

John Crawshaw	
Rank	Sub-lieutenant
Date of death	7/1/1943
Age	22
Regiment/Service	Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve H.M. Trawler Jura
Panel Reference	Panel 11. Column 1
Memorial	LOWERSTOFT NAVAL MEMORIAL

#### Additional Information

Son of James Alfred Crawshaw, J.P., and Elsie Crawshaw of Bury.

Anti-submarine trawler Jura (545 tons) was sunk by U371 in the Western Mediterranean; Sub-Lieutenant Crawshaw was posted missing. It is assumed that H.M. Jura was minesweeping.

The memorial is in a prominent position on top of the cliffs providing an unobscured view of the foreshore and sea. Commemorating 2,400 men of the Royal Naval Patrol Services who have no grave but the sea. Around a circular base are arranged bronze panels that bear the names. A Portland stone panel at the front of the Memorial is flanked by the Naval Crown with wreath and fowl anchor and faces out to sea.

#### Historical Information

The Depot for the Royal Naval Patrol Service, developed from the pre-war Royal Naval Reserve Trawler Section, was at Lowestoft during the 1939-1945 War. At the outset of the war the men of this service were mainly fishermen of the requisitioned trawlers and drifters used on patrol work, but later it included men from all walks of life and various types of small craft. In the spring of 1944 the Royal Naval Patrol Service reached its maximum strength of some 57,000.

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