



WAKELAND, ALFRED JAMES

Seaman Royal Naval Reserve: S.S. "Larchgrove."

Age: 33

Date of Death: 27/10/1918

Service No: 3355B

He was the son of Alfred & Agatha Wakeland, of Vine Cottage, Rowhedge Street, Rowhedge, Colchester; husband of Henrietta Hannah Wakeland, of Regent St., Rowhedge, Colchester, Essex.

The U. S. S. Hawaiian sailed for Europe on the 11 October 1918. On 26 October, only one day out of Gibraltar, she rammed the British steamer Larchgrove amidships, sinking her almost immediately. Hawaiian, badly holed in the bows and shipping water limped into Gibraltar the following day with 16 survivors of the British steamer on board. After temporary repairs had been erected, Hawaiian continued on to Marseilles, arriving there 12 November to discharge cargo. The U. S. S. Hawaiian was a cargo vessel acquired by the U. S. Navy from her owner, the American-Hawaiian Steamship Line, and commissioned on 10 August 1918 at Hoboken, N.J., Lt. Comdr. L. A. Carlisle in command. The Larchgrove had been carrying a cargo of pig iron from Seville to Ardrossan.

Casualty Type: Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: 30.

Cemetery: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL

Cemetery: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided. An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping. The memorials were designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, who had already carried out a considerable amount of work for the Commission, with sculpture by Henry Poole. After the Second World War it was decided that the naval memorials should be extended to provide space for commemorating the naval dead without graves of that war, but since the three sites were dissimilar, a different architectural treatment was required for each. The architect for the Second World War extension at Chatham was Sir Edward Maufe (who also designed the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede) and the additional sculpture was by Charles Wheeler and William McMillan. Chatham Naval Memorial commemorates more than 8,500 sailors of the First World War and over 10,000 from the Second World War. No. of Identified Casualties: 18615



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