

LIONEL JAMES CANNON

MY FATHER LIONEL JAMES CANNON LOST HIS FATHER BOMBARDIER SIDNEY JAMES CANNON DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR. HE WAS WOUNDED AT GALLIPOLI AND DIED ON BOARD HMTS-LUTZOW WHILE BEING SHIPPED HOME. HE WAS BURIED AT SEA ON 11TH MAY 1915. MY FATHER WAS 10 MONTHS OLD.

MY FATHER ENLISTED IN THE NAVY WHEN WORLD WAR TWO BROKE OUT. AFTER COMPLETING HIS TRAINING JOINED HMAS SYDNEY II.

MY MOTHER WAS DELAYING MY 1ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS ON 12TH NOVEMBER WAITING FOR MY DAD TO BE HOME ON LEAVE. OF COURSE THIS DID NOT HAPPEN.

THE EFFECT ON MY MOTHER LIKE ALL FAMILIES WAS DEVASTATING, SHE NEVER REMARRIED AND ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT HER LIONEL, SHE PASSED AWAY 10 YEARS AGO.

I AM SO GRATEFUL THE SYDNEY II WAS FOUND AND I THANK EVERYONE INVOLVED, BECAUSE FOR ME PERSONALLY, IT HAS MADE MY FATHER A REALITY, NO LONGER JUST A PHOTO IN A FRAME.