



Able Seaman Percy Jarvis P/JX 231329

HMS Excellent II, Royal Navy

Born 19th February 1905

Killed in action 23rd November 1942, Age 37, (Some documents state incorrectly that he was 38)

Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria

Plot 3, Row F, Grave 22

Husband of Anne Elizabeth Jarvis

Father of Kenneth G and Royston J Jarvis

Son of James and Mary Jarvis of Hinckley

Burbage War Memorial

Hinckley War Memorial

St Catherine's Church Memorial



Percy was born on the 19th February 1905, the son of James and Mary Jarvis of Hinckley. At the time of the 1939 Census, Percy is employed as a Bus Driver for Midland Red Bus Co. and is living at 169 London Road, Hinckley with his wife Anne Elizabeth (nee Merrick) and his two children Royston J and Kenneth Geoffrey.

169	auto	H	1	Jarvis Percy	M	19 Feb 1905	M	Public Service Driver
		H	2	Jarvis Annie Elz.	F	30 Jan 1904	M	Unpaid domestic duties
		H	3	Jarvis Royston J.	M	8 Feb 1928	S	at school.
This record is officially closed.								
		H	5	Jarvis Kenneth J.	M	27 Apr 1932	S	"

1939 Census – one record redacted due to 100-year rule

Percy enlisted with the Royal Navy and is assigned to HMS Excellent II which was a land-based gunnery school based at Whale Island in Portsmouth. During his service he is found serving in the Mediterranean and South Atlantic.

In March 1941, his ship was torpedoed and after drifting with a number of others for five days in an open lifeboat in the South Atlantic was rescued by a Spanish liner and interned in the Canary Islands.

After being repatriated in the following September he sailed in a Malta convoy and was involved in the North African campaign of 1942, where allied troops made a series of landings on the Algerian coast in early November 1942. From there, they swept east into Tunisia, where the North African campaign came to an end in May 1943 with the surrender of the Axis forces. Percy was killed during the initial advance on 23 November 1942.

Percy is buried at Dely Ibrahim War Cemetery, Algeria. The cemetery contains 494 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War and 11 war graves of other nationalities. There are also 25 non-war graves, mostly of merchant seamen whose deaths were not due to war service.

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 P. Jarvis
 Able Seaman, P/JX. 231329
 Royal Navy
 23rd November 1942 Age 38
 (Gross)
 Safely sheltered
 From the storms of life

Grave Text

10.	1 NAME (Surname first)	2 PORT DIVISION OFFICIAL NO.	3 BRANCH OF SERVICE.	4 RATINGS	5 SHIP OR UNIT.	6 DATE OF BIRTH.	7 PLACE OF BIRTH.	8 DATE OF DEATH.	9 CAUSE OF DEATH.	10 PLACE OF DEATH.	11 REMARKS (If any)
	JARVIS, Percy	P/JX 231329	R.N.	A.B.	H.M.S. HINCKLEY II	19.2.1904.	Hinckley, Leics.	23.11.1942.	1	Algiers, Algeria.	

British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, 1730-1960

Killed While On Convoy Duty



Able Seaman Percy Jarvis.

Able Seaman Percy Jarvis, of Hinckley, has been killed while on active service with the Royal Navy. A communication to this effect has been received by his wife.

It is understood that Jarvis, who has been serving in the Navy for the last two years, was on convoy duty.

Before joining the Navy, Jarvis was a 'bus driver in the employ of the Midland Red 'Bus Co.

He leaves three sons.

Hinckley Times
 5th February 1943

A/B PERCY JARVIS WAS KILLED IN AIR RAID

It now transpires that Able Seaman Percy Jarvis, whose death was reported last week, lost his life in an air raid on war service. Official notification to this effect was received by his sister, Mrs. Dimmocks. Earlier news of his death was received by his friend, Olive Cawthorne, from his Lt.-Commander. Able Seaman Jarvis had arrived at his destination a short time previous to his death, and writing home said that he was very fit and well. His last letter was written on the day of his death.

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Amongst the letters of sympathy received is one from their Majesties the King and Queen.

The two elder of Mr. Jarvis's three sons are at present living in Devon.

Hinckley Times
 12th February 1943



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