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Dear David,

It was only after the Naval History Workshop had ended that I connected your face and name, and realised I had missed an opportunity to meet you. Perhaps there will an opportunity in the future.

I have two purposes in writing. The first is to offer my congratulations on your magnificent work Battle Surface!. I finished reading it last weekend and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I have enclosed a review which is to be published in the Journal of the Australian War Memorial.

My second purpose is to ask for your opinion. I have enclosed extracts from Who Sank the Sydney? by Michael Montgomery, and HMAS SYDNEY: Fact, Fantasy and Fraud by Barbara Winter. As my next book is on the subject of SYDNEY's loss off Carnarvon in November 1941, I thought you may be able to comment on the suggestion cum allegation that a Japanese submarine was involved in the loss of the cruiser. While I have little doubt a Japanese submarine was not involved, the reply by Barbara Winter is far from convincing. If you could give me something quotable for my book, I would be especially grateful.

If I can be of assistance to you at any time with defence issues or access to archives, please do not hesitate in contacting me. My telephone numbers are 06 291 8626 (home) and 06 265 4295 (work), and fax (06 265 6206).

Congratulations again on a most worthy contribution to Australia's naval history. Battle Surface! is a fabulous book.

Best Wishes,