

Clivedon Mansions,

EAST MELBOURNE, C.2.

5th December, 1941.


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Dear Mrs. Jones,

Some days have elapsed since you received word that your husband, who was serving in H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY", is missing, and in the absence of news of any survivors it is to be feared that but little hope now remains that any officers or men have been saved. In these tragic circumstances Admiral Royle and myself wish to convey to you our heartfelt sympathy.

At times such as these, when the casualty lists contain the names of those nearest and dearest to us, the wives and mothers of Naval men are drawn together in a spirit of mutual understanding.

I am therefore writing to enquire whether you would like to be visited either by one of the ladies of the Naval Auxiliary or the Friendly Union of Sailors' Wives and Mothers, or alternatively by a Naval Chaplain.

The object of the visit would be to extend to you the sympathy of other Naval wives and mothers and to ascertain whether you are in need of any special assistance or advice. If you prefer not to be visited, but would rather seek assistance or information by letter, I suggest that you write to the Chaplain, Flinders Naval Depot, Grib Point, Victoria.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

Bliss Pope
