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Mr Frank Salomon.

Mrs Angela Merkel.

I highly recommend you stipulate that none of the Wargraves are disturbed, and ALL are guaranteed full Military Honours in perpetual.

Easy to do for Australia.

I don't think Australia will get over seeing all the remains unearthed.
That type of bad news will travel fast, and persist.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission mandate is to dig them all up, identify them and return the remains to the Families.

A big problem is that my indications suggest the different Nationalities are mixed together in some locations due to the limitations of time and resources in 1941.
And, there is 200 to 300 of them.

Be aware all the lost Mariners were interred in good faith by Australia in 1941.

An enormous effort, considering the putrid state of the bodies, and the circumstances regarding their demise. Neat straight lines, all facing East to the Rising Sun with the Setting Sun on their backs.
As per Commonwealth War Graves Protocols.

The small individual burials at Canaveron [extreme North] and Geraldton [extreme South] were exhumed after the War and reburied correctly.

It would have been easier to burn the remains in 1941, like other Nations used to do Frank Salomon.

That didn't happen thankfully.
Australia doesn't do that sort of stuff.

For your direct consideration.

Without Prejudice.

David Angwin.