

Greg. P. Ellis

Dear S.P. + crew.

Sorry it has taken so long to put pen to paper, but as you know how much time goes into putting this post to be together.

Over the past 12 months we have received over 412 photo copies of news paper articles, some 213 photos from the time we left Sydney, sports events on Melbourne, the accident, time in Singapore, trip home and to bring the event to its fullest end our first reunion in Canberra, Cor. B, one with Captain Stevenson and some boys at my place, to photos of our boys at your reunion.

As you can see a lot of time has gone into doing this, to finish it off so we may put it all on to tape (which we will send a copy to you) we need if possible a copy of your last reunion with our boys.

Mont, if not all we have will be going into a museum here in Sydney to preserve the memory of our lost mate of the road night, this is being done because here in Australia we have two great saying (1) Lets not forget and (2) we will remember them.

The candle you sent home for me will be engraved with one of the boys names, plus your Evans arrow plaque, if possible could you forward another plaque, with at the bottom of

at the words "~~Donated~~ Donated By USS FRANK E. EVANS PCOS.
so when people visit it they know where it came
from and that the friendship of both navies are
as strong as the night it all happened.

To you this ask may seem like alot, but
to me and many other Melbourne boys, it is such
a small price to pay to keep all the memories alive.
to preserve such great mens names alive in our
minds and our hearts.

I'm sorry to say that I might miss
you again this year, but as they say someone must
hold the fort, But I promise one day we shall meet
We hope to go to safe offore mid
may too late may, so I hope we may get there
request.

as you said in one of your letters
its time to remember, I agree and while I can do
some thing about it I will

I thank all your men for looking after
our boys while they were there with you and
for all the help and support you have given too
us.

Till my next Letter 'pray be with the life
of all this work' Keep safe, god bless and
never forget.

Your shipmate
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OF HMAS MELBOURNE