



## Her Name was SS.Tregenna.



Cargo ship SS Tregenna, 5,242grt, (Hain SS Co.) sailed from Halifax, Nova Scotia where the ship had joined the Liverpool bound 34 ship Convoy HX-71. They departed Halifax on 5th September 1940 with a cargo of 8000 tons of steel, loaded in Philadelphia, bound for Newport, Monmouthshire. During the crossing the convoy encountered a number of fog banks and by the 16th September had entered a severe North-Westerly gale. On the 17th September, 78 miles North-West of Rockall in position 58' 22N 15' 42W, U-65 breaks through the escort screen looking for a target. Through her periscope she sights SS Tregenna who is struggling along at 8 knots in heavy seas with her bow rising high and plunging back into the sea. As her bow enters the next trough she is hit by a single torpedo in her bow and does not rise again. The 413 foot ship continues to descend beneath the waves and disappears in 40 seconds, taking 33 men with her. By some miracle four men who had been on watch survived and were picked up by the ship which had been astern of her.

**Billy McGee**

### SS.TREGENNA, T.GODDARD. RIP.

32	A & Thomas	26	Cardiff	Wife: Mary Ann
33	Hillier	20	Cardiff	230, Bute Street, Cardiff
34	D. Swalwell	15	Middlesbrough	35 Dacre St. Middlesbrough
35	T. Goddard	19	Redcar	11, Birdsall Rd. Redcar
36	Ross C. Cole	24	Redcar	Emma St. Kalinga
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**GODDARD, Mess Room Boy, Thomas, S.S. Tregenna (St. Ives). Merchant Navy. 17th September 1940. Age 19. Son of William Henry and Margeret Helen Goddard of 11 Birdsall Row, Redcar. Commemorated Tower Hill Memorial Panel 110.**

	James Bruce	Steward	20, Denmark Street, Middlesbrough.
	NICHOLSON.		
	Arthur Edward	Cook.	5, Station Place, Trecynon, Aberdare.
	THOMAS.		
	William Francis	Asst. Cook.	230, Bute Street, Cardiff.
	Joseph MERCIA.		
	D. SWALWELL.	Cabin Boy.	35, Dacre Street, Middlesbrough.
	T. GODDARD.	Mess Room Boy.	11, Birdsall Road, Redcar, Yorks.
	Ross Charles	Deck Hand.	Rossrenew, Emma St, Kalinga, Brisbane.
	COLE.		

**From the Tregenna Log Book, regarding the young lad T. Goddard.**

**RE : THOMAS GODDARD, REDCAR.**

Some years back I compiled a Book of Remembrance to over 300 Merchant Seamen killed in WWII from the Tees down to Robin Hoods Bay, but the name T. Goddard was not listed amongst my files due to some of his details being omitted from his commemoration with the CWGC.

The Redcar Zetland Lifeboat Museum has a Book of Remembrance of which I have had a number of names added over the years. I have had the name of Thomas Goddard added.

I received confirmation from the ships Log Book, that the young lad in question T. Goddard was born and lived in Redcar at the time of his death. I have now updated my files with his details. Local records on births show his first name was Thomas. The Log Book has his address as Birdsall Road, but I think it should be Birdsall Row.

I sent the details of Mr. T. Goddard to the Dormanstown/Redcar Branch MNA, to the gentleman who looks after the Book of Remembrance. His details were added to the book on 29th November 2006. Afraid I can't send a photo as the Zetland Lifeboat Museum where the book is kept on display since it is closed for the winter. I also checked the local cenotaph at Redcar and found his name was listed.

**Regards Billy.** December 2006. [Billy McGee](#)

**Billy McGee ran his own website "The British Merchant Navy at War 1939-1945" for some five years until he lost all files during a transfer of servers. Billy has recently found a back up disc and is hoping to have it back up and running after the new year. He is also an administrator on another website and receives many email queries regarding the MN.**

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*In time we hope to contact as many relatives as possible or at least, let them know that we have not forgotten the ships crew and a relative that died so tragically.*