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Corvettes

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Victorian Branch



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Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal

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 DHAAT/IN/ 2011/058
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 DATE: 15 June 2011

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What position do you hold in the organisation? PRESIDENT/TREASURER.

Desired Outcome

 Please attach your submission and supporting documentation	ATTACHED
GRANTING OF THE VICTORIA CROSS to	
ORDINARY SEAMAN EDWARD (TEDDY) JACOB	
FOR BRAVERY & SUPREME SACRIFICE ON	
BOARD HMS ARMIDALE - 1 st DECEMBER 1942	

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- b) a person or organisation that has an interest in the inquiry.

3 I also declare that the information I have given on this form is correct.

Signature:  President.	Date: 9 June 2011.
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9th June, 2011

The Executive Officer,
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Dear Sir,

We take pleasure, and indeed a duty as the Victorian Branch of the Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association, to forward a Statement in complete support of the award of a Victoria Cross, to one of our Corvette Sailors, for his outstanding bravery under enemy action, in safeguarding his mates, and manning his machine gun whilst his ship, the HMAS Armidale was sinking with tragic loss of lives, on 1st December, 1942, which action was most certainly above and beyond the call of duty.

We sincerely commend and support the application on his behalf to your Tribunal.

Yours faithfully,

Stan Yates
President
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This Document accompanies, and forms part of the Submission to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal, by The Victorian Branch of the Royal Australian Navy Corvettes Association, P O Box 418, Ashburton Vict. 3147.
Dated 9th June, 2011.

We write to support the Award of the Victoria Cross to the late Ordinary Seaman Edward (Teddy) Sheean, who was Killed in Action whilst serving on Board the Corvette HMAS Armidale, Pennant Number J-240 when the Corvette was sunk by enemy action in the Timor Sea, east of Timor on 1st December, 1942.

We have (had) in our Victorian membership, Roy D Cleland, (Dec'd), V Raymond Leonard and William (Bill) N Lamshed, each of whom told of the action terminating in loss of HMAS Armidale of which they were members of the crew of HMAS Armidale.

Both Ray Leonard and Bill Lamshed have written articles of the trauma and hardships they endured, with Roy Cleland stating the same experiences.

As all our members experienced the life and inherent dangers of service in these small ships, they are acutely aware of the declared and true reports both by their knowledge of some of those who served on HMAS Armidale, and by means of reading, in particular, the book by Lt Frank B Walker, "HMAS Armidale – The Ship that had to Die", who served on the Corvette HMAS Latrobe, Pennant Number J-234 (which replaced HMAS Armidale on the Darwin Station) .

These experiences cited, and their own knowledge of those dangers, which they also faced on active service, are regarded as extremely strong bases upon which to base their expressed decision made at our Meetings, to support the application for the Award of the Victoria Cross to Ordinary Seaman Edward (Teddy) Sheean.

During mid-year 2008, we sent our representations in support of this action to both The Hon Sid Sidebottom MP, Federal Member for Braddon, and Hon Jill Hall MP, Federal Member for Shortland. Our support would have been included in the general information in the speech made by the Hon Sid Sidebottom in the Federal Parliament at 8.50 pm on Monday 15th September, 2008 entitled Private Members Bill.

Our members are most strongly supportive in their recommendation that Ordinary Seaman Edward (Teddy) Sheean be awarded the Victoria Cross for his undoubted extreme bravery in action, above and beyond the call of duty.