

## THE INSCRIPTION ON THE AMY MONUMENT

Two members, George Boniface and Ron Hill, wrote to me after publication of my article on 'The Wreck of the Amy' earlier this year and pointed out that the snippet of verse inscribed on the Amy Monument at Thirroul was a well-known hymn, commonly known by its first two words, "Eternal Father" composed by William Whiting in about 1861, the first verse of which reads:

"Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bidst the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea."

After many months research, I have also been unable to identify whose choice this verse was.

Nonetheless, the words (despite my disparaging of them) have proved remarkably tenacious and are not only sung in the Titanic movie as Ron Hill noted, but are sung at most naval memorial services - as the programme of a recent Merchant Navy Memorial Service which George Boniface forwarded to me attests.

As for the hunt for images of the Hoskins Corrimal Street residence, many members have been extremely helpful and I have been put on to some very promising leads which may lead to the location of an image next year.