



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Talbotshire Street**

Name of Veteran: Dennis Talbot March 14, 1931-

Rank: Boy Seaman

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1947-1948

Year of Visit/Dedication September 26, 2009

Veteran or Family Visit Dennis Talbot

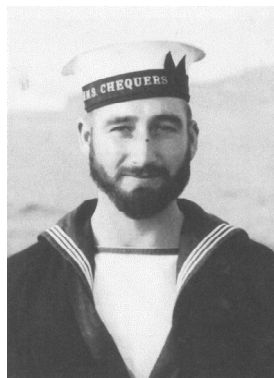
Veteran of the Battle of the River Plate: No Died at Battle: No

Dennis Talbot was born March 14, 1931 in Bermondsey, South London. His family moved to Bexleyheath in Kent when he was 3 ½ years old. They were evacuated to West Kilbride, Scotland at the beginning of the War but came home when his father took ill and passed away.

In 1944 Dennis gained a scholarship to the Boys Nautical Training School in Hampshire (T.S. Mercury) at the age of 13. He joined the Royal Navy as a Boy Seaman on October 8, 1946 at age 15. Dennis joined his first ship, HMS Ajax on November 12, 1947 and was the youngest boy in that last draft to join the ship.



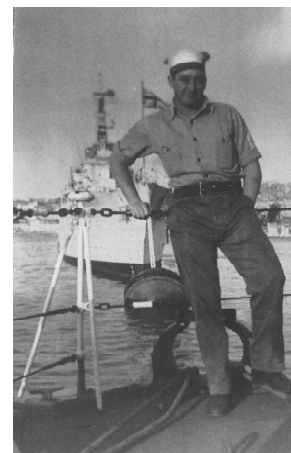
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HMS Ajax paid off in February, 1948 and Dennis was transferred to HMS Phoebe. He served on four other ships during his time in the Royal Navy; Nest, Swiftsure, Chequers and Tyrian. In 1952 Dennis married Vera and had three children; Susan, Ann and Malcolm. He was demobbed (left the Navy) on his 25th Birthday in 1956.

Dennis then joined the Port of London Authority as a mate on a floating grain elevator but was made redundant after 11 years. He joined the Post Office in 1968 and worked on the travelling Post Office (train) between London and Plymouth then London and Swansea until he retired in 1996.



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