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Dear Brian,

I am so sorry that I caused the delay in getting my last letter to you because of a bad address. I have taken the appropriate action so that this does not happen again! I changed my "Australian Friends" address lists.

It was so nice to hear from the land down under. We are very enthused about coming to your part of the world next year.

Enclosed please find correspondence that I am sending to our association in order to get our guys going. I think you noted in your letter as "pestering my members." That is what I am trying to do. As you can see from the letter a great deal of planning has been going on for our 27th thru the 30th of August date in Alexandria, VA. Cal Rankin is in charge of the Living Memorial Ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. I hesitate to send you all of the details for things change sometimes, but at this moment, it is my understanding the U.S. Senator John Warner of Virginia will be the "key note" speaker at this function. Senator Warner was, I believe the Undersecretary of the Navy at the time of the sinking of the Frank E. Evans, so is familiar with the details. Hope this comes to pass.

Also, one of the most important topics at our business meeting will be discussing the trip to Sydney next year. From reading your letter, your association has been busy and probably be getting busier.

Any correspondence that I have with our association, I will make available to you. In doing so, it makes for better communications between our groups.

Best regards to you, your family, the HMAS Melbourne Association and to all of our good friends in Australia.

With warm regards,

J. C. Campbell