

ABLE SEAMAN PERCY JARVIS

Service Number: P/JX 231329
 Enlisted: HMS Excellent II, Royal Navy
 Born: 19th February 1905
 Died: 23rd November 1942, Aged 37
 Memorials: Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria
 Plot 3, Row F, Grave 22
 Burbage War Memorial
 Hinckley War Memorial
 St Catherine's Church Memorial



Percy was born on the 19th February 1905, the son of James and Mary Jarvis of Hinckley. At the time of the 1939 Census, Percy is employed as a Bus Driver for Midland Red Bus Co. and is living at 169 London Road, Hinckley with his wife Anne Elizabeth (nee Merrick) and his three children Alan, Royston and Kenneth.

Percy enlisted with the Royal Navy and is assigned to HMS Excellent II which was a land-based gunnery school based at Whale Island in Portsmouth. During his service he is found serving in the Mediterranean and South Atlantic.

In March 1941, his ship was torpedoed and after drifting with a number of others for five days in an open lifeboat in the South Atlantic, he was rescued by a Spanish liner and interned in the Canary Islands.

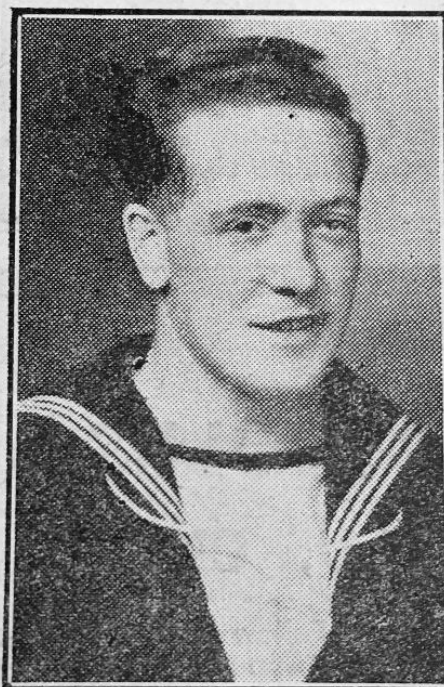
After being repatriated, in the following September he sailed in a Malta convoy and was involved in the North African campaign of 1942, where allied troops made a series of landings on the Algerian coast in early November 1942. From there, they swept east into Tunisia, where the North African campaign came to an end in May 1943 with the surrender of the Axis forces. Percy was killed during the initial advance on 23 November 1942.

Percy is buried at Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria. The cemetery contains 494 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and 11 war graves of other nationalities. There are also 25 non-war graves, mostly of merchant seamen whose deaths were not due to war service.

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 P. Jarvis
 Able Seaman, P/JX.231329
 Royal Navy
 23rd November 1942 Age 38
 (Cross)
 Safely sheltered
 From the storms of life

Grave Text

Killed While On Convoy Duty



Able Seaman Percy Jarvis.

Able Seaman Percy Jarvis, of Hinckley, has been killed while on active service with the Royal Navy. A communication to this effect has been received by his wife.

It is understood that Jarvis, who has been serving in the Navy for the last two years, was on convoy duty.

Before joining the Navy, Jarvis was a 'bus driver in the employ of the Midland Red 'Bus Co.

He leaves three sons.

Hinckley Times 5th February 1943

	1 NAME (Surname First)	2 FORT DIVISION and OFFICIAL NO.	3 BRANCH OF SERVICE.	4 RATING	5 SHIP OR UNIT.	6 DATE OF BIRTH.	7 PLACE OF BIRTH.	8 DATE OF DEATH.	9 CAUSE OF DEATH.	10 PLACE OF DEATH.	11 DECORATIONS (If any)
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British Army and Navy, Birth, Marriages and Death Records, 1730-1960

**A/B PERCY JARVIS WAS
KILLED IN AIR RAID**

It now transpires that Able Seaman Percy Jarvis, whose death was reported last week, lost his life in an air raid on war service. Official notification to this effect was received by his sister, Mrs. Dimmocks. Earlier news of his death was received by his friend, Olive Cawthorne, from his Lt.-Commander. Able Seaman Jarvis had arrived at his destination a short time previous to his death, and writing home said that he was very fit and well. His last letter was written on the day of his death.

A/B Jarvis was torpedoed in March, 1941, and after drifting with a number of others for five days in an open lifeboat in the South Atlantic was rescued by a Spanish liner and interned in the Canary Islands. After being repatriated in the following September he sailed in a Malta convoy last year.

Amongst the letters of sympathy received is one from their Majesties the King and Queen.

The two elder of Mr. Jarvis's three sons are at present living in Devon.

Hinckley Times 12th February 1943



Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria