

I have always signed on behalf of the missing men.
In case you haven't noticed, I've got a bee in my bonnet.

David.

----- Original Message -----

From: Radburn, Katrina CMDR
To: David Angwin
Cc: Nottle, Joshua LEUT
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2008 7:58 AM
Subject: RE: HMAS SYDNEY II Commission of Inquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Sir.

I note in your email to LEUT Nottle of Wednesday 30 Jul at 8.48am that you sign it "David Angwin HMAS Sydney". I have to caution you Sir that this could easily be misconstrued by others on this email chain that you are in some way a part of the HMAS SYDNEY II COI or the Navy itself. This is in breach of regulations surrounding the prohibited use of Defence words and letters.

Regards

Katrina Radburn

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From: David Angwin [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, 4 August 2008 22:28
To: Radburn, Katrina CMDR
Cc: Monk, Shannon FLTLT; Nottle, Joshua LEUT
Subject: Fw: HMAS SYDNEY II Commission of Inquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

----- Original Message -----

From: David Angwin
To: Micheal McCarthy
Cc: [REDACTED]; State Secretary WA ; Project Officer ; [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 9:51 PM
Subject: Re: HMAS SYDNEY II Commission of Inquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

HMAS Sydney Update # 556

Hello Dr Mack,

I'm not involved with Samuels.
I'm yet to see anything positive directly from Samuels.
I've never met, or spoken to him.

I'm in trouble at present with ASIO for pulling apart the 1999 Parliament Enquiry.
The Confidential Submissions are supposedly from the Reserve Soldiers who dug the unmarked graves.
There are reliable, but gagged witnesses to the letters.
The COI gets them soon.
Handwritten, and signed.
Proof positive.
The fur is flying in Canberra at present.
Larger issues are now current etc.

There is supposed to be about 23 soldiers still alive.
They march each year.
ASIO got to the letter writers after the 1999 Enquiry.
Threatened them with Life Imprisonment, and loss of the Veteran Pension.

I sense you have some information, however it isn't published, or verified.
I'm not fussed.
I just need a starting point.

It was a very big Operation.

First site is theoretically in Sheltered Bay, and was done early after the battle by the Tug Uco crew.

RAAF Geraldton did the body count survey after the Cape Ottoway sightings, in the 2nd week of December.
Bodies washed in naturally into the south end of False Entrance, and into the northern end of Crayfish Bay.
Wave set patterns are totally different for both sites.
Three S&R RAAF boats sent from Perth.
Picked up the bodies, and dropped them into False Entrance allegedly.

Biggest site is Crayfish Bay, and a bulldozer was used.
Theoretically flotsam was buried here also to hide it from the searchers.

2ndary Sheltered Bay site started, with a truck access cut in.
Sheltered Bay site had 12 month boat access, the all important 2 metre water depth almost onto the beach, and privacy from the fishing fleet at Denham.
Fishing Fleet in Denham was sail operated, and highly visible.

Mystery Beach site next, as a natural catchment.
This site is smaller, and theoretically has some Orientals.
The talk about Dirk Hartog as a primary burial site doesn't add up.
Limited access on the West side, and very high visibility within the bay.

Please note floatable positive stuff [Kormoran monkey kennel] was caught by the wind and sailed to the top off Dorre Island.
Just floatable stuff [aircraft tailwheel eg] ended up near Geraldton, caught by the Leeuwin current.
The bodies were heavy and lowset into the water.

Final site that I can see on my 1944 RAAF photo's [separate to the '43 shots] are on the Northern tip of Dorre.
Two sites, the larger by far should be a flotsam site.

- Bulldozer crew used.
- RAAF photo recon crews used; before, during and after.
- RAAF S&R boat crews used.
- T-ruck crews to get men and supplies in and out.
- Soldiers to dig.
- Field Ambulance crew to sort, and move bodies.
- Ambulance crew Doctor to catalogue the bodies.
- Military Police crew to enforce order.
- Local , District, Area Command structure.
- [Leut, Capt, Colonel, and a General in Canberra etc]
- Resupply crew; water, food, shelter.
- Medical crew for the diggers.
- Secure Radio Signal crew; onsite to Perth to Canberra etc.
- [Most probably RAAF high Freq radio sets.]

Lots of Peoples.



Only 3 roads to the Coast in this area in 1941.
Main St of Canarveron.
Carrang Station private road to the False Entrance water tank and windmill.
Main road to Port Gregory.

What do you have Dr Mack.
Any rumor of, suggestion of, any unsubstantiated report of.

Do you need to see the Millspec cropped photo of the Crayfish Bay site from 1943 ?

Kind Regards.

David Angwin.

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From: Micheal McCarthy

To: David Angwin

Sent: Monday, August 04, 2008 10:08 AM

Subject: Re: HMAS SYDNEY II Commission of Inquiry [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hello again David...It is good that you are in contact with the Cole Inquiry for I do expect that they will look into the burial issue fully by following up your leads re the letters, which I urge you to produce or provide good leads to the writers . As indicated the Museum cannot do anything without something concrete to go on other than to urge you to provide those verifiable references. However now that the Cole Inquiry has commenced I am referring all who might have insights not covered by the earlier inquiries, or remaining outstanding from those times to them in these post-finding days.

This press item re claims of burials elsewhere came across my desk late last week for example and I have referred it to the Cole Inquiry. I expect they will interview Mr Samuels with a view to asking him for verifiable references/contacts.

This is now the way to go for all of us.

Have you heard of any plans by others to go up to the Dirk Hartog region in search of bodies or evidence??... Or are the rumours I am informally hearing relating to another visit by you and your group?

Best wishes.

Mack

On 3/8/08 7:25 AM, "David Angwin" <davidangwin@internode.on.net> wrote:

Dr Mack,

Chasing down the 1941 Dig Team again.
COI gets the letters in about 10 days or so.
Either ASIO / COI or your little buddy gets the Soldiers.
ASIO got to them after the 1999 Parliament Enquiry.
Nazi Germany was safer.
COI is ready to convert to a Royal Commission.

If I get them then I'll seal off the sites, and consecrate them.
Once consecrated etc, they can't be touched.
Got the Priest on standby.
The Reverend Al Willet from Denham.

Its the lesser of the 3 evils if I get them etc.

The souldiers came from Perth; and a D2- D3- or possibly a D4 dozer was used to cut the second road in, and for the Crayfish Bay site.

I want you to dig deep Dr Mack.
I've ccd Premier Carpenter in case you need resources.

Kind Regards.