

NORMAN EDWARD HAYES
1924-1944

Norman served in the HM Royal Navy as Able Seaman D/JX 567069, aboard HMS Shah, an Aircraft Carrier and Transporter.

During patrol off Cochin, Colombo, HMS Shah a suffered serious incident when on the 28th July 1944 a Grumman Avenger, Torpedo Bomber, stalled after being waved off by the DLCO and crashed onto the quarterdeck. Her petrol tanks exploded on impact killing the observer, Sub Lt JHW Calder, the pilot, Sub Lt RA McCartney RNZN. The Telegraphist / Air Gunner, Leading Airman A Kane escaped.

Six members of the Flight Deck crew were badly burned, all of which succumbed to their injuries and later died in RNA Hospital, Colombo, including Able Seaman Norman Edward Hayes, who died of his injuries on 1st August 1944 aged 19 years.

He is buried at Liveramentu Cemetery, Colombo, Western Sri Lanka.

Before Norman enlisted in the Royal Navy he lived with his parents, Edward and Daisy Hayes (nee Dowden), and seven siblings, at 6 Duckpool Road, Newport, Mon.

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