

Memorial: (WMR 88176), Halling, Kent

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## FRANK RONALD CHAPMAN

Service Number:	V/JX 151000
Regiment & Unit/Ship	Royal Navy H.M. Submarine "Undaunted"
Date of Death	Died 13 May 1941 Age 26 years old
Buried/commemorated at	PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL Panel 50, Column 2. United Kingdom
Additional Info	Son of Frank William and Annie Chapman; husband of Louisa May Chapman, of Lower Halling, Kent.

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Frank Ronald Chapman born 21-Aug-1914, baptized 18-Oct-1914 All Saints, Wouldham

Frank Ronald Chapman married Louisa May Knell on 1-Jul-1939 at St John the Baptist, Halling. Louisa May was born 27-Jun-1915 at 4 Tramway Cottages, Halling, Baptised 15-Oct-1915 at St John the Baptist, Halling..  
Daughter of John & Olive Knell

His son Graham – born 12-Jul-1940. 33 High Street, Halling. Baptised 25-Aug-1940 at St John The Baptist, Halling.

### HMS Undaunted

HMS Undaunted sailed for her Mediterranean patrol from Malta on 1st May 1941. Ordered to patrol off Tripoli the submarine failed to return on her due date of 11th May and attempts to contact her failed. It is believed that she fell victim to the Italian torpedo boat Pegaso who had sailed from Tripoli on the 12th. At 2030 that evening Pegaso signaled that she had attacked a submarine with depth charges and that a large patch of oil had been observed, indication of the submarines destruction. Against this theory is the fact that by that date Undaunted should have been back in harbour but it is possible that a decision to remain at sea for a day had been taken or that Undaunted may have suffered mechanical problems preventing her return. There is always the every present possibility that the submarine fell foul to a mine.