



Town of Ajax Street Dedication



Street Name: **Carnelly Crescent**

Name of Veteran: Dennis Carnelley 1922-

Rank: Able Seaman

Ship Served: HMS Ajax

Date of Service on Ship: 1939

Year of Visit/Dedication: June 2003

Veteran or Family Visit: Patrick Clifford, second cousin

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

Dennis Carnelley was born in 1922. He was initially a boy seaman on HMS Ajax assigned to 'B' Turret. He was only seventeen when the Ajax was engaged in battle with the Graf Spee.

While in the service Dennis played football and rugby on the Royal Navy Team. He left the Royal Navy in 1953 and for a number of years ran a Pub in his home town of Kenning Hall in Norfolk. He then turned to a career as a Manager for a bedding and linen company.



Dennis with his brothers

Unfortunately Carnelly Crescent was misspelled when the street was first assigned based on the handwritten Royal Navy forms. The dedication plaque however, has the correct spelling of Dennis Carnelley.



Dennis accepting his ceremonial street sign at his home from Tracey, his third cousin