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Lisburn's service at sea in WW2



Tommy Jess 1923 - 2015

Survived ship loss on the Murmansk run



Survivors photographed in Greenock, Scotland on their return March 1945. Thomas Jess - back row second from right

Thomas Jess was in HMS Lapwing and was blown 10 yards across the deck when a torpedo struck the destroyer on a bitterly cold morning in the final few months of the war.

He was one of 61 survivors. 58 sailors died on 20/03/1945, on board the HMS Lapwing, which was just a day's sail from the Russian port of Murmansk when it was torpedoed without warning by the German submarine U-968.

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HMS Lapwing

After the torpedo ripped through the ship's hull, he stayed at his post until the abandon ship order was given. Then he jumped into the freezing sea and was lucky enough to be pulled onto a raft that had been thrown overboard by the crew. "There were about 16 of us on the raft when we set off and then one by one they fell off in the cold. I fell unconscious while we drifted for at least two hours... There were just six of us pulled onboard HMS Savage when we were rescued . . . And one of them died on the deck of HMS Savage. I'll always remember that man,"

Royal Marine lost in HMS Barham

Two Royal Marines from Northern Ireland were killed serving on HMS Barham. Joe Berry was from Laurencetown and Joe Smylie from Magheragall.



RM Joe Smylie from Magheragall.

On the afternoon of 25 November 1941 H.M.S. Barnham left Alexandria along with a Convoy and on the following morning the German submarine U-331, commanded by Oberleutnant zur See, Hans-Diedrich von Tiesenhausen, detected the faint engine noises of Barnham along with other British ships and moved to

intercept.

An ASDIC operator aboard HMS Jervis, which was with Barnham, detected a submarine at 16:18 at an estimated range of 900–1,100 yards however tragically the contact was disregarded permitting U-331 to pass through the Convoy screen and was only in a position to fire her torpedoes after the leading ship, Queen Elizabeth, had passed her by and the second ship, Barham, was closing rapidly.

Von Tiesenhausen ordered all four bow torpedo tubes fired at a range of 410 yds at 16:25. Possibly due to her closeness to *Valiant's* bow wave and discharging the torpedoes, the U-boat's conning tower broached the surface and was engaged by one of the battleship's "pom-pom"s at a range of about 30 yards.

The U-boat dived out of control reaching an indicated depth of 869 ft, well below her design-depth of 490 ft, before stabilising without any damage.



Alice and James Smylie, brother of Marine Smylie, with the Rev Nicholas Dark at the War Memorial in Magheragall Parish Church

There was no time for evasive action, and three of the four torpedoes struck amidships so closely together as to throw up a single massive water column. Barham quickly capsized to port and was lying on her side when a massive magazine explosion occurred aft about four minutes after she was torpedoed and sank her with the loss of 862 men.

In order to protect morale at home the Admiralty did not immediately notify the families. The Admiralty censored all news of Barham's sinking and the loss of 841 British seamen.

San Diego, Panama, Murmansk, Africa and Far East

Robert Carlisle joined up aged 18 in 1940. After initial training he joined HMS Delhi in San Diego, California, where

it was being refitted. He enjoyed 12 days on the US West Coast before sailing to the Panama Canal. As the vessel negotiated this amazing waterway the crew heard the USA had entered the war in the wake of the Pearl Harbour attack.

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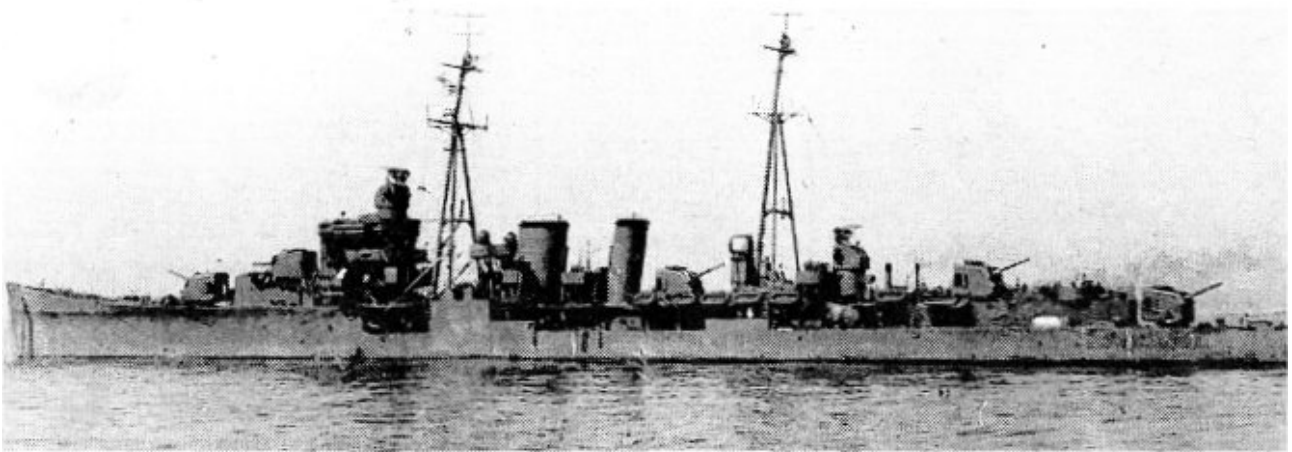
recalled. "During the trip back to Europe we were attacked quite strongly."



Robert James Carlisle during his time on HMS Delhi. US15-703SP

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HMS Delhi. US15-702SP



Lisburn man Robert Carlisle who served in the Navy during the Second World War. US15-115AO

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proceeded to Algiers to provide anti-aircraft cover for American troop ships. At this stage Delhi was coming under heavy attack losing 58 of her crew. Robert was injured. After recovery he was in the Far East at the end of the conflict to bring home survivors of Japanese prisoner of war camps in which many British people were incarcerated after the fall of Singapore.

From Caroline to Colditz

Sir Ivan Ewart DSC
of HMS Caroline.
RNVR was
promoted
Lieutenant in June
1941, when
appointed in
command of MTB



51. In January 1942 appointed in command of MTB 47. On 17/01/1942 this came under German fire and, in the ensuing explosions he lost an eye and severely injured his right arm. He was to wear an eye patch for the rest of his life.

He was later captured by the Germans and sent to Colditz Castle, a camp for "incorrigible" Allied officers who had repeatedly escaped from other camps, where he spent the remainder of the war. In 1945 he was awarded the DSC.

Several weeks before his death he travelled to Germany to meet with an officer who had participated in the attack upon his MTB. This was an event he had been waiting fifty years for, he held no animosity toward the enemy, regarding them

as honourable adversaries. William Ivan Cecil Ewart, 6th Baronet, was born at Derryvolgie House, Lisburn.

Roll of Honour RN, RNVR and RM Lisburn WW2

+BELL, James D

RN. Able Seaman. D/SSX32827. HMS Sultan. Died 16/02/1942. Age 21. Son of John and Emily Bell, Hilden. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 101. Lisburn WM

BOYD, Eustace

RNVR. Sub - Lieutenant. Commissioned after completing a year continuously at sea. A solicitor who served his apprenticeship with D.Barbour Simpson & Co., Lisburn and on completion of his course was appointed to the legal staff of the Ulster Bank. Son of Mr & Mrs James Boyd,. (Lisburn Standard 28/08/1942)

BOYD, J

Listed in local press. (Lisburn Standard 06/03/1942)

+BOYD, James Jackson

RN. Leading Signalman. D/JX 158635. HMS. Itchen. Died 23/09/1943. Age 21. Joined aged 15. Trained in HMS Caledonia. In Rodney at Narvik and at sinking of the Bismarck. In Hood for North African invasion. Father served with RAF in World War I. An uncle was in US navy. Son of Thomas Henry Boyd and Agnes Boyd, Fort St., Low Rd., Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard late 1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 80. Lisburn WM

BOYD, R J

Listed in local press. (Lisburn Standard 03/03/1943)

BOYD, VICTOR T

Petty Officer Air Mechanic. Son of Mr. & Mrs. JR Boyd, Zoleville, Moira Rd., Lisburn. Husband to Saidie E (nee Baird). Married in McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church. (Lisburn Standard 03/03/1943)

+BURROWS, William Andrew

RN. Ordinary Seaman. D/JX 417950. HMS Charybdis. Died 23/10/1943. Age 23. Son of William and Helen Burrows, Dunmurry. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 80. Lisburn WM

CAMPBELL, T

RN. CERA. In HMS Bellona on Russian convoy escort when U boat was sunk and many German aircraft were downed. Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 13/04/1945)

CARLISLE, Robert James

RN. Joined up aged 18 in 1940. After initial training he joined HMS Delhi in San Diego, California, where it was being refitted. He enjoyed 12 days on the US West Coast before sailing to the Panama Canal. As the vessel negotiated this amazing waterway the crew heard the USA had entered the war in the wake of the Pearl Harbour attack. "We sailed up the US East Coast to pick up a convoy for the transatlantic crossing," he recalled. "During the trip back to Europe we were attacked quite strongly." Delhi then sailed to Murmansk to carry out more convoy duties. "Needless to say we were attacked there as well," he commented. "We used to say if we were hit we hoped we would be killed in the initial explosion because in the icy seas in that area a human being can last only three to five minutes."

Delhi also escorted both the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary as they carried the GI's across the Atlantic. Trips home were unheard of but in 1942 Robert Carlisle was presented with an opportunity to visit his family when the ship moored in Pollock Dock in Belfast. From there she sailed to Gibraltar where ships were assembling in preparation for the Africa campaign. Three days later Delhi was the sole ship left. Delhi was assigned to escort the vessel carrying Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the landing beaches.

During the voyage Delhi was attacked by two free French destroyers. After this she proceeded to Algiers to provide anti-aircraft cover for American troop ships. At this stage Delhi was coming under heavy attack but around 0200, there was a lull. One of his friends suggested going to the ammunition house and he passed through a door leading to the stern of the ship. As Robert Carlisle followed him he saw the door split down the middle. There was a tremendous explosion and the entire stern section of the ship was blown away killing 59 of her crew. Robert was injured. After recovery he was in the Far East at the end of the conflict to bring home survivors of Japanese prisoner of war camps in which many British people were incarcerated after the fall of Singapore. Son of Isla Carlisle, Knocknadonagh, Glenavy Road, Lisburn. He worked with the Post Office in Lisburn. Husband to Annie nee Briggs who worked at Sloan Street Post Office. Resident at Knockmore. (Based on report in Ulster Star 22/04/2005).

+CORRIGAN, Patrick

RN. Ordinary Seaman. D/JX 649460. Died 22/08/1944. HMS Bickerton. Son of Mr & Mrs Corrigan, Bridge St., Hilden, Lisburn. Member of Lisburn Boys' Club. Employed at Wm Barbour & Sons, Hilden, pre-enrolling. (Lisburn Standard 08/09/1944). Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 88

+CREE, James

RN. Able Seaman. D/SSX 27141. HMS Broadwater. Died 18/10/1941. Aged 21. On convoy duty in the Atlantic. The Lisburn Standard of 30/08/1940 reported that he was in the carrier Courageous when she was sunk in the early months of the war. He was injured in the evacuation of Dunkirk. He was hospitalised after the RN destroyed the greater part of the French fleet which was lying in Oran harbour. All this was before his 20th birthday. Son of William and Elizabeth Cree, Wesley St., Lisburn. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 46. Lisburn WM

DALES, Herbert Calvert

RNVR. Surgeon - Lieutenant. Born 17/10/1919. Campbell College. MD MCh BAO, QUB 1942. Son of SH Dales, Roseville, Lisburn.

+DAWE, William F

RN. Leading Seaman. D/SSX 15951. HMS Zulu, Died 02/06/1941. Age 23. He was wounded in the battle with the Bismarck in the Atlantic and subsequently was in a military hospital in which he died. He had served for six years. He had been employed in C & t Hardy, Lisburn. He was a member of Christ Church Parish Church Lads' Brigade Company. A brother was serving in the RAF in South Africa. Son of Owen Hugh and Mary Elizabeth Dawe, Lismara Terrace, Lisburn. A naval funeral with members of the service acting as pall bearers took place in Belfast City Cemetery. (Lisburn Standard June 1941).Lisburn WM

EWART, Ivan

HMS Caroline. RNVR. Lieutenant. DSC. Sir William Ivan Cecil Ewart. Appointed to Vernon for duty with the 4th MTB Flotilla as First Lieutenant of MTB 22. Promoted Acting Sub-Lieutenant September 1939 and Lieutenant in June 1941, when appointed in command of MTB 51. January 1942 appointed in command of MTB 47. On 17/01/1942 this came under German fire and, in the ensuing explosions he lost an eye and severely injured his right arm. He was to wear an eye patch for the rest of his life. He was later captured by the Germans and sent to Colditz Castle, a camp for "incorrigible" Allied officers who had repeatedly escaped from other camps, where he spent the remainder of the war. In 1945 he was awarded the DSC. Several weeks before his death he travelled to Germany to meet with an officer who had participated in the attack upon his MTB. This was an event he had been waiting fifty years for, he held no animosity toward the enemy, regarding them as honourable adversaries. William Ivan Cecil Ewart, 6th Baronet, was born at Derryvolgie House, Lisburn.

FOY, James

AB. HMS Renown. In the South Atlantic Renown was engaged in the search for Graf Spee. On return Renown was despatched to Norwegian waters. Jimmy Foy was in a forward turret when in heavy seas and wintry conditions, they engaged with the German cruiser Schornhorst which was accompanied by a destroyer. A shell passed through Renown without exploding, below where he was standing. He was honoured by the people of the Hillhall Road, Lisburn, at a short ceremony in Largymore School at which he was presented with a gold wristlet watch and a wallet of notes. Rev A Duff of Hillhall Presbyterian Church presided and he spoke of the

honour they felt at having among them one of the heroes of Narvik. He had known Jimmy Foy since he was a child. He was one of the special boys of Hillhall Scout Troop. He was 16 years old and he was returning to duty that weekend. He was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs James Foy, Elmville Terrace, Hillhall Road, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard, May 1940)

+FRASER, John

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. The only name with this rank in the CWGC records as follows -C/KX.80140. Died 05/03/1945. Aged 34. HMS Golden Son of Alexander and Lana Williamson Fraser; husband to Christina Cameron Kennedy Park Fraser, of Greenock, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Remains interred Sydney War Cemetery, Queensland, Australia. An uncle, Captain WC Fraser MBE, Merchant Navy, of the Hilhall Rd., Lisburn, also died in the war and his remains interred in Bayeux War Cemetery. (Lisburn Standard 23/03/1945).

FULTON, Joseph

RNVR. Lieutenant. Born 29/12/1902. Son of Dr Joseph Fulton, Windsor Crescent, Lisburn Rd., Belfast. Campbell College 1264. QUB

+HAMILTON, Brian

RM. PO/X 116179. Died 02/09/1947. Age 23. Son of William and Elizabeth Hamilton, Lisburn. Holy Trinity Roman Catholic cemetery. Lisburn WM

+HANNA, Thomas

RN. Able Seaman. D/JX182781. Died 16/05/1947. Age: 27. H.M.S. Drake. Son of William and Minnie Hanna, of Hillsborough; husband of Kathleen Hanna, Lisburn. Interred St Malachi, Church of Ireland churchyard, Hillsborough. Grave 334.

HAY, David

RNVR. Surgeon - Lieutenant. MB QUB 1942. Son of Rev. David & Mrs. Hay, The Manse, Lisburn. Husband to Mary Lillian (nee Speers). Married in Carnmoney Parish Church. (Lisburn Standard 28/05/1943)

JAMINSON,

Petty Officer. HMS Southampton. He survived the sinking of Southampton in the Mediterranean on 11/01/1941. News of his survival was reported in the Lisburn Standard (January 1941). Son of Mrs Jaminson, Causeway End Road, Lisburn

+JEFFERSON, Henry

RN. AB. D/JX192729. Died 06/12/1941. Age 26. HMS President III. Son of Walter and Sarah Jefferson, Benson St., Lisburn. Another son was serving with the North Irish Horse. (Lisburn Standard 09/01/1942) Plymouth Naval Memorial. Panel 38. Lisburn WM

JESS, Thomas

RN. Gunner. Arctic convoys. On HMS Lapwing, he was blown 10 yards across the deck when a torpedo struck the destroyer on a bitterly cold morning in the final few months of the war. "The explosion just lifted me off my feet, skinning all my knuckles," says Jess, one of several sailors from Northern Ireland on board the Lapwing. "But I was lucky as I always wore my lifebelt, which was my best friend at sea. Other fellows were more careless. There was one poor man who tried to make his way below for his lifebelt but he never got back up on deck." After the torpedo ripped through the ship's hull, he stayed at his post until the abandon ship order was given. Then he jumped into the freezing sea and was lucky enough to be pulled onto a raft that had been thrown overboard by the crew. "There were about 16 of us on the raft when we set off and then one by one they fell off in the cold. I fell unconscious while we drifted for at least two hours...There were just six of us pulled onboard HMS Savage when we were rescued . . . And one of them died on the deck of HMS Savage. I'll always remember that man," He was one of 61 survivors. 58 sailors died on 20/03/1945, on board the HMS Lapwing, which was just a day's sail from the Russian port of Murmansk when it was torpedoed without warning by the German submarine U-968. Thomas Jess lived in Lisburn.

KEERY, James

AB. In HMS Royal Oak when torpedoed in opening months of war. In HMS Rodney for two and a half years. Took part in the Battle of Narvik, the sinking of the Bismarck, and the Battle of the Atlantic. Son of Mr &

Mrs J. Keery, Hilden Ave., Low Rd., Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 06/03/1942).

MAGEE,

Petty Officer. Son of Mr & Mrs Magee, Gregg St. Lisburn. A brother William was lost serving in the Merchant Navy.(Lisburn Standard, June 1941)

MANNING, Denis William Bordon

RNVR. Chaplain 1944-46. Hon. Sec., Mersey Flotilla, RNVSR. 1949-53. Chaplain, Mersey Division, RNVR (HMS Eaglet), 1952. B 20/09/1915. Son of the Ven. Archdeacon CC Manning, MC, Magheralave Road, Lisburn. Died 07/1981. TCD. Campbell College 2335

McCORD, D

AB. "Recently his ship was hit by a couple of torpedoes, but made port quite safely. The young seaman has been the recipient of hearty congratulations on his escape. By the way, he turned out for Lambeg Bleachers last week." (Lisburn Standard 1940).

McCULLAGH, Richard

Lieutenant. He joined RN in July 1940. Commanded a convoy escort vessel. Navigating officer on Icelandic patrol trawler HMS Northern Sun. Served in minesweepers and then the RAF Marine Section which engaged in rescues. He was the drawing master in Lisburn Technical High School and the Rainey Endowed School, Magherafelt. Son of George McCullagh (Ex RIC), Brookville, Ballynahinch Road, Lisburn. Married Claire Hinds in Broomhedge Methodist Church. Bridesmaid was Hazel Willis, in WRNS uniform. (Lisburn Standard 10/07/1942, 12/1942).

McGREGOR, Helen

WRNS. Officer. HMS Caroline. 30/06/1946 - 07/1945. Rtd. 04/1946. Married Lt. Commander Alexander Robert Ramsey RNVR. One son, two daughters. Born Lisburn 26/08/1918. Died Toowomba, Queensland, Australia

MOFFATT, William J

RN. Stoker First Class. In HMS Exeter at battle of River Plate. A presentation was made to him in Lisburn cinema at a midnight matinee in aid of Lisburn Navy, Army and Air Force Fund. (Lisburn Standard 15/03/1940). Son of Mr Thomas Moffatt.

MUNN, Henry J

RN. AB. Enrolled 1937. PoW Japan. Son of Mr and Mrs H. Munn, Stannus Place, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 12/03/1943).

+PATTERSON, Aubrey

RN. Coder. D/JX 293539. Died 13/02/1945. Age: 21. HMS Denbigh Castle. Son of Thomas and Jane Patterson, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 25/02/1945, 15/06/1945). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 94. Lisburn WM

+POTTS, Stewart

RN. Stoker 1st Class. D/SKX 942. Date of Death: 14/02/1942. Age: 21. HMS Sultan. Son of Stewart and Annie Potts, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 12/03/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 70. Lisburn WM

QUIN, Cyril Daniel Blacker

RN. 1939 - 45. B 17/10/1922. Son of H Quin, Brookvale, Lisburn Rd, Befast. Campbell College 2782

RAMSAY, Helen (nee McGregor)

HMS Caroline. WRNS. Second Officer. Enrolled 29/04/1942. HMS Caroline 30/06/1942. Second Officer 29/04/1943. Rtd. 04/1946. Wife to Lt. Commander (A) Alexander Robert Ramsay, RNVR. One son, two daughters. Born Lisburn 28/02/1918. Died 11/07/2007, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia

+ROBINSON, Edmund Frederick Vessey

RN. Leading Seaman. D/JX 152567. Died 28/05/1941. Age 24. HMS Orion. Orion was a Leander class light cruiser which served with distinction in the Royal Navy during World War II. She received 13 battle honours, a record only exceeded by HMS Warspite, and matched by two others. In the early part of 1941 she was in the Crete and Aegean areas and

was also at the Battle of Cape Matapan in March 1941. During an attack on a German convoy headed for Crete on 22 May, she was damaged in a duel with its escort, the Italian torpedo boat Lupo. On 29/05/1941, during the evacuation of Crete, she was bombed and badly damaged while transporting 1900 evacuated troops. Around 360 lives were lost, of whom 100 were soldiers. Son of David and Sarah Robinson, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 29/05/1942). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 46. Lisburn WM

+SCOTT, Ephraim

RN. Petty Officer Stoker. D/KX 80740. Died 15/12/1941. Age 29. HMS Galatea. Enrolled 1931. Served in China and Palestine. Son of James and Elizabeth Scott, Stoneyford, Lisburn. Husband to Edith Megan Eileen Scott, Plymouth. Father of an infant son. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 52

SCOTT, Samuel

RN. DSM presented at an investiture in Buckingham Palace. Citation states, "for courage in action while serving in defensively equipped merchant ships during operations in North Africa." Previously he had been commended for bravery while under continuous enemy attack. Married with two sons. Ballynahinch Rd., Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 13/08/1943)

+SHIELDS, Francis Henry

RM. Corporal. PO/X 653. Died 05/01/1943. Age 31. HMNZS Achilles. He had served 14 years. Son of James and Mary Ann Shields, Largymore, Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 22/01/1943). Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 79. Lisburn WM

+SMYLIE, John Finlay

RM. Marine. PO/X 4563. H.M.S. Barham. Date of Death: 25/11/1941. Age: 19. Born 8/4/1922 HMS Barham sank in the Mediterranean, going down in just four minutes. HMS Barham was a Queen Elizabeth-class battleship of the Royal Navy built on Clydebank, Scotland, and launched in 1914. It was one of the great Dreadnoughts built just prior to World War One. In World War II she operated in the Atlantic and Mediterranean. At the end of 1940, Barham joined the Mediterranean Fleet, taking part in the Battle of Cape Matapan in March 1941 and receiving bomb damage off Crete in May. On 25/11/1941, while steaming to cover an attack on Italian

convoys, HMS Barham was hit by three torpedoes from the German submarine U-331, commanded by Lieutenant Hans-Dietrich von Tiesenhausen. As she rolled over to port, her magazines exploded and the ship quickly sank with the loss of over two-thirds of her crew. In order to protect morale at home the Admiralty did not immediately notify the families. The Admiralty censored all news of Barham's sinking and the loss of 841 British seamen.

After a delay of several weeks, the War Office decided to notify the next of kin of Barham's dead, but they added a special request for secrecy. A notification letter was received by James and Sarah Smylie of Magheragall, Lisburn, and as with all the letters it included a warning not to discuss the loss of the ship with anyone but close relatives, stating it was essential that information of the event which led to the loss of life should not find its way to the enemy until such time as it is announced officially. The Admiralty informed the press on 27/1/ 1942.

Born at North Street, Ballinderry, John was the eldest of the six children of James and Sarah Smylie. There was John, William, Yvonne, Josephine, Andrew, Francis and Lawrence, the family was raised on the Causeway End Road, Lisburn and Moneybroom Road Magheragall. John took his first job on Springfield Farm, the farm situated just behind Magheragall Parish Church. When war broke out John joined up, and on October 31 1939 John left home to join the Royal Marines aged 17 years and after basic training he served on the HMS Barham. Not long after receiving the official notification of John's death his father James was taken ill and he died in February 1942. Son of James and Sarah A. Smylie, Lisburn. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 59. Lisburn WM

+TAYLOR, Samuel Johnston

RN, Able Seaman. P/JX 198151. HMS Penelope. Died 18/02/1944. Age 27. Son of Thomas and Mary Taylor, Templepatrick. Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 83. Glenavy WM. Lisburn WM

TOMAN, Christopher

RN. Leading Telegraphist. Engaged in a battle mid-Atlantic when escorting a convoy. For his actions he received from the hands of King Haakon of Norway the Norges Kong and medal. One of six brothers who

served during the war, four in the Royal Navy. Son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Toman, Hill St.,Lisburn (Lisburn Standard 02/04/1943).

TOMAN, Patrick

RN. Petty Officer. In HMS Broke when it rammed the boom at Algiers harbour, North Africa. One of six brothers who served during the war, four in the Royal Navy. Son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Toman, Hill St.,Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 02/04/1943).

TOMAN, Richard

HMS Taku, a T class submarine. HMS Taku (Lt.Cdr. V.J.H. Van der Byl, RN) attacked a German convoy on 08/05/1940 with ten torpedoes and torpedoed and damaged the German torpedo boat Mowe (900 tons) east of Denmark in position 56°45'N, 06°12'E. After the attack Taku was depth charged and hunted for over 6 hours. (Lisburn Standard 02/04/1943).

TOMAN, Thomas

One of six brothers who served during the war, four in the Royal Navy. Son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Toman, Hill St., Lisburn. (Lisburn Standard 02/04/1943).

+WATSON, RJ

RM. PO/X 4372. Died 15/02/1946. Dunmurry. Lisburn WM

WILLIS, Hazel

WRNS. Lisburn

+WILLS, Ernest

RN. Petty Officer. D/JX 132813. Died 27/04/1941. HMS Diamond. Son of William and Margaret Wills, Lisburn. Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 45. Lisburn WM

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