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David Crombie

Name: David Crombie

Rank: 2nd Officer

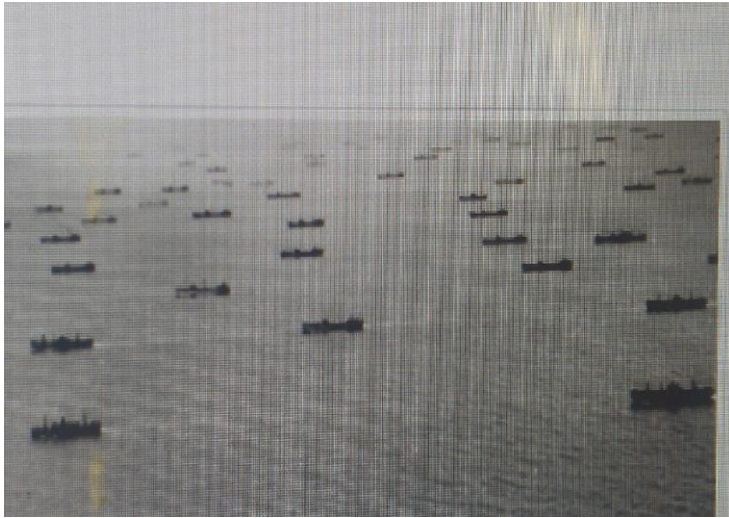
Job: Merchant Navy

1909-1942 :

Died at 33

Reason of death : explosion or drowning

Origin and family: Son of Mr. and Mrs. David Crombie, of Montreal, Province of Quebec; husband of Jean Crombie, of Montreal.



What the Merchant Navy is:

A fleet of many ships that transport many things such as Equipment that is needed in the battle, supplies for other countries, soldiers for the war or transporting people across sea. This was by far the most risky job in the war because they were mainly supporting the war thanks to what they did. Germany's submarines were sent day after day to hunt down and bomb these particular ships causing many ships to sink and many brave people died, mostly people who volunteered to help on these ships but soldiers were on some of these ships. Fun fact: The title 'Merchant Navy' was granted by King George V after the First World War to recognise the contributions made by merchant sailors. Britain's merchant fleet was the largest in the world during both world wars. In 1939, a third of the world's merchant ships were British, and there were some 200,000 sailors.

What ship he was on:



He was on the Steam Merchant S.S. Bic Island of 165 people on board. Made in Ottawa and in a Canadian vessel. Which also rescued many men who had been attacked overseas.



Sadly, a German submarine attacked soon after the ship, in 1942 was transporting general cargo and ballast from Liverpool to Halifax. No one survived the attack.

His body is at the Cemetery at HALIFAX MEMORIAL

Location: Nova Scotia, Canada

Cemetery/memorial reference: Panel 20.

He will live on in Westmount's history and plaque.



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