



Stop the Pfalz – 1914

The first British Empire Action of WW1

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Keith Quinton, Siranne Hose, and Rafe Slaney, have spent much of the last two years researching the sequence of events involving the German merchant ship S.S. Pfalz and its attempt to escape Port Phillip on August 5th 1914. The result of their effort is a fascinating book examining in detail the passage of the German ship from Victoria Dock to Port Phillip Heads as it desperately tried to escape before Britain's official declaration of war was declared. They also forensically examine the actions taken by the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery in an equally desperate effort to prevent the ship exiting the Heads.

The book was officially launched at a Friends of Fort Queenscliff Christmas Function on Friday, 13th December 2013

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