



Onboard the SS Nellore at that time of the sinking were the survivors of the ships sunk by the raiders from Emirau Island.



Passengers onboard the SS Nellore, date unknown



The steamer *Nellore* which took the survivors of the ships sunk by the raiders from Emirau Island.



Crew and Navy personnel on *Nellore*

From the Morning Bulletin. Wed. 24th April 1946" It was indeed fortunate that none of the company's ships was in Japanese waters on December 7th 1941. The nearest, the *Nellore*, was in Hong Kong and, embarking passengers well above her usual numbers, she sailed for Australia and managed to get through unscathed. The ships were now transferred to the Australia-India run to augment a shipping service the requirements of which had grown with the progress of war, and it was whilst employed on this run that all three ships were lost by enemy action. The *Nellore* and *Tanda* continued in the trade until June 29 1944, when the *Nellore*, on route from Bombay to Australia, was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean. The torpedoing took place at night without warning, and the *Nellore* was finished off by shelling from the submarine." The *Tanda* was torpedoed and sunk 15th July 1944



Hilton Ernest Bates, Petty Officer S3748, Royal Australian Naval Reserve, lost 29 June 1944, aged 34.  
With his wife Gladys, and son Arthur, March 1944.

Photograph kindly donated by his grandson, Mr. Dave White



Raymond Harry Bremner  
Able Seaman F3405  
Royal Australian Naval Reserve. Born WA  
Lost Thursday 29th June 1944. Aged 20



Clifton James Brindal  
Able Seaman F4213  
Royal Australian Naval Reserve. Born WA  
Lost Thursday 29th June 1944. Aged 20.

Family records and WWII information on the *SS Nellore* kindly supplied by Mr. Dave White



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