

FOREWORD.

AS I HAVE ACCUMULATED QUITE AN AMOUNT OF FAMILY MEMORABILIA OVER THE YEARS, AS WELL AS HAVING TRIED TO LEARN AS MUCH AS I COULD, AND MADE NOTES OF BOTH THE 'ALLISON' AND 'SHOVE/COWAN' FAMILY LINES, I AM NOW SETTING THIS OUT, SO THAT OTHERS, WHO ARE INTERESTED, CAN READ OF THEIR FAMILY BACKGROUND.

I BELIEVE THAT THE OLDER GENERATION HAS AN OBLIGATION - A DUTY - TO PASS SUCH FAMILY HISTORY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION(S) AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS BEGINNING TO PUT IT ALL DOWN IN WRITING WILL ENCOURAGE THE FUTURE BEARERS OF THE NAME 'ALLISON' TO CONTINUE THE RECORD.

THE FAMILY MEMORABILIA CONSISTS MAINLY OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS - INCLUDING ONE PRINTED ON TINPLATE - THE EARLIEST PHOTO PRINT PROCESS. IT IS OF A LITTLE OLD LADY WHOM I THINK MAY HAVE BEEN MY GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER.

MOST OF THE PHOTOS ARE ON THE 'SHOVE/COWAN' SIDE AND THERE ARE FEW IN EXISTENCE OF THE OLDER GENERATION OF 'ALLISON'.

JACK ALLISON
FEBRUARY 1994.

THE 'ALLISON' LINE

FIRSTLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE NAME 'ALLISON' IS OF LOWLAND SCOTTISH ORIGIN - NOT A CLAN NAME, BUT ONE HAVING SOME SORT OF NOBLE SIGNIFICANCE.

THAT IT IS A NAME OF LOWLAND SCOTTISH ORIGIN IS QUITE BELIEVABLE AS THE RECORD BEGINS, AT LEAST AS FAR AS I CAN GO BACK, IN THE NORTH-WEST OF ENGLAND: IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND (OR CUMBRIA) JUST SOUTH OF THE BORDER WITH SCOTLAND.

IN THE TOWN OF PENRITH WAS BORN ONE 'EDWARD ALLISON' AND IT IS WITH HIM THAT THIS RECORD BEGINS.

EDWARD ALLISON

THE 'HORILLA' GIRL.

BORN IN PENRITH, CUMBERLAND, ENGLAND
AND EMIGRATED TO NEW ZEALAND, IN THE
SHIP 'BLUE JACKET' IN 1864 OR 1868.
HE SETTLED FIRSTLY IN RANGIORA, NORTH
CANTERBURY.

NOTHING IS KNOWN OF HIS PARENTS, OR IF
HE HAD ANY BROTHERS OR SISTERS, AND IF
SO, WHETHER ANY OF THEM ALSO CAME TO
NEW ZEALAND.

'EDWARD ALLISON' MARRIED JULIA WORGAN.

'EDWARD ALLISON' MARRIED JULIA WORGAN.

BORN IN LYRETON, CANTERBURY.

JULIA'S FATHER WAS JOHN HOLDER WORGAN

BORN IN BRISTOL, ENGLAND, EMIGRATED TO

NEW ZEALAND AND SETTLED IN LYTTELTON.

APPARENTLY 'JOHN HOLDER WORGAN' MARRIED THREE TIMES.

TO THE FIRST MARRIAGE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN,
NAMELY:

JULIA WORGAN.

FLORRIE WORGAN.

POLLIE WORGAN.

'JULIA' AND 'POLLIE' WERE BROUGHT UP BY THE
'BIDDLES'.

TO THE SECOND MARRIAGE THERE WERE NO CHILDREN.

TO THE THIRD MARRIAGE THERE WERE FOUR CHILDREN.
NAMELY:

RENE WORGAN (MARRIED 'DAVIES')

JACK WORGAN

JESS WORGAN
HERBERT WORGAN (DIED AT AGE 18)

'EDWARD ALLISON' MARRIED TO 'JULIA WORGAN'.

TO THIS MARRIAGE THERE WERE SIX CHILDREN,
NAMELY:- (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER OF BIRTH.)

GEORGE ALLISON

JOHN B. ALLISON

FRANCES ALLISON

LUCY ALLISON

ANNIE ALLISON

JULIA ALLISON.

'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA ALLISON' FARMED LAND AT
WEST EYRETON, A FEW MILES EAST OF CUST,
NORTH CANTERBURY.

THE 'LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT' OF 'EDWARD

'WILL IN GAVIA WENT HORUM ALLISON'
ALLISON' IS DATED 26 OCTOBER, 1902, AND IS
AMONGST THE ITEMS OF MEMORABILIA.
HE MUST HAVE DIED VERY SHORTLY AFTER THE MAKING
OF THE WILL, AS I HAVE A NOTE, SAYING HE DIED
WHEN 'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS 10 YEARS OLD, AND
'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS THEN ALREADY 10 YEARS OLD
IN JULY, 1902.

ALSO IN THE MEMORABILIA IS 'EDWARD ALLISON'S'
OLD KEY-WINDING TIME PIECE. OPEN THE BACK TO
SEE HIS NAME THERE-IN ENGRAVED.

THE 'WILL' ALLOWED 'JULIA ALLISON' TO CONTINUE
THE FARMING AND GRAZING BUSINESS (WITH THE
TRUSTEES OF THE ESTATE) AND THIS, I BELIEVE, SHE MUST
HAVE DONE UP UNTIL ABOUT 1918.

IN THE MEMORABILIA, IS THE ACCOUNT SALES OF AN AUCTION,
DATED 9 MAY, 1918, SELLING OFF THE ASSETS OF THE
FARM - RIGHT DOWN TO 'HOUSE FOR REMOVAL', £26.0.0.

JULIA ALLISON THEN LIVED IN CUST.

Original copy 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

ON A MOTORING TRIP AROUND THE SOUTH ISLAND IN JULY, 1976, I TRAVELED THROUGH RANGIORA TO CUST, AND WAS ABLE TO PHOTOGRAPH THE OLD COTTAGE, STILL IN GOOD REPAIR. IT WAS OCCUPIED BY AN ELDERLY COUPLE, WITH WHOM I SPOKE. THEY KNEW IMMEDIATELY THE NAMES OF JULIA ALLISON AND GEORGE ALLISON WHEN I MENTIONED THEM.

Original drawing 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

MY PHOTOGRAPH OF THE COTTAGE IS IN THE MEMORABILIA. THE COTTAGE IS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD FROM RANGIORA, ABOUT $\frac{1}{2}$ MILE BEFORE YOU GET INTO CUST.

Original drawing 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

IN THE DECLINING YEARS OF HER LIFE, 'JULIA ALLISON' LIVED IN HOME-CARE IN CHRISTCHURCH AND MUST HAVE DIED 1936/37 OR THEREABOUTS.

Original drawing 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

Original drawing 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

Original drawing 21.07.1980 by G. H. T. 21.07.1980

GEORGE ALLISON

BORN: 26 JULY 1892

DIED: 4 FEBRUARY 1968

AGE: 75 YEARS.

'GEORGE ALLISON' WAS BORN TO 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA'
ALLISON AT CUST. NORTH CANTERBURY.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT RANGIORA HIGH SCHOOL.

HE SERVED ON THE N.Z.E.F. IN THE 1st WORLD WAR.

(I HAVE PIECED THE FOLLOWING TOGETHER AS BEST I CAN)

IN 1915 HE WENT WITH AN OCCUPYING FORCE TO
WESTERN SAMOA TO PREVENT THATS COUNTRY'S USE
BY THE GERMANS FOR NAVAL PURPOSES.

THEN, APPARENTLY, HE WAS SENT TO THE EUROPEAN
THEATRE OF WAR AND TOOK PART IN THE DISASTROUS
'GALLIPOLI' CAMPAIGN. NOT IN THE INITIAL
LANDING BUT CERTAIN AT THE WITHDRAWAL.

Ref. Withdrawal from Gallipoli, see page 131 in book
"Inheritors of a Dream."

THEN I AM SURE HE WAS IN FRANCE IN THE 'SOMME' BATTLE. POSTCARDS SENT TO HIM BY HIS CLOSE FRIEND 'TICK' FROM A HOSPITAL IN HANTS, ENGLAND, SAY, "HAD HOPES OF JOINING YOU" AND ALSO SAYING, "GUESS YOU GIVE THE FRENCH GIRLS A GOOD GO."

THEN IT WOULD SEEM HE WAS SELECTED FOR OFFICER TRAINING AND SPENT TIME AT OXFORD, ENGLAND AND WAS DULY COMMISSIONED AS A 2nd LIEUTENANT ON 27 NOVEMBER 1917.

HIS COMMISSION PARCHMENT INDICATES THAT HE WAS IN THE "NEW ZEALAND MACHINE GUN CORPS".

THEN IT WOULD SEEM HE WAS RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND WITHOUT FURTHER WAR ACTION

'GEORGE ALLISON'S' 1st WORLD WAR MEDALS (3)
ARE IN THE MEMORABILIA.

THE NEXT INDICATOR IS A COPY OF HIS 'LAST WILL

'AND TESTAMENT' DATED MAY 1918. THIS IS THE STANDARD FORM OF WILL REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED BY SERVICE PERSONNEL WHICH MAKES ME WONDER WHETHER HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT BACK TO EUROPE, BUT AS THE 1st WORLD WAR WAS ALL OVER IN EARLY NOVEMBER 1918 I THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT HE TOOK PART IN ANY FURTHER WAR ACTION.

THE BENEFICIARY NAMED IN 'GEORGE ALLISON'S' WILL IS 'VERA FRANCIS ALLISON', SO IT IS APPARENT THAT GEORGE ALLISON AND VERA FRANCIS COWAN WERE MARRIED EARLY IN 1918.

FROM THIS MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN, NAMELY :
DENIS GEORGE ALLISON.
JOHN CHARLES (KNOWN AS 'JACK') ALLISON.

BACK IN CIVILIAN LIFE, 'GEORGE ALLISON' WORKED IN 'N.Z. RAILWAYS' AS A 'TRAIN RUNNING OFFICER'. - SEE NEWSPAPER CLIPPING HEADED, 'THE MEN WHO

MAKE THE 4.30 ARRIVE AT 4.30 SHARP.

HE SERVED IN CHRISTCHURCH, GREYMOUTH (CIRCA 1930-1934) BACK IN CHRISTCHURCH UNTIL 1938, WHEN THEN TRANSFERRED TO HEAD OFFICE IN WELLINGTON. 'GEORGE' AND 'VERA' ALLISON EVENTUALLY RETIRED TO PARAPARAUMU BEACH.

AS DENIS GEORGE ALLISON AND JOHN CHARLES ALLISON ARE THE ONLY TWO LEFT TO CARRY ON THE 'ALLISON' NAME, AFTER GEORGE ALLISON'S DEATH, THEIR STORY WILL BE PICKED UP AGAIN LATER, AFTER I HAVE FINISHED DEALING WITH THE FAMILIES OF 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA' ALLISON'S OTHER SON AND DAUGHTERS.

JOHN B. ALLISON

HORIWA 23042-3210

'JOHN B. ALLISON' WAS BORN TO 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA'
ALLISON AT CUST. NORTH CANTERBURY.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE 'B' OF HIS SECOND NAME IS FOR. AND THE ONLY INDICATION OF THIS IS THE FACT OF ITS ENGRAVING ON THE RIMS OF HIS WAR MEDALS.

HE SERVED IN THE N.Z.E.F IN THE 1ST WORLD WAR AS A 'TROOPER' ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF HIS THEATRE OF SERVICE.

TPR. JOHN B. ALLISON'S 1ST WORLD WAR MEDALS (2)
ARE IN THE MEMORABILIA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT JOHN B. ALLISON WAS KILLED
BY LIGHTNING ON THE FARM AT WEST EYRETON
IN 1920 OR THEREABOUTS.

HE WAS UNMARRIED.

FRANCES ALLISON

HORSE & WHOLE

'FRANCES ALLISON' WAS BORN TO EDWARD AND JULIA ALLISON AT CUST, NORTH CANTERBURY.

SHE MARRIED JOHN FRANCIS HENNESSY (KNOWN AS 'JACK')

FROM THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,
NAMELY:-
UTA HENNESSY
TREVOR HENNESSY

JACK HENNESSY AND FRANCES LIVED IN DARFIELD,
NORTH CANTERBURY, WHERE HE WAS THE BLACKSMITH.

I REMEMBER BEING AT DARFIELD WHEN I WAS STILL
VERY YOUNG AND WATCHING 'UNCLE JACK' MAKING
HORSE-SHOES AT HIS FORGE AND ANVIL, AND WATCHING
THE HORSES BEING SHOD. BUT PARTICULARLY I
REMEMBER 'AUNTY FRANCE' MAKING ME WASH

IN THE EARLY MORNINGS, UNDER AN OUTSIDE WATER STAND-PIPE - THE WATER FREEZING COLD AND A HARD WHITE FROST ON THE GROUND. (SOME THINGS YOU JUST DON'T FORGET)

UTA HENNESSY

BORN 29 OCTOBER 1911

I REALLY KNOW NOTHING OF UTA HENNESSY EXCEPT THAT SHE WAS LIVING IN CHRISTCHURCH.

AND I BELIEVE SHE NEVER MARRIED.

TREVOR HENNESSY

BORN 28 OCTOBER 1913.

TREVOR HENNESSY MARRIED WYNN MCLEAN FORTROSE BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN,

NAMELY:- JUDITH HENNESSY
ROGER HENNESSY
GRAY HENNESSY.

JUDITH HENNESSY MARRIED JOHN FORD
BY WHICH MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN.
NAMELY:-

NICOLA FORD - BORN FEBRUARY 1963

JOANNE FORD - BORN OCTOBER 1964

ROGER HENNESSY

NOT YET MARRIED AT THE TIME OF MY INFORMATION.

GRAY HENNESSY

DUE TO MARRY CAROL LATTA IN DECEMBER, 1967
IN BACLOTHA.

LUCY ALLISON

'LUCY ALLISON' WAS BORN TO 'EDWARD AND JULIA'
ALLISON AT CUST. NORTH CANTERBURY.

SHE MARRIED WALTER PEARCE,

BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN
NAMELY :-

JOHN PEARCE

EDNA PEARCE

NOEL PEARCE

WALTER PEARCE AND LUCY LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH ON
THE LOWER SLOPES OF THE CASHMERE HILLS, OFF
HACKTHORNE ROAD. 'UNCLE WALTER' WAS THE
GREENKEEPER AT THE BECKENHAM BOWLING CLUB.

JOHN PEARCE

IN THE BELIEF THAT JOHN PEARCE, WAS OLDER THAN

CORRECTION — EDNA WAS THEIR FIRST CHILD

THEN JOHN
THEN NOEL

HORILLA POW

HIS SISTER 'EDNA' I WOULD PUT HIS DATE OF
BIRTH IN 1903/04.

HE MARRIED AND THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,
NAMELY :-

ALAN PEARCE

CHRISTINE PEARCE

I BELIEVE THAT JOHN PEARCE WAS AN AIRCRAFT
FITTER/MECHANIC WORKING AT INGRAM AIRFIELD
IN CHRISTCHURCH.

IN JULY 1976, HAVING BEEN GIVEN HIS ADDRESS BY
HIS BROTHER 'NOEL' I CALLED AT HIS HOME IN
SPREYDON, CHRISTCHURCH TO VISIT HIM. HE CAME
TO THE DOOR BUT DID NOT KNOW ME AT ALL, EVEN
AFTER I IDENTIFIED MYSELF. HIS MENTAL FACILITIES
HAD OBVIOUSLY DETERIORATED SERIOUSLY. I DID NOT
TRY TO PERSEVERE WITH THE VISIT AND LEFT.

EDNA PEARCE

BORN 26 MARCH 1906

'EDNA PEARCE's' LIFE STORY IS FAR BETTER TOLD IN THE TWO NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS PUBLISHED ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, ON HER 60TH BIRTHDAY, FROM THE NEW ZEALAND POLICE FORCE. THE CLIPPINGS ARE IN THE MEMORABILIA.

IN 1976 I CALLED ON HER AT HOME IN HAMILTON AND AT 70 YEARS OF AGE FOUND HER TO BE HER OWN EXHUBERANT AND JOLLY SELF AS SHE ALWAYS WAS.

'EDNA PEARCE' NEVER MARRIED

NOEL PEARCE

THE YOUNGEST OF THE THREE 'PEARCE' CHILDREN AND PROBABLY SEVERAL YEARS AFTER 'EDNA'

NOEL PEARCE MARRIED VALDA (MIDEN NAME UNKNOWN)

Jopl Hora 12-1969

BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,
NAMELY:- LORRAINE PEARCE AND CAROLINE PEARCE.

LORRAINE PEARCE
CAROLINE PEARCE.

'NOEL PEARCE' WORKED IN N.Z. POST OFFICE FOR ALL HIS WORKING CAREER AS FAR AS I KNOW.

IN 1976, I PAID 'NOEL' AND 'VALDA' A VISIT IN THEIR HOME IN SPREYDON, CHRISTCHURCH.

ANNIE ALLISON

'ANNIE ALLISON' WAS BORN TO EDWARD AND JULIA ALLISON, AT CUST, NORTH CANTERBURY.

'ANNIE ALLISON' MARRIED ROBERT HENDERSON.

FROM THIS MARRIAGE, THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN,
NAMELY:-

ERNEST HENDERSON

VICTOR HENDERSON

EWAN HENDERSON.

ROBERT HENDERSON AND ANNIE LIVED IN CUST.

'UNCLE BOB' WAS A BUILDER AND JOINER AND THEIR JOINERY SHOP AND HOUSE WERE ON THE SAME SECTION ON THE CORNER OF THE MAIN ROAD THRU' CUST AND THE LEFT HAND ROAD LEADING TO WEST EYRETON. IT IS/WAS A LARGE 2-STORY HOUSE.

I REMEMBER GOING FOR HOLIDAYS QUITE OFTEN IN MY MUCH YOUNGER DAYS. NEXT DOOR TO THEIR HOUSE WAS

WAS THE TOWN BAKERY OWNED BY A MR BENNIE DUCKETT
AND I REMEMBER WE WOULD ALL RECITE:-

"OLD BENNIE DUCKETT IS THE BAKER OF CUST.
HE BAKES HIS BREAD WITH A HELLUVA HARD CRUST."

ERNEST HENDERSON

DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN, BUT CIRCA 1915-1917.

'ERNEST HENDERSON' MARRIED 'JEAN WALLACE'
OF RANGIORA.

FROM THIS MARRIAGE THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN,
NAMELY:-

MAXINE HENDERSON (MARRIED 'CARTAGE')

IAN HENDERSON

TREVOR HENDERSON

I KNOW REALLY NOTHING OF ERNEST HENDERSON'S CAREER
EXCEPT THAT IT SEEMS HE HAS LIVED IN RANGIORA ALL
THE TIME. MET HIM AGAIN IN 1976.

VICTOR HENDERSON

DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN, BUT CIRCA 1918-1920

'VICTOR HENDERSON' MARRIED 'JOAN GRIMSY' OF TORQUAY, ENGLAND. - A 2nd WORLD WAR 'WAR-BRIDE'.

THEY HAD ONE DAUGHTER ONLY, NAMELY GAIL HENDERSON WHO MARRIED A 'STEPHEN LONG' 25/11/67

'VICTOR HENDERSON' SERVED IN THE 2nd N.Z.E.F IN THE 2nd WORLD WAR. BY SHEER CHANCE I RAN INTO HIM IN THE 'NEW ZEALAND CLUB' IN LONDON, WHEN WE WERE BOTH ON LEAVE AFTER VE DAY AND WE WERE WAITING TO BE SENT BACK HOME TO N.Z. SUBSEQUENTLY MET 'JOAN' FOR THE FIRST TIME

BACK IN CIVILIAN LIFE IN N.Z. 'VICTOR' WORKED AS A RANGER FOR THE 'NORTH CANTERBURY ACCIMMATISATION SOCIETY' AND LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH, WHERE I VISITED THEM ON ONE OCCASION.

EWAN HENDERSON (OR IS IT 'EUAN')

DATE OF BIRTH UNKNOWN - BUT CIRCA 1920-22.

'EWAN HENDERSON' MARRIED 'FAY ROUGHAN' FROM WHATAROA ON THE WEST COAST.

BY THE MARRIAGE, THERE WERE THREE CHILDREN, NAMELY:-

KENNETH HENDERSON

GARY HENDERSON

JULIE HENDERSON

I REALLY KNOW NOTHING OF 'EWAN HENDERSON'S' CAREER AND I THINK HE WAS ALSO LIVING IN RANGIORA. AND THAT I MAY HAVE MET HIM AGAIN IN 1976.

(WITH REFERENCE TO MY MEETING 'ERNEST' AND 'EWAN' HENDERSON IN JULY, 1976, REFER TO MY COMMENTS UNDER 'JOHN BERESFORD COWAN' IN THE 'COWAN' STORY IN THE BACK PAGES OF ~~THE~~ BOOK, THE 2nd.

JULIA ALLISON

MICELIA ZURANO WHITE

'JULIA' WAS BORN TO 'EDWARD' AND 'JULIA' ALLISON

SHE DIED AS A BABY OF JUST A FEW WEEKS.

NOW GOING BACK TO 'GEORGE ALLISON'S' SONS,
'DENIS GEORGE ALLISON' AND 'JOHN CHARLES ALLISON'.

ALTHOUGH 'DENIS' IS THE OLDER BROTHER, I WILL
DEAL WITH 'JOHN (JACK)' FIRST, AS WITH HIM, THE
NAME 'ALLISON' TERMINATES THROUGH LOST CONTACT
WITH TWO OF HIS SONS, AND CHANGE OF NAME UPON
CONVERSION TO ISLAM.

JOHN CHARLES ALLISON

MORNING AWING

BORN 15 MAY, 1924

DIED. NOT YET, FOR SURE!

'JOHN CHARLES ALLISON' (KNOWN AS 'JACK') WAS BORN TO GEORGE AND VERA ALLISON IN CHRISTCHURCH. THE FAMILY HOME WAS AT 90 BIRDWOOD AVENUE, BECKENHAM, CHRISTCHURCH.

HE WAS EDUCATED AT BECKENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREYMOUTH STATE SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL, AND WELLINGTON COLLEGE. THE FAMILY HAD LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH, MOVED TO GREYMOUTH (CIRCA 1930-1934), BACK TO CHRISTCHURCH UNTIL GEORGE ALLISON WAS TRANSFERRED TO WELLINGTON IN 1938.

IN APRIL 1940, JACK ALLISON LEFT SCHOOL, WITHOUT ANY EXAMINATION QUALIFICATION, AND OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT WITH 'SHELL COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND LTD.'

IN AUGUST 1942, AFTER TURNING 18 YEARS, HE WAS

CONSCRIBED INTO THE N.Z. ARMY (AS WERE ALL 18 YR. OLD
YOUTHS DURING THE TWO WORLD WAR) AND SERVED IN THE
10TH HEAVY COASTAL REGIMENT AT THE COMMAND POST ON
BEACON HILL AND THE OBSERVATION POSTS AT SINCLAIR HD.
AND BARING HD. AT THE APPROACHES TO WELLINGTON
HARBOUR, WITH THE RANK OF 'GUNNER'.

HE VOLUNTEERED TO JOIN THE N.Z. NAVY AND DID SO
IN DECEMBER 1943, BEING SENT TO ENGLAND FOR
OFFICER TRAINING, UNDER WHAT WAS CALLED 'SCHEME B'.
HE LEFT NEW ZEALAND IN FEBRUARY 1944 IN THE SHIP,
S.S. RIMUTAKA FROM AUCKLAND TO PANAMA CANAL,
GUANTANAMO BAY (CUBA), NEW YORK AND ARRIVED
LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND IN APRIL 1943. FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY THE SHIP TRAVELED UNDER CONVOY PROTECTION
AND THE SEA VOYAGE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN
WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

THEN FOLLOWED BASIC NAVAL TRAINING AT 'H.M.S. GANGES'
SHORE ESTABLISHMENT AT THE CONVERGANCE OF
RIVERS STOUR AND ORWELL, NEAR IPSWICH, IN ESSEX.
REMEMBERING BEING PULLED OUT OF BED AT 3 AM.

OBTINENTALLY TO GO TO THE AIR-RAID SHELTERS, BUT IN
REALITY TO SEE THE HUNDREDS OF BIG-BOMBER
AIRCRAFT, FULLY LIT, LEAVING ENGLAND TO BOMB
GERMANY ON D-DAY, 6TH JUNE 1944 AND THE
BEGINNING OF THE ALLIED INVASION OF EUROPE.

AFTER COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING THERE FOLLOWED
A SEVEN-WEEK COURSE OF SEA-TRAINING ON OLD
'CRUISERS' OPERATING OUT OF ROSYTH ON THE
FIRTH OF FORTH, NEAR EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.
ALTHOUGH OFFICIALLY SUMMER-TIME, THE WEATHER
WAS FREEZING COLD AND CONDITIONS ON THE SHIPS
WERE 'ABSOLUTE HELL'.

THEN, AT LAST, JACK ALLISON WAS SENT TO OFFICER
TRAINING AT 'H.M.S. KING ALFRED' AT HOVE, NEAR
BRIGHTON IN SUSSEX. HE WAS COMMISSIONED
TEMPORARY SUB-LIEUTENANT IN R.N.Z.N.V.R.
(ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY VOLUNTEER RESERVE)
ON 3RD NOVEMBER 1944. HE FOLLOWED TRAINING
AT LANCING COLLEGE, SUSSEX FOR TWO WEEKS.
THEN A FURTHER TWO WEEKS AT THE ROYAL NAVAL

COLLEGE, GREENWICH, LONDON (KNOWN AS THE 'KNIFE AND FORK' COURSE) AND THEN ONE WEEK IN DUNOON ON THE FIRTH OF CLYDE, AND ONE WEEK IN CAMPBELLTOWN AT THE FOOT OF THE MULL OF KINTYRE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE FIRTH OF CLYDE. DUNOON AND CAMPBELLTOWN WERE AN ANTI-SUBMARINE DETECTION COURSE.

IN JANUARY 1945, HE WAS POSTED TO JOIN H.M.S. CALDER, ONE OF SIX FRIGATES OF THE 4TH ESCORT GROUP, WHOSE FUNCTION WAS TO ACTIVELY SEEK OUT GERMAN SUBMARINES IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE IRISH SEA AND WESTERN APPROACHES, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION TO CONVOYS PASSING THROUGH THE AREA. THE GROUP WAS BASED AT POLLOCK DOCKS, BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND. IN THE LAST FOUR MONTHS OF THE WAR, H.M.S CALDER PARTICIPATED CLOSELY IN THE SINKING OF TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES, ONE ON 26 JANUARY AND OTHER 8 APRIL.

VICTORY IN EUROPE (V-E DAY) WAS 8th MAY 1945, JUST ONE WEEK BEFORE JACK ALLISON'S 21st BIRTHDAY.

HIS SHIP WAS DUE TO ACCOMPANY THE LAST CONVOY
TO MURMANSK IN ARTIC RUSSIA A JUST AFTER VE DAY
BUT WAS RECALLED TO BELFAST TO BEGIN RE-FITTING
TO BE SENT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN IN THE WAR AGAINST
JAPAN. BUT AUGUST 1945 SAW THE DEFEAT OF
JAPAN AND THE 2ND WORLD WAR WAS FINISHED.

IN OCTOBER 1945 HE WENT WITH HIS SHIP TO THE
BROOKLYN NAVY YARD IN NEW YORK, U.S.A.
(ONE DAY SPENT IN 'PONTA DELGADA, AZORES'
EN ROUTE) HIS SHIP WAS DULY DECOMMISSIONED
FROM THE ROYAL NAVY AND HANDED BACK TO THE
'YANKS', AND HE RETURNED TO ENGLAND AND
BELFAST - ABOARD THE VERY FAMOUS LINER
'QUEEN MARY' WHICH SERVED AS A TROOP-SHIP IN
THE WAR.

JACK ALLISON WAS DULY RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND
IN THE SHIP 'RANGITATA', VIA SUEZ, ADEN,
INDIAN OCEAN, AND MELBOURNE, ARRIVING
WELLINGTON MID-JANUARY 1946.

'JOHN CHARLES ALLISON' MARRIED 'LAURA VIOLET LACE' (KNOWN AS 'LORNA') FROM BELFAST, NTH. IRELAND, ON 16th AUGUST 1946. (THEY HAD MET AND BECOME ENGAGED IN BELFAST WHILE 'JACK' WAS BASED THERE IN 1945. - 'LORNA' FOLLOWED TO N.Z. ON A LATER SHIP UNDER A FREE PASSAGE SCHEME FOR WIVES/FIANCÉES OF SERVICEMEN SERVING OVERSEAS)

FROM THIS MARRIAGE THERE WAS ONE CHILD, NAMELY:- MICHAEL RICHARD DEREK ALLISON
BORN: 30th SEPTEMBER 1948

THE MARRIAGE ENDED IN A MUTUALLY AGREED DIVORCE IN 1959. THEY ALL REMAINED GOOD FRIENDS, BUT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME, CONTACT WAS LOST, BUT IT IS BELIEVED THAT BOTH LORNA AND MICHAEL CONTINUED TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON.

MICHAEL RICHARD DEREK ALLISON

LITTLE KNOWN EXCEPT THAT 'MICHAEL' VISITED HIS FATHER IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS FOR HIS

21st BIRTHDAY IN 1969. - THAT HE MOVED TO AND LIVED
IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA FOR A PERIOD - THAT HE
MARRIED A SYDNEY GIRL; AND THAT THEY
SUBSEQUENTLY DIVORCED WITHOUT THERE HAVING
BEEN ANY ISSUE FROM THE MARRIAGE - THAT
MICHAEL RETURNED TO LIVE IN WELLINGTON AND
SUBSEQUENTLY RE-MARRIED.

'JACK AARSON' STUDYING AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY,
WELLINGTON GAINED QUALIFICATION AS A.R.A.N.Z.
(ASSOCIATE REGISTERED ACCOUNTANT NEW ZEALAND)
AND WAS ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE
'N.Z. SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS' IN 1951.

IN THE PERIOD 1946-1968 HE HAD LEFT 'SHELL CO NZ
LTD' - WORKED FOR 'J.J.M'CARTHEY, SON LTD' - A SMALL
MANUFACTURER - FOR ABOUT 3 YEARS - AND ON
QUALIFICATION AS AN ACCOUNTANT, JOINED
'SMITH & SMITH LTD' - PAINT, WALLPAPER, GLASS MERCHANTS -
AS WELLINGTON GROUP ACCOUNTANT FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS,
BEFORE JOINING 'J. INGUS WRIGHT LTD' - A LARGE
ADVERTISING AGENCY, IN 1955 UNTIL 1968.

JOHN CHARLES ALLISON MARRIED KAREN CHRISTINA PALLO

IN 1961. BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,
NAMELY : - HUGH AND FURRY GANNAHUM

BERNARD CHARLES ALLISON - BORN 20 OCTOBER 1965

INGRID CHRISTINA ALLISON - BORN 12 OCTOBER 1967

IN NOVEMBER 1968 THE FAMILY MOVED FROM WELLINGTON
TO HONIARA, GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS, WHERE
JACK ALLISON HAD TAKEN A POSITION AS ACCOUNTANT
WITH 'BRITISH SOLOMONS TRADING CO. LTD'.

'KAREN ALLISON' DESERTED HER HUSBAND IN 1969
AND RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND WITH THE TWO
CHILDREN. ALL CONTACT WITH THEM WAS LOST.

ON 19TH AUGUST 1974 JOHN CHARLES ALLISON MARRIED
TIJAH BEGHANI, A MALAYSIAN WOMAN, IN HONIARA,
SOLOMON ISLANDS. 'TIJAH (KNOWN AS 'BEYANNA')'
WAS A MUSLIM, AND THIS ACT OF MARRIAGE, LEGAL
UNDER BRITISH LAW, WAS NOT RECOGNISED IN
THE ISLAMIC FAITH.

IN AUGUST 1976 JOHN CHARLES ALLISON CONVERTED TO ISLAM, AND TOOK THE MUSLIM NAME OF MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH EXECUTING THE NAME CHANGE BY 'DEED POLL' 28th NOV. 1979

AFTER SPENDING A FEW MONTHS IN KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, BUT BEING UNSUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT, JACK ALLISON RETURNED TO N.Z. AGAIN, TAKING TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT IN THE 'CARTER-HOLY' GROUP OF COMPANIES. 'DEYANNA' FOLLOWED TO NEW ZEALAND IN DECEMBER 1977.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH MARRIED TIJAH b GHANI IN ACCORDANCE WITH 'SUNNI MUSLIM' LAWS, ON 21st JANUARY 1978.

THERE WERE NO CHILDREN OF THE MARRIAGE.

IN NOVEMBER 1978, 'MD YUSUFF' AND 'DEYANNA' RETURNED TO HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS WHERE HE WAS AGAIN EMPLOYED BY MR. DONALD J GUBBAY AS COMPANY SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF TRADING COMPANY (SOLOOMONS) LIMITED.

'TIAH bte GHANI' DIED ON 13TH JULY 1981 OF CANCER
AFTER A PROLONGED ILLNESS, AT HER FAMILY HOME IN
MELAKA, MALAYSIA.

IN NOVEMBER 1981, 'MD YUSOFF', HAVING COMPLETED
A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT WITH
~~TRADING COMPANY (SOLOMONS) LTD.~~ MOVED TO
MALAYSIA TO RETIRE AND LIVE PERMANENTLY.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF b. ADDULLAH MARRIED FATIMAH
bte ABDUL RAHMAN IN MERLIMAU, MELAKA, ON
28TH FEBRUARY 1982.

BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN,
NAMELY:-

NOOR FARADHILLAH bte MUHAMMAD YUSUFF
BORN 20TH DECEMBER 1983.

MUHAMMAD HAFIZUDEEN b. MUHAMMAD YUSUFF
BORN 18TH MAY, 1986.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 'MD.YUSUFF' WILL LIVE OUT THE REMAINDER OF HIS LIFE IN JALAN DATOK NAWAR, KG.AIR TANAR, MERRIMAU, MELAKA.

MUHAMMAD YUSUFF bin ABDULLAH - THE 'BLACK SHEEP' OF THE 'ALLISON' LINE, IF ASKED TO SUM UP HIS LIFE IN JUST A FEW SHORT WORDS, WOULD HAVE TO SAY:
"NEVER A DULL MOMENT."

DENIS' GEORGE ALLISON

BORN 9th JANUARY 1920

'DENIS GEORGE ALLISON' WAS BORN TO GEORGE AND
VERA ALLISON IN ~~CHRISTCHURCH~~? TIMARU

THE 'SHOVE' LINE

FRANCIS SHOVE (pronounced as in 'chauvinism) was a prosperous grain merchant in Greenwich, London, England. But somehow he lost all his money.

ONE OF HIS DAUGHTERS, MARION once recalled that she could remember the family being driven to church on Sundays, in a horse-drawn carriage, with liveried footmen in attendance.

IN THE MEMORABILIA IS A PHOTO OF FRANCIS SHOVE TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER OF A MIDDLE-AGED LADY, WHOM I WOULD TAKE TO BE HIS WIFE. BOTH PHOTOS WERE TAKEN BY STUDIOS IN GREENWICH. THERE IS ALSO A PHOTO, PRINTED ON TIN-PLATE, OF AN OLD LADY. AND I WONDER IF THIS COULD HAVE BEEN FRANCIS SHOVE'S, OR HIS WIFE'S, MOTHER.

FRANCIS SHOVE AND HIS WIFE (POSSIBLE MAIDEN NAME OF 'CAMPBELL') HAD FIVE CHILDREN, NAMELY:-

MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE (MRS.
FRANK (? FRANCIS) SHOVE)
DOUGLAS SHOVE
NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE
OLIVE SHOVE.

PRESUMABLY, AFTER 'FRANCIS SHOVE' LOST ALL HIS MONEY, THE 'FAMILY' (AT LEAST THE CHILDREN) EMIGRATED TO NEW ZEALAND.

BESIDES THOSE OF MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE, TO WHOM THE PHOTO ALBUM ORIGINALLY BELONGED, THERE ARE IN THE ALBUM, PAGES 17-19, PHOTOGRAPHS OF 'FRANK SHOVE', 'NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE' AND 'OLIVE SHOVE'. ALTHOUGH NONE OF FRANCIS SHOVE, HIS WIFE, OR THE OTHER SON, DOUGLAS SHOVE, SO WHETHER OR NOT THEY CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IS UNKNOWN.

MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE WAS SEEMINGLY IN HER LATE TEENS' WHEN SHE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IN ABOUT 1887/1888 AND LIVED IN CHRISTCHURCH OR LYTTELTON.

IT IS NOTED THAT MARION CAMPBELL SHOVE WAS MARRIED AT THE AGE OF 19, TO CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN. BY DEDUCTION THIS WOULD PUT HER DATE OF BIRTH, CIRCA 1870.

FRANK (? FRANCIS) SHOVE. EVIDENCE THAT HE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IS IN THE PHOTOS ON PAGE 19 OF THE ALBUM.

IT IS NOTED THAT HE SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. — OTHERWISE NOTHING KNOWN OF HIM. (SEE ADDENDUM)

DOUGLAS SHOVE. NO PHOTO EVIDENCE THAT HE CAME TO NEW ZEALAND, BUT IT IS NOTED THAT HE ALSO WENT TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. (SEE ADDENDUM).

NORA CAMPBELL SHOVE (PHOTOS PAGES 17-19)
MARRIED A JACK BURNS OF PETONE, WITH
AT LEAST TWO DAUGHTERS OF THE MARRIAGE,
NAMELY :-

MARION BURNS

JESSIE BURNS (MARRIED 'VINES')

OLIVE SHOVE EVIDENCE THAT SHE CAME TO
NEW ZEALAND IN THE ONE SOLITARY PHOTO
OF HER ON PAGE 19 OF THE ALBUM.

OTHERWISE NOTHING KNOWN OF HER.

ADDENDUM

IN THE LIGHT THAT IT IS NOTED THAT FRANK SHOVE AND
DOUGLAS SHOVE HAD GONE TO CAIRNS, QUEENSLAND, I
WROTE TO FRIENDS OF MINE IN CAIRNS ASKING THEM TO
CHECK TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES FOR THE NAME 'SHOVE'.

THE NAME IS NOT LISTED IN QUEENSLAND BUT THEY GAVE

ME THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIVE 'SHOES' IN OTHER STATES. TWO IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND THREE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I DULY WROTE TO ALL THE FIVE NAMES AND ADDRESSES EXPLAINING OUR DESCENT FROM FRANCIS SHOVE AND ENQUIRING IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY TRACE THEIR DESCENT FROM EITHER FRANK SHOVE OR DOUGLAS SHOVE.

I RECEIVED ONE REPLY FROM AN 89 YR. OLD MAN IN PERTH. HE WAS ABLE TO TELL ME A LOT OF HIS OWN FAMILY BACKGROUND - ALSO FROM THE SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF ENGLAND, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO CONNECTION WITH EITHER FRANK SHOVE OR DOUGLAS SHOVE IN CAIRNS.

THE OTHER TWO W.A. NAMES WERE HIS BROTHER AND NIECE. I HAD NO REPLY FROM EITHER OF THE S.A. NAMES.

THE 'COWAN' LINE

A 'SEA CAPTAIN' COWAN MARRIED JANE FRANCIS.
THEY HAD FOUR SONS,
NAMELY:-

WILLIAM FRANCIS COWAN

JAMES FRANCIS COWAN

JOHN FRANCIS COWAN

CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN.

JANE FRANCIS CAME TO NEW ZEALAND IN THE
SHIP 'CHARLOTTE JANE' AND LIVED IN LYTTELTON.

WILLIAM FRANCIS COWAN

OF THESE

JAMES FRANCIS COWAN

NOTHING

JOHN FRANCIS COWAN

IS KNOWN.

'UNCLE JACK' (PHOTO PAGE 27 OF THE ALBUM) COULD POSSIBLY
BE 'JOHN FRANCIS COWAN'. 'GEORGE COWAN' (PHOTO

PAGE 19) AND 'ORTON COWAN' (PHOTO PAGE 27) ARE
LIKELY DESCENDED FROM ONE OR OTHER OF THE THREE.

CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN MARRIED MARION CAMPBELL
SHOVE IN ABOUT 1889.

BY THE MARRIAGE THERE WERE FIVE CHILDREN,
NAMELY:-

VERA FRANCIS COWAN. - : PLENTY

SIDNEY FRANCIS COWAN.

THELMA MARION COWAN.

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL COWAN

NGAIRE FRANCIS COWAN.

'CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN' AND 'MARION COWAN'
LIVED IN 'ST. ANDREWS', SOUTH CANTERBURY, WHERE
CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN WORKED IN N.Z. RAILWAYS.
(ST ANDREWS DAYS' PHOTOS ON PAGES 1-6 OF ALBUM).

LATER THE FAMILY MOVED TO PETONE, WHERE
CHARLES JOSEPH COWAN WAS THE STATION-MASTER
AND LIVING IN A RAILWAYS HOUSE. (PHOTOS PAGES
20-26 OF THE ALBUM.-DATES BETWEEN 1902-1908.

AND THEN LATER MOVED TO ASHBURTON WHERE THE
FAMILY FURTHER GREW UP, AND MARION CAMPBELL

COWAN LIVED OUT THE REMAINDER OF HER LIFE.
HER HOME WAS/IS IN 'WILLS STREET EAST' (No 152
IS MY RECOLLECTION, BUT I COULD BE WRONG.)

VERA FRANCIS COWAN

BORN. 1st APRIL 1891. MARRIED.

DIED. 2nd MAY 1981. AGED 90 YEARS.

VERA FRANCIS COWAN MARRIED 'GEORGE ALLISON'
(REFER TO THE 'ALLISON' LINE.)

SIDNEY FRANCIS COWAN MARRIED 'AGNES GERTRUDE'
MULLIGAN'. (KNOWN AS 'AUNTIE MULLIE')

THERE WERE TWO SONS OF THE MARRIAGE, NAMELY:-
MURRAY COWAN.

JOHN BERESFORD COWAN.

I VISITED AUNTIE MULLIE AT HER HOME IN STOKE, NELSON, IN JULY 1976. SHE DID NOT RECOGNISE ME, BUT WHEN I SAID, 'LITTLE JOHN' SHE KNEW IMMEDIATELY. HER SON, 'JOHN', WAS KNOWN AS 'BIG JOHN'. SHE SEEMED IN REASONABLY GOOD HEALTH.

HANDED 2014 BY AIAV

MURRAY COWAN BORN ABOUT 1920/1921 WAS AN UNFORTUNATE EPILECTIC AND HAD TO BE CARED FOR BY HIS MOTHER, ALL HIS LIFE. MURRAY COWAN WAS NOT AT HOME WHEN I VISITED AUNTIE MULLIE, SO UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT MEET HIM AGAIN.

JOHN BERESFORD COWAN DETAILS OF MARRIAGE AND CHILDREN UNKNOWN. I BELIEVED HIM TO BE MANAGER OF THE BANK OF NEW ZEALAND IN RANGIORA, AND WHEN PASSING THROUGH RANGIORA IN JULY 1976, I CALLED INTO THE BANK AND ENQUIRED OF HIM. SURE ENOUGH HE WAS THE MANAGER, AND WE MET.

HANDED 2014 BY AIAV

IN A HASTILY ARRANGED LUNCH AT HIS HOME,

HE AND HIS WIFE HAD ROUNDED UP ERNEST
HENDERSON AND I THINK EWAN HENDERSON
AND VARIOUS WIVES AND CHILDREN. DEYANNA
WAS WITH ME AND IT WAS A VERY PLEASANT
COUPLE OF HOURS OVER LUNCH BEFORE WE
MOVED ON AGAIN.

THELMA MARION COWAN WAS THE ONE OF THE
CHILDREN WHO STAYED AT HOME TO LOOK AFTER
MARION CAMPBELL COWAN IN HER OLD AGE.

THELMA WAS A SCHOOL TEACHER ALL HER
WORKING LIFE AND NEVER MARRIED.

I VISITED HER IN HER HOME IN WEST ASHBURTON
IN JULY 1976. HER HEALTH WAS ON THE DECLINE
BUT SHE MADE A CUP OF TEA FOR DEYANNA
AND MYSELF.

DOUGLAS CAMPBELL COWAN

ALL THAT I KNOW OF 'DOUGLAS' IS THAT HE
WENT TO SOUTH AFRICA AND LIVED IN
JOHANNESBURG.

GOOD HEALTH.

LIVIDA NO OCEANIA

NGAIRE FRANCIS COWAN

MARRIED 'REG CARLETON' AND THEY HAD ONE
SON, NAMELY:-
BARRY CARLETON.

'NGAIRE FRANCIS CARLETON' DIED OF CANCER AT
A RELATIVELY YOUNG MIDDLE AGE.

'UNCLE REG CARLETON' WAS ALSO A SCHOOL TEACHER
AND HEAD-MASTER IN OAMARU.

HE RE-MARRIED AND LIVED HIS RETIREMENT
IN TIMARU.

STRANGELY HE AND I MADE CONTACT SOMEHOW AND WE CORRESPONDED A COUPLE OF TIMES EACH WAY IN ABOUT 1982/83.

BARRY CARLETON

MARRIED, WITH THREE CHILDREN, AND OWNING HIS OWN CHEMIST SHOP IN OTAUTAU, OTAGO.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN IN ABOUT 1978/79 THAT 'BARRY' AND HIS WIFE, HAVING WON A RAFFLE FOR IT, WERE ON AN AIR NEW ZEALAND DC.8 AIRLINER, FLYING ON A SIGHT SEEING TRIP OVER MT. EREBUS IN ANTARCTICA, AND THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED WITH THE LOSS OF ALL ON BOARD.