



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Foord Road**

Name of Veteran: Herbert James Foord 1917-May 28, 1941

Rank: Sick Berth Petty Officer, Engine Room Artificer 4th Class

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1939 to 1941

Year of Visit/Dedication: September 2001

Veteran or Family Visit: n/a

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

Herbert Foord was born in 1917 to mother Margaret and father Herbert Foord. He married Marjorie Rhoda Foord of Kilburn, London. While onboard HMS Ajax he served as Sick Berth Petty Officer and Engine Room Artificer 4th Class.

Herbert Foord died in the Mediterranean during the evacuation of Crete. He was twenty four years old at the time of the bombing, on May 28, 1941.

The Ajax sailed to assist in evacuation of allied troops from Crete. She was damaged in an air attack on passage with HMS Dido, HMS Orion, HM Destroyers Decoy, Jackal, Imperial, Hotspur, Kimberly and Hereward. Ajax withdrew but damage was found to be less serious so they took passage to Heraklion to evacuate the troops.

A tree was planted by council in memory of Herbert under the Millennium Tree Planting Project.