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The Secretary  
Cole Enquiry

Dear Sir.

I am 90 years old and partially blind. I served in the army for the whole of the war with the final rank of captain. After the war I completed a degree in dentistry and practised for many years.

My information comes from a close friend for some years, a gentleman named ALAN COLE who served in Naval plotting rooms for the whole of the war, attaining his commission. He died about 10 years ago.

When discussing the loss of the Sydney one day Alan said that a copy of the plot was prepared for the Sydney's sailing from Fremantle but it was not picked up as usual. So the Sydney sailed without a copy of the plot.

Also at that time an unidentified ship was located to seaward of Rottneal Is. and in retrospect it was thought to be the Kormoran.

One would think that these facts could be verified inspecting the archives for a log or diary from the plotting room.

I hope this information is helpful and I would appreciate acknowledgement by phone or mail that this letter has been received.

Yours sincerely  
J. J. Ross.

P. S. I feel that Alan would have wanted me to write this letter.