



# Able Seaman

## Allan Joseph McLellan

1904 - 1947

SECOND WORLD WAR

Navy: Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, H.M.C.S. Stadacona

Allan was born in 1904 in Southampton, Ontario, the son of Alexander and Mary McLellan. Alexander and Mary had six children together. In his younger days, Allan was an outstanding local softball and soccer player. He had several jobs prior to joining the military: as a construction worker with the Canadian Kellogg Company; as a clerk in the Ontario Liquor Control Board; and as a Seaman with Imperial Oil Shipping Company. In January 1941, at age 36 and single, he enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve (RCNR) in London.

In April 1941, he was posted to HMCS Stadacona in Halifax as an Able Seaman. It was during his service in Halifax that he became ill. He was treated in the Halifax Military Hospital and later diagnosed with pulmonary tuberculosis. He was discharged in October 1941 as "medically unfit". Afterwards he was hospitalized in Byron, where he remained for most of his time until his death.

On May 23, 1947, two years after the war ended in Europe, Allan McLellan, 43, passed away in hospital. It was determined that his pulmonary tuberculosis condition had existed prior to his enlistment, but was "aggravated as a result of his military duties". His cause of death was officially recorded as, "pulmonary tuberculosis... Death was related to military service". His funeral was held in Sarnia and internment was at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Cemetery, Sarnia.



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