

12 NOV 2008

DEAR Sirs,

My Uncle James Blackwood had only been in the Navy about 1 yr when he went missing on HMAS Sydney II. Jimmy and his family came from Scotland when Jimmy was about 5 yrs old. He was the youngest of 3 children. His two older sisters were Ann and Mary. Ann has since died but his other sister Mary is still alive and is 80. His parents George & Jessie Blackwood my grandparents never expected that Uncle Jimmy was dead right up until my grandmother died aged 99. She still believed he would come home. His parents never applied for his medals so we have nothing except a very old photo of Jimmy.

It was wonderful to learn that the HMAS Sydney II was found and for his niece & nephews to be able to learn what

Happen on THAT DAY IN NOV 1941. AS A  
family we would like to THANK ALL THE  
People involved in THE EFFORT TO FIND MMAS  
Sydney II.

UNCLE Jimmy would HAVE TURNED 21  
ON DEC 30 1941 AND I HIS Niece. Lynette GIBBONS  
WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE BORN ON HIS  
BIRTHDAY.

ALONG WITH UNCLE Jimmy's sisten His  
four living nephew AND myself we would like  
to pass ON our sympathy TO ALL THE family's WHO  
lost loved one ON THAT TERRIBLE DAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV 1941.

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE.

LEST WE FORGET.

Lyn Gibbons  
(Niece)

