

Washed Overboard From Launch

BODY STILL MISSING

BALLINA, Monday.—A day-long search by land, sea and air failed to reveal any trace of the body of a man washed overboard from a boat crossing the Richmond River bar at Ballina early this morning.

The man is Henry Alfred Garrard, 36, married, of Fox Street, Ballina.

He was a member of the crew of the boat, "Geoffrey D", owned and sailed by Mr. E. J. Moane, of Collis Harbour, which left Ballina about 6 a.m. on a prawn-trawling expedition.

A heavy sea was running at the time, and it is believed that Garrard was struck by a big wave and swept overboard. A lifebelt and rope were thrown towards him, but he was engulfed by a wave and was not seen again.

A message, stating that a man had been washed overboard, was received by the Ballina Pilot (Capt. Brady) from the captain of the N.C.S.N. vessel Bonalbo, which was waiting to cross into Ballina.

Ballina police organised a search, which was joined by a Tiger Moth plane from Casino piloted by Mr. A. Coote, and by lifesavers and fishermen. Although the search continued throughout the day, no trace of the body could be found.

It was thought that with a strong ebb tide and northerly sweep running, the body might be washed ashore in the vicinity of Skinner's beach and residents were asked to keep a close watch on the sea-shores.

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Garrard, a well known resident of Ballina, worked as a fisherman and boathand. His son, Alfred Garrard, aged 16, was one of the crew of five on the boat. The others, apart from the captain, were Maxwell Coulton and Ernest Barnett.

The searchers today included Sergt. G. E. Tarrant, Constable W. Bottrell, and Captain Brady. They were taken to sea by Mr. A. Heynatz in his fishing launch and searched as far north as Lennox Head without result. Det. A. George and Constable Lee, of Lismore police, assisted in the search today and will continue it at 7 a.m. tomorrow.