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Full Name **Ordnance Artificer 4th Class Kenneth David Lacey**

Born **10 November 1922**

CWGC Certificate **Service No: D/MX 5766**

H.M.S. Mahratta, Royal Navy

Died **25 February 1944, age 21**

Son of Lieut. Comdr. A. E. Lacey, R.N., and Mrs. W. A. Lacey, of West Moors, Dorsetshire.

Memorial **Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 90, Column 3.**



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Circumstance

HMS Mahratta was one of the escort ships for convoy JW57 taking supplies to Russia via the arctic circle. The convoy had been spotted by German aircraft on 23rd February 1944 and then the convoy was tracked by enemy U boats. On 25th February a Catalina aircraft of 210 Squadron attacked and sank U-601 which was trailing the convoy, Mahratta was struck by two T5 Gnat torpedoes fired by U-990 off the coast of Norway. She sank at 71°17'N 13°30'E Only 16 of the 236 crew survived.

Information compiled by West Moors resident, Kevin Wormley in 2024