



In 1973 Michael Montgomery wrote the following:

What, for instance, is to be made of the following reply from the Australian Department of the Navy in 1973 to a letter seeking their assistance in identifying certain naval personnel listed on the back of a photograph: "Navy Office records show that three of the persons whose names appeared on the list supplied by you were serving in the H.M.A.S. Sydney when that ship was lost during action on November 20th. (SIC). Furthermore, when I asked if it would be possible to examine the relevant file, I was informed that it had been destroyed. Why?"

Mr. Montgomery believes all these years of conspiracy to concealment hatched around and described by one of Australian newspapers as "The most Monumental bloomer in our Navy's history".

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*Abel Seaman Colin Fredrick Stevens
was alleged to have been a survivor.*