

FROM: Arthur William Clive (91), older brother of Alfred Walter Clive ("Wally").

"Alfred Clive "Wally" joined as a stoker in 1939, which was approximately 1 year after me, as I had joined as a stoker in 1938. I assume Wally did at least 6 months training in Flinders Naval Depot at Westernport, Victoria prior to him being transferred to HMAS Sydney. Unfortunately I never received any information until after he was already on the HMAS Sydney as I was on HMAS Australia in the North Atlantic, when the HMAS Sydney was sent to the Middle East. Sadly we never had the opportunity to meet whilst in the RAN because when I came out to the Mediterranean on the HMAS Napier in March 1941, the HMAS Sydney had already left and was returning to Sydney."

Family History

Alfred Clive "Wally" was born in Crayford, England on the 4th May 1921 and was part of the family of William and Edith Clive who migrated to Western Australia in 1923. His early days were spent in Margaret River where he attended his first school which was about 2 miles away alongside the railway line. The family moved to North Perth in 1930 and the four boys attended North Perth State School. Arthur and Wally did the paper rounds earning 2-3 shillings a week pocket money. Later the family lived in Victoria Park where Wally continued his schooling at Victoria Park State School. Following school he joined the Navy. Wally was survived by his parents Edith Maude and William Clive and brothers Arthur (RAN), William (RAAF) and Robert (RAAF).

Wally was a very popular young man and loved by all.