

NAVAL DEFENCE ACT 1910 - 1968.
NAVY (BOARD OF INQUIRY) REGULATIONS.
REGULATIONS 3, 4, 5 AND 13.
CONVENING OF BOARD OF INQUIRY.

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1. In pursuance of regulation 3 of the Navy (Board of Inquiry) Regulations, the Naval Board HEREBY CONVENES a Board of Inquiry to inquire into all the circumstances surrounding the collision between the ship of the Royal Australian Navy "Melbourne" and the ship of the Navy of the United States of America "Frank E. Evans" on the third day of June 1969.

2. In pursuance of regulation 3 of the Navy (Board of Inquiry) Regulations the Naval Board HEREBY DIRECTS the Board of Inquiry to inquire into all the facts and circumstances connected with the collision and in pursuance of regulation 5 of those Regulations HEREBY REQUIRES the Board of Inquiry to submit its findings of facts and opinions in duplicate original reports to the Commander of the Seventh Fleet of the United States of America and to the Naval Board.

3. In pursuance of regulation 4 of the Navy (Board of Inquiry) Regulations the Naval Board HEREBY APPOINTS the following persons to compose the Board of Inquiry, namely:

Rear-Admiral Jerome Henry King, United States Navy
106967/1100;

Rear-Admiral Hugh David Stevenson, Royal Australian Navy;

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Captain Clyde Bertram Anderson, United States Navy
165623/1100;

Captain Stephen Lewis Rusk, United States Navy
270161/1100;

Captain Kenneth William Shands, Royal Australian Navy; and

Captain John Davidson, Royal Australian Navy,

and in pursuance of Regulation 13 of those Regulations
HEREBY APPOINTS the following persons, namely:

Captain Horace B. Robertson, Judge Advocate General Corps,
United States Navy, 447857/2500; and

Commander Harold Hyman Glass, Q.C., Royal Australian
Naval Volunteer Reserve,

to assist the Board of Inquiry.

Dated this *7th*..... day of June 1969.

V. B. T. Smith.
Chief of Naval Staff and First Naval Member
Member of the Naval Board.

J. Handley
Secretary to the Department of the Navy
Member of the Naval Board.

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