

War Memorial – The Green, Castle Bromwich

World War II 1939-1945

Able Seaman Bernard Walker (1924-1945) C/JX354035 Royal Navy died aged 21



Bernard was born in 1924, his father was Charles Walker.

Aged 20 he married Eileen Olive Place in October 1944, six months before his death.

Bernard served on HMS Daffodil, a converted train ferry built back in 1914. During the Normandy landings, crafts from Daffodil rolled off the stern chutes to land troops on the beaches. Daffodil may have been a rust bucket

by then, but she performed well on D Day. On 17th March 1945 at 11.00pm she struck a mine just north of the harbour wall at Dieppe, France and of her small crew nine, including Bernard, were lost when she sank the next day at 5.00am.

At the time of his death, his wife Eileen is recorded as living at Castle Bromwich.



He is commemorated Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent and at the war memorial at The Green, Castle Bromwich.

HMS Daffodil

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