

## "Sydney" v "Ender"

It is now almost eleven years since the destruction of S.M.S. "Ender" by H.M.A.S. "Sydney".

During her sensational career from 4<sup>th</sup> August to 9<sup>th</sup> November 1914 the following British ships were sunk or captured by her: "Indus" (3393 tons), "Lovat" (6102), "Killen" (3044), "Diplomat" (7615), "Drablock" (4015) "Clan Matheson" (4475), "Tymeric" (3314), "King Lud" (3650), "Rivera" (3500), "Foyle" (4147), "Buresk" (4340), "Chilkana" (5140), "Troilus" (7362), "Ben Mohr" (4806), "Clan Grant" (3945), "Donrabbel" (478), "Eccford" (4542).

The total estimated value of these ships was £2,211,000.

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The following are the ships conveying the Australian troops and their position:



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First Division	Second Division	Third Division
A 3 Orveito	A 18 Wiltshire	A 14 Euripides
A 47 Southern	A 7 Medic	A 8 Argyllshire
A 4 Pera	A 11 Ascanius	A 9 Shropshire
A 26 Armadale Castle	A 15 Star of England	A 19 Afric
A 12 Saldanha	A 2 Geelong	A 24 Benalla <sup>Brother Law on</sup>
A 13 Katuna	A 17 Port Lincoln	A 22 Rangitrah. <sup>tho.</sup>
A 1 Hymettus	A 10 Karro	A 16 Star of Victoria
A 23 Suffolk	A 21 Marice	A 20 Hororata
A 25 Anglo Egyptian	A 6 Clan M <sup>c</sup> Corqudale	A 5 Omrah
		A 28 Miltiades

The New Zealand troopships were Maunganui, Orari, Star of India, Limerick, Tahiti, Athenic, Hawkesbury, Rapchee, Wainana and Arawa.

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to proceed at full speed to investigate.

At 7.15 am. "Sydney" parted company with Convoy and worked up to 25 knots meanwhile preparing for action.

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9.40: Challenged enemy ship who replied by opening fire at about 11,000 yards and shortly after we started on her. The "Emden's" collier "Buresk" - a captured British ship - stood by.

By 11.0 am. The "Emden" was in a very bad state - Foremast, bridge and all funnels shot away, the hull badly holed, the whole of the after part on fire and the ship in a sinking condition but still fighting. North Keeling Island now being near "Emden" made for this and ran ashore where we left her <sup>11.20 am.</sup> and went after the collier who had cleared out when he saw how the "Emden" was faring.

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Having made the "Gurecki's" boats fast astern we started back for North Keeling at about 2 p.m.

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Killed: T. Lynch Petty Officer, A. Hoy A.B., R. Bell ordinary Seaman, Dangerously wounded (afterwards died of wounds): R. A. Sharpe A.B., Wounded: Lieut Hampden, R. Horne A.B., P. Gascoigne A.B., J. A. Butcher A.B., W. E. Meldrum O.S., G. Green A.B., T. Williamson Boy, A. E. Crosby A.B., J. Kinniburgh A.B.



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**By Niels Peter Henry Nielsen, 1925**

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