

# Copy of Telegram.

From Navy Office

To ADMIRALTY

Date and Time Sent 12th May, 1915. 1500

Time Signal or No. 145

URGENT -

Press cable states AE 2 sunk in Sea of  
Marmara and crew taken prisoners. Have stopped  
publication, please inform if true.

*W.H.S.*  
*12-5-15*

*3/12/20*

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From ADMIRALTY, LONDON

To Navy Office

Date and Time Sent 13th May, 1915. 0435

Date and Time Received 13th May, 1915. 2100

Time Signal or No. 254

Your 145 Turkish Official Communique states  
Submarine A.E.2 was destroyed when entering Sea of Marmora  
and her officers and men taken prisoners. Admiralty have  
passed this for publication adding that up to the present  
no confirmation of this report has been received.

1st N.M. W.P. 14/5/15

W.P.  
14-5-15

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From ADMIRALTY.

To Navy Office

Date and Time Sent 19/5/1915. 2240

Date and Time Received 19/5/1915. 1425

Time Signal or No. 264

No communications having been received from Submarine A.E. 2 since 26th April, her loss must be presumed. From a report received through Diplomatic channels at Athens it would appear that 3 Officers and 17 men were taken prisoners out of total 3 officers and 29 men. Every effort is being made to ascertain further particulars of the survivors.

Board of Admiralty desire to record their deep regret at the loss of this vessel with so many of her gallant crew after a memorable feat of arms and congratulates the Commonwealth on the high qualities of their Officers and Seamen.

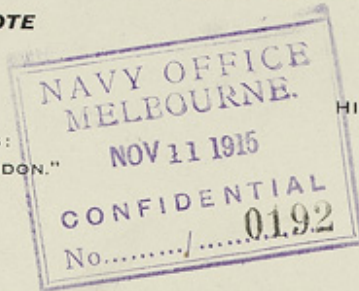
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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

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"NAVREPTIVE, SOWEST, LONDON."



HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICES.

72, VICTORIA STREET.

WESTMINSTER.

LONDON, S.W.

6th October 1915.

-: CONFIDENTIAL. :-

Sir,

With reference to your letter Series No.02208 of the 9th August, I have the honour to state for the information of the Naval Board that in reply to my enquiries relative to the exploits of H.M.A. Submarine "A.E.2" I am informed by the Admiralty as follows:-

"Up to the 25th April A.E.2's proceedings appear to have been quite uneventful. On the 25th April she proceeded up the Dardanelles into the Sea of Marmora. 2 days later another Submarine went up and met A.E.2. in the Marmora at 5 p.m. on the 29th April."

The Commanding Officer of this other Submarine in his diary gives the following information:-

"She (A.E.2) told me that they had sunk one Gunboat - name not known. I arranged to meet her again the next day after I had communicated with the Vice Admiral by wireless. We sighted her early the next morning, but before we could communicate we had to dive, and I did not see her again."

The Admiralty state that it seems clear from the diary referred to above that the Turkish Patrol Craft were very active at the time.

On the 2nd May a wireless message from "Goeben" in English was intercepted by the Vice Admiral stating that A.E.2 had been sunk by a Turkish Torpedo Boat, and the crew taken Prisoners.

The Naval Secretary,

Navy Office,

Melbourne.

*The Admiralty are of the opinion that there appears to be no reason to doubt that she was sunk in the Marmora as stated.*

*I am,*

*Sir,*

*Your obedient Servant,*

*J. Haworth Proke*

*Captain  
Naval Representative.*