

12 Chief Engine Room Artificer Harry Jenner DSM 14 April 1941 HM Submarine P37



Sec. 5. Nonconformist. Grave 159.

Service No. P/M 22010



<http://www.photoship.co.uk/jalbum%20ships/Old%20Ships%20S/index53.html>

Where is the grave?

Walk up the drive past the Crematorium, then immediately sharp left past the building, bend downhill to the right. Carry on downhill, bearing right, and it is on the right before another path joins from the right.

Chief ERA Harry Jenner (a war grave) unfortunately killed in a bombing raid on Barrow on 14 April 1941 whilst 'Standing By' HMS UNBENDING (P37) which was building in the Yard. He was possibly staying in the Trevelyan Hotel, on the corner of Abbey Road and Dalkeith St or High Street and Dalkeith Street. It is listed in the Cemetery Log Book as 1 Dalkeith Street. An Ada Charlotte Jenner (wife?) also died in the raid, aged 56.

Nella Last's Diary records: **Easter Monday, 14 April 1941:** *One Hotel had gone and a little street. The former and four houses of the latter are just rubble, and no one was saved from them. I could not have believed so few bombs could do so much damage. Bulging walls, gaping windows, crazily leaning chimneys, dirty tired wardens, ordinary citizens in demolition gangs working like men possessed, crowds of quiet, white faced spectators.*

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/britain_wwtwo/nella_last_part2_01.shtml

Jenner had been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal 31st December 1940: published in the Supplement to the London Gazette 1st January 1941. The Submarine Museum, Gosport, told me that his honour was for services on HM Submarine H44. H44 was an old submarine of the Holland H602 Class, built by Armstrong Whitworth on the Tyne and launched on 17 February 1919.

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HMS H 44 (Lt. E.D. Norman, RN) torpedoed and sank the small Danish merchant **Alfa** (844 GRT, built 1921) off Texel, Netherlands.

At 1750 hours HMS H 44 spotted a merchant ship of about 3000 tons at 4000 yards. At 1810 hours two torpedoes were fired from 3500 yards. One torpedo was seen to hit the target amidships three minutes after firing. Four of the crew of the Alfa died in the attack.

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