

Erick Naslund - Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy

My name is Jacqueline Harris (nee Naslund) and with my husband Brian, we visited Tiree in May 2010 to see where I had lived during part of the Second World War. We also wanted to find out where my brother Dudley was born and to ascertain if anyone remembered my Father and why he was there.

This is the what we found; -

Erick Naslund was stationed on Tiree in 1941/42 during the Second World War. He lived in the School House in Scarinish with his wife Leah, two children Erick aged 6, and Jacqueline aged one. Whilst he was there, they had another son Dudley born in October 1941 in the school house.

Erick jnr went to school in the building attached to the school house and made many friends including Willie Mcfee and they used to use the Island as their playground. Jacqueline was in her pram outside the School House.

Erick was in charge of Shipping in the area and was responsible for any problems arising and dealing with shipwrecks on and around the Island. He was also responsible for ensuring that shipwrecks on the Island were not looted. However, he did have a heart and he had friends on the Island who he wanted to help.

When a shipwreck was reported, he was supposed to rush to the scene and stop anyone raiding the resultant items washed ashore. Instead, he used to send Erick jnr with his pal Willie and see what was useful for them before attending the shipwreck an hour later. Thus giving the locals a sporting chance to gain some items too.

Erick jnr visited Tiree a few years ago and quite by accident found Willie Mcfee and they were able to relive their youth. Unfortunately, both are no longer with us. We met Mrs Mcfee during our visit who still lives just above the School House.



School House & School Scarinish