

William Green

Born 29.6.1899



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The 1911 the census reveals that William (Billy) Green was boarding with the Melling family at 291 Bolton Road, Edgworth. He was born in Farnworth but it is not known who his parents were. A 1901 census could not be found.

He served as an engine cleaner with the Royal Navy and his service number was 239305 ⁽¹⁶⁾

War Record

The following information is all that could be found for William Green's naval career.⁽¹⁶⁾ His naval record began in Portsmouth and describes him being 5'3" tall with a 34" chest, brown hair, grey eyes with a fresh complexion. ⁽¹⁶⁾

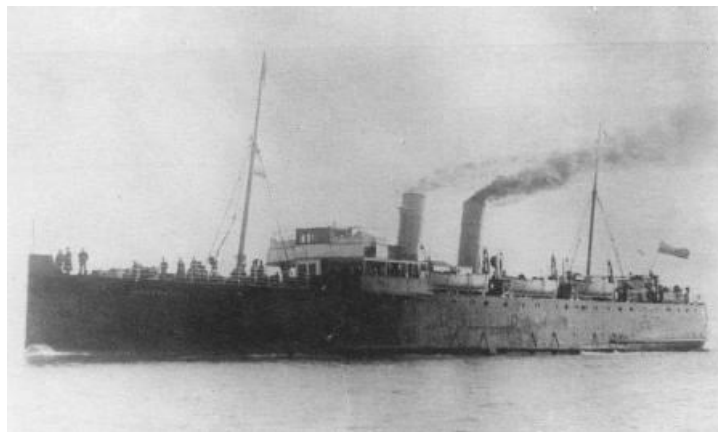
HMS Victory 1	6 th July – 31 st Dec.1917
Forward	1 st Jan 1918 – 5 th April 1918
Peony 1	6 th April 1918 – 27 th May, 1918
Europa 1	28 th May
Europa 1	6 th Oct 18 - 24 th June. 1919
Victory 1	25 th June – 26 th Sept. 1919
Demobbed	26 th September, 1919

HMS Victory 1 was an accounting base at Portsmouth ⁽¹⁷⁾.

Peony 1 of the 'flower class' of ships was a minesweeper launched in 1915 and sold in 1919, becoming the Greek owned *Ardena* . ⁽²⁰⁾

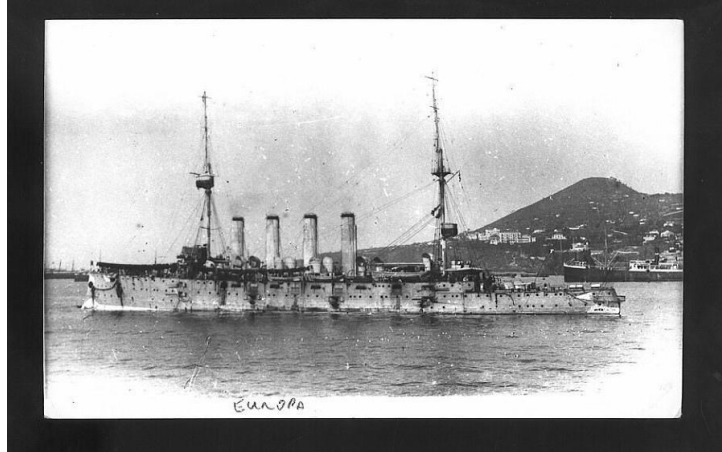
Europa was an old 1st class cruiser of the diadem class with a crew of 677. It was sold in 1920. ⁽¹⁹⁾.

No Medal Record or Service Record could be found.



HMS Peony

Post war as the ferry, *Ardena*. Many of the so called flower ships went on to Merchant Life. ⁽²⁰⁾



HMS Europa ⁽¹⁹⁾

1911 Census – Boarding at 291 Bolton Road, Edgworth ⁽¹⁾

Head of Household: William Melling, House painter	aged 48
Martha Melling, wife	aged 47

Other Household Members:

Gordon E. Melling	son, shop assistant Co-op	aged 17*
Laura Melling	daughter	aged 16
Emily Weir	boarder, card tenter	aged 17
Stanley Weir	boarder, creeler	aged 13
WILLIAM GREEN	boarder	aged 11
Lilian Spencer	boarder	aged 14
Doris Johnson	boarder	aged 9
Gertrude A Baker	visitor, secretary	aged 35

* See the separate biographies for Gordon Melling and Stanley Weir (also in Navy)

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