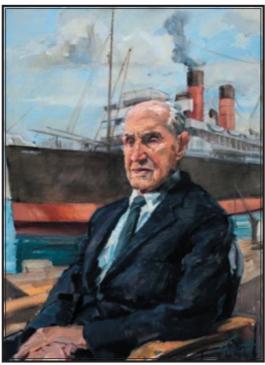
53RD ANNUAL COMMEMORATION MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL & COLUMBARIUM ROOKWOOD NECROPOLIS, SYDNEY



IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (RET'D), GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES AND MRS LINDA HURLEY

COORDINATED BY BOARD OF THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND LTD (MNWMF)



Portrait of The Late Mr. Joseph Ernest Miller by Evert Ploeg 3rd July, 1913 - 20th March, 2017 Survivor from sinking of S.S. Coast Farmer on 20th July. 1942. Life Member of The Merchant Navy Association (MNA)







Sunday 9th April, 2017 Within the Merchant Navy Memorial Garden 1030 for Commencement at 1100 hours

Followed by refreshments within the Memorial Garden

Music Program

The Bankstown City Band

Music Director Mr Ken Bradley Accompanied by Mr. Garry Marks Treasurer & Librarian Leading us all in singing, Mrs Finola McMahon

Officiating Clergy

Mr. John Kewa, Lay Chaplain The Mission to Seafarers (MTS), Port Kembla

VICE REGAL SALUTE

WELCOME & OPENING by MC

David Field, FAICD, Chairman The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)

God Save The Queen – The Royal Anthem

God save our gracious Queen Long live our noble Queen God save the Queen Send her victorious Happy and glorious Long to reign over us God save the Queen

Hymn / Psalm 46: God is our Strength and Refuge

Tune: The Dambusters March (Composer Eric Coates, 1886-1958)

- God is our strength and refuge our present help in trouble; and we therefore will not fear though the earth should change! Though mountains shake and tremble though swirling floods are raging God the Lord of Hosts is with us ever more.
- Come, see the works of our Maker learn of His deeds all powerful; wars can cease across the world when He shatters the spear! Be still and know your Creator, uplift Him in the nations -God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!
- There is a flowing river within God's holy city; God is in the midst of her she shall not be moved! God's help is swiftly given, thrones vanish at His presence -God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!

First Reading: Gospel according to Matthew 8:23-27

Mrs. Pauline Case, Daughter of the Late Joseph (Joe) Ernest Miller, WWII Veteran 3/7/1913 - 20/3/2017 * Joe's other Daughter is Ms. Josephine Miller

Hymn: From All Around the World

Tune: Anchors Aweigh

- From all around the world From sea to sea We praise our Mighty God Who gives us strength to fight for victory. People from every shore Bring Him their praise; Lord of the Ocean's roar Until the end ('til the end of) days.
- Some sail across the sea Toiling each day They see what God can do amid The Ocean's stormy spray, for He calms the raging storm, Saves them from harm He brings them safe to shore And to a haven (to a haven) calm.
- God brings us victory God, Three in One; The whole world stands in awe Of the mighty things that He's done His deeds bring shouts of joy From Land and Sea; Our faults defeat us, but Our God can make us (He can make us) free

Second Reading: from the prophet Isaiah 43:1-3

Mr. Paddy Crumlin, Son-in-law of Rex, on behalf of Rex's Daughters, Gail Crumlin, Mrs. Ruth Panter and Mrs Karen Lower, who are all with us today.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOUR

Captain Iain Steverson - Immediate Past Newcastle Branch Master, The Company of Master Mariners of Australia (CMMA)

Guest of Honour & Delivering the 2017 Address

His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), 38th Governor of New South Wales.

Prior to his appointment in October 2014 as Governor, His Excellency served for 42 years in the Australian Army, concluding his service as the Chief of the Defence Force. His Excellency was appointed a Companion within the Order of Australia in 2010 for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force, and had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his leadership during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993.

His Excellency is accompanied by his wife Linda and they have three adult children: Caitlin, Marcus and Amelia. He has a wide range of interests in the arts and in sport.

Hymn of Her Majesty's Armed Forces Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Words: William Whiting, Winchester, England 1860 Tune: 'Melita' John B. Dykes 1861

- Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave, who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
- O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard 4. And hushed their raging at Thy Word, Who walkest on the foaming deep, And calm amidst the storm didst sleep; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
- O Holy Spirit! Who didst brood Upon the waters dark and rude, and bid their angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace; Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, For those in peril on the sea!
 - O Trinity of love and power! our brethren shield in danger's hour; from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect us whereso'er they go; thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

MEMORIAL PRAYER

Ode - Mr. Don Kennedy

- President Merchant Navy RSL Sub Branch
- Veterans Advisor to the Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Board (MNWMF)

They have no grave but the cruel sea: No flowers lay at their head; A rusting hulk is their tombstone, afast on the ocean bed. They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. *At the going down of the sun and in the morning;* We will remember them

We will remember them All say: Mr. Don Kennedy: Lest we forget All sav: Lest we forget

THE LAST POST

(In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services)

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE - a sign of respect and a time for reflection, concluding with 8 bells.

(Signaling the conclusion of the one minute's silence, 8 Bells will toll which is recognised on board ships as 'the end of watch' but is also a way of saving, a Sailors or Merchant Mariners own watch is over...a nautical euphemism for "finished". The MNWMF thanks the Bankstown City Band for arranging the 8 Bells)

ROUSE

(After the one minute's silence and 8 bells, flags are raised from half mast to the masthead as the Rouse is sounded. Today it is associated with the Last Post at all military funerals, and at services of dedication and remembrance)

LAYING OF WREATHS

Introductions by: MC David Field - Chairman Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Board

Co-Ordination of Wreaths to be laid: Sean Barrett RNZN (Rtd), Director The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund, Merrill Barker, Secretary, Merchant Navy RSL Sub Branch & Stan Moriarty, Secretary, The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund

DEDICATION OF NEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Hymn – Amazing Grace

Words: English Poet & Clergyman John Newton (1725-1807)

- That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
- 1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, 5. When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise
 - Than when we'd first begun.
- 3. Thru many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice For we are young and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea; Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare; In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia Fair.

FINAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING COMMENTS AND VOTE OF THANKS

REFRESHMENTS WITHIN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

Jointly hosted by Rookwood General Cemeteries Reserve Trust (RGCRT)

and

The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)



The Late (25/12/2015) Mr. Bernard (Bernie) O'Brien WWII Veteran, Survivor of the sinking of the S.S. Fingal, on 5th May 1943 and The Late (20/3/2017) Mr. Joseph (Joe) Ernest Miller, survivor of the sinking of the S.S. Coast Farmer on 21st July 1942, are assisted back to their seats by MNA NSW President Geoff Walls & Katrina Titheradge, a former highly respected member of our Annual Canberra Commemoration. Bernie & Joe had laid a Wreath at the 2013 Canberra Commemoration, in honour of their shipmates lost in wartime.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE CROSSED THE BAR

(Since those recorded in the 2015 Order of Commemoration)

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep, Too full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the boundless deep Turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, And after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crost the bar.

Poem By Alfred, Lord Tennyson 1889, Poet Laureate

Merchant Navy Man A Title Emblazoned in Battle and Honoured in Freedom

NEW SOUTH WALES

Peter Baird (Past Federal Treasurer AIMPE) 3/10/16

Capt. John Briggs (Former Sydney Harbour Master) 1/9/16

Charles Cheeseman 23/7/16

Ian (Loco) Coan 24/1/17

Thomas Cooper WWII 8/12/16

Capt. Ian Coull 5/8/16

Arthur Robert (Bob) Dailey (Past Federal President AIMPE) 1/10/16

John (Jack) Evans 3/10/16

Capt. Milford Eyres 14/7/16

William John Fyvie 25/9/16

Jack Hubbard WWII 12/1/17

Capt. Andrew Lusher 20/6/17

Joseph (Joe) Ernest Miller WWII 20/3/17

Capt. Robert Kerry Oliver 23/7/16

Victor Ross Totman WWII 24/1/17

SOUTH AUSTRALIA Capt. Douglas Vivian Bourne-Jones OAM 5/11/16

VICTORIA

Capt. Ashley Buhl 28/1/17 Capt. Keith Harold Dann 17/8/16 Phillip Charles Kelly OAM 10/1/17 Capt. Ralph McDonell 6/10/16 Capt. Archibald James Murdoch 17/5/16 Capt. Martyn Smith 19/6/16

> QUEENSLAND Capt. Hugh Harkins 9/6/16

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Capt. Michael Coleman (Former Harbour Master Fremantle) 10/6/16

TASMANIA Rev. Frederick Campbell Harland (WWII) 17/7/16

IN MEMORIAM

MERCHANT NAVY COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES WITHIN THE COLUMBRIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

GARDEN PLAQUES

William Mee 24/12/1965 - 52 - Cook - Waimea William Thomas Peck 30/10/1965 Arthur Charles Noel 8/08/1965 - Captain - Mundora Alan C Reid 27/06/1965 - 58 Brian Terry Pipcin 6/03/1964 - 49 - Storekeeper - Orsova Bernard Robert Downs 11/07/1963 - 39 - Assistant Steward - Southern Cross Plaque in Japanese or Chinese unable to read Twee Hew Wong 6/06/1960 - 57 - Assistant Steward - Drestes William Joseph Longstaff 13/02/1960 - 20 - S.O.S Jednoor Charles N Brown 26/10/1956 - 37 - A.B. Sonoma Wilson Houston McKee 23/04/1959 - 51 - Cabin Steward - Iberian Robert Owen 16/09/1958 - 63 Charles James Brooker 29/08/1958 Alfred Edward De G Hartog 30/06/1958 - 51 - Assistant Cook - Koonda Leenert Govert Bras 21/12/1957 - 18 - Ordinary Seaman - Zuiderkerk Ronald Gilbert Simpson 24/09/1954 - 43 - Lamptrimmer - Gloucester Barney Sullivan 25/03/1954 - 35 - O.B - Monowai Peter McFarlane McWilliams 16/03/1954 - 2nd Engineer Officer - B.I.S.N. Company Richard Rowsell 3/10/1953 - A.B. - Oronsav George Rogers 28/03/1953 - 63 - B.C.S. - Himalaya Hubert Ward 17/05/1953 - 26 - Senior Ordinary Seaman - Walvis Bay George Edward Holpin 22/04/1952 - 49 Melvyn Moses 17/03/1952 - 29 - S.S. Mossel Bay John Owens 4/03/1951 - 55 - Boatswain - S.S. Langleegale George Wealthy 1/02/1951 - 29 - Baker - S.S. Mahana Donald Johnson 30/12/1948 - 60 - Chief Tourist Steward - M.V. Grorgic John Scotland 25/10/1948 - 73 Canute Barnes 6/10/1948 - 31 30/08/1974 - 71 Phillip Manton Brown Brian William Bevan 21/12/1972 - 37 Maureen Anne Smith 13/05/2006 - 68 Brian Hugh Sibbald (stillborn) 13/05/2006 - 68 17/08/2004 Kathleen Isabel Jupp

COLUMBRIUM WALL PLAQUES

NAME FIRST ROW William Ferris Hilton Waddell

WALL INTERMENTS LEFT SIDE OF WALL (From left to right) DATE OF DEATH - AGE - POSITION - SHIP

24/12/2001 - 89 - 3rd Engineer - T.S.M.V. Strathmore 5/03/2002 - 77 - S.S. Morinda & M.T. Asse Maresk

DATE OF DEATH - AGE - POSITION - SHIP

Capt. Philip Lusher Erling Olsen

SECOND ROW

Eric Bolton Beeham Herbert (Bert) Wilson Arve Ludvigsen Bekkeli Henrik "Rick"Hansen

THIRD ROW

Terence McCormick Joseph Scott James Edward Pollett Cyril Vallely

FOURTH ROW Jack Altham Eagles

David Morgan Jones Arthur Lucas Ronald Mingramm

FIFTH ROW Sydney Eyre Henry Lee Gibbons Ronald Stone Norman Jenkins

SIXTH ROW

Frederick Gough Richard Anthony (Tony) Mellors Thomas (Tim) Owen Suttie Ernest Alfred Flint (Snowy)

SEVENTH ROW

Ronald R. Smallgridge Alfred A. Arnold Leslie Reynolds Frank C. Hill

NAME

FIRST ROW

30/12/2000 - 91 - Marine Pilot 16/02/2001 - 80 - S.S. Birchgrove & N.T. Basilea of Norway

22/07/1997 - 80 - Cadet - S.S. Maloja & Master S. Changte 19/06/1998 - 71 - M.V. Tai Yang & M.V. Kowalka 2/06/1999 - 79 - M.T. Scotia & M.V. Panama Express 24/03/1999 - 76

28/08/1990 - Ex. U.S.S. Coorabie 13/12/1990 - Former Commodore - Associated S.S. 26/01/1944 - Ex. Fort Bellingham 6/11/1983 - Ex. M. Fenris

21/10/1973 - Crossed the Bar in *M.V. Blythe Star. M.V. Neptuna & M.V. Macdhui* 2/09/1990 - *Ex. S.S. Austral Glen* 26/01/1991 - *Ex. Master M.V. Allunga* 10/09/1990 - *Ex. S.S. Murada*

25/02/1992 - M.V. Pontfield 27/04/1991 - M.V. Gorgon 7/09/1992 - M.V. Kowalka 28/03/1991 - M.V. British Enterprise

1/08/1991 - S.S. Highland Laddie & S.S. Nimbin 1940 27/01/1994 - 62 - Ex. T.S. Vindicatrix & T.S.S. Asturias 18/06/1993 - 73 - Ex. S.S. Changte & S.S. Ormiston 22/03/1968

13/12/1995 - T.S.M.V. Wanganella 13/07/1990 - M.T. Arthur Phillip & FVSIS Merkur 7/04/1995 - T.S.M.V. Tiradentes & T.S.M.V. Kanimbla 1997 - Ex Bosun T.S.S. Oriana

COLUMBRIUM WALL PLAQUES

MIDDLE WALL (From left to right) DATE OF DEATH - AGE - POSITION - SHIP

Empty Nigal "Bill"William Turnbull Harold Gordon Solomon OAM Empty Empty

22/01/2009 - 83 9/05/2008 - 85

SECOND ROW

Frederick John Best George Alfred Read John Piper Kendall Richard Owen James Fitzgerald Neil Furguson Robert Edward Stoker

THIRD ROW

Stanley Lewis OAM JP Rebecca Penelope Read Thomas Robert Orr Brenda Mary Orr George Francis Higginson Audrey Stoker

FOURTH ROW

Reginald Arthur Morton Dorothy Elizabeth Morton Capt. Vladimir (Serge) Sergejev Charles Henry Russell Patrick Devine Bower John Vincent A. Meadham

FIFTH ROW

Sybil Enid Parker Bernard George Parker Ilsa Sergejev Leo William Leonard James Devine Thomas Quinn

SIXTH ROW

Edward Stephen Knight Empty Empty Empty Arne Josef Johansen

NAME

FIRST ROW Robert (Bob) Rose Horace Messer Lionel Gordon Middleton 30/10/1966 - 81 - S.S. Aramac 8/12/1979 - 77 - 83 15/03/1985 - Deckhand 17/05/1973 - 80 - Sariba 20/08/1988 - 68 - Ex. P.O.W. Japan - SS Nankin

1997 2001 28/08/1996 - 77 4/05/2003 - 81 10/06/1996 10/06/2007

9/09/2011 4/07/1997 18/09/1990 - Master Mariner 15/01/1994 - 74 22/10/1997 - 72 - Ex. M.V. Australian Venture 26/09/1997 - 66

29/07/1999 - 73 9/08/2000 - 78 14/11/2010 17/02/2000 - 74 - S.S. Bantam 17/01/2000 - 77 - M.V. Australian Endeavour 25/11/1997 - 72 - Ex. M.V. Australian Exporter

18/05/2001 - 75 - Dems Gunner

24/02/2000 - 81 - M.T. O.B. Sorensen

RIGHT HAND WALL (From left to right) DATE OF DEATH - AGE - POSITION - SHIP

25/09/1989 - S.S. Mareeba 6/11/1989 - Ex. S.S. Murada 4/10/1980 - Ex. H.S. Wanganella Hector Alexander (Bill) KcKean Ronald Charles Pratt Richard Fairclough Sutton

SECOND ROW

Albert Rhall Doyle Gillespie Motum Richard Golder Eagles Arthur Lionel James Evans Edward (Ted) Frabnk Wheeler Empty

THIRD ROW

Colin William Marshall William Holt Marshall Charles "Macca"McLean William J. Holden Norman Arthur Young Frank S.C. Snell

FOURTH ROW

Robert Frithoff Sonnerdale Eric Cole Andreas Rasmussen John Francis (Paddy) Rahilly

Roy Rowling Ted Elliott

11/05/1988 - Ex Master M.V. Erina 7/07/1988 - Ex Master M.V. Babinda 18/11/2004 - Second Mate

23/09/1988 - S.S. Rona 27/09/1987 - Ex. M.V. Sepoy 3/01/1990 - Ex. M.V. Malaita 1/11/1989 - Ex. M.V. Taybank 9/05/1989 - Ex. M.V. Poolta

15/03/1994 - 68 - Ex. U.S.S. Esther Johnson 13/08/1993 - 68 - Ex. M.S. Balikpapan 6/10/1994 - T.S.M.V. Niagara 23/04/1994 - M.V. Malaita & Survivor of M.V. Macdhui 27/03/1994 - Lost in M.V. Tulagi 12/10/2001 - 78 - Ch. Eng - Burns Philp & Howard Smith Fleets

7/01/1997 - 77 - Ex. Q.S.M.V. Aorangi & T.S.M.V. Salamaua
23/05/1997 - 78 - Ex. S.S. Ormiston & T.S.M.V. Manunda
19/10/1996 - 73 - Ex. M.V. Ora & M.V. Aristophanes
19/12/1997 - Marine Superintendant - Howard Smith - S.S. Caltex Manchester
10/01/1998 - Ex. Talabot
11/03/1999 - 78 - Ch. Eng - H.M. Troopship Queen Mary & M.V. Derbyshire

Message from Board of Directors Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)

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- * Captain Ted Van Bronswijk, Director
- * Peter Sinclair AM, CSC, RAN (Rtd) Director
- * Mr. Sean Barrett, Director
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OBJECTIVES OF THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND (MNWMF) BOARD

ENSURING THAT THE MERCHANT NAVY 'A TITLE EMBLAZONED IN BATTLE AND HONORED IN FREEDOM' CONTINUES TO BE BETTER RECOGNISED AS AN IMPORTANT PART OF AUSTRALIAN MARITIME HISTORY AND SOCIAL CULTURE.'

* HONOURING THE MEMORY OF MERCHANT MARINERS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY IN WWI & WWII

* GIVING THANKS FOR THOSE THAT WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES

* HONOURING THOSE MERCHANT MARINERS WHO SERVED DURING WORLD WWI & WWII VIA "THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP" AT THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE, LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA

> * ACCEPTING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR GENERATION TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THEIR SACRIFICES AND SERVICE IN THE YEARS AHEAD

* ACCEPTING THE IMPORTANCE OF ENCOURAGING THE NEXT GENERATION, TO TAKE UP OUR PASSION, AND THAT OF OUR PREDECESSORS, SO AS TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE RECOGNITION IS AS SECURE AS THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

* ENSURING THE ONGOING VIABILITY & VITALITY OF THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATIONS AT THE NATIONAL MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK, CANBERRA, ACT & ROOKWOOD, NSW

* SUPPORTING OTHER MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIALS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

* ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE IMPORTANCE OF INCREASING MEMBERSHIP WITHIN THE

THE MERCHANT NAVY ASSOCIATION (MNA) # THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA (CMMA) # THE MERCHANT NAVY RSL SUB BRANCH.

* DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT DOCUMENTS POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF THE MNWMF'S ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE FOLLOWED AND FURTHER DEVELOPED BY THOSE WHO FOLLOW

* ENSURE THAT ALL DIRECTORS HAVE A GENUINE PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO FULLY ACCEPT THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' DURING THEIR APPOINTMENT

CONFIRMATION OF FUTURE COMMEMORATION DATES

National Merchant Navy Commemoration, Kings Park Canberra

*Sunday 22nd October 2017 *Sunday 21st October 2018 *Sunday 20th October 2019

Merchant Navy Memorial & Columbarium, Rookwood

Sunday 8th April 2018 * Sunday 14th April 2019