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YOUR REF:

DATE: 26, May 1999

Captain Brian Swan RAN [Rtd]  
C/ Skilled Engineering  
221-229 Sydney Park Road  
ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015

Dear Brian,

RE: 30th ANNIVERSARY- COLLISION  
HMAS MELBOURNE & USS FRANK E. EVANS

Thirty years is a long time Brian; yet to those of us who served in Melbourne at the time the memory is still very clear.

I have kept these objects in my old "chippies' toolbox", since that day. I found the rivet still in its hole, in the jagged bow plates of the Melbourne. The piece of flange was stuck next to it, and it took some effort to remove both. I have always assumed the small piece of flange was from the Frank E. Evans, as there did not appear to be anything in that foc'sle area of the Melbourne that was consistent with that material or configuration.

It was always my intention to have them mounted, and presented to either the Melbourne association or Frank E. Evans association. As usual it was placed in the "gonna" tray for 30 years.

I hope you can put them to some good use.

Please pass on my thoughts, to all those who lost loved ones, or had loved ones injured.

Look after yourself Brian.

Yours aye,  
*Tom Davies*

[T. G. DAVIES]

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