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NSW 2315  
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Curators.  
HMAS Sydney II Virtual Memorial

Dear Curators,

I wrote the Booklet "William (Bill) Menzies: Able Seaman: HMAS Sydney II" using material provided by most of the living relatives of Bill Menzies.

It was written specifically for the Virtual memorial, but "grew like Topsy" as family members provided more and more material. Please let us know if it is too long for the purpose. Bill was very loved and family wanted to honour his memory.

We would appreciate if it could be noted as "Tribute biography from the Menzies Family" (or words to that effect) rather than submitted by any one individual.

Because of the interest of family members we have printed copies of the biography and also compiled a CD of the research materials provided by family members. As I felt this collection of materials (last letters home from Bill, telegram from the Navy letter from the King, condolence letters and cards and much other material) may be unique and provide a human or family perspective on the loss of the Sydney (as separate from a naval history perspective) we have sent copies of the book and CD to the Australian War Memorial, the Naval Research Collection and others).

As author of the book I give my permission for the text on the CD to be included on the Virtual memorial. We do not know who holds copyright on the photo. Having been taken in 1940/1 it is probably out of copyright.

I would appreciate that the text of this letter not be included on the Memorial.

Our family appreciates your providing the opportunity to pay tribute to our loved Uncle.

Yours sincerely,

*Judy Washington*  
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