

The Screw of the Tern

In the fall of 1960's, Will Melville was one of those young guys who flunked out of college and had a hard time choosing between military service in Vietnam and leaving the country. As he said in the beginning, "When the lights came on, I knew I was in the dock."



Diamond Scott Rabinstein (general) was a publicist/guestwriter for *Buzz* in Saigon in the early 1970s. He graciously asked my father's diary of his best adventures on the yacht, the Tern. As mentioned in this diary, they met by accident at the museum of art shortly before Scott's untimely death in 1974. My dad said he always intended to publish Scott's manuscript, but previous health issues got in the way. I actually saw the manuscript until a few months ago when he was, Aaron Rabinstein, called me from his hospital bed in St. Louis-Kenneth and told me the best deal was to an empty coffin in the new house of an old for sale where he used to live. He also told me that my grand uncle, Captain Robert Melville, whom I never had the chance to meet, died in a plane crash in October 2001.

Thanks to the great professional assistance of the entire iUniverse staff, I have been able to honor the short life long friendship of my father and Mr. Rabinstein. For now they're all the best of friends.

Christopher Melville (July 2014)

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"Superb! I could've got me lost." - Bill Kennedy

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