

In Memory Of  
Mess Room Boy

# WILLIAM SAMUEL MORRIS

S.S. Embassy (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Merchant Navy who died on 28 August 1941 Age 16

Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, of Colwall, Worcestershire.

Remembered with Honour

TOWER HILL MEMORIAL

Panel 37.



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COMMONWEALTH  
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COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY BY THE COMMONWEALTH  
WAR GRAVES COMMISSION

**Name:** MORRIS, William Samuel

**Date of Birth:** 16<sup>th</sup> May 1925

**Date of Death:** 28<sup>th</sup> August 1941

**Age at Death:** 16

**Service Number:** n/a



*Photo from City of Vancouver Archives, CVA 447-2184*

**Rank:** Mess Room Boy, Merchant Navy

**Unit:** S.S. Embassy

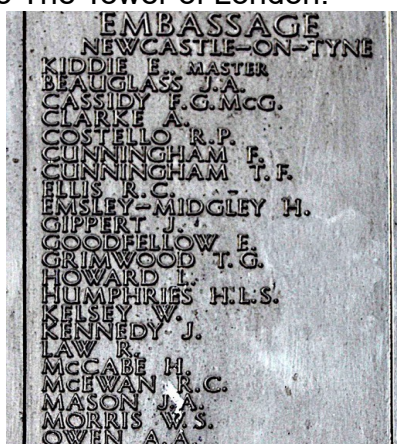
### **Military Service**

In August 1941 the S.S. Embassy was part of convoy OS.4 going from Liverpool to Freetown. It had a cargo of 8540 tons of general cargo, including motor transport and aircraft. The convoy consisted of 33 vessels. It left Liverpool on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1941 and arrived Freetown on 11 September 1941,

During the crossing 5 vessels were lost from the convoy, including the S.S. Embassy. The sinking of the S.S. Embassy occurred at 04.26 hours on 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 1941 when it was torpedoed and sunk by U-557 about 100 miles west of Achill Island. The master, 32 crew members and six gunners were lost. Three crew members were picked up after four days by HMCS Assiniboine and landed at Greenock. Although William was able to make it to a lifeboat he died before being rescued and was buried at sea.

### **Commemorated/Memorial**

Tower Hill Memorial, Panel 37. The war memorial at Tower Hill commemorates nearly 12,000 seaman, sailors and fishermen of the First World War and nearly 23,800 of the Second World War who have no known grave. It stands on the south side of the garden of Trinity Square, London, close to The Tower of London.



An extract from Panel 37

### **Colwall Connection**

William was the son of William and Flossie Morris of Ellesmere House, Crescent Road, Colwall and was a garage employee prior to joining the Merchant Navy.