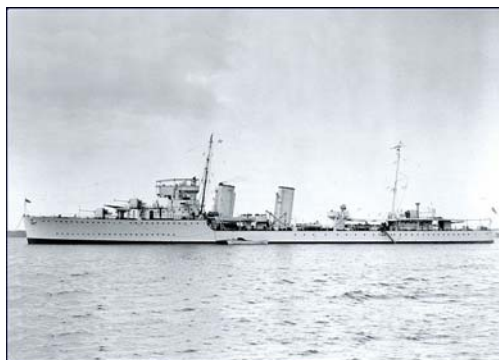


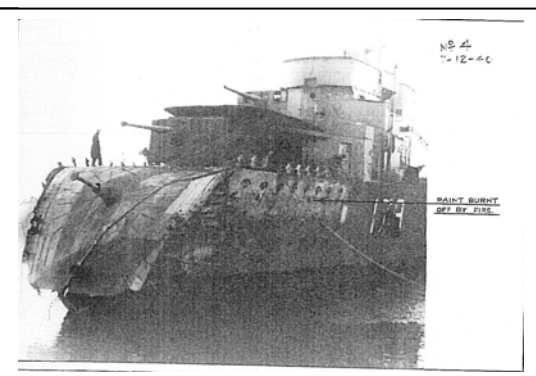
11 & 13 Canadian sailors buried in Barrow in Furness



Where are the graves?

At various places: some were Catholic, some Anglican and some Non-Conformist, and are buried in the relevant parts of the cemetery.

**Damage to
HMCS
Saguenay**



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December 1940.

Torpedo damage to H.M.C.S. "Saguenay", 7

Source: Library and Archives Canada/Department of National
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Seamen lost when Italian submarine torpedoed the HMCS Saguenay 1st Dec 1940

Surname	Forenames	Age	Memorial?	Rank	Service no.	How Lost
Baker	William Stych	19	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V5561	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Bennett	Henry MacDonald	20	Halifax	Able Seaman	RCN 3519	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Brown	Paul Albert	20	Halifax	Able Seaman	RCN 3119	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Cook	Albert Carlton	20	Halifax	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V7669	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Cowling	Oliver	22	Barrow in Furness	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V5657	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Doiron	Elmer J	20	Barrow in Furness	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V1213	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Dougan	Harold E	N/K	Barrow in Furness	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V1271	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Goring	William A	30	Barrow in Furness	Able Seaman	RCNVR V5796	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Gougeon	Joseph Roger	N/K	Halifax	Able Seaman	RCN 3479	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Hare	Harvey William	21	Halifax	n/k	RCNVR V227	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Le Gare	Hector	21	Barrow in Furness	Able Seaman	RCNR A2084	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Lynch	Budd Frederick	30	Halifax	Vict.Ass. (Victualling Assistant?)	RCNVR 40613	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Maziere	George	N/K	Barrow in Furness	Able Seaman	RCNVR V5309	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Morrison	David Adamson	19	Halifax	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V7587	MPK.(Torpedoed)
Purvis	Henry	19	Barrow in Furness	Ordinary Seaman	RCN 3585	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Sheppard	Henry Joseph	20	Halifax	Able Seaman	RCN 2996	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)

Spencer	Frederick	20	Barrow in Furness	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V16051	Killed.(Torpedoed)
Strickland	Stanley George	19	Halifax	Able Seaman	RCN A1657	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Sweeney	Charles Henry	33	Halifax	Leading Seaman	RCN 2164	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Tweedie	John Samuel David	25	Halifax	Ordinary Seaman	RCNVR V7417	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)
Tyndall	William David	19	Halifax	Ordinary Seaman	RCN 3607	M.P.K.(Torpedoed)

Source: <http://www.hmscavalier.org.uk/casualtySearch.php?surname=&forenames=&ship=Saguenay&page=1>

Note that of the 21 killed, only 8 bodies were buried, all in Barrow.

The Ship

HMCS *Saguenay* (D79/I79) was a *River*-class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1931-1945. She was similar to the Royal Navy's A-class.

She was built by John I. Thornycroft & Company at Woolston, Hampshire and commissioned into the RCN on 21 May 1931 at Portsmouth. *Saguenay* and her sister *Skeena* (D59) were the first ships specifically built for the RCN. Her first two commanding officers went on to become two of the most important Admirals of the Battle of the Atlantic. She arrived in Halifax, on 3 July 1931.

For the first month of Second World War, HMCS *Saguenay* was assigned to convoy duties in the Halifax area. In late September 1939, she was assigned to the American and West Indies Squadron based at Kingston, Jamaica. On 23 October 1939, the German-flagged tanker *Emmy Friederich* scuttled herself on encountering *Saguenay* in the Yucatan Channel, and thus became the Canadian destroyer's first war conquest. In December 1939, *Saguenay* returned to Halifax to join the local convoy escort force, with which she remained until 16 October 1940, when she was transferred to Greenock, Scotland to serve as a convoy escort on the North Atlantic run. On 1 December 1940, *Saguenay* was torpedoed 300 miles (480 km) west of Ireland by the Italian submarine *Argo* while escorting Convoy HG-47, and managed to return to Barrow-in-Furness largely under her own power, but with 21 dead and without most of her bow. (See picture top right)

After repairs at Greenock, she returned to sea on 22 May 1941. *Saguenay* was assigned to Escort Group C-3 escorting convoys ON-93, HX-191, ONS-104, SC-90, ON-115, HX-202, ON-121, SC-98, ON-131, HX-210 and ON-141 prior to a collision while escorting SC-109.[2] On 15 November 1942, *Saguenay* was rammed by the Panamanian freighter *Azra* off Cape Race, Newfoundland. The impact of the collision set off *Saguenay's* depth charges, which blew off her stern.



<http://www.naval-history.net/Photo10ddSaguenayRCN1PS.jpg>



She made port at Saint John, New Brunswick, where her stern was plated over. On 23 May 1943, *Saguenay* was transferred to Halifax, to serve with the Western Ocean Escort Force working from Halifax and St. John's, Newfoundland. In October 1943 *Saguenay* was towed to Digby, Nova Scotia, as a tender assigned to HMCS *Cornwallis*, the Royal Canadian Navy's training depot for new entries (recruits). She was used for teaching seamanship and gunnery until 30 July 1945, paid off in late 1945, and broken up in 1946.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMCS_Saguenay_%28D79%29

“The Board of Inquiry, its members impressed by their visit to the shattered, fire-scarred hull, concluded ‘that the steaming of this ship safely back to harbour, in the condition in which we saw her, represents a very considerable feat of seamanship and endurance, and it is one that reflects great credit on her Captain, Officers and Ship’s company.’ For saving *Saguenay*, Commander Miles was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire.” (p124)

The photograph of the damage to HMCS *Saguenay's* bow at the top of the page was kindly sent by Jane Naisbitt, Head, Military History Research Centre, Canadian War Museum, Ottawa, who also provided the information from Douglas et al.