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31 JAN 1946

Dear Madam,

Since the termination of hostilities in August, 1945, an exhaustive investigation, which included enquiries made from repatriated Prisoners of War, has been conducted in an effort to obtain news of the personnel who were missing as the result of the sinking of H.M.A.S. "PERTH".

It is with deep regret I have to inform you that the enquiries, which have now been concluded, failed to reveal any definite news as to the fate of your son, Able Seaman John Joseph Cox, O.N. B/2440, and there is no hope now that he is still alive. The Naval Board have, therefore, reluctantly concluded that he lost his life on 1st March, 1942, and this date has been accepted for official purposes.

The Minister for the Navy and the Naval Board can fully realise the grief this sad news will bring after many anxious months of waiting, and they desire me again to convey to you their sincere sympathy.

Yours faithfully,

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