

# Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Barnard Court**

Name of Veteran: Roy Victor Barnard Dec. 7, 1919-Nov. 22, 1974

Rank: Stoker

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

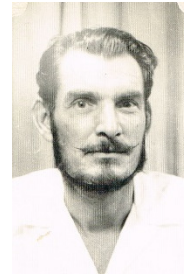
Date of Service on Ship: Sept.1938 to July 1941

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

Roy Victor Barnard was born on December 7, 1919 in Gillingham, Kent to William Thomas Barnard and Elizabeth Frances Emery. He was one of seven brothers and a sister.

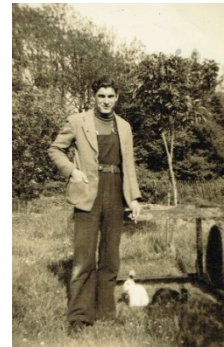


On April 19, 1938 Roy joined the Royal Navy. After completing his training at HMS Pembroke shore establishment, with superior results, Roy joined HMS Ajax. He served the Ajax from September 1938 to July 1941, and was present at the famous Battle of the River Plate as a Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class. In his career with the Royal Navy he served several ships and was promoted to the rank of Stoker Petty Officer on October 26, 1944.



In early 1945 Roy served at Fort St. Angelo a training establishment in Malta, considered a stone Frigate. Formerly a medieval castle the Fort was garrisoned by the British from 1800 to 1979. By the end of the year he was aboard HMS Seaham, a minesweeper.

Roy married Irene Stella Dunmore (known as Stella) on July 10, 1943 at Christ Church, Luton Chatham Kent. They had two children, Rita Lynn Barnard (died aged 10 months) and Colin Grahame Barnard, born December 31, 1947.



On June 13, 1950 Roy received the 1939-45 Star, the Atlantic Star, Africa Star, Italy Star, and the War Medal with a France and Germany clasp. In 1953 he also received the Long Service and Good Conduct medal.



Roy died on November 22, 1974 at the age of 54 in Rochester, Kent, England.

*Roy with son Colin, early 1950s*