

Sunk in Kula Gulf: The Final Voyage of the U.S.S. Helena and the Incredible Story of Her Survivors (Hardback)

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Potomac Books Inc, United States, 2012. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The early morning hours of July 6, 1943, found the USS Helena in what would later be known as the Battle of Kula Gulf. But the ship s participation in the battle came to a swift end when three Japanese torpedoes suddenly struck. Almost 170 sailors went down with the ship, many never surviving the initial torpedo hits. As the last of the Helena disappeared below the ocean s surface, the remaining crewmen s struggle for survival had only just begun. Sunk in Kula Gulf tells the epic story of the Helena s survivors. Two destroyers plucked more than 700 sailors from the sea in a night rescue operation as the battle continued to rage. A second group of 88 men - clustered into three lifeboats - made it to a nearby island and were rescued the next day. A third group of survivors, spread over a wide area, was missed entirely. Clinging to life rafts or debris, the weary sailors were pushed away from the area of the sinking by a strong ocean current. After enduring days at sea under the hot tropical sun,...



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