

# Stained Glass Window at Crib Point HMAS Cerberus Flinders Naval Depot Anglican Chapel



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Anglican Chapel Scrap Iron  
Flotilla



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inscription

## Location

Crib Point, MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

## Municipality

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn  
Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Smyth, Dacre H D,

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196706

Property Number

## **Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements**

*Cumberland Argus*, 8 October 1958. p.6.

With thanks to HMAS Cerberus Museum curator Toni Munday

## **Memorial Window Subject**

Scrap Iron Flotilla

## **Memorial Window Text**

n/a

## **Memorial Window Inscription**

Plaque: This window dedicated to the greater Glory of God commemorates the service given to Australia by the Scrap Iron Flotilla - the 10th Destroyer Flotilla. It is a memorial to those men who served and particularly for those who died in: HMAS *Waterhen* - sunk off Sollum, Libya 30 June 1941 HMAS *Vampire* - sunk off Ceylon 9 April 1942 HMAS *Voyager* - lost in Betano Bay, Timor 25 September 1942. Designed and crafted by Commodore D. Smyth AO RAN (Rtd.)

## **Memorial Window Description & History**

The central light of this three-light window was designed as a celebration of the Scrap Iron Flotilla, as noted on the window: 'Sneered at by the German Propaganda Minister Goebbels in 1939 as a 'consignment of junk, Australia's scrap iron flotilla', these old First World-War destroyers thereafter proudly accepted and adopted the title.'

The insignia of each of the 'gallant old destroyers' was placed at the top of the window, with the Flotilla Leader, HMAS *Stuart* above the other four, HMAS *Vampire*, *Vendetta*, *Voyager* and *Waterhen*, and loss noted. An image of HMAS *Stuart* in camouflage profile, and another representing her companions were placed below the impressive list of Battle Honours: Mediterranean 1940-41; Calabria 1940; Libya 1940-41; Matapan 1941; Greece 1941; Crete 1941; New Guinea 1942-44; Pacific 1942-45.

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