Dear Debra,

Please be advised that at 1755 on Sunday 30 August, the men and women of HMAS Sirius, in company with HMAS Arunta, had the great honour of scattering your father's ashes to the sea. The ceremony was conducted in vicinity of HMAS Sydney (II) final resting place and the resting place of many of his fellow shipmates and other proud heroes of our country.

I am sure that Dick will have appreciated the opportunity to be farewelled in such a manner appropriate to someone of his status.

It was also a personal privilege to be able to lead this ceremony considering the tight relationship our fathers shared.

Please find attached a soft copy of the Service Booklet from the ceremony. A full package with photos and a chartlet will be forwarded to you once I get a reliable mail service. The ship is currently enroute on an Asian Deployment so I can't guarantee when this will be. Once the pack is completed though, I will send a soft copy of the contents to this address, while you wait for the mail.

An article will be published in the Navy Daily and on the HMAS Sirius (I) Facebook Page shortly, in recognition of his fine service.

Regards,

Darren
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