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My brother Leslie Frank Martin

P.O. Steward on the ship "Sydney" when it
sank the "Bartolomeo Colleoni"
on the 19th July 1940.

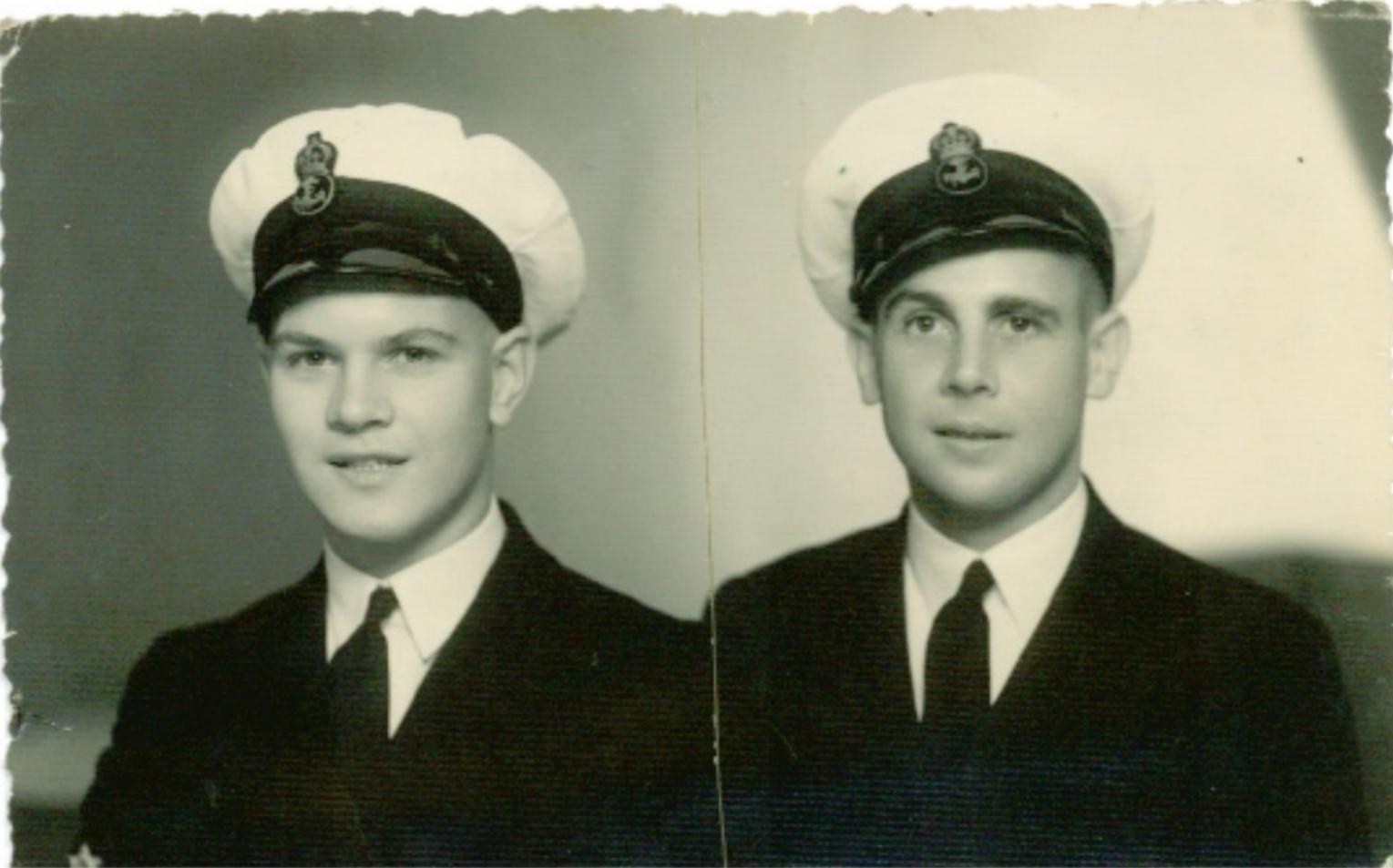
I have enclosed a badge that was sent to
my mother for a grieving mother after loss
of my brother on the "Sydney"

also a photo of my brother & his mate
he send home to us - we don't know his mate's
name, but he was from Queensland - as you
can see back of photo on the "Sydney"

also I have enclosed a copy of Les diary
he left it home with us last time we saw
him in Williamstown - as he was born here Victoria
& after my mother died - my youngest brother said
we should donate to "The Castlemain museum".
So we did - this is a copy of it - I am 90 years
now & all my family have gone - I had three brothers
in the navy - one on the "Shropshire" & one the "Australis"
& Les on the "Sydney" another brother in the air force
my husband, on the Army on the Kanada Track.

I was so happy at last to find the "Sydney"
I would dearly like to know why no services

Lillian Doulin



Dear Mum.

I suppose you can recognise
me, the other lad is my brother
comes from Queensland.

Love

Les

P/O ^{SND} LES. MARTIN

HMAS. SYDNEY

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