



Guy Barnett MP

LIBERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS

Notice of Motion

1526 Guy Barnett MP, Liberal Member for Lyons to move - That the House notes: -

(1) Notes that: -

(a) on 1 December 1942, Ordinary Seaman Edward "Teddy" Sheean selflessly gave his life to defend his shipmates by firing at attacking Japanese planes as his ship, the HMAS Armidale, sank beneath him; and

(b) Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean shot down one aircraft and damaged another sacrificing himself to ensure the safety of his crewmates.

(2) Recognises that up to the end of World War 2 the granting of bravery awards for Royal Australian Navy personnel were administered by the British Admiralty and notes that Guy Barnett MP, together with Ordinary Seaman Sheean's nephew Garry Ivory on 25 February 2017 made a submission to the British Admiralty for reconsideration of an award.

(3) Further notes:—

(a) that other servicemen have been granted posthumous awards for acts of bravery;

(b) there have been 100 Victorian Cross awards granted to Australians but not one of these were from the Royal Australian Navy;

(c) in particular the case of Leading Seaman Jack Mantle, of the Royal Navy, who on 4 July 1940 was wounded when his ship, the HMS Foylebank, was attacked by enemy aircraft but stayed at his gun, firing until he died to protect his shipmates and was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross; and

- (d) the actions of British Seaman Jack Mantle were very similar to Teddy Sheean; and
 - (e) that it is an injustice that Teddy Sheean was not recognised as Jack Mantle, and many others, so deservedly were, but it is one that can be addressed, and we are hopeful that the British Admiralty will do so.
- (4) Recognises and thanks Ordinary Seaman Sheean's nephew Garry Ivory and the Sheean family for their tireless work to achieve recognition for Teddy Sheean.

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