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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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"NAVY, MELBOURNE"

NAVY OFFICE,

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

MELBOURNE. 4th December, 1941
S.C.1.

Dear Madam,

Referring to telegram of 26th November, the Naval Board direct me to inform you that an intensive search by sea and air has failed to find H.M.A.S. "SYDNEY" or any survivors from her gallant Ship's Company. The Naval Board, therefore, announce that all are considered to have lost their lives in action, and, with the Minister for the Navy, they tender to you again their heartfelt sympathy.

2. Provision exists under the Australian Soldiers' Repatriation Act for payment of pensions, subject to certain conditions, to the dependants of members of the Naval Forces who are lost on active service.

I would therefore suggest that application be made at an early date to the Deputy Commissioner, Repatriation Commission, Box 87A., G.P.O. Melbourne, Victoria. in order to have your right to war pension determined. Form of application is attached.

3. Payment of any allotment in your favour will be continued, pending the grant of a pension under the Repatriation Act.

4. I shall advise you further in regard to moneys due to the estate in respect of balance of Pay and Deferred Pay. As it is necessary to re-construct the Ship's accounts, some time will elapse before it will be practicable to adjust these payments.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. Jennie Jones,
Willis Street,
FRANKSTON. VIC.

Secretary.