

Fight for Sheean

THE campaign to have Latrobe war hero Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean bravely recognised with a Victoria Cross is not over.

Teddy Sheean served on the HMAS Armidale and, when attacked on December 1, 1942 and ordered to abandon ship, he returned to his anti-aircraft gun and fired at enemy aircraft to protect his mates being strafed in the water.

Teddy Sheean did this in total disregard for his own safety and life, and was seen continuing to fire as the ship went down.

A recent Defence Tribunal Report decided that Teddy Sheean's bravery was not worthy of a Victoria Cross. We at the Teddy Sheean VC Award Fight team believe this is a grave injustice.

Bravery such as that shown by Sheean should be appropriately honoured.

A petition has been created to have the tribunal findings set aside and Sheean's bravery reconsidered for a VC.

People wishing to sign the petition can find it at www.change.org/petitions, via the Teddy Sheean VC Award Fight Facebook page or by contacting us directly.

Lest we forget.

— GARRY IVORY and GUY BARNETT,
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