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KATONIA

to Jackie Mearns

H.M.A.S. Sydney 11

Wear 16th Paperstocks.

I would like to tell you of my Brother Jack as I'm afraid my writing will really annoy you. I can let it all go if I relax.

There were 6 in the Family 4 children were & Dad.

Jackie was 17 months younger than me, so we were close, his friends & my friends were Mavis's, couldn't be closer. We grew up in Fairfield went to St Anthony's, school. He dreamed us into school after Rens, so you can see, we just naturally called him the Dreamer Boy. He finished up Dreamer on the H.M.A.S. Adelaide. Jack joined the Navy, did his training Port Melbourne, came on then onto H.M.A.S. Adelaide. His Birthday (21st) was to be held at Home on 13th August 1941 but they over (100 Boys) were being transferred from Adelaide H.M.A.S. to H.M.A.S. Sydney between Aug & Sept. so we kept his Birthday over till Sept. only 4 men of his mates came to celebrate (so sad)

They were all from H.M.A.S. Adelaide & as my brother said we are transferring onto the Chief the big one, so proud, 1 two months. We lost him whilst on the way home from the Convoy. I am alone now, I've lost them all, but I will let them know about the good people who found the H.M.A.S. Sydney. I will be going to the Melbourne office 19 December but no where else as my limbs are 89 years old & lifting all know. Thank you all. respectfully Bob Mearns
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