

CHARLES BOWLEY

(?)1917–15.7.1942 aged 25 years

Able Seaman P/JX 334735 HMS *President III* attached SS *Empire Attendant*



Charles was the son of George and Charlotte Bowley and before the Second World War was a gypsum worker. He was married to Ethel from Ruddington.

After training on HMS *President III*, he was attached to SS *Empire Attendant*, a 7,524 ton Liberty ship, an armed cargo ship engaged in bringing goods from the US and Canada and which travelled the Atlantic convoys. The German submarine fleet was a potent threat to shipping at this time and *Empire Attendant* was torpedoed 23 degrees 48 minutes north, 21 degrees 51 minutes west on the 15th of July 1942.

Charles is recorded on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, panel 63 column 1. He is also recorded on the Ruddington memorial.