

DUNCAN McCALLUM (AGED 18)
BORN - SCOTLAND 1923 -
LOST AT SEA 1941

Duncan was just your average lad and I'm afraid that he did not make any notable mark to the world, because he did not live long enough to do so. His one aim in life for as long as I can remember his one ambition was to join the Navy.

We lived on the Isle of Bute on the West Coast of Scotland, where many British Navy ships came for trials etc.

I came to Australia in Jan 1939 and Duncan age 16 came in Aug '39. In fact he was on "Otranto" when was picked out. My other 3 brothers were all in the army, and

my mother refused to sign papers for Duncan to join the Navy, so he found his own way of becoming part of the Navy by joining the "Sydney". Next thing I knew was a letter from him saying he was on the "Sydney" in the Mediterranean, and would join the Navy when he was 18. He loved it and I'm sorry his wish was never fulfilled. But let me say one thing he may not have lived long, but he did what he wanted to do, and I think showed great courage going off to war, at 16 years of age. I think of him often with sorrow he died so young, but also with great pride. He loved Australia, and the lads on the "Sydney".

Hope you can find some thing relevant to what I have written. sincerely
S. L. D.

DUNCAN WAS THE SON OF
NEIL & JANET McCALLUM
W.W I VETERAN. BRADLY WOUNDED.
AND DIED 1940

HE HAD 3 BROTHERS.

NEIL: WHO WAS IN THE
51ST HIGHLAND DIVISION (MIDDLE EAST)

JAMES: ALSO 51ST HIGHLAND DIVISION
MIDDLE EAST AND CRETE

ALEXANDER: 14TH ARMY (BURMA)

SO YOU CAN SEE WHERE DUNCAN CAME
FROM - HE DID NOT WANT TO BE LEFT
OUT, HE WAS THE YOUNGEST OF OUR
FAMILY

HE ALSO HAD 2 SISTERS

MY HUSBAND WAS ALSO IN THE
R.A.N DURING: WORLD WAR 2.

I AM THE LAST IMMEDIATE FAMILY
MEMBER OF DUNCAN'S FAMILY.



Jo. Peg
Duncan
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DUNCAN Mc CALLUM.

AGE 18.

BORN SCOTLAND

1923 - 1941

JOINED "SYDNEY" 1940

CANTEREN ASSISTANT

SERVED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
ACTION SINKING "BARTOLOMEO
COLLEONI"

MEDALS

1939-45 STAR.

WAR MEDAL

AUST SERVICE MEDAL

AFRICA STAR.

MEDAL FOR BARTOLOMEO

COLLEONI