



HMAS Yarra (U77)

1. Details

General

Nationality: Australian
Purpose: War
Type: Sloop
Subtype/class: Grimsby class sloop
Propulsion: Steam
Date built: 1934

Details

Tonnage: 1515 grt
Dimensions: 79.8 x 10.8 x 2.25 m
Material: Steel
Engine: Parsons, steam turbines, 2 shafts
Armament: 3 x 4 inch guns, 4 x 3 pounders
Power: 2000 n.h.p. (nominal horsepower)
Speed: 16.5 knots

About the loss

Cause lost: Gunfire - shelled
Date lost: 04/03/1942
Casualties: † max.138 rank: 522

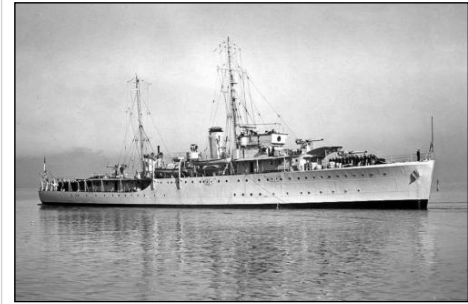
About people

Captain: Rankin, Robert W.
Complement: 151
Owner:  Australian Royal Navy
Builder:  Cockatoo Island Dockyard

About the wreck

Updates

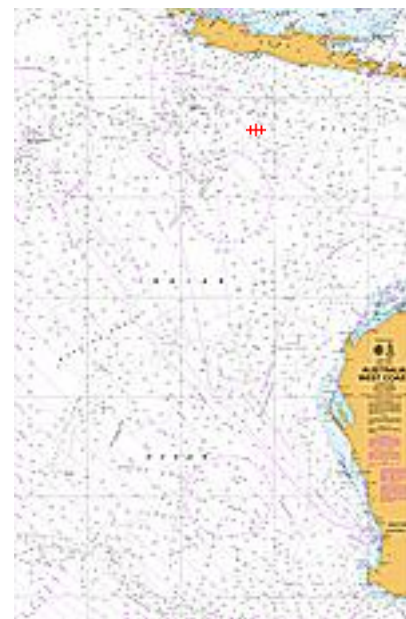
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2. Position

Latitude: 11°35'S
Longitude: 109°03'E
Reliability: Bad >1km
Remarks: Indicative only
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3. History

HMAS YARRA

On 4th March 1942, 280 miles south of Java. At sunrise, 3 Japanese heavy cruisers ATAGO, TAKAO and MAYA and destroyers ARASHI and NOWAKI attack an allied convoy, consisting of transport ANKING, tanker FRANCOL and minesweeper MMS-51, escorted by Australian sloop HMAS YARRA.

HMAS YARRA (Capt Rankin) ordered her convoy to scatter, she setup a smokescreen and then, in an unbelievable brave act of heroism, headed to fight the enemy cruisers and destroyers in order to try to save the other ships.

For more than 90 minutes, YARRA fights against an overwhelming enemy until she was silenced, becoming a blazing wreck and sinking beneath the waves.

Despite YARRA's sacrifice, the Japanese sank all three ships in the convoy.

The Japanese force picked up one boatload of survivors from FRANCOL, but a large boatload of survivors were never seen again.

Passing Dutch vessel TAWALI, rescued 57 officers and men from ANKING.

MMS-51 with 14 in two carley floats were picked up by the Dutch steamer Tjimanoeck, 7th March.

YARRA's 34 survivors (from 151) were not so lucky, their two rafts drifting at the mercy of the ocean, wounds, exposure and thirst taking their toll. By the 9th of March, when the Dutch Submarine K-11 found them, only 13 of the 34 were still alive.

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NOTES :

The RAN has a HMAS RANKIN, one of the Collins Class submarines, named in honour of LTCD Rankin. Also the recruit school at HMAS CERBERUS has a Rankin Division to honour LCDR Rankin. Rankin fought his ship to the very last in an intense exchange. He was killed when an eight inch salvo hit the bridge shortly after passing the order to abandon ship. The motto "Defend The Weak" of the submarine HMAS RANKIN is testimony to Robert Rankin and the Yarra's determination to defend the unarmed convoy ships.

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References: [1] www.navy.gov.au
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HMAS Yarra (U77), the second ship to bear that name, was a Grimsby class sloop of the Royal Australian Navy that served during World War II. Yarra was laid down by the Cockatoo Island Dockyard at Sydney, New South Wales 24th May 1934, launched 28 March 1935 by Mrs Parkhill, wife of Archdale Parkhill, Minister for Defence and commissioned 21st January 1936.

Early on 4 March 1942, HMAS Yarra, commanded by Lieutenant Commander Robert William Rankin RAN, was escorting a convoy near Tjilatjap in the Indian Ocean, South of Java. The Yarra was then attacked by the Japanese cruisers Atago, Takao and Maya accompanied by two destroyers of Destroyer Division 4, Arashi and Nowaki.

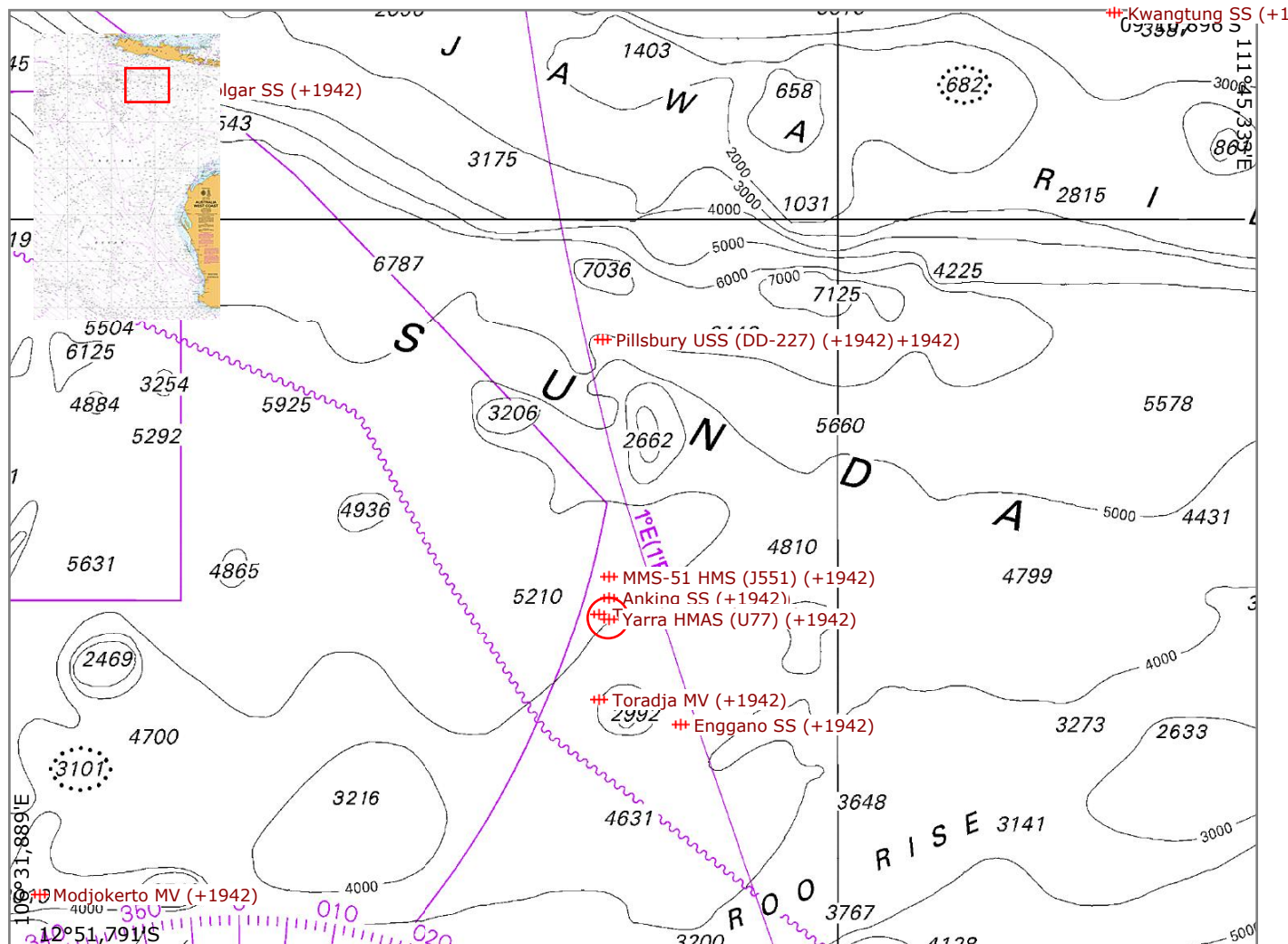
Commander Rankin ordered the convoy to scatter and turned the Yarra to engage the enemy. Pitched against overwhelming odds, the Yarra defended the convoy for an hour and half, but was then sunk with the loss of 138 of her crew.

There were only 13 survivors. It was more than five days before a Dutch submarine rescued the men from the water and took them to Ceylon

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4. Chart

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