

RIVER BAR DROWNING

SYDNEY, April 18: Although crew-mates tried desperately to rescue him, Henry Alfred Garrard (35) married, of Ballina, was swept away and drowned today after he had fallen overboard from a trawler at the Richmond River bar, Ballina, on the north coast.

Garrard was one of a crew of five on a prawn trawling vessel. A buoy and ropes were thrown to him but he failed to grasp them in the heavy seas and disappeared under a big wave. Local fishing boats, a north coast steamer and a plane from Casino made an unsuccessful search for the body.