

THE LATE MR TOWNLEY

Tribute By The Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies.

This is a grievous blow to me, to my colleagues, and to Australia. Athol Townley was a man of marked ability and of notable and unselfish service to his country. But, above all, he was a man of great spirit and honour, a warm-hearted friend and a trusted companion.

I feel more distressed than I can say, for my own loss is a sad one. His wife and son will be in all our hearts and minds, for theirs, in a personal sense, is the greatest loss. I hope they will be consoled by the recollection of Athol's service to Australia.

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