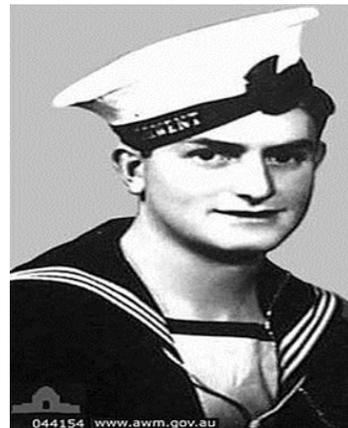
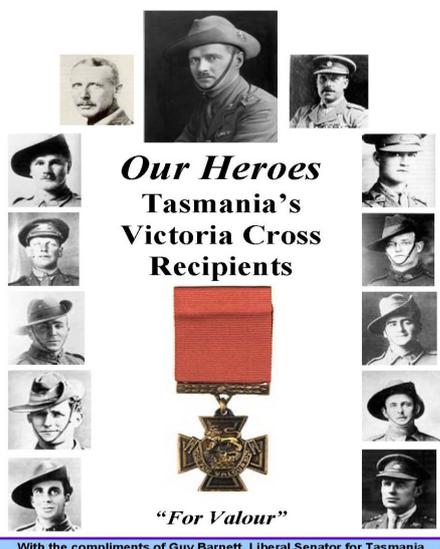


PETITION LAUNCHED

TO SUPPORT A VICTORIA CROSS FOR TEDDY SHEEAN



The time is right for the British Admiralty to review this case and award Teddy Sheean what is justly his—a posthumous Victoria Cross. Together with Garry Ivory and the Sheean family, supported by the state RSL we are circulating a petition seeking support from fellow Tasmanians. By the end of this year we hope to prepare a submission to the British Admiralty enclosing the signed petitions and letters of support requesting a review and that the bravery and gallantry of Teddy Sheean be properly recognised.



With the support of the Tasmanian RSL, Guy published *Our Heroes, Tasmania's Victoria Cross Recipients* that features the story of Harry Murray VC, Australia's most highly decorated soldier and a special chapter on Teddy Sheean.

You can download a copy of *Our Heroes* (fourth edition soon to be released) from www.guybarnett.com.au



The quest for a Victoria Cross to recognise the heroic act of bravery by Tasmanian sailor Edward (Teddy) Sheean continues with the launching of a petition to the Tasmanian Parliament.

Together with Teddy Sheean's nephew Garry Ivory, we are collecting signatures and hope to lodge the petition before the end of the year. There will be many opportunities for Tasmanians to sign-up in coming months.

We have also been buoyed by the response we received to a letter sent to HRH Prince Henry of Wales (known as Prince Harry) in April, letting him know of Teddy Sheean's bravery in 1942.

We made Prince Harry aware of the precedent set in 1949 when a young British sailor called Jack Mantle was awarded a Victoria Cross for a very similar act of bravery aboard the HMS Foylebank under fire from German dive bombers.

Before 1949 all Victoria Crosses for allied sailors were determined by the British Admiralty and we appealed to Prince Harry to use his discretion to have Teddy Sheean's case reviewed by the new British Admiralty Board.

We received a letter on behalf of Prince Harry last month. Although I am unable to divulge the complete details of the letter the matter has been sent to the Defence Service Secretary for consideration.

We are delighted by this response and believe that the current petition will further push this just cause for Victoria Cross recognition.



You can download the petition at
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