



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Deverill Crescent**

Name of Veteran: Ernest Arthur Deverill Jan. 17, 1888-Apr. 5, 1952

Rank: Lieutenant Commander

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1939

Year of Visit/Dedication: n/a

Veteran or Family Visit: n/a

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

Ernest Arthur Deverill was born on January 17, 1888 in Highbury, London, U.K. He joined the Royal Navy in the middle of World War One on October 7, 1916. He was twenty eight years old at the time.



Ernest married Alice Maude Deverill and had three children; Ernest, Derek and Doreen. On August 31, 1937 while the world was on the brink of yet another war, he joined HMS Ajax. He was quickly made a Lieutenant playing an important role in the Battle of the River Plate and other conflicts until being reassigned.



At the same time that Ernest was serving HMS Ajax, his son, Ernest Alfred, was a Squadron Leader with the Royal Air Force flying Lancaster Bombers.

Ernest joined HMS Lynx on July 30, 1940, a shore establishment devoted to training. The Lynx was based in the dockyard in Dover and Deverill was appointed Torpedo Engineer Officer.

Ernest retired from the Royal Navy as Lieutenant Commander on Jan. 17, 1946. He died at the age of 64 on April 5, 1952.