



Sutherland Snow

In memory of:

Able Seaman Sutherland Snow

September 28, 1940

Military Service

Force: Merchant Navy

Unit: Canadian Merchant Navy

Division: S.S. Darcoila (Glasgow, Scotland)

Additional Information

Born 1918

Died 26 September 1940

Son of Philip and May Snow of Bay Roberts, Newfoundland.

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Burial Information

Cemetery:

HALIFAX MEMORIAL
Nova Scotia, Canada

Grave Reference:

Panel 17.

Location:

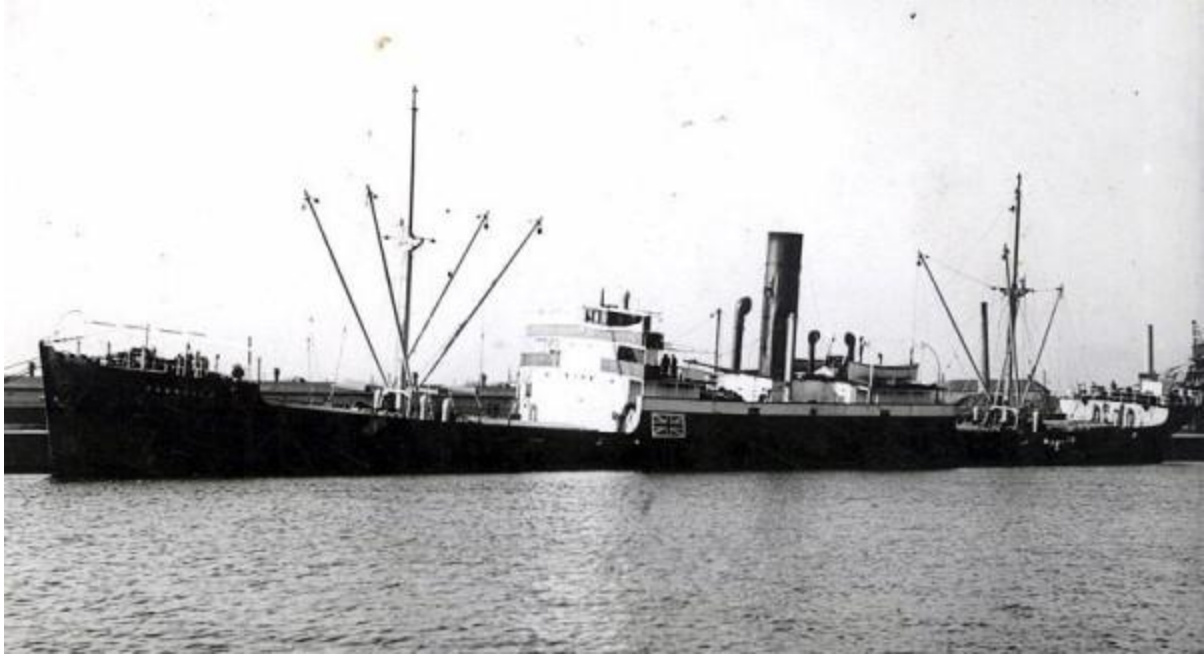
The HALIFAX MEMORIAL in Nova Scotia's capital, erected in Point Pleasant Park, is one of the few tangible reminders of the men who died at sea. Twenty-four ships were lost by the Royal Canadian Navy in the Second World War and nearly 2,000 members of the RCN lost their lives. This Memorial was erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

and was unveiled in November 1967 with naval ceremony by H.P. MacKeen, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia, in the presence of R. Teillet, then Minister of Veterans Affairs. The monument is a great granite Cross of Sacrifice over 12 metres high, clearly visible to all ships approaching Halifax. The cross is mounted on a large podium bearing 23 bronze panels upon which are inscribed the names of over 3,000 Canadian men and women who were buried at sea. The dedicatory inscription, in French and English, reads as follows:

1914-1918
1939-1945
IN THE HONOUR OF
THE MEN AND WOMEN
OF THE NAVY
ARMY AND MERCHANT NAVY
OF CANADA
WHOSE NAMES
ARE INSCRIBED HERE
THEIR GRAVES ARE
UNKNOWN
BUT THEIR MEMORY
SHALL ENDURE.


On June 19, 2003, the Government of Canada designated September 3rd of each year as a day to acknowledge the contribution of Merchant Navy Veterans.

Born in Bay Roberts on 1918, to parents Philip and May Snow. Sutherland was one of three of the Snow children who would eventually see service during WW2. The others were brothers Warren and Edward.



Darcoila British Steam merchant

Photo courtesy of Craig H. Adamson

Name	Darcoila		
Type:	Steam merchant		
Tonnage	4,084 tons		
Completed	1928 - Lithgows Ltd, Port Glasgow		
Owner	Douglas & Ramsay, Glasgow		
Homeport	Glasgow		
Date of attack	26 Sep 1940	Nationality:	 British
Fate	Sunk by U-32 (Hans Jenisch)		
Position	53° 27'N, 24° 55'W - Grid AL 7217		
Complement	37 (37 dead - no survivors)		
Convoy	OB-217 (dispersed)		
Route	Barry (18 Sep) - Milford Haven (20 Sep) - Philadelphia		

Cargo Ballast

History Completed in April 1928

**Notes
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event** At 13.37 hours on 26 September 1940 the unescorted **Darcoila** (Master William Anderson), dispersed the day before from convoy [OB-217](#), was hit on port side amidships by one G7e torpedo fired from the stern torpedo tube of [U-32](#) (Captained by Hans Jenisch, a decorated German U-Boat Commander) about 600 miles west of Ireland. The ship sank within 5 minutes by the stern after a boiler explosion. The master, 35 crew members and one gunner were lost.

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**Memorial Service
For Men Who Paid
Supreme Sacrifice**

A Memorial Service for three young men of Bay Roberts,—Harris Mercer, Sutherland Snow and Roy McLeod—who laid down their lives in the present war, will be held in Central United Church on Sunday, Jan. 12th, at 2.45 p.m. and will be conducted by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, M.A.

As Sutherland Snow was a member of Victoria L.O.L. No. 3, and Harris Mercer a member of Victoria Band, the Orange Association will attend this service in a body. Brethren from other neighbouring lodges are also invited to attend.

It is also expected that representatives of the G.W.V.A., and the Nfld. Patriotic Assn., will also be present.

Order of Service

The order of Service at Central Church, which will include the favourite hymns of the three young men, is as follows:

Organ Prelude.

Choir: Anthem.

Hymn: 541—"At even when the sun was set."

Prayer.

Choir: Anthem — "The Old Rugged Cross."

Scripture.

Hymn: 497—"O Safe is the Rock".

Sermon—Rev. J. L. Reynolds.

Hymn: 525—"O valiant hearts."

Benediction.

National Anthem.