

## Cathryn Rodriguez

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**Subject:** RE: FW: Missing WW2 Aircraft Catalina A24-64 Liberator A72-191

Dear Ms Oddy,

Thank you for your follow up email, Dr Nelson asked me to pass on his advice that you communicate your concerns directly to Air Commodore Meier again as this isn't an area the Memorial has any direct control or influence over. Whilst provide historical records and advice to RAAF Heritage but they manage all aspects of recovery and salvage from downed aircraft including setting priorities around investigation and so on.

As Dr Nelson stated in his earlier advice, we are very confident in the capability and dedication of the RAAF Heritage team and are sure that they are taking all appropriate steps.

Should you remain unsatisfied with the response from RAAF Heritage then the Minister for Defence would be the best next step for further advice or action.

Yours sincerely,

**Chris Widenbar**

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FW: Missing WW2 Aircraft Catalina A24-64 Liberator A72-191

Dear Ms Oddy,

Thank you for your email of 1 November 2018 regarding Catalina A24-64 and Liberator A72-191

This wreck has been discussed by Memorial staff with RAAF Heritage, so they are well aware of it and making plans for a visit and investigation. As this requires government to government co-operation it can, and does, take time to organise but RAAF Heritage are investigating.

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The evidence of locals suggest that the wreckage is that of B-24 Liberator A72-191, which was lost returning from a mission to supply Z Special's Operation SEMUT I in north Borneo, 25/03/1945. However, since the Liberator and Catalina were both manufactured by Consolidated, definite identification is likely to require some expert examination, given that to date we have been given information about fragments, rather than major airframe components.

The Memorial works closely with RAAF Heritage on this and other matters including locating the dozens of RAAF aircraft missing in the SW Pacific outside of the Mindoro area, never mind other theatres. In that context we have come to know that the very small team at RAAF Heritage are incredibly dedicated to their jobs and do their best for the families of missing RAAF members such as yours and the Lows. They are hard pressed to deal with all the reports, investigations and other matters in their jurisdiction but I assure you they are aware of this case and are doing all they can.

You can write to RAAF Heritage below to request an update on this case at the address below:

Air Commodore John Meier

Director General of RAAF History and Heritage

AFHQ BLDG 065,

RAAF Base Amberley QLD 4300

Thank you for raising this issue with me.

Yours sincerely,

**Dr Brendan Nelson**

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Good morning Ms Oddy,

Please accept our apologies for the delayed response. Dr Nelson has asked some of our staff to look into this matter to see if we can be of any assistance, we will be in contact with you further once they have ascertained what they can about this aircraft.

Regards,

**Chris Widenbar**  
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