

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE LOSS OF HMAS SYDNEY II

Before The Hon TRH Cole AO RFD QC

Held at residence of Mrs Hetty Hall

Counsel Assisting: CDR John (Jack) Rush

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1 THE PRESIDENT: I have come to the home of Mrs Hetty Hall
2 [REDACTED] to take evidence
3 from her in relation to the Commission of Inquiry. Thank
4 you for seeing us, Mrs Hall.

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6 MRS HALL: My pleasure.

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8 THE PRESIDENT: Yes, CMDR Rush.

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10 <HETTY HALL, interviewed:

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12 CMDR RUSH: Q. Mrs Hall, I will take it step by step,
13 but I saw you some weeks ago.

14 A. Yes, a couple of weeks ago.

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16 Q. And I have made up a statement.

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18 My father was asked to undertake work in
19 Singapore. I understood it was work
20 required by Admiralty. It was construction
21 work. He took up a position as Foreman of
22 Works and he left for Singapore
23 approximately three months before my mother
24 and I.

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26 A. Yes.

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28 Q. Do you remember what year that was?

29 A. That was 1940. No, it wasn't. It was 1939. We just
30 got there as war was declared.

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32 Q. And, you left school at what age?

33 A. At 14 and a half.

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35 Q. Can I ask, when were you born?

36 A. [REDACTED]

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38 Q. When you arrived in Singapore, did you undertake a
39 course?

40 A. Actually I did. I was doing - I was brushing up on my
41 shorthand and typing at a college there.

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43 Q. Continue on at paragraph 2:

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45 I arrived in Singapore in August 1939.

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47 A. That's right.

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Q. I attended college for a short time there and picked up typing skills.

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Q. I was 14 and a half when I left school. I was approximately 15 and a half when my father came home and indicated that he had found a job for me.

That was obviously in Singapore.

A. Yes.

Q. I was required to attend for an interview at the naval base at Singapore. A security check was undertaken. Mrs Emerson interviewed me. The job was in cypher and I commenced on 13 December 1940.

A. Actually Mrs Emerson didn't interview me. It will be in there. It was one of the naval officers interviewed me. She was a lady who taught me cyphers. She took me under her wing and trained me.

Q. This may need correcting.

My family and I moved house so that we were closer to the naval base and closer to my father's work.

A. Yes, we moved to Nizam cantonment.

Q. I needed a pass to enter the area of the base where I worked. Women worked in the area of cypher. I was the youngest. I learned cypher technique. My memory is now vague as to the technique involving numbers or letters. I also learned to decipher.

A. Yes. It was all part and parcel.

Q. What were you putting into cypher and deciphering once you learned?

A. Messages on a message pad would come from the wireless office, and I'm pretty sure that they were blocks of four numbers and we had a big book which may even be used now,

1 and we would look up that number and find out what the word
2 was and then the person you were working with would put
3 down as it was being transcribed.

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5 Q. So, you would work in pairs?

6 A. Yes.

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8 Q. And, what you are describing is deciphering?

9 A. Yes.

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11 Q. That is receiving a signal and then deciphering --

12 A. Putting it into plain language.

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14 Q. -- by using a code book, if you like, that put it into
15 plain language?

16 A. Yes.

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18 Q. Do you know what the name of the cypher was that you
19 were using?

20 A. No. I don't think I ever heard it mentioned. It was
21 a book cypher that was in fairly general use, I think, at
22 the time because when I joined the army out here, we had a
23 similar set-up, and I went straight onto the ciphers when I
24 went into the army.

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26 Q. I have noted:

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28 My recollection is that there were a lot of
29 signals concerning direction finding of
30 ships.

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32 A. Yes, that was the everyday sort of stuff.

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34 Q. What was that material?

35 A. Direction finding the Japanese ships, was mainly
36 keeping track of the Japanese shipping.

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38 Q. Was that before or after the Japanese came into the
39 war that you --

40 A. A long time before.

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42 Q. It was keeping track of Japanese merchant shipping?

43 A. Well, I don't know whether it was merchant or
44 otherwise. I know they were all called Maru.

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46 Q. Further there were signals relating, you say, to the
47 movement of the Japanese shipping. "When work was busy we

1 undertook double shifts."

2 A. Quite often did.

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4 Q. "I worked rotating shifts. I did not normally work
5 after midnight".

6 A. That's true.

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8 Q. Was the office manned 24 hours?

9 A. Yes.

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11 Q. Did your mother also work in the office?

12 A. Yes, she did. When it became so busy she was
13 recruited and she was there for three months, and even in
14 those last few weeks friends of mine, about the same age as
15 me, they were called in as well. It was just so, so busy.

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17 Q. Was it daily work for you?

18 A. How do you mean "daily"?

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20 Q. The shifts, would you work everyday, or would the
21 shifts --

22 A. No, we would have two days off. We worked for five
23 days.

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25 Q. Does that mean on occasions you were required to work
26 weekends depending what you were going through?

27 A. Yes. Yes.

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29 Q. Have you any recollection of receiving, during your
30 time there, a signal that related to one of the Australian
31 warships?

32 A. Well, I only know of the one with Sydney. I don't
33 remember others. I don't know why that stayed with me, but
34 it was - it seemed to be indelible.

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36 Q. Just that signal: Firstly, do you recall not
37 word-for-word but the substance of what that signal was?

38 A. Yes, the substance was, and it's in my own words
39 really because possibly they wouldn't dictate it as I
40 remember it. It was that they had been fired on by a
41 disguised radar. They had been hit. They had sent up a
42 smoke screen and were sailing away at 3 knots, and I - the
43 message didn't continue.

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45 Q. How did that message arrive with you? Where were you
46 working?

47 A. In the same, it just came through as an ordinary

1 message.

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3 Q. Did you use the book? Was it in cypher?

4 A. Yes.

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6 Q. You have outlined the method that you used for
7 deciphering, was that the message --

8 A. Yes, and then it was passed, it would have had a high
9 priority, I'm sure, most immediate or something like that,
10 but very important ones, and we immediately passed them
11 over to a senior officer.

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13 Q. What was it about the message that you related at this
14 time to it being from Sydney?

15 A. It was just that a friend of my husband's was in the
16 navy, he lived in Tasmania and he came over to see us 30,
17 35 years ago probably now, and he was talking ships and
18 things, and I didn't even discuss this with my husband,
19 didn't discuss any of that stuff with my husband, and he
20 mentioned the Sydney, and I said "Well, I took a message
21 about that. It stayed with me for some reason where a lot
22 of messages wouldn't." And, I wrote it down. After he had
23 gone I wrote it down, make, you know, my memory of it, and
24 I just put it away, I had no idea it was - I thought
25 nothing else of it and I still had the bit of - it's
26 probably in here somewhere. There. I used up all the old
27 Christmas cards when I was at the phone.

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29 Q. That's the note you made.

30 A. At that time.

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32 Q. You say this is when a friend of your husband's came
33 over from Tasmania.

34 A. Yes.

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36 Q. About 30-odd years ago.

37 A. I can't be exact, but it would be 30, probably 35.

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39 Q. Just before I go to that, going back to the time in
40 Singapore what was it, if anything, that made you say 30
41 years ago that the message you received in Singapore, was
42 there anything about it message --

43 A. The message itself. I suppose the fact that it
44 sounded very urgent and dreadful things were happening. I
45 don't remember ever getting a message like that about any
46 other ship.

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1 Q. Do you recall whether the message or the signal
2 specifically mentioned the ship?

3 A. They must have told me I think. It wasn't in the
4 signal. I don't know how I knew about that.
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6 Q. You wrote on the card, just to get the chronology of
7 it, between you telling or discussing this with your
8 friend --

9 A. Yes, I wrote it afterwards.
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11 Q. -- and the time when you were working in Singapore,
12 between the time in Singapore and the discussion with your
13 friend, had it been something that you thought of or
14 discussed with anyone else?

15 A. I don't think so. It was just that he mentioned that
16 the ship had gone down with all hands, and just triggered a
17 memory for me.
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19 THE PRESIDENT: Q. The signal as you described it
20 apparently didn't mention the Sydney itself.

21 A. I don't think so.
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23 Q. Did you know of the loss of the Sydney in the
24 following weeks?

25 A. No. In the cypher office you mean?
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27 Q. No, just generally.

28 A. No, there was nothing else reported that I can
29 remember.
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31 Q. Do you remember any publicity back in December, late
32 November 1941 about the loss of the Sydney?

33 A. In Singapore, no, no, knew nothing about it.
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35 Q. You showed me your diary just before we started
36 recording this and in the diary you did refer to the loss
37 of the Prince of Wales, I think.

38 A. Yes, because that was in the news.
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40 Q. And the loss of the, was it the Repulse?

41 A. Yes, Repulse and Prince of Wales both went down
42 together.
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44 Q. There is no mention in your diary about the loss of
45 Sydney.

46 A. No. It was only, as I said, I would never put
47 anything that wasn't public knowledge. We just didn't do

1 that.

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3 Q. So far as you now recall you didn't know independently
4 about the loss of the Sydney?

5 A. No. No, it wasn't until I was talking to this friend
6 and he had a mate on it and he was talking about it, and I
7 remembered it.

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9 CMDR RUSH: Q. That's when you say talking to the
10 friend --

11 A. Yes. That that was the Sydney, yes.

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13 Q. But, prior to that time you never written down the
14 Sydney?

15 A. No, no.

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17 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Prior to that time had you ever
18 associated the message with the Sydney or hadn't you
19 thought about the message?

20 A. No, I don't think it stayed with me. We had such a
21 volume of work, so much passed through our hands that I
22 would go home at night and not even think about it. You
23 had to learn to switch off, you know.

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25 CMDR RUSH: Q. Mrs Hall, just going to 19 November and
26 the entry in your diary, you do record there the shift that
27 you worked on on that day.

28 A. As the morning watch, yes.

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30 Q. The morning watch would normally be what hours?

31 A. I think 8 till 12 or 2. I am losing my memory a bit
32 and I can't really recall exactly how many hours. I had it
33 down on that day for the morning watch. So, I can only
34 think that I was called in afterwards because I think it
35 was about 5 o'clock the message came through.

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37 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Would you mind just reading what the
38 entry for 19 November says? If there are any personal
39 matters you don't want to make public that is all right.

40 A. "Morning watch. I went with Mrs Sheaff to see Becky",
41 who was an officer, "about a job". It was for her. "I
42 played tennis, a good game. I went to bed at 8 o'clock."
43 That's all that was significant.

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45 CMDR RUSH: Now, during the course of the day on which you
46 recall a signal coming in, as you have alluded to, do you
47 recall another signal coming in that related to the first

1 signal that you have told us about.

2 A. Yes, to say to do nothing about it.

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4 Q. Can you remember, firstly, how long after the first
5 signal you say that this signal came in?

6 A. I can't remember. I can't remember but I know I took
7 that message as well. It might have been the next day, I
8 don't know. I can't remember.

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10 Q. That's all right. The second message may have been on
11 the same day or it may have been the next day?

12 A. Yes, I can't recall.

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14 Q. Again, in relation to that second message, when did
15 you first have cause to recall it? Was it in the
16 conversation --

17 A. It was in the conversation, yes. He was interested
18 and wanted to know a bit more and it just came to me. My
19 memory was better then than it is now.

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21 Q. And, Mrs Hall, what again was the substance that you
22 recall of the second message?

23 A. I know it was to do nothing, but it must have had
24 references there. I can't remember, I'm sorry.

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26 THE PRESIDENT: Q. Can you explain to me how the system
27 worked? When you say a message came in which you
28 translated, which you deciphered, did the message come in
29 on a piece of paper?

30 A. Yes, it was a block of - I can't remember whether
31 there was a pink and a white one, and whether we got the
32 white one or the pink one. I seem to remember that. It
33 came from the wireless office.

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35 Q. Somebody would have received that message and what,
36 written it on a pad, would they?

37 A. Because the ships of course had the same cypher he
38 would have written it down on a pad, the numbers, and then
39 we would decipher them.

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41 Q. Do you remember who it was who brought the slip of
42 paper in with the messages on it to you?

43 A. I think it was someone from the wireless office,
44 particularly when it was urgent they didn't wait for
45 anything. Other times probably there would be three or
46 four stacked up and given to us at the time but this came
47 in with urgency.

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Q. Do you know if, in the wireless room, they kept a copy of the piece of paper they gave to you?

A. Oh, they would have, yes. Yes.

Q. What happened to the piece of paper after you'd deciphered it, did you write on that piece of paper or did you write the deciphering on another piece of paper?

A. On another piece of paper.

Q. What happened to the two pieces of paper?

A. I don't remember whether that was also given to the officer. I don't remember. I'm sorry, the years are taking their toll.

CMDR RUSH: Q. Just to clarify that, is it your understanding that the piece of paper that came into you, as a signal to be deciphered, was received by an operator listening in to wireless transmission?

A. Yes.

Q. And then that would be typed or written by hand by the wireless officer?

A. Written by hand.

Q. By the wireless operator and you felt your recollection is that it came in blocks of four numbers?

A. Four numbers, yes.

Q. And that then, as written down by the wireless operator, would be delivered into you?

A. Yes.

Q. Where you, with someone else, would decipher?

A. It's an interesting point. I really don't remember but I would think we would have handed that in with the deciphered message. I would think we would have done that.

Q. Normally the deciphered message was given to whom? Who would you hand that on to?

A. One of the officers of the watch.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. Do you remember who the person was you were working with?

A. No. I worked with them all at different times. I'm sorry.

1 CMDR RUSH: Q. And prior to a message being deciphered,
2 how would it would be ascertained that it was urgent or not
3 urgent?

4 A. That they would, I think there were stickers, I don't
5 even know if they were in red. They were marked as
6 important, immediate, most immediate, urgent, in those
7 categories, and that was on the paper as we collected it.
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9 Q. I'm just wondering whether that was on the paper as
10 you collected it, or after it had been deciphered?

11 A. Yes, as we collected it. Well, in that case it would
12 have gone with that message on it, that it was very urgent.
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14 Q. After decipher or before?

15 A. As we gave it to the officer we would have given that.
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17 Q. Am I right in thinking that the signal that came in,
18 that had been written down, would be deciphered by you and
19 then the deciphering would say whether it was most urgent
20 or secret or the nature of it, rather than it coming from
21 the wireless operator to you?

22 A. We didn't categorise them at all. It was there.
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24 Q. In the signal or before you got the signal?

25 A. As it was handed to us it was marked with a priority.
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27 THE PRESIDENT: Q. By somebody else?

28 A. By somebody else. We didn't do that.
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30 CMDR RUSH: Q. Just going back to that second message,
31 Mrs Hall, I just wonder whether the substance of that
32 message may have been to the effect that as to publicity
33 concerning the loss of Sydney and whether it should be
34 publicised or not publicised.

35 A. I took it as meaning it must be sat on for a number of
36 days. It came from the Admiralty, I remember that.
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38 Q. The message came from Admiralty?

39 A. Yes, it came from Admiralty, and it must have
40 mentioned at the beginning of the message what it was
41 about, and I don't remember the details of that.
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43 Q. Just concerning that, did that second message to your
44 recollection specifically identify the ship Sydney?

45 A. I don't remember. I don't remember, I'm sorry.
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47 Q. That's all right. You certainly, when you wrote it

1 down 30 odd years ago, did connect it with Sydney?

2 A. Yes, I did because, as I say, I haven't each thought
3 about it until this conversation, and it's reasonably fresh
4 in my mind then.

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6 Q. I am just wondering what it was about the message 30
7 years ago that made you connect that message with Sydney?

8 A. I think it was the friend who spoke of it, and he must
9 have triggered my memory because I had seen nothing in the
10 papers about it. I hadn't read about it, I had no idea
11 about it.

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13 Q. You worked in the cypher office until when, Mrs Hall?

14 A. Until 31 December 1941.

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16 Q. Did your father arrange passage for your mother and
17 yourself?

18 A. Yes, he did.

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20 Q. On the Iran on that date?

21 A. Yes, he had come to me on the night before and said he
22 thought I should come to Australia where my brother was
23 with my aunt, and I said I didn't want to go I loved my
24 job, I loved being there. I had no idea of what was ahead,
25 of course. He came in in the morning, he said, "What did
26 you decide?" I said "Decide about what?" I hadn't given
27 it a thought. But, he evidently had the opportunity and we
28 were there by about 7 o'clock in the morning I think. We
29 didn't actually go aboard for, oh I think it was late
30 afternoon, hundreds and hundreds of people there. And,
31 yes, and I can remember whilst we were a few days out one
32 woman being quite hysterical, because her husband was a
33 rubber planter in Kuala Lumpur and the Japanese were there,
34 and they were working their way down then. The berth where
35 the Orion had been was bombed the next day. So, we were
36 lucky to get out.

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38 Q. Just following briefly on from there, you came to
39 Australia and worked in Tamworth for a time?

40 A. Yes, where my aunt and uncle were. They put us up for
41 about six months and we got our own little house.

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43 Q. When you turned 18 you joined the Australian army?

44 A. Hm.

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46 Q. And again, worked in cypher?

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Q. Until your early discharge to go back to the United Kingdom?

A. Yes, I hated getting out. I just loved my work.

Q. You worked with the Australian High Commission in --

A. The public relations office. I worked at Australia House and we would put displays of big posters of the boys in New Guinea, what they were doing, you know, in Stanley Ranges, and all that sort of stuff. We were able to promote it in a whole window from the Gas & Fuel Company or whatever they called it over there, and I did that for a while and I also gave talks to different Ack-ack Stations and I stayed overnight at Dover, and gave a talk to the WRNS about Australia and what a good country it was, and I still had my uniform so I was able to model it.

Q. Just on this aspect, but not on this aspect to jump a way forward, in relation to your knowledge or reference to the signal, did that come about as a consequence of an interview for the newspaper, if you like, or the broad sheet that is distributed within this community?

A. Here? Actually it was in this - at that time they were doing like a magazine every quarter and people who were coming in, they would, the prime life journalist would come and talk to them and then we were in the next issue, sort of thing. And, how it came about that I mentioned it, she was a very young girl, and I know they have to learn but I just felt that she wasn't getting a story. She said "Have you done anything interesting in your life?" And I said that I had worked at the naval base in Singapore, and she said "What was that about?". I think that is how I came to mention it there, and since then it sort of exploded.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. Can I see the cards, please? We don't know the year this is, do we?

A. No, I didn't date it. I have written in the Kormoran, the later date, I didn't --

Q. Yes, the words "German Kormoran" are written?

A. I didn't know about that initially. It's only since I have been here, since this all emerged that I have taken such a keen interest, and I keep the print-outs of correspondences I have had with David Kennedy. It's about that thick, but it's only what I have learnt since, it's nothing to do with my own experience.

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CMDR RUSH: What are the last words?

THE PRESIDENT: Q. Carley rafts and can't read the last two lines.

A. Terrible writing. "And they pursued them. Got a direct hit on their ammo."

CMDR RUSH: Q. Those words that you've just read, were they something that you learned or --

A. Yes, I learned, I didn't know about that. It's only what I have learned since.

Q. Could I ask you this: is it difficult for you to disengage what you have learned since from what --

A. I try to, yes, I try to. I know what you are needing, and I'm sorry that I have gaps in my memory that could have been more helpful. I even forgot the general meeting, the annual general meeting this week.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. You remember the second message came from Admiralty, I think you said.

A. Yes.

Q. How do you know that? Is there something written on the piece of paper you get that says who it's from?

A. I think it would have had identification, yes.

Q. You don't recall if there was anything on the piece of paper of the first message that you were asked to decipher which indicated where it came from?

A. I don't remember.

Q. Can you remember what time of the day the first message was received?

A. I only know now that it was around about 5 o'clock in the afternoon but I didn't know that precisely at the time.

Q. If you started the morning shift, did they start at 8 o'clock?

A. Yes.

Q. So, it seems, even if you worked a double shift it seems you would probably finish at what, 4 o'clock in the afternoon?

A. Yes, I think it was probably an occasion where I was called back, and it really did get very busy at times.

- 1 Towards the end we worked into the night more.
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- 3 Q. The diary entry for that day says "Morning watch"?
4 A. Yes.
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- 6 Q. Then it says "Clarks are moving tomorrow"; they are
7 friends of yours, or neighbours?
8 A. Yes.
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- 10 Q. "I went with Mrs Sheaff to see Becky about a job."
11 A. She wanted to work there, yes.
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- 13 Q. Do you remember what time you went to see - you must
14 have met Mrs Sheaff and gone to see Becky?
15 A. She would have come to the naval base, I suppose I was
16 asked to escort her. I don't even remember that interview.
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- 18 Q. Then it said "I played tennis".
19 A. Yes.
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- 21 Q. Do you have any recollection of the time you played
22 tennis?
23 A. Whenever I wasn't working I was playing tennis, and we
24 were only 10 minutes from the base. I think probably
25 because often I put my shifts in, I would write them up for
26 several weeks ahead, but they didn't always work out like
27 that. I would have gone home and played tennis and I think
28 come back. I nearly always went to bed at 8 o'clock in the
29 early days because we didn't work later than that.
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- 31 Q. This says "I went to bed at 8 o'clock".
32 A. Yes, that was normal for me to go to bed at 8 o'clock.
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- 34 Q. "And Barbara came and cracked some jokes".
35 A. I don't remember Barbara.
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- 37 Q. So you were in bed at 8 o'clock. You started the
38 morning watch.
39 A. That would have been until midday.
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- 41 Q. 8 o'clock till midday?
42 A. Yes.
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- 44 Q. At some point of time you went with Mrs Sheaff to see
45 Becky?
46 A. Well, I'm pretty sure I would have been there.
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1 Q. While you were at work?

2 A. While I was at work, yes. I didn't come and go.

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4 Q. At some point of time you played tennis?

5 A. Hm.

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7 Q. Presumably you had meals and went to bed by 8 o'clock.

8 A. Chances are I could have worked till 6 o'clock. I
9 really don't remember, but the fact the watches were
10 written in there, I would write them ahead of time.

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12 Q. The fact it says "morning watch" doesn't mean that was
13 written on the 19th, the Wednesday --

14 A. No, no.

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16 Q. It might have been written before.

17 A. Hm.

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19 Q. When you played tennis, how long did you normally play
20 tennis for?

21 A. It depends who I am playing with. Sometimes I would
22 only have one set. Sometimes we were interrupted and only
23 had a couple of games. It fluctuated, never the same.

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25 Q. You can't remember on this day what --

26 A. No.

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28 Q. -- time you started playing tennis or how long you
29 played for?

30 A. No. I would think it was a short game. It's usually
31 on weekends when there are few people about that we had the
32 long sets.

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34 CMDR RUSH: Q. Mrs Hall, just in relation to the first
35 message, am I right in thinking you don't know where that
36 message actually came from?

37 A. I don't remember. I probably knew at the time but I
38 honestly don't remember. I just remember doing it and
39 passing it on to one of the officers. And, I was also, I
40 think it was probably later, I don't remember it being on
41 the same day that the second message came but I'm not
42 positive. I can't be positive about anything now.

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44 Q. But the reason that we are examining 19 November there
45 is because you have looked at it before because you now
46 know that is the date of the engagement of the Sydney.

47 A. Yes, yes.

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Q. But you can't place a time in your own recollection when that message was received.

A. No. I wish I could help you, because I like to be exact about things, but it's just not there any more.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. Would we be able to borrow that card?

A. Yes.

Q. And the page of the diary?

A. Yes.

Q. I want to get copies of the originals, if I may.

A. Right.

Q. Of course, they will be returned to you?

A. That's all right. This friend of my husband must have said all they found was the Carley raft. I didn't know that, and that they got a direct hit. You see I didn't know that. He must have told me that.

CMDR RUSH: Thank you, Mrs Hall.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. Are there any other documents you have there that you think might help us?

A. I think Mr Rush took - that's a cable.

CMDR RUSH: Q. I think there is one.

A. That was that my father died.

Q. There is one showing your time employed in the cypher office?

A. Yes.

THE PRESIDENT: Q. I think we should get copies of those.

A. I may have a copy here. That's the original and there's a copy if you would like it.

Q. Do you have the document that the journalist wrote, the initial one?

A. The initial one, yes. Yes, I can give you that. Where have I got it? Yes, I will get it. I have found every journalist that has ever written anything puts their own spin on it and it never comes out right.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

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CMDR RUSH: Q. If we keep the original for copying and the diary and the card, Mrs Hall, I think it's the one that is signed, and we will get it back to you.

A. Did you read The Guardian?

Q. Yes, I did.

A. That is all David Kennedy's work, of course.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much indeed.

THE WITNESS: I don't know I have been that helpful. My memory is not good where it should be. Do you want to take the DVD? You are welcome to it if you like.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

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