

The
Treasure of the
SS Gairsoppa



A Story of Strength, Wealth Allied War Effort in the East



In the early days of World War II, German submarine wolf-packs prowled the seas and decimated the shipping convoys supporting the Allied war effort.

Among the hapless victims of this carnage was the SS *Gairsoppa*, bound from Bombay to London with a fortune in silver bullion aboard. The ship never made port; she was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Ireland with a near-total loss of life and precious cargo.

Seventy years later, the wreck of the *Gairsoppa* was found by Odyssey Marine Exploration, Inc. and the rare silver ingots were recovered and brought to the surface. The best-of-the-best of these historic silver bullion rarities are now available from Monaco Financial, one of the nation's leading shipwreck treasure firms.

You now have the opportunity to own one of these rare, beautiful and historic treasures . . . each stamped with the hallmark of His Majesty's Mint at Bombay, along with the ingot's weight and unique wartime serial number.

Odyssey's ROV pilots navigate the advanced robotics used to recover silver bars from the SS *Gairsoppa* shipwreck site, 4700 meters deep -- Odyssey Senior Project Managers Andrew Craig and Ernie Tapanes inspect the first silver bar recovered in 2013 from the SS *Gairsoppa* site.

The SS *Gairsoppa* was a 412 foot steel-hulled British cargo steamship that was enlisted in the service of the United Kingdom Ministry of War Transport and sunk by a German U-boat on February 17, 1941, approximately 300 miles southwest of Galway, Ireland.

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Odyssey's team aboard the 291-foot *Seabed Worker* conducts recovery operations on the SS *Gairsoppa*.



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A Fortune in Silver Bullion Lost in the War, Then Found and Recovered 70 Years Later

The British merchant freighter, SS *Gairsoppa*, was a 412-foot steel-hulled cargo steamship that was bound from Bombay, via western Africa and on to Britain, with a cargo of tea, pig iron . . . and up to 7 million ounces of silver bullion.

In a fierce North Atlantic storm and running low on coal, the *Gairsoppa* was forced to abandon the safety of her protective convoy and make way for the shelter of Galway, Ireland, some 300 miles to the north. Alone and running slow, the ship was an easy target . . . and she was soon cornered and sunk by a single torpedo fired by the U-101, one of the more deadly German submarines prowling the area. Just after midnight on February 17, 1941, the *Gairsoppa* sank to the seafloor, nearly three miles below the surface. The freighter's second officer was the sole survivor . . . all other hands perished.

Seventy years later, Odyssey Marine Exploration located the *Gairsoppa* shipwreck and began the process of documenting the discovery and recovering the silver bullion from the sunken ship. In 2012, a total of approximately 1.4 million ounces of silver bullion bars were brought to the surface . . . and in 2013, an additional 1.8 million ounces of silver bars were recovered. To date, Odyssey has recovered more than 110 tons of silver bars from the SS *Gairsoppa* shipwreck, the largest and heaviest recovery of precious metal from a shipwreck in history.



The Odyssey crew inspects the silver bars as they are recovered from the SS *Gairsoppa* site in 2012 and unloaded on deck of the *Seabed Worker*.

In July 2012, Odyssey announced the discovery of silver on the SS *Gairsoppa*. This record-breaking operation has so far produced the heaviest and deepest recovery of precious metals from a shipwreck.



You Now Have a Rare Opportunity to Own an Important Piece of Maritime History

For more than a decade, Monaco Financial – today, better known as Monaco Rare Coins – has specialized in acquiring unique and historical shipwreck treasure items for discriminating collectors and investors. Since 2001, Monaco has been the leading dealer for the California Gold Rush assayer ingots, gold coins, gold nuggets and other treasure recovered from the S.S. *Central America* shipwreck.

And now, Monaco has acquired a limited number of the highest quality, pure .999 fine silver ingots recovered from the shipwreck of the SS *Gairsoppa* and is now making them available to those collectors and investors who can appreciate this unique and exceptional opportunity.

A shipment of pure, .999 fine silver ingots recovered from the SS *Gairsoppa* shipwreck being delivered to Monaco Financial on October 2, 2013.



Each .999 Fine, Pure Silver Ingot from the SS *Gairsoppa* Is Unique . . . Each a Rare and Historically Significant Treasure



A selection of the unique .999 fine silver ingots from the *Gairsoppa* shipwreck and close-up of the Bombay mint hallmark.

Each of these unique and hefty silver bullion bars weighs approximately 1,100 troy ounces – over 90 pounds – and each carries the hallmark of His Majesty's Mint at Bombay, along with the ingot's weight, fineness and unique wartime serial number. As a result, each pure silver bar is truly unique . . . and each is an historical symbol of the strength, wealth and courage of the Allied war effort in the early days of World War II.

You Have a Trusted Ally with Great Expertise on Your Side



Monaco Financial is a trusted leader in the rare coin collecting and precious metals investment world, offering a unique, vast and impressive array of resources for investors and collectors alike. At Monaco, you will find the finest rarities available, an experienced and knowledgeable staff of professionals ready and willing to serve your needs, and a broad range of programs and products to fit most any budget.

For more information on the unique silver ingots recovered from the SS *Gairsoppa* shipwreck, please call a Monaco Shipwreck Treasure Specialist at **1-888-751-1933**.



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Rare coin insider Adam Crum, Monaco's Vice President of Numismatics, is a well-known numismatist, author, speaker, market-maker and is a recognized expert in recovered shipwreck treasure. He has continually published newsletters, books and video programs on numismatics since 1991, has been published in most of the leading numismatic publications and has been a guest on regional and national broadcast programs. Adam Crum is a life member of the American Numismatic Association and has been a noted speaker at and contributor to the Smithsonian Institution.



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