

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

(1) Here insert name, address and occupation of person making the declaration.

(2) Here insert matter declared in. Where the matter is long, add the words "as follows:" and then set the matter out in numbered paragraphs.

I, **Donald Thomas McINTOSH, LAMET, R62144, of HMAS MELBOURNE,** do solemnly and sincerely declare⁽³⁾ as follows:

1. I was instructed by Commander A.R. Horton, R.A.N., to establish any errors that may have existed in the clocks situated in key positions around the ship. I was given this instruction at approximately 0340(G), on 3 June, 1969, some 25 minutes after the collision involving the USS Frank E. Evans.

2. I hereby solemnly declare that the following facts are relevant:

a. The attached document is a true copy of the original upon which the checks were recorded by me.

b. The checks were made against a deck watch which had itself been checked against a radio time signal at 2100 (G), on 2 June, 1969.

c. The checks were made to establish any errors that existed at the time of the collision.

d. The types of clocks are as listed below:

OPS 1 Lower	Smiths, Eight Day.
OPS 2 Upper	Smiths, Astral
FLYCO	50 cycle Synchronous Electric.
Bridge	Smiths, Astral
Communications	Smiths, Astral
Admiral's Bridge	Smiths, Astral
Briefing Room	Smiths, Astral

e. I recorded the error of the Upper Operations Room clock as 60 secs slow. This is incorrect and the error was 90 secs FAST.

f. The times shown on the various clocks were the exact times at the moment of checking.

g. On the recording document, the left hand column of figures records the time shown by the Deck Watch, and the right hand column that of the clock being checked. All Deck Watch times were taken exactly on the minute for ease of comparison.

h. All clocks were checked at 1830(G), on 2 June, 1969. And I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

(3) Signature of person making the declaration.

DMcIntosh

Declared at **HMAS MELBOURNE** the **26th (twenty-sixth)**

day of **June**, 19**69**.

Before me,

(4) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made.

L. Pouch J.P.

(5) Here insert title of person before whom the declaration is made.

Justice of the Peace.

NOTE 1.—A person who wilfully makes a false statement in a statutory declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 is guilty of an offence against that Act, the punishment for which is a fine not exceeding \$200 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both if the offence is prosecuted summarily, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding four years if the offence is prosecuted upon indictment.

NOTE 2.—A statutory declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 may be made only before a Magistrate, a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Affidavits, a Commissioner for Declarations, a Notary Public, a person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State in which the declaration is made, or an Australian Consular Officer or an Australian Diplomatic Officer.