



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Salt Drive**

Name of Veteran: Joseph Edmund Salt 1920-May 28, 1941

Rank: Leading Stoker

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1939 to 1941

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

Joseph was born in 1920 to parents Herbert Edmund and Florence Minnie Salt. He died in a later battle in the Mediterranean during a bombing at the evacuation of Crete while serving on HMS Ajax. He was only 21 years old.

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 and took passage to Heraklion to evacuate the troops.