

Greg. P. Ellis

Dear S.C. + Chas.

Sorry it has taken so long to put pen to paper, but as you know how much time goes into putting this part 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, Jan. 3, 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 of parrelle a copy of your last reunion with our boys.

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

The candle you sent home for me will be engraved with one of the boys names, plus Mr Evans across plaque, if parrelle could you find and another plaque, in which the

at the words "Donated By U.S.S. FRANK E. EVANS ACcos.  
so when people visit it they know were 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 a lot, 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 Cape before mid  
May to 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  
something 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 to  
us.

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

Your ship mate  
Greg. P. Ellis  
S.E. HMAS. MELBOURNE