



**James P. Delaney**  
**Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland)**  
**Royal Navy**  
**Service No. D/JX187475**  
**World War II**

**Born:** Oct 1910 (1911)

**Died:** 12 Feb 1984

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** James and Agnes (Whalen) Delaney

James enlisted in the Royal Naval Reserve (Newfoundland) in early 1940 and was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Naval Contingent from Newfoundland to ship overseas to Great Britain. This contingent disembarked St. John's on 01 March 1940. The contingent was made up of 175 men.



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James service number provides some additional service information. The "D" at the beginning indicates that he was assigned to Devonport, England as his home base. The "J" indicates that he was a seaman in the Royal Navy.

The 1921 Newfoundland general census shows that James was just ten (10) living at home with his parents and three (3) sisters.

The subsequent 1935 and 1945 census entries show James still living at home with parents James and Agnes. He now has four (4) sisters: Winnie, Frances, Isabella and Helen.

James died on 12 February 1984 and is buried in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery at John's, Newfoundland. He was not married.

**From Bay Roberts Guardian 26 Sep 1942**

**From Jim Delaney—**

“I want to tender my sincere thanks to the B. R. War Comforts Committee for all the things I have received. I am sure that all the ratings over here are more than thankful for everything, and we in turn will do our very best to make you all proud of us. We receive your parcels regularly, and are very happy to receive all the gifts from you. We are all well and having a good time. I sincerely thank you all once again for everything.— JAMES DELANEY, A|B.”

**From Bay Roberts Guardian 21 Mar 1942**

**A.B. JAS. P. DELANEY  
HOME ON LEAVE**

Able Seaman Jas. P. Delaney of H. M. Navy arrived here on Tuesday on a few days leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Delaney. He returned to rejoin his ship on Thursday.

Jim left here in January 1940 in the 2nd Naval Draft to leave this country, and during the past two years he has taken part in some of the major engagements of the war, especially in the battle of Narvik and the evacuation of Crete. He was twice torpedoed. On one occasion he spent 16 hours in the water before being rescued, this was when the destroyer “Kelly” on which he was serving, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean during the evacuation of Crete last year.

Seaman Delaney wishes to express his sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dawe for cigarettes received at various times, and the W.P.A. for parcels of comforts and the gift of money at Christmas.