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We received word on Wednesday evening that Ernest Cyril McCoy (better known as John, or Johnny Spring) died at his home in Terrigal on Tuesday, 3rd December, 1985.

Born on Norfolk on January 18th, 1913, John was brother of the late Charles Philip (Philly) McCoy.

During his younger days on Norfolk, John was a keen and good sportsman. He spent most of his working life with the New South Wales State Police Force, much of this time as a Plain Clothes Detective.

He kept in close contact with his homeland, usually coming home every one or alternate year during the summer months - he mostly came alone to enjoy the company of his own people.

We will miss Johnny this Christmas as will his many other friends and relatives on the island. He is survived by two sons, Kevin and Stephen to whom we convey our very sincere sympathies in their sad loss.

To Honey and Rob McCoy we also convey sympathies in the loss of a very dear brother-in-law and kind uncle.

The death has occurred in Kobe of the Founder Chairman of the Minolta Camera Company and Mr. Ken Nobbs, proprietor of Cameralines, the agents for Minolta cameras on Norfolk Island, has supplied the following information:

On November 19th 1985, in Kobe, where he had been hospitalised, Mr. Kazuo Tashima died at the age of 86 of kidney failure.

Mr. Tashima established the Japan-Germany Camera Company in 1928 and it was at this point that the Minolta camera manufacturing began, now priding itself as the second longest in Japan.

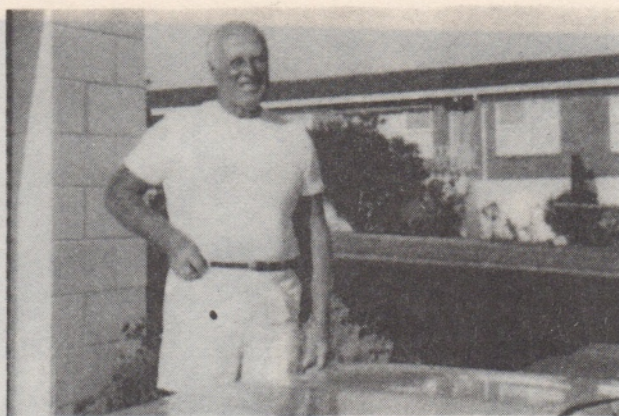
Under the spirit of Co-operation rather than Competition he promoted mutual technical agreement with Ernst Leitz Wetzlar GmbH of West Germany in 1972 and from early days had been making efforts towards alleviating trade friction in the international marketplace.

He served as the Chairman of Japan Camera Industry Association for two periods and made great contribution towards development of Japanese camera industry for which he was awarded a medal, three times, by the Japanese government. International awards presented include Photokina Stickpin by the Mayor of Cologne, West Germany in 1974, International 'Man of the Year' by the Photographic Manufacturers and Distributors Association, USA in 1978 and 'PMAI Hall of Fame' by the Photo Marketing Association International, USA in 1983.

Father of 1 daughter and 5 sons, his eldest Hideo, is the present President of Minolta Camera Co. Limited. (It was Peter and Judy Goddard who first imported Minolta cameras into Norfolk Island. They owned one of the first shops on the island on the site where 'Prentice's' (Barrett's) now operates.

In 1967 when Cameralines first went into business they bought the franchise from Judy Goddard - Peter being deceased - and have been the Minolta people on Norfolk ever since.

Ken, who has visited the Minolta headquarters in Osaka many times had had the privilege of meeting Mr. Kazuo Tashima.



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It was a sad shock to hear of the sudden death of Ted Hannell while he was here on holidays.

Only a couple of weeks ago we welcomed Ted back to Norfolk on his 8th visit.

In the habit of coming for 3 months at a time, Ted was a bit disappointed this time that he could only stay for 2 months, having taken a part-time job with the Takapuna Police.

Edward Charles Hannell was an Englishman, born 13th October 1915. He served in the Royal Navy and came to New Zealand after the war, joining the New Zealand Air Force.

After the Air Force he worked on the Auckland waterfront driving heavy machinery and retired 6 years ago.

Ted's funeral was held last Tuesday, the Rev. Black officiating.

Our sympathies are extended to Ted's daughter Lesley Hannell living in the United Kingdom and to his long-time friend Alice Ferris of Bumboras with whom he always stayed on his holidays on Norfolk - also to the many friends Ted has made on the island over the past years.

We feel the following letter from Peter Irwin may add to the above:

'Sir: Some have wondered at my giving a Naval Salute whilst wearing 'civvies' at Ted Hannell's funeral.

As I believe the background not to be known to those outside regular Naval circles, perhaps you will allow me to use your columns to explain the etiquette.

Unlike the other two Services, Officers of the Royal Navy, except in war time or when attending certain functions on duty, were required NOT to wear uniform in public; one was also required to wear a hat with one's civvies to allow marks of respect to be paid and returned.

In 1954, the wearing of a hat was made optional (except when in a port, when it was the custom of the local men to do so); and so, on leaving, returning to one's ship and when paying or returning marks of respect, one was required to salute whilst bare-headed. I might say this change took some getting used to as do most changes to custom - but then it became natural.

Ted Hannell, R.N., was as good a man as one could wish to meet; we found a lot in common. On leaving H.M.S. 'Ganges' (the Boy Seamen's training establishment) in 1932, Ted joined H.M.S. 'Nelson' as his first sea-going ship. Quite a number of years later my first ship was sister ship H.M.S. 'Rodney'.

His many friends will greatly miss him'.
