



**Joseph William Ireland** was born in Southwark, South London, on the 7th January 1917.

During WW2, he began as a Signals Instructor with the Royal Hampshire Regiment, but was later transferred to the Royal Navy, as per his initial request.

He had worked with British Ropes Ltd., in Charlton prior to the war, and resumed again with them afterwards.

In 1948 they asked him to open their new branch in Canute Road, Southampton, as District Manager.

He was well known throughout the Port of Southampton, and supplied all the major Shipping Companies with every necessary type of rope requirement.

He began as a Messmate with the Master Mariners in the 1950's and played regularly in the Cricket and Golf sections, throughout his long membership.

After reaching his Century this year, he went aloft on the 15th of January, and will be fondly remembered by the more mature Club Members. God Bless Him.