8. Able Seaman Jim McLaughlin No. D/55x29841 was travelling on the troopship, Laconia, when it was torpedoed by U-boat 156. The commander of the submarine attempted to rescue survivors, but abandoned them when he came under fire from an American bomber. McLaughlin was one of 16 men on a lifeboat carrying 69, who survived a 700 mile journey to safety (8).