

ROY GEORGE HERITAGE WAS BORN ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1919 AT BIRKENHEAD SOUTH AUSTRALIA, THE ELDEST OF THREE CHILDREN, A BROTHER ALFRED MURRAY BORN 1922 AND A SISTER MAVIS DAPHNE BORN 1925.

THEIR PARENTS WERE ALFRED VICTOR HERITAGE AND EMILY CLEARY (NEE HAWKINS)

ROY'S GREAT GRANDFATHER, THOMAS HENRY HERITAGE ARRIVED AT PORT ADELAIDE IN 1856 FROM LONDON.

HE SETTLED IN THE AREA AND STARTED A FAMILY BUSINESS OF OWNER OPERATOR KETCHES WHICH LASTED FOR 150 YEARS.

ONE OF THE KETCHES "THE LEILLATEAH" WAS OWNED BY ROY'S GRANDFATHER GEORGE AND THEN ROY'S FATHER, AND EVENTUALLY OWNED BY ROY'S BROTHER MURRAY, UNTILL THE LATE 1940S

THE SEA WAS ALWAYS A LARGE PART OF ROY'S LIFE, WITH THE THREE CHILDREN GOING ON TRIPS WITH THEIR FATHER ON THE LEILLATEAH

ROY ATTENDED LE FEVRE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL AT BIRKENHEAD.

AT SIXTEEN HE JOINED THE CREW ON THE LEONARDIS, A GREEK MERCHANT SHIP, AND WAS AWAY FROM HOME FOR A FEW YEARS.

ROY THEN ENLISTED IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY AS AN ABLE SEAMAN ON THE 14 DEC. 1949, AND SERVED ON THE CERBERUS IV AND THE CERBERUS V BEFORE JOINING THE SYDNEY ON THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPT 1941 NOT LONG BEFORE THE SINKING.

ROY'S PARENTS WERE INFORMED OF THE

TRAGEDY A FEW DAYS LATER BY TELEGRAM, AND WERE TOTALLY DEVESTATED.

MURRAY WAS SERVING ON THE H.M.A.S PLATYPUS AT THE TIME AND HAD TO BE COMFORTED BY OTHER CREW MEMBERS, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY FLOWN HOME TO BE WITH HIS PARENTS AND SISTER.

THE FAMILY NEVER GOT OVER THEIR LOSS, NOT KNOWING THEIR WHOLE LIVES THE TRUTH SURROUNDING THE SINKING OF THE SYONEY AND <sup>THEY</sup> ALL PASSED AWAY BEFORE IT WAS LOCATED IN 2008.

ROY NEVER MARRIED BUT HAS FIVE NIECES AND TWO NEPHEWS, AND THEIR FAMILIES.

EVEN THOUGH WE NEVER KNEW OUR UNCLE ROY, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF HIM AND WILL ALWAYS KEEP HIS MEMORY ALIVE

FROM

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DAUGHTERS OF ROY'S SISTER MAVIS.