

From.....Medical Officer, H.M.S. "WORCESTER".

Date.....15th February 1942.

To.....Medical Director General of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.1.

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I regret to have to submit the following report on the deaths of the undermentioned, who lost their lives as a result of enemy action on Thursday February 12th 1942. , in H.M.S. "WORCESTER".

Killed

P/JX 114619	Begg A.	A.B.
P/JX 171394	Davis G.R.	A.B.
P/JX 165583	Dow G.	A.B.
P/KX 79522	Dowdell F.	Sto. P.O.
P/SSX 29468	Grant G.	A.B.
LD9/X 5104	Gibson D.V.	Tel.
P/JX 263974	Ilett W.	A.B.
P/JX 197267	Kenny J.	A.B.
P/KX 78710	Lacey F.N.	Ldg. Sto.
P/JX 174891	Ladds L.R.	A.B.
P/JX 136459	Newman L.W.	P.O. Tel.
P/SSX 31401	Pearce R.	Ldg. Tel.
P/KX 86350	Robinson B.R.	Ldg. Sto.
P/SSX 33409	Ruddick E.	Tel.
P/SSX 16680	Smith W.	A.B.
P/SSX 33207	Ward E.	A.B.
P/MX 51049	Magee T.	P.O. Cook.

MISSING - BELIEVED KILLED.

P/JX 237203	Healy M.	Ord. Sea.
P/JX 174290	Lewis K.	Std.
P/JX 263543	Ridgeley J.C.	Ord. Sea.
P/S 104481	Scobie R.	A.B.
P/JX 197601	Stallard T.	A.B.
P/JX 145411	Walshaw T.	Ldf. Sea.

SINCE DIED FROM INJURIES IN SICK BAY.

P/JX 175343	Hill C.	A.B.
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SINCE DIED FROM INJURIES IN DOVERCOURT COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

P/SSX 33597	Saunders T.	A.B.
P/JX 165203	Winskell G.	Ord. Sea.
P/SSX 35615	Galliers C.	Ord. Sea.

SURGEON LIEUTENANT, R.N.V.R.

JX 275899	Abren John.	O.Sea.	R.N.S.Q. Shotley	Serious
P/JX 160311	Cawsey William.	A.B.		Serious
P/JX 79142	Furling Percival.	Ch. Sto.		
P/SX 64388	Luckman	E.R.A.		
P/JX 273471	Barling Sidney.	O. Sea.		Duty
JX 262349	McMurdo Thomas	O. Sea.		Duty
P/JX 297--7	Stevens Leonard.	A.B.		Duty
P/HSX18933	Wilcox James.	Ldg. Sea.		Duty
P/JX 261192	Mitchell Edward	O. Sea.	Hintlesham Convalescent Home	
P/JX23389	Hunter George	A.B. R.A.N.		
P/SSX 22080	Upton William	A.B.		
P/JX 238998	Allen James	O. Sea.	East Sussex & Ipswich Hospital	Dangerous Case
P/JX 189316	Basden Cyril.	A.B.		
K 19912A	Days John.	Sea.		
P/JX 199768	Buckle Kenneth.	A.B.		
P/SSX 16922	Collingworth Eric.	A/A.B.		
P/JX 133137	Downs Patrick.	Stoker		
P/JX 228200	Gillespie John W.	A.B.		
P/JX 71495	Green Victor	W/M.		
P/JX 14252	Hutchings Albert.	C.P.O.		
P/JX 78608	Jessop	E.R.A.		
P/JX 2473	Lacroix Kenneth.	A.B.		
P/JX 214247	Lakey John.	A.B.		
	Meadows Barry.	Cant. Man.		
P/JX 286724	Novell Edward	A/A.B.		Dangerous Case
P/J 114313	Pike Christopher.	P.O.		
P/JX 197671	Saxelby Laurence.	A.B.		
P/JX 235369	Shaw Jack.	A.B.		
P/JX 145371	Sheath Leonard.	L. Sea.		
C/JX 211567	Smith Norman D.	Sig.		
P/SSX 28350	Taylor Frank.	A/A.B.		Dangerous Case

P/SSX 31383	Thomas Cecil	Tel.	East Suffolk & Ipswich Hospital
JX 262932	Walker Stephen	O. Sea.	
P/KX 116416	Walls William.	Sto. 1.	
P/KX 90807	Weeks Robert.	Sto.	
P/SSX 24554	Whitmee Robert S.	A.B.	
P/JX 263993	Witt Reginald.	O. Sea.	
P/JX 273161	Wright Noel.	O. Sea.	
78661	Antill J.T.	L. Sto.	Essex County Hospital, Colchester.
P/JX 131806	Flattery J.	P.O.	
KX 45225	Herbert	C.P.O.	Dovercourt Cottage Hospital. Dangerous Case
PSS 124340	Hill	Sto.	Essex County Hospital, Colchester.
58576	Hear M.F.	L/SA	
P/JX 261129	Wake P.W.	O. Sea.	
P/JX 217625	Irons Daniel.	A.B.	R.N.S.Q. Shotley.
P/JX 177814	Cowburn Harry.	A.B.	R.N.S.Q. Shotley.

One problematic area in this research was the extent of the casualties suffered during the Channel Dash action, no two published accounts give the same figures and the average of four dead and sixteen to twentyseven injured were very much lower than my father's estimate and, after all, he was there at the time. One crew member commented "a few days later we marched up the hill at Shotley to bury the dead." It seemed reasonable to follow the instructions so I went to Shotley, marched up the hill and found sixteen graves there which, at the least proved that there were more than four killed.

The opening paragraph of Cdr. Coats' Report of Proceedings states "List of casualties has been reported" but enquiries at all the sources open to me failed to find this list so I wrote to Doc Jackson (the Surgeon Lt. aboard that day) enquiring where such a list would have been sent thinking that it might be easier to trace the list forwards from 1942 than backwards from 1998. I was staggered and delighted to receive a charming letter from him enclosing a copy of the casualty report which are still in his possession after fifty odd years! The copies are very faint so have been retyped though in many cases service numbers cannot be relied on.