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13. The Story of Robert S Milliner

**Petty Officer Robert Savitri
Millener, RN Age 26, died
03/08/1944. [P/JX 142252].**

HMS Quorn was a Hunt-class
destroyer of the Royal Navy,



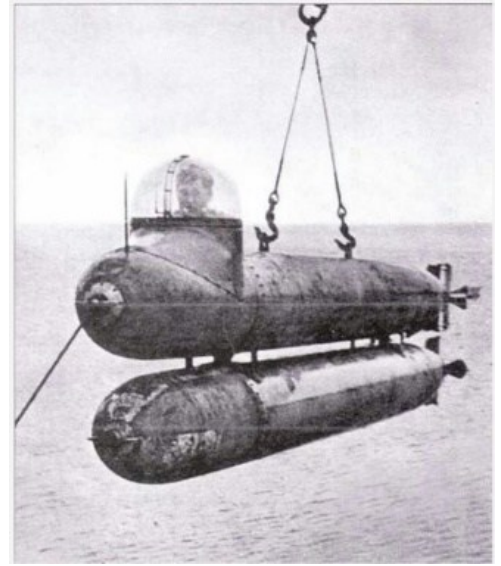
built
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1940
at Cowes, IoW.



In June 44 HMS Quorn was an escort for convoys of personnel during Operation Neptune, the naval support of Operation Overlord, the Normandy Landings.

On the 3rd August she was on her way to Le Havre to carry out shore bombardment duties, but ran into a German naval force on their way to attack the beachhead•

Quorn was hit and sunk by a torpedo off Le Havre. Probably by a 'manned torpedo' [– this was an unarmed torpedo with a driving position and a second 21-inch (firing) torpedo slung below the carrier. The German pilot was picked up by another British destroyer]



Quorn suffered a massive explosion amidships and broke in two and both sections sank very quickly. (Note: Some were said to be trapped within the structure and could not escape due to the inadequate facilities. This deficiency was corrected later in other ships of this Class.).

Those that survived the initial attack spent up to eight hours in the water before being rescued, and many of these perished. Four officers and 126 ratings were lost. Only 22 men lived

Robert was originally a merchant seaman (R 110275) prior to enlisting in the RN

Memorial: Commememorated on Fareham main war memorial, and Portsmouth Naval Memorial, as well as Catisfield Memorial Hall.

Catisfield connection:

Robert was the husband of Gladys Rose Milliner, of 'Lynton' Highlands Road.

They married first quarter 1942 at Hull, Yorkshire. - Gladys was in fact the widow of John Spanner (died 1939) – who is also on this plaque

He was the son of George Henry and Emma Millliner of 275 Hawthorne Avenue, Kingston-upon-Hull

