

A J Palmer

CWGC – WIREMAN AUSTIN JAMES PALMER

Service Number: P/MX 101805

Royal Navy

H.M.S. Beverley

Died 11 April 1943

Age 28 years old

Buried or commemorated at

[PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL](#) Panel 78, Column 3.

United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of William Austin Palmer, and of Edith Mary Palmer, of Keynsham, Somerset.

Notes - On 9 April 1943 HMS Beverley had been seriously damaged in a collision with the British steam merchant Cairnvalona (4929 tons) and took station in the rear of the convoy, until she was torpedoed some 30 hours later. At 05.49 hours on 11 April 1943 the German submarine U-188 fired a torpedo at the convoy ON-176 southwest of Iceland and observed a hit on a tanker after 1 minute 34 seconds, which finally sank after 45 minutes with a broken back. At 05.50 hours, two torpedoes were fired and after 1 minute 58 seconds and 2 minutes 11 seconds hits on two ships were heard. At 05.52 hours again two torpedoes were fired, which hit a fourth ship after 1 minute 58 seconds and began to settle by the bow. However, Allied records indicate that only HMS Beverley (Lt.Cdr. Rodney Athelstan Price, RN) was hit and sunk at that time in position 52°19'N, 40°28'W. There were only 4 survivors out of a crew of 155.