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Mr. H. Rodburn

Commander RANR

Secretary H.M.A.S. Sydney

Commissioner of Inquiry.

Dear Sir

I am sorry as I thought I referred in my letter to a dear late friend BILL BRAY of Bueclouch S.A. He died peacefully in his chair watching TV. I do believe he has sons around Bueclouch who he may of told the same story to.

I guess even the German soldier has passed on, I believe Bill met him overseas and got talking re the Cormoran Sydney affair and he told Bill he was a soldier on Cormoran, he said the Cormoran didn't hit Sydney but he thought an unexploded timed shell landed on Sydney and I suppose being young and inexperienced sailors the Sydney believed to of escaped was not I respected for stray shells as all felt thankful theyd survived.

I am sorry Sir but I believe the worry of how the Sydney took with all aboard killed I need BILL BRAY. he couldn't get over it

Sorry

yours sincerely

Keith Hodges.