun? What
45 did you do there?

46

47 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I was loading the shells. The shells. We had to get

1 the shells from the elevator, they were brought to us, and then I loaded
2 them into the gun. Then came the guy who pushed the shell in once more,
3 then the casing again and then we fired. All that took about 8 to 10
4 seconds until ...

5

6 A. Well, my job was to bring the ammunition or the
7 grenades from the elevator and to load it into the cannon
8 and then after me there came this other person to put the
9 shell on it and who pushed it and - well, that was my job,
10 yes.

11

12 THE PRESIDENT: Q. When you say " the grenades", do you
13 mean --

14

15 LEUT TYSON: Shells?

16

17 THE PRESIDENT: Q. -- shells?

18

19 THE INTERPRETER: Good question.

20

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When you mentioned the "shell" and then "the
22 casing", and you also mentioned "cartridge": what precisely is the
23 "shell"?

24

25 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The projectile. The shell is the projectile. With
26 the fuse. Yes. That is the shell.

27

28

29 THE INTERPRETER: When I said "grenade", it's the actual
30 bullet, including the fuse, and then I think it's the
31 cartridge.

32

33

34

35

36

37

38

39

40 THE INTERPRETER: Does that make sense?

41

42 LEUT TYSON: Yes.

43

44 Q. I want to ask you how orders to fire actually reach
45 the gun position? Does Skeries send, through a telephone
46 on the ship, an order to a commander of the gun, or does
47 the order come over a loudspeaker to actually fire?

1

2 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you understand this, or would you like me to
3 translate?

4

5 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes please.

6

7 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I would like to ask whether the orders to fire
8 were issued by Skeries to each gun commander through the headphones, or
9 how else? Or were they generally issued over the loudspeakers?

10

11 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: By the command. There is a central command. All
12 guns were linked to it. And the guns were given the elevation and angles
13 before the camouflage was removed. Then the command messengers, they
14 configured the gun, elevation and angle and all that. And my task was to
15 wait for the alarm, and then load the shells into the gun.

16

17 A. Well, there was a director's control unit and all
18 orders were given from there directly to the several guns,
19 and then these people who transmitted the orders, they were
20 responsible for setting the elevation and for aiming with
21 the guns, and then it was to wait for the alarm, then it
22 was my job to load the gun with the bullets.

23

24 THE PRESIDENT: Q. I just want to go back a bit. When
25 Kormoran sighted another ship and the captain said, "Go to
26 action stations," how was that communicated?

27

28 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I just want to go back a bit. When the Kormoran
29 spotted the other ship, when the ship was spotted and the order was given
30 to man the battle stations, how exactly was this order communicated?
31 Through which channels?

32

33 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: You have the gun commander, he is communicating.
34 And he then gives instructions to the men as to what has to be done with
35 the gun. So all I had to do was obey the order to load the gun.

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I rather think he [the president] would like to
38 know how ...

39

40

41 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, I think this was wrong. Can you
42 please repeat your question, so we make it clear again?

43

44 THE PRESIDENT: Q. When the Kormoran sighted another
45 ship and the captain gave the order to go to action
46 stations, how were the crew told to go to action stations?

47

1 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Precisely. The question is as to how the crew got
2 to know that the Sydney had been spotted, on the Kormoran.

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. Yes.

5

6 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: How did the crew get to hear the commands or the
7 alarm issued by Captain Detmers? How did they get to know?

8

9 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: So we were at the gun. First it was said that it
10 was a "steamer with smoke column", then they said a "steamer of the grey
11 class". It was the Sydney, but naturally we did not know her name at that
12 time. And she approached us very fast.

13

14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Was that communicated over the loudspeakers, or
15 over ...?

16

17 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. Everything was communicated over the
18 loudspeakers. Everything was told to us that way. It was said that it is
19 continually approaching, very fast. They then contacted each other, with
20 the signal flags and so on. And suddenly she was beside us. And we were
21 curious, I was 21, others were just 20 years old. And we looked through
22 every crack to see what the Sydney was doing. She was very fast, and we
23 were somewhat scared of a cruiser like that, with everything on it, with
24 an aircraft and all that. What is going to happen now? That was our last
25 thought before it all started.

26

27 A. Well, we were at the gun and then, yes, yes, yes, we
28 heard it all, everything was transmitted via loudspeakers.
29 Then the whole thing started, they showed their flags, and
30 that's when the signalling process started, and then
31 suddenly the Sydney was next to us. Well, I was 21, I was
32 very curious, and we all looked through every single gap
33 within the ship to see what's happening there on the other
34 side and she was very quick and approached very quickly and
35 I was very, very scared, and of course we didn't know
36 what's going to happen. We were scared.

37

38 LEUT TYSON: Q. I might just ask a question: you went
39 to action stations, did you, because the alarm rang, as
40 opposed to an actual order saying, "Go to action stations"?
41 Is that correct?

42

43 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you go to your battle station because that
44 order was given over the loudspeakers or because the alarm was sounded?

45

46 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That was always the case. During an alarm. If there
47 is an alarm, then our task was to run to our guns. What were we to do

1 now? We had to wait and see what instructions our gun commander received
2 from the battle command.

3

4 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And how was the alarm sounded, over the
5 loudspeakers or over ...?

6

7 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Over the loudspeaker. The alarm applied to the
8 entire ship.

9

10

11 THE INTERPRETER: I asked again if this alarm was given by
12 loudspeakers or by other means - that was your question,
13 wasn't it, as I understood it?

14

15 LEUT TYSON: Yes.

16

17

18

19

20

21 THE INTERPRETER: Anyway, his answer is there was a
22 director control unit and the alarm was given - was
23 generally - everybody knew it and then we only knew that we
24 had to run to our action stations.

25

26 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Was it a bell system or did somebody
27 say, "Go to action stations"?

28

29 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Was there a bell or did someone yell "now go to the
30"?

31

32 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, it was an alarm siren. The siren could be heard
33 everywhere on board. Because everybody has to be at his assigned post in
34 case of a battle.

35

36 A. No, it was a siren. It could be heard all over the
37 ship, because in the moment of the battle, everybody had to
38 be obviously at his action station.

39

40 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, you mentioned earlier that the
41 alarm first rang at about 1600 hours and at 1730 you talked
42 about an order to fire being given. Do you remember that?

43

44 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Earlier you said that the alarm was first sounded
45 at 4pm and that the order to fire was finally given at around 5:30pm. Is
46 that correct?

47

1 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes that is correct. Yes.

2

3 A. Yes.

4

5 Q. I want to ask you, in that period of about one and a
6 half hours, what did Kormoran do? Did she change her
7 position at all, did she continue on the course she was
8 first at?

9

10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I would like to ask you what the Kormoran did
11 during these one-and-a-half hours? Did it change its position, did it
12 change course?

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. Straight on. Just like the Sydney. We were
15 cruising side by side for a long time. And we asked ourselves as to how
16 long this will go on. Either we got out or something else had to happen.
17 It took one-and-a-half hours. We just looked and looked and looked at the
18 ship. The Sydney, she was a big cruiser for us. We were just a commercial
19 ship after all.

20

21 A. Well, we just went parallel for quite a long period -
22 well, not parallel, sorry. Kormoran just followed her
23 course, just straight, and that took one and a half hours.
24 We were there and just looked at this big cruiser, Sydney,
25 which was for us very impressive because we were just a
26 merchant ship.

27

28 Q. Do you remember anything about Kormoran moving from a
29 northerly direction and then turning westward?

30

31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you remember that the Kormoran changed its
32 course from Northerly to Westerly?

33

34 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. No. No.

35

36 A. No, no.

37

38 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Could you see Sydney when you were at
39 your action stations for that one and a half hours before
40 the camouflage was lifted?

41

42 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you see anything of the Sydney before you
43 removed the camouflage during these one-and-a-half hours prior to the
44 battle?

45

46 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Oh yes of course. She was 900 meters away. We could
47 see every movement of her crew, her torpedoes, her guns ... we could see

1 it all. And it was also interesting for us. We did not think about
2 anything, we were just curious. What is out there, what ship is that?

3

4 A. Yes, of course, only they were just 900 metres away.
5 I could see everything. I could see sailors on board and
6 I could see the turrets and of course we were very curious
7 what's happening there. It was a big impressive ship.

8

9 Q. But when Sydney was 900 metres away, were the
10 camouflage flaps up or down?

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When the Sydney was 900 meter away, was the
13 camouflage already lifted up then?

14

15 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, everything was closed at that time.

16

17 A. No, everything was still disguised.

18

19 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, can you please explain how you were
20 able to see Sydney then if the camouflage was already up --

21

22 THE PRESIDENT: Down.

23

24

25

26

27

28

29

30 LEUT TYSON: Q. -- down at that stage?

31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you explain to us as to how you could see the
33 Sydney whilst the camouflage was still down?

34

35 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: We could see through the small gaps. And you could
36 look through the barricades. And we observed her, she was continuously
37 cruising beside us. She was in contact with signals and things, that is
38 how they communicated.

39

40 A. Well, we could see through little gaps in between the
41 camouflage and we could observe how the signals were
42 exchanged and things like that, the signalling process.

43

44 Q. There were actually peepholes into the side of the
45 ship, were there?

46

47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Were there real scuttles through which you could

1 look?

2

3 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, there were gaps in the hull, you could see
4 through them.

5

6 A. There were just, like, long things like that.

7

8 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Slits?

9 A. Slits in between the camouflage pieces.

10

11 Q. Did you ever see Sydney when she was further away than
12 900 metres?

13

14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you ever see the Sydney when she was further
15 than 900 meters away?

16

17 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. At the time when she approached us. When
18 we got the news that the steamer was a grey class, a warship, then we
19 were naturally keen to see what she was doing. And she was extremely
20 fast, the Sydney. She was here and we were in contact with signals and
21 things like that, flashes and things like that, they way they
22 communicated with each other. She came closer and closer and then she
23 followed our course. We continued our stable course and the Sydney
24 cruised along. And we asked ourselves as to how long this will go on.

25

26 A. Yeah, of course I could see her approach. When we
27 heard the news that there's - at first we thought it was a
28 steamer. Anyway, when we heard this news that the steamer
29 was approaching, we were so curious that we tried to see
30 what ship was approaching there, and then she came closer
31 and closer and when for a very long period she went abeam
32 of us, more or less parallel, we asked ourselves how long
33 will this take, and that's how it was.

34

35 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, can I just take you through that
36 period: did you see any changes in Sydney's course during
37 that time?

38

39 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Once again in detail about the time when the Sydney
40 approached. Did you notice whether the Sydney changed its course as she
41 was approaching?

42

43 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, she approached us like this.

44

45 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Would you like to show it to us with this?

46

47 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: So, this was our ship. We were heading North and

1 the Sydney came, and when we saw her, she turned like this and approached
2 us very, very fast. Very fast. We saw for the first time how a warship
3 performed against us, us and our 15 knots. We could not turn our eyes
4 away from that ship. We were sailors. Did not matter whether German or
5 whatever, we were sailors. The ship was our life. And she approached us
6 like this and then she turned and followed on the same course as us. We
7 both cruised like that. And later, at around half past, the camouflage
8 came down and the first shells were loaded.

9

10 A. Well, we were going on a northerly course and the
11 Sydney came from this direction, first of all, and came
12 very, very quickly.

13

14 THE PRESIDENT: Q. From the East?

15

16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: So the Sydney approached from the East?

17

18 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes.

19

20 A. Yes, and it was so impressive that this ship was so
21 quick. I mean, our ship, or our merchant ship, the
22 Kormoran, was only able to do 15 knots. In a funny way, we
23 couldn't get enough of Sydney, because we are sailors and
24 the sea is our life and ships are our life, so we were very
25 interested in how the ship looked and to see her approach
26 in such a quick pace.

27

28 LEUT TYSON: Q. At any stage did you see Sydney change
29 her pace or change her position and move away from
30 Kormoran?

31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you see at any time whether the Sydney changed
33 her speed?

34

35 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No.

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Or whether she changed her course to distance
38 herself from the Kormoran?

39

40 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. She came when we saw her and then she kept
41 heading towards us. She was very close to us. We wondered. We were
42 heading North. We cruised like this. And she came like this, from
43 Australia, and then approached us like this. I only know it by chance,
44 our command messengers at the gun who set elevation and angle, they were
45 told 900 meters. That is why I know that the Sydney was 900 meters away
46 from us.

47

1 A. No, it came directly towards us - well, it came from
2 the side and then --

3

4 THE INTERPRETER: Well, as he described it, you know,
5 moving this direction.

6

7 THE INTERPRETER: And I know by coincidence that it was
8 900 metres the distance, because the people responsible for
9 transmitting the orders for the elevation, and things like
10 that, they said 900 metres, and that's how they set the
11 guns, for a distance of 900 metres.

12

13 LEUT TYSON: Q. You heard that in your gun crew?

14

15 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You heard it for yourself at your gun?

16

17 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes, yes. They got the instruction, set to 900
18 meters.

19

20 A. No, they received the message 900 metres and I heard
21 it, yes.

22

23 Q. Sir, can you tell us, did you observe any activity on
24 Sydney's decks at all during this period before the firing
25 started?

26

27 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you tell us whether you saw any activities on
28 the deck of the Sydney before the battle broke out?

29

30 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. We only noticed that the sailors, who were
31 probably curious as well about what was around, came to the railing. They
32 were equally as curious. It was not many, only a few were standing there.

33

34 A. Well, I didn't see much. I didn't see many. There
35 were just a few sailors. I mean, probably they were also
36 curious what's happening there on the other ship, or what
37 ship that is, but not many, just a few were there on deck.

38

39 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No gun and no nothing was aimed at us. The guns all
40 aimed straight forward. So they guns were in their normal position. Not
41 that they were already aimed at us or anything like that, that was not
42 the case.

43

44 A. Even the turrets were not pointed at us. They were stil
45 pointed towards forward and they didn't - no, they were not
46 pointing at us at all.

47

1 Q. You talked about an order to fire being given at 1730.
2 Where were Sydney's turrets pointed at 1730 hours?

3

4 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You said that the order to fire was given at around
5 5:30pm. Where did the guns of the Sydney point at when this order was
6 given at 5:30pm?

7

8 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well, as far as I can remember, they were still
9 pointing forward. No gun aimed at us. I am asking myself today: why? They
10 were all pointing straight forward or backward. None was aimed at us, no
11 gun. We could only see it through the cracks, but 900 meters is not that
12 far. They were aimed straight forward or backward.

13

14 A. They were directed straightly forward or aft to
15 behind. They were not pointed at us, not at all. I'm
16 still asking myself today why this was like this, because
17 I could see it all through these slits and the camouflage,
18 I could see all this, so I don't know why they did it, but
19 they were not pointed at us.

20

21 Q. Did you have the opportunity to see whether there was
22 any activity involving Sydney's aeroplane?

23

24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you observe whether there was any activity
25 in connection with the aircraft on board of the Sydney?

26

27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. There was no engine [on], as I said. It
28 stood there. No engine was on, nor was it turned to a side in any way. It
29 was as if it was peace time, if I may put it like that.

30

31 A. No, I didn't see anything happen there. The engines
32 were not running and it was not moved to any direction. It
33 looked to me, if I might say, a lesson in peace time.

34

35 Q. What about any of Sydney's boats on her decks? Did
36 you see any attempt to lower a boat into the water or
37 anything like that?

38

39 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What about the boats on the Sydney, her lifeboats?
40 Did you see whether they were possibly lowered into the water?

41

42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, nothing changed on the ship until the battle.
43 We observed it. At least I have seen that nothing went on, no boat was
44 lowered into the water, and no men were handling the boats, nothing like
45 that.

46

47 A. No, I haven't seen anything like that. I've seen a

1 lot and - but there weren't even people going around and
2 trying to lower these boats and they were not lowered.
3 There was nothing happening, in fact, on deck.

4

5 Q. What about signals from Sydney? Did you see any morse

6

7

8

9 lamp signals or any flag signals from Sydney?

10

11 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Regarding the signals coming from the Sydney, did
12 you see any of the flags or Morse signals which were sent?

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, I more or less noticed that they signalled
15 "please declare your position" once or twice. The answer was not
16 understood, once or twice.

17

18 A. No, I just heard or just noticed that one or two times
19 they tried to declare their position and they didn't
20 understand each other or didn't answer correctly, something
21 like that, but it's not really something I have seen.

22

23 Q. Is signalling something that you're not trained to
24 understand or you don't understand those signals?

25

26 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you understand signals? Flag signals?

27

28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: A bit, but I do not remember anything.

29

30 A. A little bit, but it's all gone now. I can't remember
31 nowadays.

32

33 Q. Can I just ask you, do you remember whether lamps were
34 being used or whether it was just flags?

35

36 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you possibly recall whether only flags were
37 used, or whether Morse lights were used as well?

38

39 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Morse lights. I remember that Morse lights were
40 used when she approached.

41

42 A. When she approached, I remember that morse lamps were
43 used.

44

45 Q. Sydney used morse lamps?

46

47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: The Sydney used them?

1

2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

3

4 A. Yes.

5

6 Q. At any stage between this period of 1600 hours to
7 1730 hours, were the smoke generators being used on
8 Kormoran to generate smoke, or anything like that?

9

10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: In the time between the first sighting at 4pm until
11 5:30pm, did the Kormoran use the smoke dischargers?

12

13 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. Not at all.

14

15 A. No, not at all.

16

17 THE PRESIDENT: Q. When the camouflage was lifted, where
18 were Sydney's guns pointing?

19

20 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When you lifted your camouflage, where did the guns
21 of the Sydney point at?

22

23 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Now I have to lie precisely. Well, they did turn.
24 But I do not remember anymore whether they actually fired. We were busy
25 at our gun. We could no longer see anything over there.

26

27 A. Now I have to - how do I say this? - I have to lie
28 exactly. That's just the job I have. But I remember that
29 they turned at that point because they were also shooting
30 them (inaudible) start to shoot, but whether they really
31 shot I can't remember now. We were then quite busy doing
32 our job at our gun that we didn't see much more of the
33 other ship.

34

35 LEUT TYSON: Q. Just before the camouflage was removed
36 and just before the firing started, were you in a position
37 to see what flags, what ensigns, were on Kormoran, what
38 were hoisted?

39

40 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Just after the camouflage was lifted but before the
41 battle started, were you in a position to see which flag the Kormoran was
42 flying?

43

44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. The command was to remove the camouflage, and
45 the signallers were standing next to us. They had the Imperial War Flag
46 [Reichskriegsflagge] and they pulled it up, at the same time they took
47 the Dutch flag down, which we were sailing under. So the Imperial War

1 Flag was up at the moment when we started to fire.

2

3 A. Yeah, I can remember that well because we had the
4 people responsible for hoisting the flags and they hoisted
5 the war ensignage, or the war ensign, at the same time as
6 the Dutch flag under which we sailed was lowered.

7

8 Q. Whereabouts on the Kormoran was the Dutch flag and
9 where was the war ensign?

10

11 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Roughly where on board of the Kormoran was the
12 Dutch flag and where as the Imperial War Flag?

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That is aft.

15

16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: No, that is the bow. That is the bow here.

17

18 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Ah yes, correct. At the mast here. No, it was at
19 the back here.

20

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Even further back? This is not a precise drawing of
22 the Kormoran, only of a similar ship.

23

24 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, at the back here. We saw the signallers who
25 were four, five steps away from our gun, and they had the flag in their
26 hand and then pulled it up the Mast. There was a flag pole aft ...

27

28 Q. Perhaps, Herr Thomas, on
29 exhibit 16 Herr Hildenbrand could indicate where the two
30 different flag poles were.

31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you mark it again please. You were standing
33 here where the cross is ...

34

35 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The flag was hoisted here.

36

37 THE PRESIDENT: I'll mark that one. I'll mark that A.

38

39 Q. What was there?

40

41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: So there was the Dutch as well as the Imperial Wag
42 Flag, they were both there?

43

44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That is correct. One was hoisted, the other was
45 lowered.

46

47 A. That's where both flags were - the Dutch and the

1 ensign flags.

2

3 Q. Both flags?

4 A. Well, not at the same time. At the same position,
5 more or less. One was hoisted, whereas the other one was
6 lowered.

7

8 Q. So they were both on the same mast?

9

10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Both were on the same mast?

11

12 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes, yes.

13

14 A. Yes, yes.

15

16 LEUT TYSON: Q. The orders that were given before the
17 firing started, can you remember as best you can in precise
18 terms what the order was?

19

20 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I would like to go back to the orders which were
21 given before the battle. Can you precisely remember the sequence of the
22 orders and the orders that were given?

23

24 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: When both ships were next to each other, the
25 "BUE's", the command messengers, received instructions about distance,
26 elevation and angle. And then came the order to "remove camouflage". And
27 as I said the counter weights were cut and the guns were already set up
28 properly, elevation and angle. And then the order was given to "fire".

29

30 A. Well, it was when both ships were parallel at this
31 time and these people responsible for transmitting orders
32 had received the order to - or more or less the message how
33 to set the guns up, like elevation height, things like
34 that, and then came the order to remove the disguise and at
35 this time we had already loosened the counterweight of the
36 camouflage system, so at this point the guns were already
37 pointed in the right direction and then came the order to
38 start fire.

39

40 Q. Is that an order that you yourself heard, or is it an
41 order that went to the gun crew commander?

42

43 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you hear this order yourself or did it go to
44 the gun commander?

45

46 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Gun commander.

47

1 A. It was only to the gun commander, yes.

2

3 Q. Who was the gun commander on your gun?

4

5 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Who was your gun commander?

6

7 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: His name was Saalfrank.

8

9 A. Mr Saalfrank, yes.

10

11 THE PRESIDENT: Q. What did he do when he received that
12 order?

13

14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What did he do when he received this order?

15

16 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: He passed it on and then we started firing.

17

18 A. He forwarded this order and then the shooting started,
19 firing.

20

21 LEUT TYSON: Q. How long did that take, from when the
22 order was given to fire to before your gun fired? Do you
23 know how long that took?

24

25 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you still remember how long it took from the
26 time this order was given until the gun actually fired its first shot?

27

28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Oh, that was a matter of second. The gun that was
29 port side, the men there did not have anything to do so they have helped
30 us here on our side. They have undone the straps of the camouflage, the
31 ones holding the counter weights, and then they helped to carry the
32 shells from the elevator.

33

34 A. That was just a question of seconds, because as the
35 gun crews from the port side, they didn't have anything to
36 do, they helped us, and it was them who had loosened the
37 counterweights and who also helped us to bring bullets and

38

39

40 water from the elevator.

41

42 Q. Which gun fired first? Was it one of the 15cm guns?
43 Was it your gun? Do you know which gun fired first on
44 Kormoran?

45

46 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you still remember which gun on the Kormoran
47 fired first. Your gun or the 15 cm gun?

1

2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: All guns started firing at the same time. There
3 were 3 guns on one side of the ship and they got the order at the same
4 time. Each had another target where the gun was aiming at, and all they
5 had to do was wait for the "fire" order.

6

7 A. No, that was more or less simultaneous, because they
8 all received the order at the same time and then they had
9 their - well, their position, or, no, their targeting was
10 already done and so it was more or less at the same time.

11

12 Q. When you say "simultaneous", do you mean just the 15cm
13 guns or did also the 2cm guns fire at about the same time
14 the 15cm guns fired?

15

16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When you say "at the same time", does that mean
17 that only the 15 cm guns fired together? Or the 15 cm and 2 cm guns ...?

18

19 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes everything. Everybody was ordered to fire.

20

21 A. It was completely free. They all shot at the same
22 time. It was free to shoot once the order came ready to
23 fire, start firing.

24

25 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Including the 3.7?

26

27 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Including the 3.7 gun?

28

29 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. That one too. Everything.

30

31 A. Yes.

32

33 LEUT TYSON: Q. During the battle, when the guns were
34 fired, were you trying to fire as fast as you could or was
35 there a salvo coordinated by Skeries? Did you have to wait
36 and did the guns all fire simultaneously in a salvo?

37

38 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When you started firing, did you simply fire as you
39 liked or were the salvos coordinated by instruction of Mr. Skeries? Did
40 you regularly have to skip a turn?

41

42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Ah well we were order to fire. You could say that
43 it means that you can fire immediately and as often as you like. And we
44 were still in the rhythm, the gun commander always said: "Clear! Salvo!
45 Fire!"

46

47 A. Well, it was free to fire as you liked, but then the

1 gun commander, he was the one who coordinated salvo and he
2 said, like, salvo, stop fire, salvo fire, salvo fire.

3

4 Q. Sorry, the gun commander on your gun or do you mean
5 Skeries in director control?

6

7 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you mean the gun commander at your gun or
8 Skeries up in the ...?

9

10 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The gun commander. He got his order from the battle
11 command.

12

13 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did the two 15 cm cannons fire simultaneously or
14 not?

15

16 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: They fired simultaneously.

17

18 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: In the same rhythm?

19

20 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. In the same rhythm.

21

22 A. No, the 15cm guns, they have fired in the same rhythm,
23 so it was a coordinated salvo, ...

24

25 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And was this rhythm dictated by Skeries or by each
26 gun commander?

27

28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Ah, it was dictated by the battle command. By
29 Skeries.

30

31 A. ...and this coordination was
32 done by Skeries from the director control unit.

33

34 Q. Did you aim for specific targets on Sydney or parts of
35 Sydney or were you just firing in her general direction?

36

37 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, I just didn't hear the first part
38 of the sentence.

39

40 LEUT TYSON: Q. I want to ask you about whether your
41 guns were targeted at particular parts of Sydney. Did you
42 fire at targets on Sydney, were you given targets, or was
43 it just general firing in her direction?

44

45 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Were your orders to aim at certain points on the
46 Sydney, or did you just fire anywhere? Or did you have set targets which
47 you fired at?

1
2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. The "BUE's" (command messengers) had the
3 direction, elevation, angle ...
4
5 A. No, the guns were already in a position - or targeted
6 already, so there was no other target, no specific target.
7
8
9
10
11
12
13 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Which part of Sydney were you trying
14 to hit? If you can't remember, say so.
15
16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Which part of the Sydney did you try to hit? If you
17 cannot remember, then you do not have to tell me.
18
19 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I really cannot remember that. Was it amidships or
20 aft? I do not know. I only know that the gun was set at the beginning.
21 Maybe there were orders, but I did not hear them anymore.
22
23 A. I can't tell, really, if it was the centre or the aft
24 or the stern. I cannot tell, really. It might be - well,
25 it was all set up before the firing started, our guns, and
26 then they just shot. Once it started, I didn't hear what
27 the orders were anymore.
28
29 Q. Did you see where in fact Sydney was hit?
30
31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you see where the Sydney was actually hit?
32
33 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well, when the battle smoke first lifted, her guns
34 were hanging down as if they had been hit. I do not know whether they
35 were all gone. But I know that the guns at the bow were pointing
36 downwards.
37
38 A. Well, when the first smoke disappeared, I could see
39 that the front gun turrets were already damaged and didn't
40 work anymore.
41
42 THE PRESIDENT: Q. What about the bridge? Could you see
43 the bridge?
44
45 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you see the bridge?
46
47 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. Neither ours nor that of the Sydney.

1

2 A. No, I could neither see our bridge, nor the bridge of
3 Sydney.

4

5 LEUT TYSON: Q. Is that because of the extent of the
6 smoke?

7

8 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Were you unable to see the bridge because of the
9 smoke or for another reason?

10

11 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Not because of the smoke. I could not see ours in
12 any case and I could not see the bridge of the Sydney. She was on fire.
13 Suddenly she caught fire. She was on fire but I do not remember where
14 exactly the fire was on the Sydney.

15

16 A. No, our own bridge I couldn't see at all anyway, that
17 was clear, and the bridge of Sydney I also couldn't see it,
18 and suddenly there was just fire everywhere. It started to
19 burn.

20

21 Q. Do you remember what shells you used in your 15cm
22 gun - was it the base-fused shells or the nose-fused
23 shells?

24

25 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you still remember what type of shells you used
26 for your 15 cm gun? What it those that on impact ...

27

28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Nose-fused shells. On impact.

29

30 A. Nose-fused shells.

31

32 Q. Do you remember, in relation to when Kormoran fired,
33 when Sydney started to fire back against Kormoran?

34

35 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you remember when the Sydney returned fire,
36 during the battle, after the Kormoran opened the fire?

37

38 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I cannot tell you precisely, I only know that we
39 were told "we are hit". The hit went into the engine. But I do not know
40 the when and how. We were very busy on our gun ...

41

42 A. No, I cannot really tell, because we were so busy
43 doing our job. I just heard that - suddenly it was said we
44 got hit. But that's all. I cannot tell really in relation
45 where and what - how it was.

46

47 Q. Sir, you described earlier the position of the

1 two ships at the beginning of the action. Did Sydney and
2 Kormoran stay in that position at all times after the
3 firing started or was there a movement in the relative
4 position of the ships?

5

6 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You told us earlier that the two ships were in
7 about this position. Now that the battle has started, did the positions
8 of the ships change or did it stay the same?

9

10 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The Sydney slowed a bit. Later she came around us
11 astern. Then she was on our port side. And we could see that she was
12 burning very bright. Then the order came for us to "abandon ship" and we
13 did not pay any more notice to the Sydney. He had to get off after all,
14 we were hit too.

15

16 A. Well, no, the Sydney slowed down a bit and then she
17 changed her course and passed our stern. That's when she
18 came on our port side later and then she was already
19 burning quite a lot, and that's all we could see of her and
20 then - well, later she disappeared and then we had to

21

22 1 abandon ship and then we didn't take so much care of what
23 2 was happening to Sydney anymore.

24 3

25 4 THE PRESIDENT: Q. So was it like this?

26

27 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What is a bit like this, like my colleague is
28 showing? Was that the movement?

29

30 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I would assume that she was drifting away more,
31 with all that damage to her stern.

32

33 5 A. Well, I assume it was more drifting.

34 6

35 7 Q. That's the stern.

36 8

37 9 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, that's what he says, that she moved
38 like from the --

39

40 THE PRESIDENT: Q. The stern this way?

41

42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. When we were in captivity later on they said
43 that two torpedoes passed our stern. They said they were fired by the
44 Sydney. So it could only have been in front here, there we realized that
45 there were torpedoes at the stern of the Sydney. Torpedos were standing
46 there, a twin, no turret, thus without any protection. They stood there ...

47

1 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Just a moment, now here we have the stern, is that
2 right?

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes, yes. And the torpedoes were there, the
5 ones that passed us afterwards.

6

7 A. Yeah, that's because also - but that's what I heard
8 later in the prisoner of war camp, my friends told me that
9 the Sydney fired two torpedoes at us. That's probably why
10 she moved this course, to fire those torpedoes, which were
11 in the aft of the ship but we weren't hit by these
12 torpedoes. It was a twin torpedo which was shot at us, but
13 it didn't hit us, but this was only something I heard from
14 other people in the prisoner of war camp.

15

16 Q. So you don't know whether Sydney fired torpedoes from
17 the port side or the starboard side?

18

19 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: So you do not know for yourself whether the
20 torpedoes that the Sydney fired were fired from the port side or
21 starboard?

22

23 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, it was port side. It is left, it is this side.
24 During the battle, we have seen often enough that there were people
25 there. But they did not fire. They probably only fired when she was
26 astern like this, such that she could fire once more.

27

28 A. No, it was from the port side. No, it was - we even
29 saw people there. They were fired from the port side, and
30 we could even see people there, although they didn't fire
31 this, but I think in the end they did fire them and they
32 had to be in this position to be able to fire them, the
33 torpedoes, in this direction.

34

35 Q. That means that they were fired from the same side
36 that had been bombarded in the whole battle?

37

38 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: That means that the torpedoes were fired from the
39 same side that has been shot at the whole time?

40

41 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That is correct. That is correct. Yes, yes. We were
42 starboard and this is port side, the left side. This side fired. And at
43 the back there were the guns. In the process she must have hit one of our
44 guns. We suffered three hits from there.

45

46 A. Yes, exactly. Exactly. Yeah, exactly. It was all on
47 the port side of Sydney and then we have here these aft

1 turrets and one of them was still shooting at us and that's
2 the one that hit us three times, I think.

3

4 LEUT TYSON: Sorry, we just need to stop for a moment for
5 the tape. The tape has run out.

6

7 SHORT ADJOURNMENT

8

9 LEUT TYSON: Thank you, Leut Harper, the tape has now
10 started again.

11

12 Q. In that short intermission, sir, you were making some
13 comments about Sydney. Can you just repeat, please, what
14
15 you just told us?

16

17 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Thank you Mr. Harper for changing the tape. The
18 recorder is back on again. Mr. Hildenbrand, in the short break you made
19 some comments about the Sydney and the whole matter. Could you please
20 repeat them?

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes of course. The men over there were mates. They
23 were sailors. We loved the sea. We just could not comprehend that the
24 commander approached so closely. It was war after all! As far as I know,
25 an armed merchant cruiser was spotted down there. It was known that there
26 were armed merchant cruisers down there. How could a man with such a ship
27 approach to 900 meter and dare to ... I just cannot understand something
28 like this. He wished us Godspeed and that was his last message. I just
29 cannot understand it!

30

31 A. It's all impossible. I cannot believe it still today.
32 I ask myself why did they come so close. I mean, the guys
33 that were there, they were all friends, they were sailors
34 as well, they love the sea, and I just can't understand why
35 he came so close. It doesn't want to go into my brain.

36

37 Also, the last thing we heard of him - also, they must
38 have known that there were auxiliary cruisers in the area
39 around. I think, as far as we know, they should know that.
40 How can they do such a mistake, to come so close to a ship
41 which might be an auxiliary cruiser? They should have
42 known that. And the last thing he said was, "Have a nice
43 journey." I still can't believe this today, why he made
44 such a mistake.

45

46 Q. When you make that reference to, "Have a nice
47 journey", can you please tell us what you're referring to?

1

2 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: This signal which you referred to, "Godspeed", can
3 you explain in detail what that was referring to?

4

5 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. She sailed alongside of us. And we were only
6 expecting the identification code. She said "Godspeed" and
7 "identification code". It must have come shortly afterwards, since after
8 that the command to fire was given.

9

10 A. Yeah, well, of course I do. He was going next to us,
11 and I will explain it to you. Then that's when he told us
12 "have a safe journey", but then he asked us for our secret
13 sign and, well, of course after this the firing started.

14

15 Q. What you've just told us, is that something you saw
16 yourself or is that something that other members of
17 Kormoran told you after this battle?

18

19 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What you have just told us, is this something that
20 you have heard yourself or it is something that others ...?

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, this was communicated over the loudspeaker. It
23 was announced that he wished us "Godspeed" and "identification code".
24 Anyway, everything was communicated through the loudspeaker on board,
25 everybody could hear it. Whether it was the commander or Skeries at the
26 battle command, both did it.

27

28 A. No, that was transmitted by the loudspeakers on board.
29 We heard how he said, "Have a nice journey," and then,
30 "Secret sign". Generally, everything that was said on
31 board was transmitted by these loudspeakers. In fact,
32 everybody could hear all the time what's happening. Even
33 if it was Skeries or somebody, you could hear it on the
34 loudspeakers.

35

36 Q. So is it the case, for example, let's say that Ahlback
37 is having a conversation with Capt Detmers or von Goesseln
38 is having a conversation with Capt Detmers on the bridge,
39 did those conversations go through Kormoran?

40

41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Is it then really the case ...

42

43

44 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Over the loudspeakers?

45

46 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do I have to understand it that if there was a
47 discussion between Mr. Ahlback and Captain Detmers, or between Messrs von

1 Goesseln and Detmers, that it was broadcast over the loudspeakers too?

2

3 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, not these kind of things. That were
4 discussions. No, they were not ...

5

6 A. No, those kind of things, if they were discussing
7 under themselves, those were not transmitted via the
8 loudspeakers.

9

10 Q. Who was it who said over the loudspeaker, "Have a nice
11 voyage"?

12

13 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Who was it who said over the loudspeaker that she
14 wished you "Godspeed"?

15

16 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That must have been someone from the bridge.
17 Whether it was the commander or ... ah well, who else could it have been.
18 It must have been the commander.

19

20 A. It must have been somebody from the bridge. I don't
21
22 know if it was the commander. It must have been the
23 commander, yes. It can only have been the commander who
24 said he wishes us a safe journey.

25

26 LEUT TYSON: Q. How long was it between "Have a nice
27 journey" and "Show us your secret sign"? How long? What
28 was the interval of time between those two things being
29 reported to you?

30

31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: How much time was there between the "Godspeed" and
32 the "show us your identification code"? Do you know that?

33

34 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That was very short. It must have been very short.
35 The command to "remove camouflage" was given directly afterwards, and
36 then it was already removed. It was of no use any longer, our commander
37 said that we have to show our true colours now.

38

39 9 A. Must have been a very short period, because shortly
40 after this came the order to remove the disguise, so it
41 must have been a very short period. Well, it wasn't useful
42 anymore, so our commander said we now had to show them who
43 we were.

44

45 Q. What you have just said, "Our commander said we had to
46 show them who we were," is that something as well that you
47 heard through the loudspeaker?

1

2 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Is this also something that you have heard over the
3 loudspeaker? What you said last, that "we now have to show our true
4 colours".

5

6 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. That is just my comments.

7

8 A. No, no, that was just my comment.

9

10 Q. I just want to go back to a line of questioning that
11 Commissioner Cole was asking you about before the tape
12 stopped about the change in the relative positions of the
13 two ships.

14

15 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Before the break, Mr. Cole asked you a few question
16 regarding the position of the ships and their courses. I would like go
17 back to that.

18

19 Q. On 1 December 1941 when you were being
20 interrogated in Australia, the account of your interview
21 says that you drew sketches of the action. Do you remember
22 that?

23

24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When you were interviewed in Australia on 1
25 December 1941, a report on your interview states that you drew sketches
26 of the battle. Do you remember that?

27

28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I did that? No, no.

29

30 A. I am to have done this? No, I cannot remember.

31

32 THE INTERPRETER: Just repeat this again.

33

34 LEUT TYSON: Q. It says "Hildenbrand. 1 December".

35

36 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Just let me read parts of it to you.

37

38 THE INTERPRETER: "Drew sketches of action and position of
39 guns and torpedo tubes". Yes.

40

41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Precisely. It states that you made a drawing of the
42 battle and the position of the torpedo tubes ...

43

44

45 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Just let me read.

46

47 THE INTERPRETER: Are you reading it and I shall translate

1 it?

2

3 THE PRESIDENT: Yes, please.

4

5 THE INTERPRETER: Okay, sorry.

6

7 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Do you remember that on 1 December,

8

9 after you had been rescued, you were interrogated by some
10 Australian military officers from the Trocas.

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: But you remember that you were ... by an Australian ...
13 on 1 December 1941 ...

14

15

16 LEUT TYSON: No, this was back at camp.

17

18 THE PRESIDENT: No, it's not.

19

20 Q. Do you remember being interrogated?

21

22 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you remember being interrogated?

23

24 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes.

25

26 A. Yes, yes.

27

28 Q. Was that on the Trocas or back at camp?

29

30 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Was that on the Trocas or in the camp?

31

32 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That was in the camp, in Perth. And there was a Mr.
33 Moon there.

34

35 A. It was in the camp at Perth and it was somebody called
36 Mr Moon.

37

38 Q. His notes of the questions that he asked you and your
39 answers are as follows.

40

41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: These are the questions he asked, and the answers
42 you gave ...

43

44 Q. It says this, "He was on duty" -
45 that's you. You were on duty on the 15cm gun aft
46 starboard - that's correct?

47

1 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: He said your battle station was the 15 cm gun aft
2 starboard.
3
4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, that is correct.
5
6 A. Yes, correct, yes.
7
8 Q. During the action your gun fired 50 shots.
9
10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: During the battle you gun fired 50 shells.
11
12 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well, that has been 66 years ago, so it could have
13 been a few more or it could have been a few less. But it could have been
14 roughly that number.
15
16 A. Yeah, that's quite possible. I mean, it's 66 years
17 ago now. It might be a bit more, a bit less, but more or
18 less that's correct, yes.
19
20 Q. Then the notes say, "The range: 1100 metres"?
21
22 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then the record states that the distance was 1,100
23 meters.
24
25 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. All I can say is that I heard the distance to
26 be 900 meters.
27
28 A. I can only say what I heard, that it was 900 metres.
29
30 Q. Then it goes on, "Many hits seen on the cruiser"?
31
32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then it continues: "I have seen many hits on the
33 cruiser, thus on the Sydney."
34
35 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, that is about right, yes, yes.
36
37 A. Yeah, that's true.
38
39 Q. "Setting fire at first to the bow, then the bridge.
40 No damage aft."
41
42 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You first set the bow on fire, then the bridge.
43 However, no damage was caused on the aft of the ship.
44
45 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: On the Sydney?
46
47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Yes. So bow first, then bridge, and no damage aft.

1

2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Now let me tell you something. I definitely did not
3 say that. I am certain I did not say this. How could I have seen from the
4 back, at the gun, as to what happened in front there? That is number 1.
5 That cannot work out, that is not correct. I cannot say that we hit this
6 one there, from the back, in front there, so ... something is not correct
7 here.

8

9 A. That's not true. I cannot have said this, because if
10 I was there at the aft at my gun, I couldn't have seen what
11 was happening there at the front gun, and those are there
12 and those are there, I cannot have said this. I would
13 never have said this. Something is wrong about this.

14

15 Q. Then it says your ship, the Kormoran, had six 15cm
16 guns and six torpedo tubes, four above the water line and
17 two below?

18

19 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: It goes on stating that the Kormoran had six 15 cm
20 guns ...

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

23

24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And six torpedo tubes ...

25

26 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Two below the water-line. That is correct. Yes.

27

28 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Precisely. Two below the water-line and four above
29 it.

30

31 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Four above the water-line. Yes.

32

33 A. Yes, correct.

34

35 Q. Then it says "Loading for the guns" - that's
36 Kormoran's guns - "was immediately below each gun"?

37

38 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "The area where we loaded the guns was directly
39 below each gun."

40

41 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, the shell rooms. Yes, certainly. The guns sat
42 on a pivot and the shell rooms, the stores, were combined in the middle
43 between the two guns. For number five and number six. And the elevator
44 was there to bring the shells up to the gun.

45

46 A. Well, yeah, that's correct. Where the grenades were

47

1 stored, the shells were stored, this room was for the fifth
2 and the sixth turret both together, and that's also where
3 the elevator was which brought the shells up to where the
4 guns were.

5

6 Q. Then the notes say that you said that the Kormoran
7 opened fire sometime before the cruiser - that's Sydney -
8 fired?

9

10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then it continues: "The Kormoran opened fire some
11 time before the cruiser, the Sydney, fired." First the Kormoran, then the
12 Sydney. Is that correct?

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, I cannot deny that.

15

16 A. Yes, I cannot deny that.

17

18 Q. And it says, "First sight of the cruiser on the
19 horizon coming towards Kormoran at high speed"?

20

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: It goes on: "First sighting of the cruiser on the
22 horizon, then she approached the Kormoran at high speed."

23

24 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes that is correct.

25

26 A. Yes, correct.

27

28 Q. Then it says, "Cruiser asked their name" - that's
29 Kormoran's name - "Didn't know what the reply was"?

30

31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then: "The Sydney asked for the name of the
32 Kormoran, the armed merchant cruiser, but could not recognize the
33 answer."

34

35 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I do not know that either. I only know that our
36 signallers stood there with the flag.

37

38 A. That's also something I cannot really answer. The
39 only thing I can remember is that our signalling crew was
40 there with the signal, the ensign signal, but above this
41 I cannot remember.

42

43 Q. Then the notes say, "The cruiser" - that's Sydney -
44 "then came up on the starboard side of the ship to
45 approximately 1200 metres"?

46

47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then it goes on: "The cruiser, the Sydney, caught

1 up on starboard and sailed alongside at a distance of about 1,200
2 meters.”

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. It was 900 meters. That was what I heard at
5 that time when the orders were transmitted. 900 meters.

6

7 A. No. No, it was 900 metres. At least that's why I -
8 what I heard those days when the orders for the guns were
9 transmitted.

10

11 Q. Then the notes say, "When asked for secret challenge
12 they" - that's Kormoran - "opened fire"?

13

14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And then the records go on stating: "When the
15 Kormoran was asked for the identification code, she opened fire.”

16

17 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. That was the code, she wanted the
18 identification code. She wanted to know our code.

19

20 A. Yes, of course, that's because they wanted to have our
21 secret code, they wanted to have a code.

22

23 Q. "First salvo hit the cruiser. Second salvo, cruiser
24 on fire"?

25

26 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "The first salvo hit the Sydney straight away and
27 the second salvo already set her alight.”

28

29 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Oh well ... she was on fire, but already after the
30 second salvo?

31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You do not remember that anymore?

33

34 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I do not remember that.

35

36 A. Yes, well, it took fire and all that, but I cannot
37 remember nowadays if it was after the second salvo. That's
38 something I don't know.

39

40 Q. The notes go on, "Kormoran continued firing as quickly
41 as possible"?

42

43 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: It goes on: "The Kormoran continued to fire as fast
44 and frequent as possible.”

45

46 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. That is what I said in the beginning.

47

1 A. Yeah, that's what I said in the beginning. Yes,
2 that's right.

3

4 Q. It says, "The cruiser when hit continued at fair
5 speed, then stopped and dropped at stern, broadside on, to
6 take up position at slightly astern on port side."

7

8 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "After the Sydney was hit, she nevertheless
9 continued to sail at a fair speed. Then she stopped ..."

10

11 THE INTERPRETER: What is "dropped astern"? What is this?

12

13 THE PRESIDENT: Stopped astern, dropped behind, dropped
14 back. "Dropped astern broadside on".

15

16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "Then she dropped astern ..."

17

18

19 THE INTERPRETER: What is "broadside on"? Can you explain
20 this to me?

21

22 LEUT TYSON: That's the broadside.

23

24 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. Okay.

25

26 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "... broadside, to take a position, directly behind
27 our stern at port side ..."

28

29

30 THE PRESIDENT: Q. "To take up position at slightly
31 astern on port side".

32

33 THE INTERPRETER: That's what I've said already.

34

35 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "... to get into a position, just aft of our port
36 side."

37

38

39 THE PRESIDENT: Q. The cruiser - that's Sydney - fired
40 from starboard but you did not know whether it hit your
41 ship?

42

43 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then the recording continues: "The Sydney fired
44 from the starboard side, but you did not know whether you were hit or
45 not."

46

47 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I do not remember. It is difficult to imagine. She

1 ought to have hit us like that, in our bow.

2

3 A. Yes, well, as I said before, it's something I cannot
4 really remember, because if it would have been like that it
5 could have, should have, hit us there in our stern, really,
6 which it didn't.

7

8 Q. "From the port side, the cruiser" - that's Sydney -
9 "fired five to six minutes. Three or four big shells hit,
10 doing damage to the Kormoran"?

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "The Sydney fired for five to six minutes from her
13 port side. Three or four large shells hit us and damaged the Kormoran."

14

15 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, that is correct.

16

17 A. Yeah, that's correct.

18

19 Q. The action lasted 40 minutes and there were no
20 casualties suffered at your gun station, but two or three
21 were killed elsewhere?

22

23 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: "The whole battle lasted 40 minutes. On your gun
24 there were no deaths or injuries, but two or three men where killed
25 elsewhere."

26

27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, in the engine room. There were 20 men in
28 there. Yes, and then two, three colleagues, mates, they were on the upper
29 deck. That is correct.

30

31 A. Yes, that's correct. Two or three and then 20 men
32 were killed in the engine rooms.

33

34 Q. Then it says that you drew sketches of the action and
35 the position of guns and torpedo tubes.

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And then it says here: "He made a drawing of the
38 battle and the position of the guns and torpedo tubes."

39

40 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I did that? No, no.

41

42 A. No way. No way have I done that.

43

44 Q. Have we got the document?

45

46 LEUT TYSON: It's not his document.

47

1 THE PRESIDENT: What's that one?

2

3

4 LEUT TYSON: It's done by the naval intelligence officers.

5 It doesn't purport to be Herr Hildenbrand's document.

6

7

8 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I drew this?

9

10 THE WITNESS: It's said that I have drawn this?

11

12 LEUT TYSON: Q. No, no, it's not suggested that you have

13 drawn this, but we'd like to ask you some questions about

14 this later, and if you did a sketch, whether it was in any

15 way similar?

16

17 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: No, you did not draw this one. We are not assuming

18 that you did. This is just a drawing which we would like to show you

19 later, about the progress of the battle, but if you actually have drawn

20 anything which is in any way similar ...

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, I definitely did not draw this. Definitely not.

23 I would not even know why.

24

25 A. No, I definitely did not draw any sketch. I did not

26 draw any sketch. No way. I wouldn't even know why, what

27 the purpose of this would be.

28

29 THE PRESIDENT: I'm having difficulty reading it.

30

31 LEUT TYSON: I think mine is a better copy, sir.

32

33 THE PRESIDENT: What does it say?

34

35 Q. You do not know the make of the sea plane, as same was

36 kept secret from the men, and it says that the sea plane,

37 that's the plane on the Kormoran, never flew in the

38 Indian Ocean, but flew twice in the Atlantic.

39

40 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: The sea plane which you had on the Kormoran, you

41 claim here that it was never used in the Indian Ocean, but that it flew

42 twice in the Atlantic Ocean.

43

44

45 THE INTERPRETER: What was the beginning of the sentence?

46 Can I just have the other - do you need this one now, the

47 other one?

1

2 THE PRESIDENT: It is hard to read. You can't read it in
3 that. Anyway, I don't think that is very important.

4

5

6 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well regarding our airplanes ...

7

8 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You do not know the brand of the sea planes?

9

10 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well the engines were "Arado" engines. But
11 otherwise nothing. We flew them twice and the commanding officer always
12 made a show out of it and then the Captain said: "Enough. This bird stays
13 inside." It never flew again.

14 THE INTERPRETER: We've used them once or twice, this, but
15 I know the make. They were "Arados"). We used them once
16 or twice, but it was quite a show to use them and in the
17 end our captain said, no, we are not going to use them
18 anymore. This bird is going to stay inside.

19

20 THE PRESIDENT: Q. The notes also say that you told the
21 interrogators that you had instructions to always aim for
22 the water line?

23

24 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then it is said that you were under instruction at
25 that time to always aim at the water-line. Is that correct?

26

27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I said that? No, no, no. We had the command
28 messenger to do that, they set the water-line. All I did was loading the
29 shells. That was the sin I committed, nothing else.

30

31 A. No. No, I cannot - no, no, no, no way, because I was
32 the one responsible for loading the shells into the gun,
33 and I didn't aim at the target or anything, so it was not -
34 none of my duties.

35

36 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, I want to show you a sketch, and
37 I want you to please feel free to tell us either whether

38

39 you agree with it or disagree with it or whether it is true
40 in part. It is completely up to you.

41

42 THE PRESIDENT: It is not your sketch.

43

44 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: This is not your sketch. But I would like to show
45 you a sketch anyway, and you can say about it what you like. I will ask
46 you a few questions, answer quite freely, or if you do not want to
47 answer, then that is not a problem either. Do as you like.

1
2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.
3
4
5 LEUT TYSON: Q. It's a sketch that we understand was
6 done by an Australian intelligence officer after he
7 interviewed some members of the Kormoran crew.
8
9 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: We assume that this drawing was made by a member of
10 the Australian marine after he had interviewed some crew members of the
11 Kormoran.
12
13 LEUT TYSON: So in no way
14 could it be suggested that this itself represents a direct
15 eyewitness account.
16
17 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: It can therefore not at all be suggested that this
18 document has the status of an eyewitness account.
19
20 LEUT TYSON: Please have a look at it.
21
22 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Please have a look at it.
23
24 LEUT TYSON: Take as
25 long as you like to study it. Sydney and - Kormoran is
26 here. Sydney.
27
28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: That is the Sydney. She approached like this. We
29 were heading North ... hold on, this is pointing South. The whole thing is
30 upside down. We were heading North. It can only have been after the
31 battle that she passed us aft.
32
33
34 A. We went north. She came here. This is going south.
35 The whole thing should be the other way around, because we
36 went up north. How can it be that - it could only be that
37 this was after the battle when she passed the stern of us.
38
39 THE PRESIDENT: Q. But I thought Kormoran, when she saw
40 Sydney, turned to 260 degrees into the sun?
41
42 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: But I always thought that the Kormoran, upon
43 sighting the Sydney, turned to 260 degrees West, into the Sun?
44
45 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well I would not know about that. I only know, it
46 was said "smoke column", "cruiser", and that she was approaching us. That
47 we changed our course? No. I cannot understand it.

1

2 A. I cannot say this. I don't think we have changed our
3 course. I cannot understand it. I can only remember how
4 we saw the smoke of a ship on the horizon and then the ship
5 approached and then we knew it was a cruiser, but I don't
6 think we have changed our course.

7

8 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The Sydney came straight towards us. The battle was
9 up there. Then the Sydney did not run anymore, she had to turn, around
10 us. And then she fired her torpedoes.

11

12

13 A. The Sydney came directly towards us. That's where the
14 battle was. But then the Sydney did not run anymore. She
15 drifted more than she was sailing by her own, making her
16 own power, now she drifted and then she came astern of us,
17 past us there, and that's also where she fired her
18 torpedoes.

19

20 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well, when we had to abandon our ship, when it was
21 on fire, we had to go down and then we saw the Sydney on the port side.
22 She was on fire. Then we went into the water. And suddenly it was quiet.
23 We did not see anything anymore. No fire, no nothing.

24

25

26 A. When Sydney was away, when we abandoned ship, we saw
27 her...

28

29 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Port side, right?

30

31 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes.

32

33 A. ...on our port side, but then when we went into the
34 lifeboats, it was already quiet there and she had already
35 exploded, I think.

36

37 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Well I would not know if we changed course. We
38 sailed straight ahead. And she sailed along-side of us. Very long, very
39 long. Until she asked for the identification code and wished us
40 "Godspeed" and then it happened. Then it all started.

41

42 A. I cannot remember that we have changed
43 the course at all. I just remember that we went parallel
44 for a very long period, very long, until the end, he wished
45 us a safe journey and asked for the signal.

46

47 LEUT TYSON: Commissioner Cole, would it be appropriate

1 that that be marked as an exhibit?

2

3 THE PRESIDENT: Yes. I will mark the document shown to
4 Herr Hildenbrand as exhibit 17.

5

6 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Mr. Cole, may I please mark this document as
7 exhibit number 17?

8

9

10 EXHIBIT #17 SKETCH DONE BY AUSTRALIAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

11

12 AFTER HE INTERVIEWED MEMBERS OF THE KORMORAN CREW SHOWN TO
13 MR ERNST HILDENBRAND

14

15 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, I just want to ask you, you've
16 spoken a lot about how Sydney passed the stern of Kormoran,
17 and you said that other members of Kormoran crew told you
18 that when Sydney passed the stern of Kormoran, torpedoes
19 were fired by Sydney. Do you remember that?

20

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: We have discussed a few times that the Sydney
22 passed the Kormoran on her stern and, as you have heard, the Sydney did
23 also fire torpedoes. That is correct, yes?

24

25 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

26

27 A. Yes.

28

29 Q. Do you know, when Sydney passed the stern, did her
30 guns also continue to fire at Kormoran at that stage of the
31 battle?

32

33 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Do you know whether the Sydney's turrets were still
34 firing at the Kormoran at the time when the torpedoes were fired?

35

36 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, the turrets were gone by then. The guns did not
37 shoot anymore. The barrels were already pointing down.

38

39 A. No, no, the turrets had already been destroyed by
40 then. They were not working anymore.

41

42 Q. All four turrets had been destroyed by the time that
43 Sydney passed the stern? Is that what you're saying?

44

45 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: All four turrets were destroyed when the Sydney
46 passed the stern of the Kormoran? Is that correct?

47

1 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

2

3 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: All four?

4

5 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes, yes.

6

7 A. Yes, all four of them.

8

9 Q. What about any of Sydney's secondary guns? Were any
10 of those firing after she passed the stern of Kormoran?

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What was the status of the Sydney's secondary guns?
13 The other guns and canons she had on board, did they fire as well or not?

14

15 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The 2 cm guns did not shoot at all at 1,000 meters,
16 or 1,200 meters. They kept the torpedoes at bay at 900 meters. At the
17 back, here. This side. Yes. They were kept at bay so that they could not
18 fire their torpedoes. Then the 3.7 and the 2 cm ...

19

20 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: No, I mean, the secondary guns of the Sydney. On
21 the Sydney, the smaller guns, whether they were still firing at you?

22

23 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. Well, I do not remember. I cannot say that. I
24 only heard from mates that there must have been a 10 cm amidships, port
25 side. But I do not know that. And that gun must have been the one that
26 hit us.

27

28 A. No, I don't know. I haven't seen any of this. I just
29 know - but also this is what my comrades told me later,
30 that the Sydney must have had her amidships on the
31 port side a 10cm gunner. That was the one that hit us.

32

33 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I only know that from hearsay.

34

35 A. And I know this also by third person accounts, not by
36 myself.

37

38 Q. Do you know whether Kormoran's port guns fired at
39 Sydney when Sydney passed the stern of Kormoran?

40

41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you remember whether the port side gun of the
42 Kormoran fired at the Sydney when the Sydney passed her astern?

43

44 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, nobody was shooting anymore at that time. The
45 battle was over.

46

47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Now back to the Kormoran.

1

2 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes. They were no longer attacking. The order
3 came, when we were done, to abandon ship. And then we got out aft, on top
4 it was burning, so we went below through the ship, to the bow here, to
5 the lifeboats.

6

7 A. No, they didn't fire anymore, because that was also
8 when already the order was given to abandon ship, and then
9 we went downstairs and went to the fo'c'sle where we came
10 up and where the lifeboats were.

11

12 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The battle on our side was over. After a while the
13 command came to cease fire. It was no longer possible. And then: "abandon
14 ship."

15

16 A. No, the battle had
17 finished because after some time there was nothing more to
18 do and then the order came to abandon ship.

19

20 Q. When Sydney moved away from Kormoran, did she appear
21 to be making way under her own power, or was she drifting?

22

23 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: When the Sydney went away from the Kormoran, did it
24 appear to you as if she was under power or if she was just drifting?

25

26 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: It looked to me as if she was drifting,
27 [Translator's note: Very colloquial phrase: "durch Düne oder so was".
28 Unknown to translator.], behind us; in my view she was no longer under
29 power. Otherwise she would have definitely turned around us faster.

30

31 A. No, for me it was drifting, definitely, because
32 otherwise she could have gotten around us much faster.
33 I don't think she had any power left.

34

35 Q. Sir, I want you to think back to your last memory of
36 Sydney, the last time you saw Sydney. Can you tell us what
37 you saw - describe her condition, her appearance?

38

39 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you still remember your last impression, or the
40 last time when you saw the Sydney? What was your last impression? What
41 did you see of the ship, the Sydney?

42

43 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Nothing else. We did not see anything else. Nothing
44 else. We only asked about what happens to the mates over there. Those
45 were our questions.

46

47 A. Nothing I have seen. I have just asked myself,

1 together with my comrades, what happened to our friends on
2 board of Sydney, because they were also sailors, but apart
3 from that, nothing I have seen.

4

5 Q. Sir, you mentioned before about abandoning ship.
6 Can you please give us your account? What did you do as
7 part of the abandon ship routine? Can you tell us about
8 that?

9

10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You have told us earlier that the order was given
11 to abandon ship. Could you explain to us the normal procedure involved in
12 abandoning the ship, and tell us what you have done then?

13

14 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Suddenly we were ordered to "cease fire". There was
15 nothing left. That was the end of the battle. Suddenly the order to
16 abandon ship came. She was on fire after all. She did not only burn
17 amidships, the Sydney also hit our engine room, 20 men were in there.
18 Then the skylight, it rattled, the glass on top broke and the oxygen went
19 in there and then the whole ship started to burn. We could not go over
20 the deck anymore, we had to go down into the ship where we could still go
21 through and run to the bow, back up to where they were lowering the last
22 boats into the water. We were ordered: "down, down, down". Then I jumped
23 overboard, what else could I do? You tried to get in wherever you could.
24 I got into a rubber boat. And then at midnight, I only know this from
25 hearsay in the camp, the captain blew up the ship. With all his crew down
26 there he placed the explosives and blew her up at around midnight. That
27 was the end. We were told: "Keep close by, if possible such that we can
28 see each other again in the morning", well ... we did see each other
29 again, but in different boats.

30

31 A. When the fire ceased, then it was quite quickly, and
32 there was - well, there was no order given to cease fire,
33 because it was obvious that we had to stop firing as there
34 was no other fire coming back. Then it was quite quickly
35 that the order to abandon ship was given, and as it was,
36 the fire was already there in amidships because the engine
37 was destroyed, or we were hit in the engine room, and this
38 happened because also what I heard was how glass broke, and
39 that's when all the oxygen went into the engine room and
40 fed the fire.

41

42 The problem now was that we couldn't go through the
43 ship anymore from the stern to the front where the
44 lifeboats were, or there was one part blocked of it, so we
45 had to go underneath the fire, underneath the engine room
46 somewhere, to reach the foreship where other crew members
47 were already trying to lower the lifeboats.

1
2 Well, then, what I did, I jumped from port, and what
3 else could I do, and I ended up in a rubber boat and then
4 I just - but this is also only something I've heard from my
5 comrades later, that around midnight our commander and our
6 captain scuttled Kormoran. I can remember also that he
7 said stay together, more or less, that he might see us
8 again tomorrow morning, but we never saw each other again
9 the next morning, of course, but then we met later.

10

11 Q. Before you got on that lifeboat, were the men of
12 Kormoran ever gathered together, marshalled on deck, and
13 did either Capt Detmers or von Goesseln address the men as
14 a group?

15

16 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Now before you went into the lifeboats, or jumped
17 overboard, was the crew called on deck of the Kormoran? Was there any
18 address by Captain Detmers or Mr. von Goesseln?

19

20 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no, no. I only know, for us who were at the
21 guns aft, we were instructed to abandon the ship. And when we got to the
22 bow we saw that they were lowering one more lifeboat into the water and
23 that is where the commander must have been.

24

25 A. No, no, no, there was no such thing. I can only
26 remember that all the people, all the crew members who were
27 working in the aft ship, in the back ship area, when we
28 came to the front there were already the ships lowered and
29 then we went into the ships, and I can remember that there
30 was one ship left, and that's obviously the one where
31 Capt Detmers was rescued with, or which he entered.

32

33 Q. Did you have any supplies in the lifeboat you were
34 on - food, any torches, guns, anything like that? What did
35 you have in the boat with you?

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Did you have any supplies on board? Food, or torch
38 lights? Did you have anything with you?

39

40 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no. When I went into the water, a mate from
41 Hamburg pulled me into his boat and asked straight away whether I had
42 anything to drink on me. So we were 16 men in a rubber boat and we had
43 one flight ration from the pilot. He ended up in our boat. He brought
44 along this ration and a small bottle of milk. That was what we had for 6
45 days.

46

47 A. No, when I was in the water, a good friend of mine, a

1 comrade, from Hamburg, actually, he took me out of the
2 water and pulled me into the lifeboat and then he asked me,
3 "Do you have something to drink with you?", and I said,
4 "No," and in fact it happened that we were 16 people on
5 this rubber boat and all we had was one portion that one of
6 the pilots had. He has also in this rubber boat. That was
7 all the supply we had, as far as food was concerned, and
8 then we had one small bottle of milk, and that was all we
9 had for 6 days

10

11 A: ...No, when I was in the water, a good friend of mine, a comarad, from
12 Hamburg actually, he took me out of the water and pulled me into the
13 lifeboat, and then he asked me "Do you have something to drink with you?"
14 and I said "No." and in fact it happened that we were 16 people on this
15 rubber boat and all we had was one portion that one of the pilots had. He
16 was also in this rubber boat. That was all the supply we had as far as
17 food is concerned. And then we had one small bottle of milk. And that was
18 all we had for -

19

20 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Five or six days?

21

22 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Six days. On midday of day seven we were fished out
23 of the water.

24

25 A. ...for six days. On the seventh day at noon they rescued
26 us.

27

28 Q. Was there an officer or one of the senior warrant
29 officers in charge of your boat, or who was the most senior
30 person in your boat?

31 I

32 NTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Was there an officer or sergeant in your boat?

33

34 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: We had a sergeant in our boat. His name was
35 Marwinski. He was later the camp commander in Murchison.

36

37 A. Yeah, a warrant officer was in our boat. Marwinski
38 was his name. Later he was also the camp commander in
39 Murchison.

40

41 Q. I just want to ask you some miscellaneous questions
42 before I get to the final topic.

43

44 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Now I would like to ask you some miscellaneous
45 questions before we get to the last topic.

46

47 Q. Can I show you a

1 photograph, please, sir. Have a look at that. Is that
2 something that you recognise or is that something that was
3 ever used in target practice from the Kormoran?
4

5 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I show you a picture. Please have a look. Have you
6 seen this object before? Could it possibly be something the Kormoran has
7 used for target practice? A target?
8

9 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, I would not know what this would be. This is a
10 huge ship. No, I do not know what this would be. No.
11

12 A. No, I cannot. I don't know what this could be. Well,
13 that's quite a big boat there, but I've got no idea. No,
14 no, I've got no idea what this can be.
15

16 LEUT TYSON: Commissioner Cole, would it be appropriate to
17 have that marked as an exhibit as well?
18

19 THE PRESIDENT: Yes, I will mark that as exhibit 18.
20

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could we please have this marked as evidence as
22 well, Mr. Cole? – Yes we do that.
23

24
25 EXHIBIT #18 PHOTOGRAPH SHOWN TO MR ERNST HILDENBRAND
26

27 LEUT TYSON: Q. Sir, as well, I want to take you back.
28 Before the engagement with Sydney, had you been involved in
29 any of the engagements between Kormoran and some of the
30 merchant ships she either captured or attacked?
31

32 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Returning to the period prior to the battle of the
33 Sydney and the Kormoran. Where you also involved in the earlier battles
34 between the Kormoran and the commercial ships?
35

36 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, yes, we have ships ... yes, yes, certainly. We
37 were on the hunt, to put it that way. We got a few of them.
38

39 A. Yes, of course. I mean, that was our task. We were
40 hunting other ships. Of course I was.
41

42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: But it was never in the form of a battle, is was
43 rather like: "Stop! Where do you want to go?" We never fired. Only one
44 shot into the bow, but nothing else.
45

46 A. But there never was
47 any battle involved. It was just stop and when we want to

1 go, then that was it. There were no shots. There was a
2
3 shot in front of the bow if they didn't want to stop,
4 you know, but apart from that, there was nothing.

5
6 Q. But what I want to ask you, was the war ensign ever
7 flown in those engagements before Kormoran fired on those
8 merchant ships?

9
10 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I would like to ask whether the Imperial War Flag
11 was ever raised during the encounters with the other commercial ships?

12
13 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Always. It was the first thing we always did.
14 Always. I could see it very well. Our gun and beside it was that mast
15 where the Imperial War Flag was hoisted.

16
17 A. Always, always. It was always hoisted. I could see
18 this very well because the gun where I was at was just
19 directly next to the mast where the ensign flag was
20 hoisted.

21
22 Q. Do you know roughly how long it took to open up the
23 war ensign?

24
25 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Can you remember how long it approximately took to
26 hoist the Imperial War Flag?

27
28 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: The mast was five meters. Well, that took seconds.
29 The flag was just hooked in, the other flag was lowered and the new one
30 went into position at that very moment.

31
32 A. It must be seconds. I mean, the mast, maybe it's
33 metres tall, and then you just need to hook the flag onto
34 the rope and then simultaneously one is lowered, the other
35 one is hoisted.

36
37 Q. I want to turn to a different topic.

38
39 THE PRESIDENT: Just before you do.

40
41 LEUT TYSON: Sorry, yes.

42
43 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Was the German battle flag actually
44 hoisted or was it in a position where you could pull a rope
45 and it flew free?

46
47 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Another question regarding this: was the Imperial

1 Flag hoisted from the deck or was it already fixed to the top of the mast
2 and released by pulling a rope ...?

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, it was hoisted.

5

6 A. No, it was hoisted at the time.

7

8 LEUT TYSON: Q. As you may know, this battle between
9 Kormoran and Sydney has stimulated a lot of books and a lot
10 of articles, particularly in Australia,...

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: As you probably know, the battle between the
13 Kormoran and the Sydney has led to many books, articles and other items
14 being published in Australia.

15

16 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes.

17

18 LEUT TYSON: Q. ...and many different
19 writers have provided different theories and accounts of
20 what they say happened in the battle.

21

22 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And various authors and journalists have published
23 a wide range of different theories as to what actually happened in this
24 battle.

25

26 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I have to excuse myself here.

27

28 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: There is more to come. Shall we continue? We will
29 get to the point.

30

31 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, of course.

32

33 LEUT TYSON: Q. What I would like to
34 do is to give you an opportunity to respond to some of the
35 theories and let us know whether you agree or disagree with
36 some of these theories.

37

38 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Now I would like to give you the opportunity to
39 comment on some of the theories which I will present to you. And then you
40 can tell us whether you agree or disagree with the theories.

41

42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Okay.

43

44 LEUT TYSON: Q. One of the theories has suggested
45 that a Japanese submarine or Japanese U-boat actually fired
46 a torpedo into Sydney.

47

1 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: One of these theories suggests that a Japanese
2 submarine fired a torpedo on the Sydney.
3
4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. We would have heard something about that. No,
5 no.
6
7 A. No, that's impossible. We would have noticed that.
8 I haven't seen any.
9
10 Q. Another set of theories suggests that Kormoran
11 surrendered or pretended she was under distress when Sydney
12 was first sighted.
13
14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Another theory claims that the Kormoran surrendered
15 or pretended to be in distress.
16
17 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no, no. As far I knew our commander, no.
18
19 A. No, impossible. As far as I know, our captain - no.
20
21
22 Q. You never saw a white flag on Kormoran before this
23 encounter with Sydney?
24
25 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: You never saw the white flag on the Kormoran?
26
27 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No.
28
29 A. No.
30
31 Q. Another writer has suggested that Kormoran was
32 disguised as a Norwegian merchant ship.
33
34 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Another author claims that the Kormoran was
35 disguised as a Norwegian commercial ship.
36
37 Q. Do you remember at
38 the time of the battle with Sydney was Kormoran disguised
39 as a Norwegian ship?
40
41 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Could you ...?
42
43 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: We were twice ... we were once Japanese, the Sakito
44 Maru, and once Dutch ... that was the last one, the Dutch. And I can tell
45 you this here. The Sakito Maru, the Japanese, we repainted it. All white,
46 like the Japanese. And then we managed to catch ships. And after a while
47 we repainted the ship again. It was painted black, the line red.

1

2 A. No, we were not going as a Norwegian ship. Once we
3 had a disguise as a Japanese ship - Sakito Maru is the name
4 of the ship. We were disguised as this ship, that's when
5 we were painted in white and black, and also we captured
6 and sank some ships with this disguise. But then later it
7 was just this Dutch disguise and every now and then the
8 whole hull of the ship and everything was repainted.

9

10 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Another theory is that Kormoran was
11 in company with either a German or a Vichy French submarine
12 and that she fired a torpedo.

13

14 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Then yet another theory says that the Kormoran was
15 accompanied by either a German or a French Vichy government submarine.
16 What do you think of that?

17

18 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. I made an oath. No, no.

19

20 A. No, I have made an oath, but, no, no, absolutely not.

21

22 LEUT TYSON: Q. Now, another serious allegation that is
23 made is that there were survivors of Sydney in the water
24 and that they were shot by some members of Kormoran's crew.

25

26 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Another very serious allegation that is made is
27 that survivors of the Sydney were shot by the crew of the Kormoran whilst
28 they were swimming in the water. What is your comment on that?

29

30 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, no, no. We were 80 men. They were in a rubber
31 boat. The rubber boat sank and the 80 men died. 20 men were in the engine
32 room, burnt to death. We lost 100 men. And no shots were fired. We did
33 not shoot anybody. No.

34

35 A. No, no, no, impossible. There were 80 people of us
36 that were in a rubber boat which capsized and they died.
37 Then there were 20 men who died in the engine room. But we
38 didn't shoot at anybody. No way.

39

40 Q. And the light speed boat, the leichte schnell boat,
41 was that used to pull around any of the lifeboats or
42 anything like that after Kormoran was abandoned?

43

44 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And the speed boat which you had on board, was that
45 used to pull the other life boats? Or was it used in any way?

46

47 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No. When the ship sank it was ... sorry. The

1 aircraft were in a store room and the speed boat was in a storeroom
2 [Transcriber's note – inaudible]. Our engines which the electricity
3 generators, in the engine room, they were destroyed. As a result we could
4 no longer pull up the heavy iron plates. And the speedboat was never used
5 either.

6
7 A. No, we didn't use the speed boat. You must imagine
8 that we had the two sea planes, we had them in one hold,
9 and the speed boat was in the other hold, but as we didn't
10 have any power left at this point, we weren't even able to
11 remove the very heavy hatches on top of them, so we
12 couldn't use them. Anyway, we have never used speed boats.

13
14 LEUT TYSON: Commissioner, on behalf of Counsel Assisting,
15 they're probably the principal questions we want to put at
16 the moment.

17
18 THE PRESIDENT: There is only one other thing I want to
19 raise.

20
21 Q. Herr Hildenbrand, at Easter last year, 2007,...

22
23 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I have one last question. Easter last year, in
24 2007, ...

25
26 Q. ...off the
27
28 Australian coast, Red Bluff, where one of the lifeboats
29 landed, ...

30
31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: ... near Red Bluff, where one of the lifeboats came
32 ashore ...

33
34 Q. ...they found a gun. Just last year.

35
36 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: ... a gun was found.

37
38 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Where a boat from the Sydney landed?

39
40 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Precisely.

41
42 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes, I have also heard, that a gun was said to have
43 been in there ...

44
45 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Oh no, sorry, a boat from the Kormoran. Not the
46 Sydney. The Kormoran.

47

1 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Oh, from the Kormoran. No, we all came ashore here.
2 We were the last, we came from the Trocas who fished us out of the water.

3

4 A. We all came on that. We were rescued by the Trocas.

5

6 THE INTERPRETER: I think he just got it mixed up.

7

8 THE PRESIDENT: Q. What they found was this gun
9 encrusted onto a rock, a pistol encrusted onto a rock,
10 about 45 metres from the shore.

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: What they found was a gun which was encrusted into
13 a rock.

14

15 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I cannot remember any more.

16

17 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Around 45 meters from the beach, from the coast
18 away.

19

20 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: No, I do not know about it. No. When we were
21 rescued we had ...

22

23 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: I think he wants to say some more. He wants to
24 explain it again in great detail. You do not have to answer yet.

25

26 A. No, I cannot - I don't know what it is.

27

28 Q. Research has shown that in fact it was a Mauser
29 pistol.

30

31 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: It turned out to be a Mauser pistol. This is a
32 picture of the impression in the stone.

33

34

35 LEUT TYSON: A Kriegsmarine Mauser.

36

37 THE PRESIDENT: Q. It was the type issued to
38 Kriegsmarine officers.

39

40 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: And that is precisely the type of gun that was
41 given to officers of the Kriegsmarine.

42

43 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I cannot remember. We had Marwinski in our boat. He
44 was a sergeant.

45

46 A. I cannot remember that.

47

1 Q. You don't know if the officers on board had these
2 Mauser guns?

3

4 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Our officers? No. I would not know whether our
5 officers carried guns in the first place. No.

6

7 A. No, not that I'm aware of. I don't even know if our
8 officers at all had weapons with them. On my boat, there
9 was just Mr Marwinski. He was a warrant officer. But
10 I don't - not as far as I know, he didn't have a weapon.

11

12 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Thank you very much.

13

14

15 Q. Herr Hildenbrand, thank you very much, indeed, for
16 giving us your help.

17

18 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I cannot tell you anything more.

19

20 A. There's not more I can tell you.

21 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Once again thank you very much ...

22

23 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: I am so sorry for all this, it is beyond believe. I
24 always have to tear ... I always have to ... I can still see the 600 men
25 on the Sydney at that day. My son taped something here, from the TV ...
26 too bad there is so much English in it, I understood only very little ...

27

28 A. I always have to cry
29 because I always have to think about these poor boys who
30 died there, those 700 men. I saw them the other day also
31 again, I saw the 700 men in a TV program which my son had
32 captured on videotape for me, and it always makes me cry
33 and I still feel sorry for this whole thing.

34

35 THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much indeed.

36

37 INTERPRETER [GERMAN]: Thank you very much indeed. Thank you very much.

38

39 HILDENBRAND [GERMAN]: Yes. Yes.

40

41

42 LEUT TYSON: Thank you, sir.

43

44 THE INQUIRY ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY

45

46

47

#	4 174:6,7,17 176:32 ,37 196:25 40 208:19,23 45 225:10,17 4pm 180:45 188:10	account 201:20 211:15,18 216:6 accounts 214:35 221:19 action 178:26,45,46 179:39,40 180:24,27 ,38 181:39 196:1 201:21,38 203:8 208:19,34 activities 185:27 activity 185:23 186:22,24 actual 177:29 179:40 actually 177:44,47 182:44 188:24 191:26 194:31 209:19 218:1,12 220:43 221:23,45 address 172:1,3 217:13,18 adjourned 226:44 adjournment 198:7 aeroplane 186:22 aft 174:34,36 186:14 189:14,26 194:20,23 197:11,47 202:45 203:1,40,43,47 204:10 207:35 211:31 215:3 217:21 ,27 afternoon 173:38 174:1,17 afterwards 197:5 199:7 200:35 again 174:8 175:31 177:3 178:42 180:11 183:39 189:32 198:10,18 201:32 210:13 216:28,29 217:8,8 222:47 225:24 226:21,31 against 184:3 195:33 aged 172:24 ago 203:12,17 agree 210:39 221:35 ,40 agreeing 170:28 ah 189:18 192:42 193:28 200:17 ahead 212:38 ahlbach 199:36,47 aim 193:34,45 210:21,25,33 aimed 185:39,40,41 186:9,10,12 aiming 178:20 192:4 aircraft 179:24 186:25 224:1 airplanes 210:6 alarm 173:47 174:3,4 ,8,19 178:15,21 179:7,39,44,46,47 180:4,7,11,22,32,41	,44 alight 206:27 allegation 223:22,26 almighty 170:43 along 183:24 217:44 along-side 212:38 alongside 199:5 206:1 already 182:13,20 185:41 190:27,35,36 192:10 194:5,6,39 196:18 200:36 206:27,29 207:33 212:34,34 213:37,39 215:8 216:36,47 217:28 221:1 although 197:30 always 179:46 192:44 210:11,21,25 211:42 220:13,13,14 ,17,17,17 226:24,24 ,28,29,32 am 171:14,15,24 175:22 186:9 201:30 204:3 226:23 amidships 194:19 214:24,30 216:17,36 ammunition 177:6 angle 178:14 184:44 190:26,28 194:3 angles 178:12 announced 199:23 answer 180:21 187:15,20 205:33,38 210:46,47 225:24 answers 202:39,41 anybody 223:33,38 anymore 188:24 194:21,27,40 196:23 200:42 206:32 210:18 212:9,14,23 213:37,40 214:44 215:7 216:20,43 anything 181:28,42 182:2 185:41 186:31 ,37,47 187:28 188:8 ,25 191:29,35 209:20 210:33 212:23 215:43 217:34,38,42 223:42 226:18 anyway 180:21 183:28 195:16 199:24 210:3,45 224:12 anywhere 193:46 ao 170:5 apart 216:2 220:4 appear 215:20,24 appearance 215:37 applied 180:7 approach 183:26 184:25 198:27	approached 174:23 179:12,34 183:17,40 ,43 184:1,5,16,43 187:40,42 198:24 205:22 211:28 212:5 approaching 179:19 183:29,30,41 211:46 appropriate 212:47 219:16 approximately 205:45 220:25 arado 210:10 arados 210:15 area 198:38 204:38 217:27 armed 198:25,26 205:32 around 180:45 184:7 185:31 186:4 187:1 196:10 198:39 211:35 212:9 215:29 ,32 216:26 217:5 223:41 225:17 articles 221:10,13 ashore 224:32 225:1 aside 173:28 ask 170:38,40 177:44 178:7 179:38 181:5,10 187:33 193:40 198:32 209:13 210:45 213:15 218:41,44 220:6,10 asked 180:11 181:15 183:24,32 199:12 201:15 202:38,41 205:28,31 206:11,15 212:39,45 215:44,47 217:41 218:2,13 asking 186:9,16 201:11 assigned 173:29 174:33 175:37 180:33 assisting 170:10 224:14 assume 196:30,33 211:9 assuming 209:17 astern 196:11 197:26 207:6,11,13,14,16 ,31 212:16 214:42 atlantic 209:38,42 attacked 219:30 attacking 215:2 attempt 186:36 australia 184:43 201:20,24 221:10,14 australian 202:10,12 211:6,10 213:10 224:28 author 222:34 authors 221:22
1	5 5 176:38 196:33 50 203:8,10 5:30pm 180:45 186:5 ,6 188:11			
	6 6 170:15,21 196:34 217:44 218:9 600 226:24 66 203:12,16			
	7 7 172:5,7 196:35 200:29 700 226:30,31			
	8 8 177:3 196:36 80 223:30,31,35			
	9 9 196:37 200:39 900 181:46 182:4,9 ,12 183:12,15 184:45,45 185:8,10 ,11,17,20 186:11 198:27 203:26,28 206:4,5,7 214:16			
	<			
	<ernst 170:46			
	[
	[german]:did 193:13			
	A			
	abandon 196:12,22 212:20 215:3,8,13 ,18 216:7,11,16,35 217:21 abandoned 212:26 223:42 abandoning 216:5 ,12 abeam 183:31 able 182:20 184:22 197:32 224:10 above 204:16,28,31 205:40 absolutely 223:20 accompanied 223:15 accordingly 226:44			
2	2 192:17 196:23 214:15,18 20 179:21 208:27,31 216:17 223:31,37 2007 224:21,24 2008 170:14 21 179:21,31 23 171:44,46 260 211:40,43 2cm 192:13			
3	3 170:14 192:3 196:24 3.7 192:25,27 214:18 3/7/08 170:21			
4				

auxiliary 198:38,41	best 190:17	191:37	caught 195:13	comrad 218:11
aware 226:7	better 209:31	burn 195:19 216:16	205:47	combined 204:42
away 181:46 182:4,9	beyond 226:23	,19	caused 203:43	coming 174:22
,12 183:11,15 184:4	big 181:18,24 182:7	burning 196:12,19	cease 215:13 216:14	187:11 205:19
,29,45 189:25	208:9 219:13	215:4	,32	216:34
196:30 206:26	bird 210:12,18	burnt 223:32	ceased 216:31	command 173:6,30
212:26 215:20,23	birth 171:40,42	busy 188:24,31	centimetre 175:28	178:11,11,13 180:2
217:41 225:18	bit 174:16 178:24,28	195:40,42	central 178:11	184:44 188:44
	187:28,30 196:10,16		centre 194:23	190:25 193:11,28
B	,27 203:17,17	C	certain 193:45 204:3	194:2 199:8,26
back 173:41 175:11	black 222:47 223:5	called 173:12,16,19	certainly 204:41	200:35 210:27
178:24,28 189:19,21	blew 216:25,26	174:23 202:35	219:36	215:13
,24 190:20 195:33	blocked 216:44	217:17	challenge 206:11	commander 173:6
197:43 198:18	bluff 224:28,31	camouflage 175:35	chance 184:43	177:46 178:8,33
201:10,17 202:16,28	board 172:46 173:28	176:3,7,26,29,34	change 181:6,11,12	180:1 190:41,44,46
204:4,6 207:14	,33 180:33 182:5	178:13 181:40,43	184:28,29 196:8	191:1,3,5 192:44
214:17,47 215:35	186:25 189:11	182:10,13,20,33,41	201:12	193:1,4,7,10,26
216:21,34 217:27	199:24,28,31 214:13	183:9 184:7 186:17	changed 181:31	198:24 199:25
219:27	216:2 217:37 223:44	188:17,20,35,40,44	183:40 184:32,37	200:17,18,22,23,23
backward 186:10,12	226:1	190:26,36 191:30	186:42 196:17	,36,42,45 217:5,23
bad 226:26	boat 186:36,43	200:35	211:47 212:2,6,37	218:35,38 222:17
barrels 213:37	216:24 217:3,35,41	camouflaged 175:38	,42	commanding 210:11
barricades 182:36	,42,43 218:5,6,15,16	camp 197:8,14	changes 183:36	commands 179:6
base-fused 195:22	,29,30,32,34,37	202:16,28,30,32,35	changing 198:17	comment 201:8
battle 173:42,47	219:13 223:31,31,36	216:25 218:35,38	channels 178:31	221:39 223:28
174:4,37 175:28	,40,40,44 224:1,7,9	can't 187:30 188:31	charge 172:20,38	comments 198:13
176:32 178:30	,38,45 225:43 226:8	194:14,23 198:34,43	218:29	,19 201:6
179:43 180:2,34,37	boats 186:35,39,44	210:2	circumstances	commercial 181:18
181:44 185:28	187:2 216:22,29	cannon 177:7	171:21 174:6	219:34 220:11
186:42 188:41	223:45 224:12	cannons 193:13	claim 209:41	222:35
190:21 192:33	bombarded 197:36	cannot 194:17,19,24	claims 222:14,34	commission 170:2
193:10,28 194:33	book 175:22,31	195:38,42,44 198:27	class 174:11,12,13	,37 171:21,24
195:36 196:7 197:24	books 221:9,13	,29,31 201:30 204:5	,24 179:11 183:18	commissioner
,36 199:17,26	bottle 217:44 218:8	,5,9,12 205:14,16,38	cleaning 173:28,33	201:11 212:47
201:26,42 203:1,10	,17	,41 206:36 208:3	clear 178:42 192:44	219:16 224:14
208:23,38 209:19	bow 175:4,6,6	210:31 211:47 212:2	195:17	committed 210:29
211:31,37 212:8,14	189:16,16 194:35	,3,42 214:23 219:12	close 184:41 198:32	communicated
213:31 214:45	203:39,42,47 208:1	225:15,26,43,46	,35,40 216:27	178:26,30 179:14,17
215:12,16 216:15	215:4 216:21 217:22	226:18	closed 182:15	182:38 183:22
219:32,42,47 220:43	219:44 220:3	canons 214:13	closely 198:24	199:22,24
221:8,12,20,24	boy 172:24,27	capsized 223:36	closer 183:22,22,30	communicating
222:38	boys 226:29	capt 199:37,38	,31	178:33
battles 219:33	brain 198:35	217:13,31	cm 173:2 174:42	company 223:11
bay 214:16,17	brand 210:8	captain 178:25,45	175:37 176:44	completely 192:21
beach 225:17	break 198:18 201:15	179:7 199:47 210:12	191:47 192:17,17,17	210:40
became 172:28	bridge 194:42,43,45	,17 216:25 217:6,18	193:13 195:26 203:1	comprehend 198:23
befehlsuebermittler	195:2,2,8,12,16,17	222:19	204:19 214:15,18,24	comrade 218:1
173:6	199:38 200:16,20	captivity 196:42	coast 224:28 225:17	comrades 214:29
beginning 194:20	203:39,42,47	captured 219:30	code 199:6,7,23	216:1 217:5
196:1 206:46 207:1	bright 196:12	223:5 226:32	200:32 206:15,17,18	concerned 218:7,17
209:45	bring 177:6 191:37	care 196:22	,18,21,21 212:39	condition 215:37
behalf 171:20,24	204:44	carl 170:30,32	coincidence 185:7	configured 178:14
224:14	broadcast 200:1	171:12,14,32,34	cole 170:5 171:20,24	connection 170:33
behind 186:15	broadside 207:5,14	carried 226:5	201:11,15 212:47	186:25
207:13,26 215:28	,19,22,26	carry 191:31	213:6 219:16,22	contact 182:37
believe 170:43	broke 185:28 216:18	cartridge 177:22,31	colleague 171:9,16	183:20
198:31,43 226:23	,38	cartridges 173:4,16	196:27	contacted 179:19
bell 180:26,29	brought 177:1 205:3	case 175:47 179:46	colleagues 208:28	continually 179:19
belonged 174:23	217:43	180:34 185:42	colloquial 215:27	continue 181:7
below 204:17,26,28	bues 173:6 190:25	195:12 199:36,41	colours 200:37	213:30 221:28
,36,39 215:4	194:2	casing 177:3,22	201:4	continued 183:23
beside 179:20	bullet 177:30	casualties 208:20	column 174:10,21,22	206:40,43 207:4,9
182:37 220:14	bullets 178:22	catch 222:46	179:10 211:46	continues 203:32

205:10 207:43	cruising 181:15 182:37	difficulty 209:29	,22,25	engagement 219:28
continuously 182:36	cry 226:28,32	direct 211:14	downstairs 215:9	engagements 219:29 220:7
control 178:17 180:22 193:5,32	curios 185:31	directed 186:14	downwards 194:36	engine 186:27,28 195:39 208:27,32 216:17,36,37,39,45 223:31,37 224:3
conversation 199:37 ,38	curious 179:21,32 182:2,6 183:29 185:32,36	direction 181:29 184:11 185:5 186:32 190:37 193:35,43 194:3 197:33	draw 209:17,22,25 ,26	engines 186:31 210:10,10 224:2
conversations 199:39	cut 190:27	directly 178:18 185:1 200:35 204:38 207:26 212:13 220:19	drawing 189:21 201:41 208:37 209:18 211:9	english 226:26
coordinated 192:35 ,39 193:1,23	D	drew 209:10,13,19 201:21,25,38 208:34 209:8	drawn 209:10,13,19	enough 184:23 197:24 210:12
coordination 193:31	damage 196:31 203:40,43,47 208:10	director 180:22 193:5,32	drew 201:21,25,38 208:34 209:8	ensign 189:5,9 190:1 205:40 220:6,19,23
copy 209:31	damaged 194:39 208:13	director's 178:17	drifted 212:15,16	ensignage 189:5
correct 170:32 171:13,33 174:44 179:41 180:46 181:1 189:18,44 197:41,41 202:46 203:4,6,18 204:5,6,26,33,46 205:12,24,26 208:15 ,17,29,31 210:25 213:23,46	dare 198:27	disagree 210:39 221:35,40	drifting 196:30,33 215:21,24,26,31	ensigns 188:37
correctly 187:20	date 171:40,42	disappeared 194:38 196:20	drink 217:42 218:3 ,13	entered 217:31
couldn't 184:23 195:16,17 204:10 216:42 224:12	day 170:15 173:42 174:4 218:22,25 226:25,30	dischargers 188:11	dropped 207:5,11,13 ,13,14,16	entire 180:8
counsel 170:10 224:14	days 206:8 217:45 218:9,20,22,25	discussed 213:21	durch 215:27	equally 185:32
counter 175:41,41 190:27 191:31	death 223:32	discussing 200:6	during 179:46 181:11,43 183:36 185:24 192:33 195:36 197:24 203:8 ,10 220:11	ernst 170:7,26 171:37,39 175:29 213:13 219:25
counterweight 190:35	deaths 208:24	discussion 199:47	dutch 188:47 189:6,8 ,12,41,47 222:44,44 223:7	even 185:44 187:1 189:21 197:28,30 199:32 209:23,26 224:10 226:7
counterweights 175:45 191:37	december 201:19,25 ,34 202:7,13	discussions 200:4	duties 172:43,46 173:2,24,28 210:34	ever 176:25,28 183:11,14 217:12 219:3 220:6,11
course 179:35 181:7 ,12,23,32,46 182:4,6 183:23,23,26,36,40 184:6,10,37 196:17 197:10 198:22 199:10,13 206:20 211:47 212:3,6,37 ,43 217:9 219:39,40 221:31	deck 185:28,37 187:3 208:29 216:20 217:12,17 221:1	disguise 175:35 176:38 190:34 200:40 223:3,6,7	duty 202:44,45	every 170:44 179:22 ,32 181:47 223:7
courses 201:16	decks 185:24 186:35	disguised 175:44 182:17 222:32,35,38 223:4	E	everybody 180:23,33 ,37 192:19 199:25 ,32
crack 179:22	declare 187:15,19	distance 184:37 185:8,11 190:25 203:22,25 206:1	earlier 180:40,44 195:47 196:6 216:10 219:33	everything 173:33 175:23 179:17,18,23 ,28 182:5,15,17 192:19,29 199:24,30 223:8
cracks 186:11	definitely 204:2 209:22,22,25 215:29 ,31	distress 222:11,15	east 184:14,16	everywhere 180:33 195:18
crew 173:10 178:46 179:1,6 181:47 185:13 190:41 205:39 211:7,10 213:12,17 216:25,46 217:17,26 223:24,27	degrees 211:40,43	divided 173:10	easter 224:21,23	evidence 170:27,37 175:19 219:21
crews 191:35	deny 205:14,16	division 172:20,21 ,31,32,34,38,40,41 173:30,35	easy 175:46	exact 173:24
cross 175:15,20 189:33	described 185:4 195:47	divisions 173:16	eat 174:19	exactly 178:30 188:28 195:14 197:46,46,46
cruised 183:24 184:7 ,42	destroyed 213:39,42 ,45 216:37 224:3	dne 215:27	eat 174:19	example 199:36
cruiser 179:23 181:18,24 198:25,41 203:30,33 205:7,11 ,18,21,28,32,43,47 206:23,23 207:4,39 208:8 211:46 212:5	detached 175:42	doctor 172:37	either 181:16 205:35 210:37,47 217:13 219:30 223:11,15 224:5	exchanged 182:42
cruisers 198:26,38	detail 183:39 199:3 225:24	document 208:44,46 209:5 211:18 213:3 ,6	elevation 178:12,14 ,20 184:44 185:9 190:26,28,33 194:3	excuse 221:26
	detmers 179:7 199:37,38,47 200:1 217:13,18,31	doesn't 198:35 209:5	elevator 177:1,7 191:32,40 204:43 205:3	exhibit 175:17,26 189:29 213:1,4,7,10 219:17,19,25
	diagram 175:1,3,16	doing 179:22 183:19 188:31 195:43 208:10	else 178:9 181:16 200:17 210:29 215:43,43,44 216:23 217:3 219:44	expecting 199:6
	dictated 193:25,28	don't 186:18 187:24 197:16 200:20 206:38 210:3 212:2 ,5 214:28 215:33 219:12 225:26 226:1 ,7,10	elsewhere 208:21,25	explain 173:21 174:6 182:19,32 199:3,11 207:19 216:11 225:24
	didn't 174:24 179:35 185:34,34,45 186:31 187:19,20 188:32 191:35 193:37 194:26,39 196:22 197:13,30 205:29 208:6 210:33 215:7 220:3 223:38 224:7 ,9 226:10	done 178:34 192:10 193:32 201:30 208:42 209:4 211:6 213:10 215:3 216:12	encounter 222:23	exploded 212:35
	died 223:31,36,37 226:30	down 174:7,18 182:10,22,30,33 184:8 188:47 194:34 196:16 198:25,26 211:30 212:21 213:37 216:20,22,22	encounters 220:11	explosives 216:26
	different 189:30 216:29 220:37 221:18,19,23		encrusted 225:9,9 ,12	extent 195:5
	difficult 207:47		end 197:31 210:17 212:44 216:15,27	extremely 183:19
			ended 174:7 217:3 ,43	eyes 184:3

eyewitness 211:15 ,18	first 173:5,11,17,30 174:20 176:36 179:9 180:41,44 181:8 183:27 184:2,8,11 188:10 191:26,42,43 ,47 193:37 194:33 ,38 203:39,42,47 205:11,18,21 206:23 ,26 220:13 222:12 226:5 fished 218:22 225:2 five 176:33,33 189:25 204:43 208:9 ,12 218:20 220:28 fixed 221:1 flag 187:9,26 188:41 ,45,47 189:1,6,8,12 ,12,25,26,30,35,42 205:36 220:10,15,19 ,26,29,29,33,43 221:1 222:22,25 flags 179:20,29 187:12,34,36 188:37 189:4,47 190:1,3 flap 175:42 flaps 175:11,40,40 ,44 182:10 flashes 183:21 flew 209:37,38,41 210:11,13 220:45 flight 217:43 flown 220:7 flying 188:42 fo'c'sle 215:9 followed 181:22 183:23 184:6 follows 202:39 food 217:34,37 218:7 ,17 foreship 216:46 form 219:42 forth 173:28 forward 185:40,45 186:9,10,12,14 forwarded 191:18 found 224:34,36 225:8,12 four 189:25 204:16 ,28,31 208:9,13 213:42,45 214:3,7 frank 171:9 free 176:7 192:21,22 ,47 210:37 220:45 freely 210:46 french 223:11,15 frequent 206:44 friend 217:47 218:11 friends 197:8 198:33 216:1 front 194:39 196:44 204:4,6,11 216:43 217:28 220:3 full 171:30,35 172:3	funny 184:22 further 183:11,14 189:21 fuse 177:26,30	gap 179:32 gaps 182:35,40 183:3 gardener 172:15,17 gathered 217:12 gave 178:45 202:42 general 193:35,43 generally 178:9 180:23 199:30 generate 188:8 generators 188:7 224:3 german 170:30,40 ,43 171:2,4,12,18,24 ,27,32,37,42,44 172:3,5,12,15,23,34 ,37,46 173:2,24,27 ,41,44 174:3,6,30,33 ,42,44 175:6,9,11,19 ,22,37,40 176:6,9,12 ,14,19,22,28,31,44 ,47 177:21,25 178:2 ,5,7,11,28,33,37 179:1,4,6,9,14,17,43 ,46 180:4,7,29,32,44 181:1,10,14,31,34 ,42,46 182:12,15,32 ,35,47 183:3,14,17 ,39,43,45,47 184:4 ,16,18,32,35,37,40 185:15,17,27,30,39 186:4,8,24,27,39,42 187:11,14,26,28,36 ,39,47 188:2,10,13 ,20,23,40,44 189:11 ,14,16,18,21,24,32 ,35,41,44 190:10,12 ,20,24,43,46 191:5,7 ,14,16,25,28,46 192:2,16,19,27,29 ,38,42 193:7,10,16 ,18,20,25,28,45 194:2,16,19,31,33 ,45,47 195:8,11,25 ,28,35,38 196:6,10 ,27,30,42 197:1,4,19 ,23,38,41 198:17,22 199:2,5,19,22,41,46 200:3,13,16,31,34 201:2,6,15,24,28,41 202:12,22,24,30,32 ,41 203:1,4,10,12,22 ,25,32,35,42,45,47 204:2,19,22,24,26 ,28,31,38,41 205:10 ,14,21,24,31,35,47 206:4,14,17,26,29	,32,34,43,46 207:8 ,16,26,35,43,47 208:12,15,23,27,37 ,40 209:8,17,22,40 210:6,8,10,24,27,44 211:2,9,17,22,28,42 ,45 212:8,20,29,31 ,37 213:6,21,25,33 ,36,45 214:1,3,5,12 ,15,20,23,33,41,44 ,47 215:2,12,23,26 ,39,43 216:10,14 217:16,20,37,40 218:20,22,32,34,44 219:5,9,21,32,36,42 220:10,13,25,28,43 ,47 221:4,12,16,22 ,26,28,31,38,42 222:1,4,14,17,25,27 ,34,41,43 223:11,14 ,15,18,26,30,44,47 224:23,31,36,38,40 ,42,45 225:1,12,15 ,17,20,23,31,40,43 226:4,12,18,21,23 ,37,39 germany 170:8,27,33 give 216:6 221:34,38 given 176:6,38 178:12,18,29 179:44 180:11,22,42,45 186:1,4,6 190:16,21 ,22,28 191:22,26 193:42 199:8 200:35 215:8 216:10,32,35 225:41 gives 178:34 giving 226:16 glass 216:18,38 go 173:47 174:8 178:24,25,28,45,46 179:40,43 180:27,29 181:16 183:24 190:20,43 198:35 199:39 201:10,16 206:14,40 212:21 216:19,20,20,42,45 219:43 220:1 god 170:43,44 godspeed 198:28 199:2,6,23 200:14 ,31 212:40 goes 203:30 204:19 205:21,47 206:43 goesseln 172:35,37 ,37,40 173:30,36 199:37 200:1 217:13 ,18 goesseln's 172:31 going 179:24,36 184:10 187:1 199:10 210:17,18 211:34 223:2	gone 187:30 194:35 213:36 good 177:19 217:47 218:11 gotten 215:32 government 223:15 graue 174:11 great 225:24 grenade 173:19 177:29 grenades 177:7,12 204:46 grey 174:11,12,13,24 179:10 183:18 group 173:18,21,24 217:14 grouper 173:4 groups 173:5,11 gun 173:2,3,5,17,29 ,35 174:9,27,27,30 ,30,33,36,40,42 175:3,28,34,37 176:3,19,41,42,44 177:2,45,46 178:8 ,14,15,22,33,35,35 179:9,27 180:1 184:44 185:13,15,39 186:9,11 188:25,32 189:25 190:41,44,46 191:1,3,3,5,22,26,28 ,35,42,43,43,46,47 ,47 192:4,27,44 193:1,4,4,7,7,10,26 194:20,39 195:22,26 ,40 202:45 203:1,8 ,10 204:4,10,11,36 ,39,44 208:20,23 210:32 214:25,41 220:14,18 224:34,36 ,42 225:8,12,40 gunner 214:31 guns 173:9,9,12,29 ,34 174:20 176:7,34 178:12,12,18,21 179:47 181:47 185:11,39,40 186:5 188:18,20 190:27,33 ,36 191:42 192:2,3 ,13,13,14,17,17,33 ,36 193:22,41 194:5 ,25,33,35 197:43,44 201:39 204:16,20,35 ,36,38,41,43 205:4 206:8 208:35,38 213:30,36 214:9,12 ,13,15,20,21,38 217:21,34 226:2,5 guy 173:4 177:2 guys 198:32
			H		
			half 176:33,33,38 181:6,23,39 184:7		

hamburg 217:41 218:1,12	177:25 178:5,11,33 179:4,9,17,46 180:7 ,32 181:1,14,34,46 182:15,35 183:3,17 ,43,47 184:18,35,40 185:17,30,39 186:8 ,27,42 187:14,28,39 188:2,13,23,44 189:14,18,24,29,35 ,44 190:12,24,46 191:7,16,28 192:2 ,19,29,42 193:10,16 ,20,28 194:2,19,33 ,47 195:11,28,38 196:10,30,42 197:4 ,23,41 198:18,22 199:5,22 200:3,16 ,34 201:6,28,34 202:24,32 203:4,12 ,25,35,45 204:2,22 ,26,31,41 205:14,24 ,35 206:4,17,29,34 ,46 207:47 208:15 ,27,40 209:8,22 210:6,10,27 211:2 ,28,45 212:8,20,31 ,37 213:4,13,25,36 214:1,5,15,23,33,44 215:2,12,26,43 216:14 217:20,40 218:22,34 219:9,25 ,36,42 220:13,28 221:4,16,26,31,42 222:4,17,27,43 223:18,30,47 224:21 ,38,42 225:1,15,20 ,43 226:4,15,18,23 ,39	212:4 hours 180:41 181:6 ,11,17,23,39,43 186:2 188:6,7 however 203:43 huge 219:10 hull 183:3 223:8 hunt 219:37 hunting 219:40	intelligence 209:4 211:6 213:10 interested 184:25 interesting 182:1 intermission 198:12 interpreter 170:30 ,31,40 171:2,9,12,13 ,15,24,32,33,42 172:3,12,34,46 173:24,41 174:3,30 ,42 175:9,19,37 176:6,12,19,28,44 177:19,21,29,40 178:2,7,28,37,41 179:1,6,14,43 180:4 ,11,21,29,44 181:10 ,31,42 182:12,32,47 183:14,39,45 184:16 ,32,37 185:4,7,15,27 186:4,24,39 187:11 ,26,36,47 188:10,20 ,40 189:11,16,21,32 ,41 190:10,20,43 191:5,14,25,46 192:16,27,38 193:7 ,13,18,25,37,45 194:16,31,45 195:8 ,25,35 196:6,27,37 197:1,19,38 198:17 199:2,19,41,46 200:13,31 201:2,15 ,24,32,38,41,47 202:5,12,22,30,41 203:1,10,22,32,42 ,47 204:19,24,28,38 205:10,21,31,47 206:14,26,32,43 207:8,11,16,19,24 ,26,33,35,43 208:12 ,23,37 209:17,40,45 210:8,14,24,44 211:9,17,22,42 212:29 213:6,21,33 ,45 214:3,12,20,41 ,47 215:23,39 216:10 217:16,37 218:20,44 219:5,21 ,32 220:10,25,47 221:12,22,28,38 222:1,14,25,34,41 223:14,26,44 224:23 ,31,36,40,45 225:6 ,12,17,23,31,40 226:12,21,37 interrogated 201:20 202:9,20,22 interrogators 210:21 interval 200:28 interview 171:34 201:20,25 interviewed 201:24 211:7,10 213:12 introduce 171:8,14	involved 216:11 219:28,33,47 involving 186:22 iron 224:4 issued 178:8,9 179:7 225:37 it's 175:32 177:29,30 187:21,30 198:31 202:18 203:16 208:3 ,46 209:4,10,12 211:5 220:32 items 221:13 itself 211:14
happen 179:24,36 181:16 186:31 happened 204:4 212:40 216:1,38 218:4,14 221:20,23 happening 179:33 182:7 185:36 187:3 196:23 199:32 204:11 happens 215:44 hard 210:2 harper 170:11 171:10,16 198:9,17 hatches 224:11 haven't 186:47 214:28 222:8 having 199:37,38 209:29 heading 183:47 184:41,42 211:29,30 headphones 178:8 hear 179:6 190:43 193:37 194:21,26 199:25,32,33 heard 174:9,14 179:28 180:32,36 183:27,28 185:13,15 ,20 187:18 190:40 195:43 197:7,13 198:37 199:20,29 200:47 201:2 203:25 ,28 206:4,8 213:22 214:24 216:38 217:4 222:4 224:42 hearsay 214:33 216:25 heavy 224:4,11 height 190:33 held 170:7 help 170:44 173:34 226:16 helped 191:29,31,36 ,37 herr 171:7,9 189:28 ,29 209:5 213:4 224:21 226:15 herself 184:38 hidden 175:38 high 205:19,22 hildebrand 175:20 hildenbrand 170:7 ,27,32,43,46 171:4,7 ,13,18,27,33,37,37 ,39,44 172:5,15,23 ,37 173:2,27,44 174:6,33,44 175:6 ,11,16,22,29,40 176:9,14,22,31,47	I i'll 175:1,15,15,16 189:37,37 i'm 170:36 171:8 186:15 209:29 226:7 i've 175:31 186:47 207:33 217:4 219:13 ,14 idea 219:13,14 identification 199:6 ,7,23 200:32 206:15 ,18 212:39 ii 170:2 171:22,25 172:9 imagine 207:47 224:7 immediately 192:43 204:36 impact 195:26,28 imperial 188:45,47 189:12,41 220:10,15 ,26,47 important 210:3 impossible 198:31 222:7,19 223:35 impression 215:39 ,40 225:32 impressive 181:25 182:7 184:20 inaudible 188:30 224:2 included 175:32 including 177:30 192:25,27 indeed 170:47 226:15,35,37 indian 209:38,41 indicate 175:2 189:29 indicating 175:26 ingelheim 170:8,27 ,32 172:5,7 injuries 208:24 inquiry 170:2 171:21 ,25 226:44 inside 210:13,18 instead 170:32 171:14,34 instructed 217:21 instruction 185:17 192:39 210:24 instructions 178:34 180:1 190:25 210:21	J japanese 221:45,45 222:1,43,45,46 223:3 jargon 174:12 job 177:6,9 178:22 188:28,32 195:43 journalists 221:22 journey 198:43,47 199:12,29 200:24,27 212:45 july 170:14 jumped 216:22 217:2 ,16		
hildenbrand's 209:5 hit 194:14,16,29,31 ,34 195:39,39,44 196:14 197:11,13,43 198:2 204:5 206:23 ,26 207:4,8,40,44 208:1,5,9,13 214:26 ,31 216:17,37 hits 197:44 203:30 ,32 hmas 170:2 171:22 ,25 hoist 220:26 hoisted 188:38 189:4 ,35,44 190:5 220:15 ,17,20,35,44 221:1,4 ,6 hoisting 189:4 hold 211:29 224:8,9 holding 191:31 home 170:26 hon 170:5 hook 220:33 hooked 220:29 horizon 205:19,22	K keen 183:19 keep 216:27 kept 184:40 209:36 214:16,17 killed 208:21,24,32 kind 200:3,6 klasse 174:11 knew 174:25 180:23 ,23 212:5 222:17 knots 184:3,22 know 174:13,24 178:38 179:2,7,11 ,35 184:43,45 185:4 ,7 186:18 191:23,43 194:20,20,34,35 195:38,39 197:16,19 198:24,39,39 200:22 ,32 205:29,35,35 206:18,38 207:40,44 209:23,26,35 210:8 ,15 211:45,45 212:37 213:29,33 214:25,28,29,33,35 ,38 216:24 217:20 219:9,10,12 220:4 ,22 221:8,12,35 222:19 225:20,26 226:1,4,7,10 known 198:25,38,42 kormoran 172:19,43 ,47 173:39,42 175:2 ,22,26,31 176:12,14			

,19 178:25,28,44 179:2 181:6,10,22 ,28,31 184:22,30,38 188:8,11,37,41 189:8,11,22 191:44 ,46 195:32,33,36 196:2 199:17,39 204:15,19 205:6,10 ,11,19,22,32 206:12 ,15,40,43 208:10,13 209:37,40 211:7,11 ,25,39,42 213:12,16 ,17,18,22,30,34,46 214:10,39,42,47 215:20,23 217:6,12 ,17 219:3,6,29,33,34 220:7 221:9,13 222:10,14,22,25,31 ,34,38 223:10,14,27 ,42 224:45,46 225:1 kormoran's 204:36 205:29 214:38 223:24 kriegsmarine 172:24 ,29 225:35,38,41	188:35 190:16 191:21 192:33 193:40 195:5 198:4 ,9,9 200:26 201:34 202:16 207:22 208:46 209:4,12,31 210:36 211:5,13,20 ,24 212:47 213:15 219:16,27 220:41 221:8,18,33,44 223:22 224:14 225:35 226:42 lie 188:23,27 lieutenant 171:15,16 173:30 life 184:5,24,24 223:45 lifeboat 217:11,22,33 218:2,13 lifeboats 186:39 212:34 215:5,10 216:44,47 217:16 223:41 224:28,31 lift 175:46 lifted 175:42,45,47 181:40 182:13 188:17,20,40 194:33 light 223:40 lights 187:37,39,39 217:38 liked 192:39,47 line 201:10 204:16 210:22 222:47 linked 178:12 lit 173:3 little 182:40 187:30 226:26 load 173:22,25 177:7 178:15,22,35 loaded 177:1 184:8 204:38 loading 173:3,7 176:47 204:35 210:28,32 location 175:26 long 176:2,6,9,9,15 ,17,20 181:15,16,21 183:6,24,31,32 191:21,23,25 200:26 ,27 211:25 212:38 ,39,44,44 220:22,25 longer 188:25 200:36 215:2,13,28 224:4 look 182:36 183:1 211:20,22 219:1,5 looked 179:21,32 181:17,17,17,24 184:25 186:33 215:26 loosened 190:35 191:36 loss 170:2 171:22	lost 223:32 lot 187:1 196:19 213:16 221:9,9 loudspeaker 177:47 180:7 199:22,24 200:10,13,47 201:3 loudspeakers 178:9 179:14,18,28,44 180:5,12 199:28,31 ,34,44 200:1,8 love 198:34 loved 198:23 lower 186:36 187:2 216:47 lowered 186:40,44 187:2 189:6,45 190:6 217:28 220:29 ,34 lowering 216:21 217:22 lunch 174:19	means 180:12 192:43 197:35,38 member 173:25 211:9 members 199:16 211:7,10 213:12,17 216:46 217:26 223:24 memory 215:35 men 178:34 186:44 191:29 198:22 208:24,27,31 209:36 216:17 217:11,13,42 223:30,31,31,32,37 226:24,30,31 mentioned 177:21 ,22 180:40 216:5 merchant 181:26 184:21 198:25,26 205:32 219:30 220:8 222:32 merrill 170:22 message 185:20 190:32 198:28 messenger 210:28 messengers 173:6 178:13 184:44 190:25 194:2 messrs 199:47 met 173:39 217:9 meter 182:12 198:27 meters 181:46 183:15 184:45,45 185:18 186:11 203:23,26 206:2,4,5 214:15,16,16 220:28 225:17 metres 182:4,9 183:12 185:8,10,11 ,20 203:20,28 205:45 206:7 220:33 225:10 midday 218:22 middle 204:42 midnight 216:24,26 217:5 military 202:10 milk 217:44 218:8,17 218:11 minutes 176:15,22 ,23 208:9,12,19,23 miscellaneous 218:41,44 mistake 198:40,44 mixed 225:6 moment 180:37 189:1 197:1 198:4 220:30 224:16 moon 202:33,36 morning 216:28 217:8,9 morse 187:5,12,37	,39,39,42,45 move 184:29 moved 186:32 196:37 197:10 215:20 movement 181:47 196:3,28 moving 181:28 185:5 mr 170:7,26,30 171:12,15,32 172:34 ,35,40 173:36 175:16,19,29 191:9 192:39 198:17,18 199:47 201:15 202:32,36 213:6,13 217:18 219:22,25 226:9 munitions 173:22 murchison 218:35 ,39 myself 171:8,14 186:9,16 198:32 214:36 215:47 221:26
L		M	N	
lamp 187:9 lamps 187:33,42,45 landed 224:29,38 large 208:13 last 179:24 198:28 ,37,42 201:3 215:35 ,36,39,40,40 216:21 218:45 222:44 224:21,23,23,34 225:2 lasted 208:19,23 later 176:31,32,36 184:7 196:10,18,20 ,42 197:8 209:14,19 214:29 217:5,9 218:35,38 223:6 least 186:43 206:7 led 221:13 left 197:23,42 215:33 216:15 217:30 224:10 legal 170:22 leichte 223:40 less 183:32 187:14 190:5,32 192:7,10 203:13,17,18 217:7 lesson 186:33 let 174:6 201:36,45 204:2 221:35 let's 199:36 leut 170:10,11 171:7 ,8,10,20,29 175:1,34 176:41 177:15,42 179:38 180:15,40 182:19,30 183:35 184:28 185:13			name 170:31,32 171:8,13,13,30,33 ,33,35 179:11 191:7 205:28,29,31 218:34 ,38 223:3 naturally 179:11 183:19 naval 209:4 navy 172:27 near 224:31 need 198:4 209:46 220:33 needed 175:41 176:17 neither 194:47 195:2 nevertheless 207:8 new 220:29 news 183:18,27,28 next 179:31 188:45 190:24 199:10 217:9 220:19 nice 198:42,46 199:29 200:10,26 no 173:27,32,32,32 176:12,31,36 180:32 ,36 181:14,34,34,34 ,36,36 182:15,17 184:35,40 185:1,20 ,30,30,39,39,45 186:9,10,27,27,27 ,28,31,42,43,44,47 187:14,18 188:13,13 ,15,25 189:16,18 192:7,9 193:22 194:2,2,5,6,6,47,47 195:2,16,42 196:16 ,46 197:23,28,28	

199:22,28 200:3,4,6 ,36 201:6,6,8,8,28 ,28,30 202:16,18 203:25,40,43,47 206:4,7,7 208:19,24 ,40,40,42,42 209:12 ,12,17,22,25,26 210:17,27,27,27,31 ,31,31,31,31,31 211:13,47 212:23,23 213:36,39,39 214:20 ,23,28,44 215:2,7,13 ,16,28,31 216:32,34 217:20,20,20,25,25 ,25,25,40,40,47 218:4,11,14 219:9 ,10,10,12,13,13,14 ,14 220:1 221:4,6 222:4,4,5,7,17,17,17 ,17,19,19,27,29 223:2,18,18,18,20 ,20,20,30,30,30,32 ,33,35,35,35,38,47 224:4,7,45 225:1,20 ,20,26 226:4,5,7 nobody 214:44 none 186:10 210:34 noon 218:25 nor 186:28 194:47 195:2 normal 185:40 216:11 normally 176:3 north 183:47 184:42 211:29,30,34,36 northerly 181:29,32 184:10 norwegian 222:32 ,35,39 223:2 nose-fused 195:22 ,28,30 note 170:31 171:12 ,32 173:3 174:11 215:27 224:2 notes 202:38 203:20 205:6,43 206:11,40 210:20 nothing 185:39 186:42,43,44 187:3 210:11,29 212:23 215:17,43,43,47 216:3,15 219:44 220:4 notice 183:40 196:13 noticed 185:30 187:14,18 222:7 november 173:39,42 nowadays 187:31 206:37 nterpreter 218:32 number 172:7 173:4 ,5 175:19 203:14 204:4,43,43 213:7	O	opened 195:36 205:7 ,10 206:12,15 operate 173:29 operated 173:11 operation 173:34 opportunity 186:21 221:34,38 opposed 179:40 order 176:2,6,25,26 ,28,29,31,33,38,39 177:46,47 178:29,30 ,35,45 179:40,44 180:42,45 186:1,4,5 190:18,26,28,32,34 ,37,40,41,43 191:12 ,14,18,22,26 192:3,5 ,8,22,42 193:10 196:12 200:40 215:2 ,8,18 216:10,15,32 ,35 ordered 192:19 216:14,22 orders 173:18 177:44 178:7,18,19 185:9 190:16,20,22 ,22,31 193:45 194:21,27 206:5,8 otherwise 210:11 215:29,32 ought 208:1 ourselves 181:15 183:24,32 outbreak 172:9 outboard 216:23 217:17 own 195:16 212:15 ,16 215:21 oxygen 216:18,39	178:19 185:8 187:1 189:4 190:31 197:14 ,24,29,30 217:26 218:4,14 223:35 performed 184:3 perhaps 189:28 period 181:5,21 183:31,36 185:24 188:6 200:39,41 212:44 219:32 person 177:8 214:35 218:30 personally 171:14 perth 202:32,35 photograph 219:1 ,25 phrase 215:27 picture 219:5 225:32 pieces 183:9 pilot 217:43 pilots 218:6,15 pistol 225:9,29,31 pivot 204:42 place 226:5 placed 216:26 plan 175:2,26 plane 209:35,36,37 ,40 planes 210:8 224:8 plates 224:4 please 171:29,34 172:1,3,20,43 173:21 175:2 178:5 ,42 182:19 187:15 189:32 198:13,19,47 202:3 210:37 211:20 ,22 213:6 216:6 219:1,5,21 pm 174:7 point 174:24 186:5 188:21,29 190:36 221:29 224:10 pointed 185:44,45 186:2,15,19 190:37 pointing 185:46 186:9,10 188:18 194:35 211:29 213:37 points 193:45 pole 189:26 poles 189:30 poor 226:29 port 191:29,35 196:11,18 197:17,20 ,23,28,29,42,47 207:6,27,31,35 208:8,13 212:21,29 ,33 214:24,31,38,41 217:2 portion 218:5,15 position 177:45 181:7,11 184:29 185:40 187:15,19	188:36,41 190:4 192:9 194:5 195:47 196:2,4,7 197:32 201:16,38,42 207:6 ,26,30,35 208:35,38 220:30,44 positions 196:7 201:12 possible 203:16 206:41,44 215:13 216:27 possibly 186:40 187:36 219:6 post 180:33 power 212:16 215:21 ,24,29,33 224:10 practice 219:3,7 precise 176:42,44 189:21 190:17 precisely 177:22 179:1 188:23 190:21 195:38 201:41 204:28 224:40 225:40 present 221:39 president 170:26,36 ,47 174:40 175:15 176:25 177:12,17 178:24,37,44 180:26 181:38 182:22 183:8 184:14 188:17 189:37 191:11 192:25 194:13,42 196:25,40 199:44 201:36,45 202:3,7 ,18 207:13,30,39 209:1,29,33 210:2 ,20,42 211:39 213:3 219:19 220:39,43 223:10 224:18 225:8 ,37 226:35 pretended 222:11,15 principal 224:15 prior 181:43 219:32 prisoner 197:8,14 probably 185:31,35 197:9,25 221:12 224:15 problem 210:47 216:42 procedure 216:11 process 179:30 182:42 197:43 produced 170:22 program 226:31 progress 209:19 projectile 177:25,25 properly 190:28 protection 196:46 provided 221:19 published 221:14,22 pull 220:44 223:41 ,45 224:4
	P	pace 184:26,29 painted 222:47 223:5 parallel 181:21,22 183:32 190:30 212:43 part 193:37 194:13 ,16 210:40 216:7,44 particular 176:41 193:41 particularly 221:10 parts 193:34,41 201:36 passed 191:16 196:17,43 197:5 211:31,37 213:16,18 ,22,29,43,46 214:10 ,39,42 past 176:33,33,38 184:7 212:17 pay 196:13 peace 186:29,33 peepholes 182:44 people 173:11,17		

pulled 175:40 188:46 189:26 217:41 218:2 ,12	received 176:2,33 180:1 185:20 190:25 ,32 191:11,14 192:8	returned 195:35	204:3,3,5 205:6,43	221:28
pulling 221:2	recognise 219:2	returning 219:32	206:11 209:33	shell 173:3,4,19 177:2,9,21,23,25,26 204:41,42
purport 209:5	recognize 205:32	rfd 170:5	210:20,45 212:2	shells 173:3,4,7,12 ,25 176:47,47 177:1 ,15,17 178:15 184:8 191:32 195:21,22,23 ,25,28,30 203:10 204:44 205:1,3 208:9,13 210:29,32
purpose 170:40 209:27	record 203:22	rhythm 192:44 193:18,20,22,25	214:23 221:20	shift 174:7
pushed 177:2,9	recorder 198:18	right 175:7 190:37 197:2 203:35 207:2 212:29	225:23	ship 173:28 174:11 ,13,22 177:46 178:25,29,29,45 179:33 180:8,37 181:18,19,26 182:2 ,7,45 183:30,47 184:4,5,20,21,21,25 185:36,37 186:42 188:33 189:22 192:3 196:12,22 197:11 198:26,40 203:43 204:15 205:44 207:41 212:4,4,20 ,26 215:3,4,8,14,18 ,41 216:5,7,11,12,16 ,19,20,25,35,43 217:21,27,27,30 219:10 222:32,35,39 ,47 223:2,3,4,4,8,47
put 175:15,16 177:8 186:29 219:37 224:15	recording 207:43	ringing 173:47	saying 179:40 213:43	ships 184:24 190:24 ,30 196:1,4,6,8 201:13,16 217:28,29 219:30,34,36,40 220:8,11 222:46 223:6
Q	records 206:14	rock 225:9,9,13	says 196:37 201:21 ,34 202:44 204:15 ,35 205:18,28 207:4 208:34,37 209:36 223:14	shoot 188:30 192:22 213:37 214:15 223:33,38
qc 170:5	red 222:47 224:28,31	role 176:42,44	scared 179:23,35,36	shooting 188:29 191:18 198:1 214:44
question 176:19,23 177:19 178:42 179:1 ,38 180:12 191:34 201:15 220:47 224:23	reference 198:46	room 205:1 208:27 216:17,37,39,45 223:32,37 224:1,3	schnell 223:40	shore 225:10
questioning 201:10	referred 199:2	rooms 204:41,42 208:32	schtzenpfad 172:5	short 198:7,12,18 200:34,34,39,41
questions 202:38,41 209:13 210:46 215:45 218:41,45 224:15	referring 198:47 199:3	rope 220:34,44 221:2	schutzenpfad 172:7	shortly 199:7 200:39
quick 179:34 184:21 ,26	regarding 187:11	roughly 175:9 189:11 203:14 220:22	scuttled 217:6	shot 188:31 191:26 192:21 194:26 197:12,39 219:44 220:3 223:24,27
quickly 179:34 184:12 206:40 216:31,34	regularly 192:40	routine 216:7	scuttles 182:47	shots 203:8 220:1 223:32
quiet 212:22,34	reichskriegsflagge 188:46	rubber 216:24 217:3 ,42 218:5,6,15,16 223:30,31,36	sea 184:24 198:23 ,34 209:35,36,40 210:8 224:8	show 175:1 183:45 200:27,32,37,42,46 201:3 209:18 210:12 ,16,36,44 218:47 219:5
quite 175:46 176:17 181:21 188:31 196:19 203:16 210:16,46 216:31,34 219:13	relation 195:32,44	run 174:28,30 179:47 180:24 198:5 212:9 ,14 216:21	seaman 173:27,27 ,32,32	showed 179:29
R	relative 196:3 201:12	running 186:32	second 172:12 173:17,30 191:28 206:23,27,30,37	showing 196:28
railing 185:31	released 221:2	S	secondary 214:9,12 ,20	shown 213:3,12 219:25 225:28
raise 224:19	remember 173:47 174:3 180:42 181:28 ,31 186:8 187:28,30 ,33,39,42 188:24,28 ,31 189:3 190:17,21 191:25,46 194:14,17 ,19 195:13,21,25,32 ,35 201:21,26,30 202:7,12,20,22 205:39,41 206:32,34 ,37 207:47 208:4 212:3,42,43 213:19 214:23,41 215:39 217:6,26,29 220:25 222:37 225:15,43,46	saalfrank 191:7,9	seconds 177:4 191:34 220:28,32	side 174:37 175:45 179:34 181:15,15
raised 220:11	remove 176:3,7,26 ,29,33,38 188:44 190:26,34 200:35,40 224:11	safe 199:12 200:24 212:45	secret 199:12,30 200:27 206:11,21 209:36	
ran 174:9,20,27,30 ,36	removed 178:13 181:43 188:35 200:36	sail 207:9	seems 170:31 171:12,32	
rang 174:19 179:39 180:41	repainted 222:45,47 223:8	sailed 189:6 199:5 206:1 212:38,38	seen 186:43,47,47 187:21 197:24 203:30,32 204:3,10 214:28 215:47 216:3 219:6 222:8	
range 203:20 221:23	repeat 178:42 198:13 ,20 201:32	sailing 188:47 212:15	send 177:45	
rather 178:37 219:43	reply 205:29	sailor 172:19	senior 218:28,29	
ration 217:43,44	report 201:25	sailors 182:5 184:4,5 ,23 185:30,35 198:23,33 216:2	sense 177:40	
rattled 216:18	reported 200:29	sakito 222:43,45 223:3	sent 187:12	
reach 177:44 216:46	represents 211:14	salvo 192:35,36,44 193:1,2,2,2,23 206:23,23,26,27,30 ,37	sentence 193:38 209:45	
read 175:31 201:36 ,45 210:2,2	rescued 202:9 217:31 218:25 225:4 ,21	salvos 192:39	september 171:44 ,46	
reading 175:22 201:47 209:29	research 225:28	sank 223:6,31,47	sequence 190:21	
ready 176:4 192:22	residence 170:7,30	sat 204:41	sergeant 218:32,34 225:44	
real 182:47	respond 221:34	saw 174:20 184:1,2 ,40 185:27 189:24 197:29 199:15 211:39 212:4,21,26 215:36,37,40 217:8 ,22 222:22,25 226:30,31	serious 223:22,26	
realized 196:44	responsible 178:20 185:8 189:4 190:31 210:32	say 170:44 174:16 177:12 180:27 186:33 188:27 192:12,16,42 194:14 199:36 203:20,25,28	set 176:34 184:44 185:10,17 190:27,33 193:46 194:20,25 203:42 206:27 210:28 222:10	
really 187:21 188:30 194:19,23,24 195:42 ,44 199:41 205:38 208:4,5	result 224:3		setting 178:20 203:39	
reason 195:9			seven 218:22	
recall 187:36			seventh 218:25	
			several 178:18	
			shall 170:44 201:47	

182:44 185:2 186:28 191:29,30,35 192:3 196:11,18 197:17,17 ,20,23,23,28,29,35 ,39,42,42,42,47 205:44 207:6,27,31 ,36,44 208:8,13 212:21,29,33 214:17 ,25,31,41 215:12 sight 205:18 sighted 176:36 178:25,44 222:12 sighting 188:10 205:21 211:43 sign 199:13,30 200:27 signal 179:20 199:2 205:40,40 212:45 signalled 187:14 signallers 188:45 189:24 205:36 signalling 179:30 182:42 187:23 205:39 signals 182:37,41 183:20 187:5,9,9,11 ,12,24,26,26 similar 189:22 209:15,20 simply 192:38 simultaneous 192:7 ,12 simultaneously 192:36 193:13,16 220:34 sin 210:29 single 179:32 sinking 170:33 171:25 sir 171:29 172:1,9,43 173:38 174:27 175:1 ,34 176:41 180:40 182:19 183:35 185:23 195:47 198:12 209:31 210:36 213:15 215:35 216:5 219:1 ,27 226:42 siren 180:32,32,36 sit 174:7 sitting 174:18 six 204:15,16,19,24 ,43 208:9,12 218:20 ,22,25 sixth 205:2 skerries 172:31,34 177:45 178:8 192:35 ,39 193:5,8,25,29,32 199:25,33 sketch 175:2,26 209:14,25,26 210:36 ,42,44,45 211:5 213:10	sketches 201:21,25 ,38 208:34 skip 192:40 skylight 216:18 slightly 207:6,30 slits 183:8,9 186:17 slowed 196:10,16 small 182:35 217:44 218:8,17 smaller 214:21 smoke 174:9,22 179:10 188:7,8,11 194:33,38 195:6,9 ,11 211:46 212:4 solutions 170:22 somebody 180:26 199:33 200:20 202:35 someone 180:29 200:16 something 174:19 181:16 187:20,21,23 197:13 198:27 199:15,16,19,20 200:46 201:2 204:2 ,6,13 205:38 206:38 208:3 217:4 218:3 ,13 219:2,2,6 222:4 226:25 sometime 205:7 somewhat 179:23 somewhere 216:46 son 226:25,31 sorry 174:22 178:41 181:22 193:4,37 198:4 202:5 220:41 223:47 224:45 226:23,33 sorts 173:27 sounded 174:3,4 179:44 180:4,44 south 211:29,34 specific 193:34 194:6 speed 184:33 205:19 ,22 207:5,9 223:40 ,44 224:1,7,9,12 speedboat 224:4 spoken 213:16 spotted 178:29,29 179:2 198:25 stable 183:23 stage 182:30 184:28 188:6 213:30 standing 185:32 188:45 189:32 196:45 starboard 174:34,37 175:7,11 197:17,21 ,42 202:46 203:2 205:44 206:1 207:40 ,44 start 171:29,34	176:39 188:30 190:38 192:23 started 179:25,29,30 185:25 188:36,41 189:1 190:17 191:16 ,18 192:2,38 194:25 ,26 195:18,33 196:3 ,7 198:10 199:13 212:40 216:19 state 172:3 statement 170:33 states 201:25,41 203:22 stating 171:34 204:19 206:14 station 174:37 175:28 179:43 180:38 203:1 208:20 stations 173:47 174:4 178:26,30,46 ,46 179:39,40 180:24,27 181:39 status 211:18 214:12 stay 196:2,8 210:18 217:7 stays 210:12 steam 174:21 steamer 174:9,21 179:10,10 183:18,28 ,28 stephen 170:11 171:10 steps 189:25 stern 175:4 194:24 196:17,31,35,40,43 ,45 197:1 207:5,27 208:5 211:37 213:16 ,18,22,29,43,46 214:10,39 216:43 stil 185:44 stimulated 221:9 stone 225:32 stood 186:28 196:46 205:36 stop 193:2 198:4 216:33 219:43,47 220:3 stopped 201:12 207:5,9,13 store 224:1 stored 205:1,1 storeroom 224:1 stores 204:42 straight 181:14,23 185:40 186:10,12 206:26 212:8,38 217:41 straightly 186:14 straps 191:30 study 211:25 submarine 221:45 222:2 223:11,15 sudden 174:10	suddenly 179:20,31 195:13,18,43 212:22 216:14,15 suffered 197:44 208:20 suggested 209:12 211:14,17 221:44 222:31 suggests 222:1,10 sun 211:40,43 supplies 217:33,37 supply 218:7,16 surrendered 222:11 ,14 surrounding 171:21 survivors 223:23,27 swear 170:43 swimming 223:28 sworn 170:46 sydney 170:2,34 171:22,25 173:39,42 174:12,13,25 176:10 ,15,17,32,37 179:2 ,11,22,31 181:14,18 ,24,38,42 182:9,12 ,20,33 183:11,14,20 ,23,39,40 184:1,11 ,16,23,28,32,45 185:28 186:5,25,39 187:5,9,11,45,47 188:21 193:34,35,41 ,42,46 194:13,16,29 ,31,47 195:3,12,14 ,17,33,35 196:1,10 ,13,16,23,44,45 197:9,16,20,47 198:13,19 203:33,45 205:7,11,12,31,43 ,47 206:26 207:8,39 ,43 208:8,12 211:25 ,26,28,40,43 212:8,9 ,13,14,21,26 213:16 ,18,19,21,22,29,43 ,45 214:20,21,30,39 ,39,42,42 215:20,23 ,36,36,40,41 216:2 ,17 219:28,33 221:9 ,13,46 222:2,11,23 ,38 223:23,27 224:38,46 226:25 sydneys 183:36 185:24 186:2,22,35 188:18 213:33 214:9 ,12 system 180:26 190:36	target 192:4 194:6,6 210:33 219:3,7,7 targeted 193:41 194:5 targeting 192:9 targets 193:34,42,42 ,46 task 178:14 179:47 219:39 tasks 173:33 tear 226:24 telephone 177:45 tell 172:1,19,43,46 185:23,27 194:17,23 ,24 195:38,42,44 198:47 204:2 210:37 215:36 216:7,12 221:40 222:44 226:18,20 telling 171:30 terms 190:18 thank 170:28,47 171:2 198:9,17 226:12,15,21,35,37 ,37,42 that's 173:9 174:40 179:30 183:33 185:10 188:28 189:47 195:44 196:17,19,35,37 197:7,7,9 198:1 199:11 202:45,46 203:16,18,37 204:9 ,35,46 205:2,7,28,38 ,43 206:7,12,20,37 207:1,2,22,33,39 208:8,17,31 209:37 212:13,17 216:39 217:30 219:13 222:7 223:4 themselves 200:7 theories 221:19,23 ,35,36,39,40,44 222:1,10 theory 222:14 223:10 ,14 there's 183:27 226:20 therefore 211:17 they're 224:15 thing 174:20 179:29 198:37,42 205:39 211:29,35 217:25 220:13 224:18 226:33 things 182:37,42 183:6,21,21 185:9 190:33 200:3,6,28 think 177:30 178:37 ,41 182:1 197:31 198:2,39 209:31 210:3 212:2,6,35 215:33,35 223:16
T				
talked 180:41 186:1 tall 220:33 tape 198:5,5,9,17 201:11 taped 226:25				

225:6,23 226:29	212:8,13	219:16,27 220:41	V	190:4,30 192:9,42
third 173:18,21,24 214:35	trained 173:2,9 187:23	221:8,18,33,44 223:22 224:14 225:35 226:42	various 221:22	,47 194:24,33,38
thomas 171:9,15 189:28	transcribers 170:31 171:12,32 224:2		via 179:28 200:7	196:16,20,33 198:34
thought 174:8,21 179:25 183:27 211:39,42	transcript 170:22	U	vichy 223:11,15	199:10,13 200:17,41 ,46 203:12 204:46
three 173:5,11,16 197:44 198:2 208:9 ,13,20,24,28,31	translate 178:3 201:47	u-boat 221:45	videotape 226:32	206:29,36 208:3
thursday 170:14	translator 215:28	unable 195:8	view 215:28	210:6,10 211:45
thus 196:46 203:33	translators 173:3 174:11 215:27	underneath 216:45 ,45	volunteer 172:25,28	212:20,37 214:13,23
time 174:10 176:9,9 ,15,17 179:12 181:15 182:15 183:17,37,39 184:2 ,32 186:29,33 188:10,46 189:5 190:4,31,35 191:26 192:2,4,8,10,13,16 ,22 197:39 199:32 200:28,31 205:11 206:5 210:25 213:34 ,42 214:44 215:17 ,36,40 221:6 222:38	transmitted 173:18 178:19 179:28 199:28,31 200:7 206:5,9	understand 178:2 187:20,24,24,26 198:27,29,34 199:46 211:5,47 212:3	volunteered 172:23 ,27	216:28,32 217:2 219:12,17,22,27 220:14,18,28
times 187:18 196:2 198:2 213:21	transmitting 185:9 190:31	understood 180:13 187:16 226:26	von 172:31 199:37 ,47 217:13,18	219:12,17,22,27 220:14,18,28
today 186:9,16 198:31,43	trh 170:5	undone 191:30	voyage 200:11	went 174:8 179:38 181:21 183:31 186:43 190:41 195:39 211:34,36 212:22,33,43 215:4 ,9,9,23 216:18,39 217:16,29,40 220:30
together 171:15 192:17 205:2 216:1 217:7,12	tried 183:29 187:19 216:23	unit 178:17 180:22 193:32	W	weren't 187:1 197:11 224:10
told 178:46 179:18 184:45 195:39 196:6 197:8 198:15 199:11 ,15,17,19 210:20 213:17 214:29 216:10,27	trocas 202:10,28,30 225:2,4	unknown 215:28 until 177:4 186:42 188:10 191:26 212:39,44	wag 189:41	west 211:43
tomorrow 217:8	true 174:17 200:37 201:3 203:37 204:9 210:39	upon 211:42	wait 178:15,21 180:1 192:5,35	westerly 181:32
took 176:9,9,14,15 ,22 177:3 181:17,23 188:46 191:23,25 206:36 218:1,12 220:22,25,28	truth 170:44	upper 208:28	want 173:38 177:44 178:24,28 181:5 193:40 198:35 201:10 210:36,37,46 213:15 215:35 218:41 219:27,43,47 220:3,6,37 224:15 ,18	westward 181:29
top 215:3 216:18 221:1 224:11	try 194:16	upside 211:30	wanted 206:17,18,20 ,21	what's 179:33,36 182:7 185:36 199:32 209:1
topic 218:42,45 220:37	trying 187:2 192:34 194:13 216:47	upwards 175:41	war 172:9,13 188:45 ,47 189:5,5,9,12 197:8,14 198:24 220:6,10,15,23,26	whatever 184:5
torch 217:37	tubes 201:39,42	us 170:28 171:30 172:1,19,43,46 177:1 179:12,18,20 ,31 181:18,25 182:1 ,32,37 183:17,32,43 ,45 184:2,3,3,5,6,41 ,41,43,46 185:1,23 ,27,39,41,44,46 186:9,10,15,19 188:45 191:30,36,37 196:6,10,12 197:5,9 ,12,13 198:1,2,15,28 ,47 199:5,10,11,12 ,15,19,23 200:24,27 ,32 208:1,5,13 210:37 211:31,37,46 212:8,10,13,16,17 ,38,39,45 214:26,31 215:28,29,32,36 216:6,7,10,11,12 217:7,20 218:26 221:35,40 223:35 225:2 226:16	warship 174:12,25 183:18 184:2	whereabouts 189:8
torches 217:34	turn 184:3 188:23 192:40 212:9 220:37	use 188:11 200:36 210:16,17 224:7,12	wasn't 180:13 200:41	whereas 190:5
torpedo 197:12 201:39,42 204:16,24 208:35,38 221:46 222:2 223:12	turned 174:12 184:1 ,6 186:28 188:29 211:40,43 215:29 225:31	used 170:31 171:13 ,33 187:34,37,37,40 ,43,45,47 188:7 195:21,25 209:41 210:14,15 219:3,7 223:41,45,45 224:4 ,12	watch 174:18	wherever 216:23
torpedoes 181:47 196:43,45 197:4,9 ,10,12,16,20,33,38 212:10,18 213:18,23 ,34 214:16,18	turning 181:29	weights 175:41,41 190:27 191:31	water 186:36,40,44 191:40 204:16 210:22 212:22 216:22 217:22,40,47 218:2,11,12,23 223:23,28 225:2	whether 178:7 183:40 184:4,32,37 185:27 186:21,24,40 187:33,34,36,37 188:24,30 193:40 194:34 197:16,19 199:25 200:17 207:40,44 209:14 210:37,39 213:33 214:21,38,41 217:41 220:10 221:35,40 226:4
torpedos 196:45	turret 196:46 205:2	we'd 209:13	water-line 204:26,28 ,31 210:25,28	whole 179:29 197:36 ,39 198:19 208:23 211:29,35 216:19 223:8 226:33
towards 184:41 185:1,45 205:19	turrets 182:6 185:44 186:2 194:39 198:1 213:33,36,39,42,45	we've 210:14	we'd 209:13	whom 170:43
	tv 226:25,31	weapon 226:10	we've 210:14	whose 172:20
	twice 187:15,16 209:38,42 210:11,14 ,16 222:43	weapons 226:8	well 173:5,16,34 174:16 175:23 176:17,36,36 177:6 ,9 178:17 179:27,31 181:21,22 182:40 184:10 185:1,4,31 ,34 186:8 187:37 188:23 189:3,41	why 184:45 186:9,16 ,18 197:9 198:32,34 ,43 206:7 209:23,26
	twin 196:46 197:12	weights 175:41,41 190:27 191:31	wish 174:18	wide 221:23
	type 175:35 195:25 225:37,40	well 173:5,16,34 174:16 175:23 176:17,36,36 177:6 ,9 178:17 179:27,31 181:21,22 182:40 184:10 185:1,4,31 ,34 186:8 187:37 188:23 189:3,41	wishes 198:28 199:23 200:14 212:39,44	will 181:16 183:24,33 199:11 210:45 213:3 219:19 221:28,39
	tyson 170:10 171:7,8 ,15,20,29 175:1,34 176:41 177:15,42 179:38 180:15,40 182:19,30 183:35 184:28 185:13 188:35 190:16 191:21 192:33 193:40 195:5 198:4 ,9 200:26 201:34 202:16 207:22 208:46 209:4,12,31 210:36 211:5,13,20 ,24 212:47 213:15	usually 176:7	wishes 200:24 212:39,44	wished 198:28 199:23 200:14 212:39,44
			within 179:33	

without 196:46
witness 175:31
 209:10
wondered 184:41
word 170:44
work 194:40 204:5
working 213:40
 217:27
world 172:9,13
worry 174:10
worst 175:46
wouldn't 209:26
writer 222:31
writers 221:19
wrong 170:31 171:13
 ,33 178:41 204:13

 Y

yeah 175:44 183:26
 189:3 197:7,46
 199:10 203:16,37
 204:46 207:1 208:17
 218:37
year 224:21,23,34
years 172:28 179:21
 203:12,16
yell 180:29
yes 171:18,27 172:5
 ,37,37,40 173:44
 174:6,6,44,46 175:6
 ,22,40 176:14,14
 177:10,26,42 178:5
 179:4,4,17,17,27,27
 ,27 180:15 181:1,1,3
 ,46 182:4 183:3,17
 ,17,43 184:18,18,20
 185:17,17,17,21
 188:2,4,44 189:18
 ,24 190:12,12,12,14
 ,14 191:1,9 192:19
 ,29,29,31 193:20,20
 196:37,42 197:4,4,4
 ,41,41,46 198:22
 199:5 200:23 201:39
 202:3,24,24,26,26
 203:4,6,6,18,35,35
 ,35,47 204:22,26,31
 ,33,41,41 205:14,16
 ,24,26 206:17,17,20
 ,36,46,46 207:1,24
 208:3,15,27,28,31
 211:2 212:31,31
 213:3,23,25,27
 214:1,5,5,5,7,17
 215:2,2 219:19,22
 ,36,36,36,36,39
 220:41 221:16,31
 224:42 226:39,39
yet 223:14 225:24
you're 187:23 198:47
 213:43
you've 199:15
 213:15

young 172:23,27
yourself 185:15
 190:40,43 197:19
 199:16,20