

**Robert (Bob) Newton 1927-1996**

**Vindi Deck Feb-May 1943**

Was our first association member to pass away - Bob late of Downer in Canberra died on June 24 after a long battle with cancer. After the Vindi some of his wartime service was on Russian Convoys but he found it upsetting to talk about them, when I visited him in March of 1996.

He was very proud of the MN and his house was full of MN Pictures books & memorabilia when he gave me the 'grand tour'.

He left the sea in the early fifties, emigrating to Australia shortly afterwards, he worked for many years as a rigger in Iron ore & coal mine projects in QLD, WA and the NT and later in many cities on the tall Buildings that started to spring up in the 1970s.

His letters and phone calls to me were always cheerful, even on the night before he died he had a bit of a joke when I phoned him and he finished up with his usual "UP THE VINDI"

Charles Taylor along with some other Canberra MN people attended his funeral'

Our deepest sympathies to his wife Betty and all their family and friends.

*Regretfully I have lost the photo I took of Bob. T.H.*