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## DEATH OF VICE-ADMIRAL SIR HASTINGS HARRINGTON Tribute by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

The death of Sir Hastings Harrington, so unexpected, is a great loss.

After distinguished service in the Royal Australian Navy, Admiral Harrington entered upon his duty as Australian Commissioner-General to the Montreal Exposition. This, I know, he found tremendously interesting, and in my last discussion with him little more than a week or ten days ago, he was in his usual acute frame of mind, and there was certainly nothing to suggest what lay ahead.

His service to Australia will be his lasting memorial.

To his widow and family, I extend the sympathy of every member of the Government.

CANBERRA, 17th December. 1965.