

A W Hembrow

CWGC – MARINE WILLIAM ALAN HEMBROW

Service Number: PLY/X 105835

Royal Marines

H.M.L.C.G. (M) 102.

Died 01 November 1944

Age 21 years old

Buried or commemorated at

[PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL](#) Panel 92, Column 1.

United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Arthur George and Kate Hembrow, of Wellsway, Keynsham, Somerset

Notes - He joined No.2 Company of the Keynsham Home Guard and, at the time of the blitz he was commended for his good work during the air raids. When old enough he enrolled in the Royal Marines. The vital port of Antwerp, in particular, could not yet be used because all shipping would have been annihilated by the formidable German coastal batteries on the island of Walcheren at the mouth of the River Scheldt. To overcome this threat a seaborne invasion force of Marine Commandos was assembled at Ostend to make an assault on the coast at Westkapelle. On 1st November 1944 L.C.G. (M) 102 took part in the operation but was immediately set ablaze from bow to stern and although her crew got the fire under control, she was hit time and time again. She was last seen broken and burning on the sandbar. Bill Hembrow was on L.C.G.(M)102 but there were no survivors.