

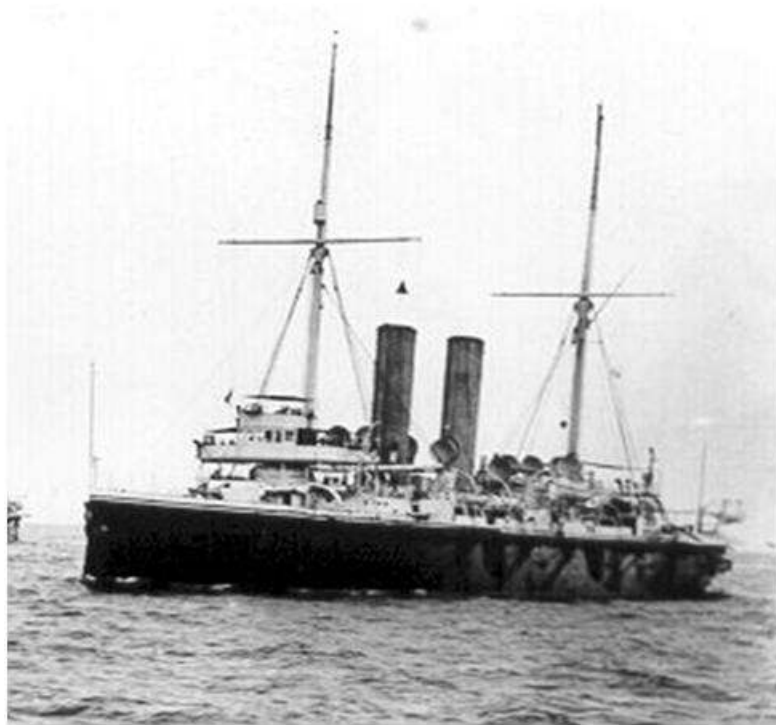
# THE SINKING OF HMS HAWKE

2<sup>nd</sup> edition

**15th October 1914**

Compiled by E.J.Sparrow

WITH THE LOSS OF 525 MEMBERS OF CREW  
OF WHOM 86 WERE YOUNG BOYS





## PREFACE

This book was produced to coincide with one of Colchester's events commemorating the Centenary of the start of the Great War. Although Colchester is naturally proud of its long association with the Army, it also has a long involvement with the sea having fishing fleets operating from nearby coastal villages.

As their contribution to Colchester's commemoration of the Great War the local Sea Cadets decided to hold a special service for the loss of HMS Hawke on the 15th October 1914 on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary. The cadets are based at Training Ship Colne Light.



At dusk the Ensign on HMS Hawke would have been lowered and the bugler sounded "Last Post" thus a service re-enacting this ceremony is a fitting time tribute to the crew of this cruiser lost in action.

### AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN

### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

The reason the loss of HMS Hawke on the 15th October 2014 was particularly chosen by the local Sea Cadet Corps to be their contribution to the commemoration of World War 1

was that she was a training ship and amongst the 86 teenagers lost were 4 sixteen year old local boys from the Colchester area. They were Boy seamen 1st class: Harold AINGER, Marshall Claude ALLEN, Ernest John ROGERS and Claude Thomas SAWKINS

HMS Hawke not only had the youngsters aboard but men drawn from all over the UK and Ireland including naval pensioners in their mid-fifties.

In compiling this book I noted a survivor's recollection where he wrote "I scrambled up the iron ladder to the main deck. Already the captain, commander, and a midshipman were on the bridge, and calmly, as though on fleet manoeuvres in the Solent, orders were given out, and as calmly obeyed. The bugler sounded the 'Still' call, which called upon every man to remain at the post at which the call reached him. Soon there came the order, 'Abandon ship, out boats'. {Note: - the bugler and midshipman were just seventeen- all 4 on the bridge were lost}

This book has four appendices giving details of firstly the teenagers and secondly the senior members of the crew. These appendices are based on information in the public domain from the shortened version of men's service records supplemented with information from newspaper articles and Rolls of Honour produced by major cities down to small villages

The third appendix lists the names of those who survived the sinking of HMS Hawke. Just seven of them were the youngsters. Amongst their ranks were:

The Boatswain Sidney Austin who had already been through the trauma of being torpedoed by U9 earlier in September 1914 having been on board HMS Hogue.

Sadly some of these survivors never lived to see peace, they lost their lives later. James Dennis the gunner appears to be the same man killed in 1917 at Scapa Flow, when HMS Vanguard suffered an accidental explosion in the magazine. She sank almost instantly, killing an estimated 804 men.

Seamen Alfred Hatcher died on the 4th August 1918 and Edward Savory died in Malta on the 20th November 1918. Both were victims of the influenza epidemic.

Walter Jarmain was killed on 7 March 1916 when HMS Coquette hit a mine off Harwich.

Lance sergeant George Hall RMLI died of his wounds over night and is included in appendix 2

You will note that a large number of Royal Marine Light Infantry are amongst the dead. Not only did they man half the ship's guns but were in the magazines working the ammunition hoists. Thus they like many of the stokers were in the bowels of the ship and had little chance of abandoning ship.

**AT THE END OF THEIR LIFE,  
THE SAILORS AND THE ROYAL MARINES ARE SAID TO CROSS  
THE HARBOUR BAR.**

**THEY ONLY DIE IF THEY ARE FORGOTTEN.**

**SO PLEASE READ THEIR STORIES THAT THEY MAY BE  
REMEMBERED.**

**THE BOOK IS THEREFORE FREE TO DOWNLOAD**

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## HMS HAWKE PRE-WAR

In February 1913, Hawke joined the training squadron based at Queenstown, Ireland (now known as Cobh), where she served along with most of the rest of the Edgar class.

HMS Hawke had attended the Spithead Review on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 1914 by King George V



Her crew were reservists and young cadets. Thereafter the ships were not stood down but were held in readiness against the probability of war.

In August 1914, on the outbreak of the First World War, Hawke, together with the other Edgars from Queenstown, formed the 10th Cruiser Squadron, operating on blockade duties between the Shetland Islands and Norway. In October 1914, the 10th Cruiser Squadron was deployed further south in the North Sea as part of efforts to stop German warships from attacking a troop convoy from Canada. On 15 October, the squadron was on patrol off Aberdeen.

To appreciate fully the disaster that befell HMS Hawke in October 1914 it is worth going back to a disaster that struck three old cruisers HMS Aboukir, HMS Hogue and HMS Cressy less than a month before. They were nicknamed the “Live Bait Squadron”



## THE LIVE BAIT SQUADRON

During the early months of World War 1 the Royal Navy maintained a patrol of old Cressy class armoured cruisers, known as Cruiser Force C, in the area of the North Sea known as the Broad Fourteens. There was opposition to this patrol from many senior officers, including Admiral Jellicoe and Commodores Keyes and Tyrwhitt, on the grounds that the ships were very vulnerable to a raid by modern German surface ships and the patrol was nick named the "live bait squadron". The Admiralty maintained the patrol on the grounds that destroyers were not able to maintain the patrol in the frequent bad weather and that there were insufficient modern light cruisers available. In the early hours of September 20th 1914 the cruisers HMS Euryalus, HMS Aboukir, HMS Hogue and HMS Cressy were preparing to go on patrol under Rear Admiral Christian in Euryalus. Normally the patrol was under command of Rear Admiral Campbell in HMS Bacchantes but he was absent so Christian helped fill the gap although he had other duties. The weather was too bad for destroyers to be at sea and unfortunately Euryalus had to drop out due to lack of coal and weather damage to her wireless, Rear Admiral Christian had to remain with his ship rather than transfer to another ship as the weather was too bad to transfer. He delegated command to Captain Drummond in Aboukir although he did not make it clear that Drummond had the authority to order the destroyers to go to sea, if the weather improved, which it did towards the end of September 21st.

Tuesday, 22 September 1914 sinking of the 3 cruisers HMS Aboukir, Hogue, and Cressy off the Dutch coast by U.9 being sunk one by one as each ship went in turn to the assistance of their sisters.

"Early on September 22nd 1914 the German submarine U9 under the command of Commander Otto Weddigen sighted the Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue steaming NNE at 10 knots without zigzagging. Although the patrols were supposed to maintain 12-13 knots and zigzag, the old cruisers were unable to maintain that speed. Also the zigzagging order was widely ignored as there had been no submarines sighted in the area during the war.

U9 manoeuvred to attack and at about 6.25 AM fired a single torpedo at Aboukir, which struck her on her port side. Aboukir rapidly suffered heavy flooding and despite counter flooding developed a 20 degree list and lost engine power. It was soon clear that she was a lost cause and Captain Drummond ordered her to be abandoned. However, only

one boat had survived the attack, so most of the crew had to jump into the sea. At first Drummond thought that Aboukir had been mined and signalled the other two cruisers to close and assist but he soon realised that it was a torpedo attack and ordered the other cruisers away, but too late.

As Aboukir rolled over and sank, half an hour after being attacked, U9 fired two torpedoes at HMS Hogue that hit her amidships and rapidly flooded her engine room. Captain Nicholson of Hogue had stopped the ship to lower boats to rescue the crew of Aboukir, thinking that as he was the other side of Aboukir from U9 he would be safe. Unfortunately U9 had manoeuvred around Aboukir and attacked Hogue from a range of only 300 yards. The firing of two torpedoes affected the trim of U9, which broke the surface briefly and was fired on by Hogue without effect. It only took Hogue ten minutes to sink as U9 headed for HMS Cressy. Cressy, under Captain Johnson, had also stopped to lower boats but got underway on sighting a periscope. At about 7.20 AM however U9 fired two torpedoes, one of which just missed but the other hit Cressy on her starboard side, Cressy briefly firing on U9s periscope with no effect. The damage to Cressy was not fatal but U9 turned round and fired her last torpedo, which hit Cressy sinking her within a quarter of an hour.

Survivors were picked up by several nearby merchant ships including the Dutch Flora and Titan and the British trawlers JGC and Corainder before the Harwich force of light cruisers and destroyers arrived. Flora returned to Holland with 286 rescued crew, who were quickly returned to Britain even though the neutral Dutch should have interned them. In all 837 men were rescued but 1459 died, many of which were reservists or cadets."

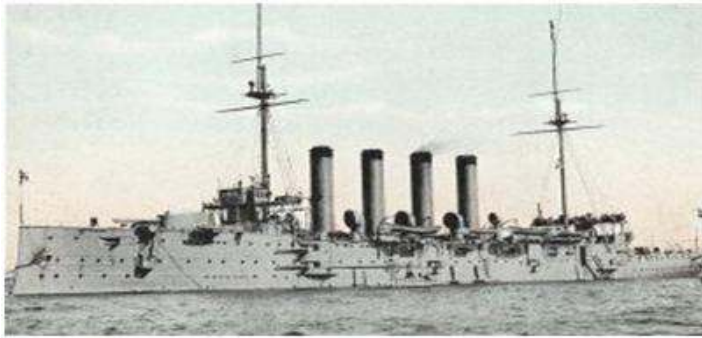


**HMS ABOUKIR**



**HMS HOGUE**

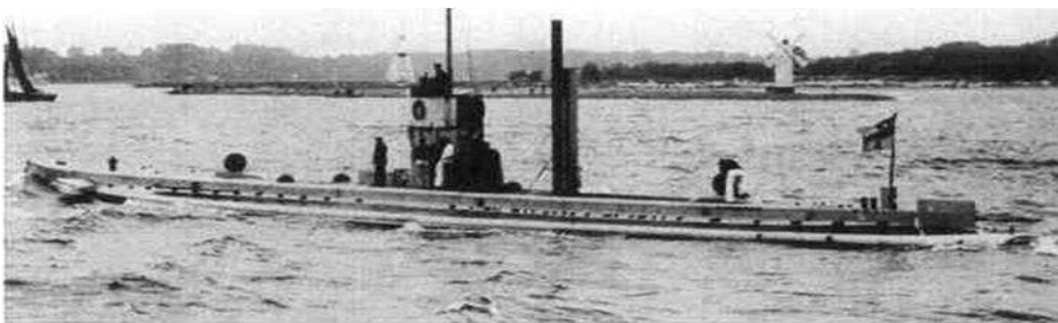




**HMS CRESSY**



**OTTO WEDDIGEN**



**U 9**



**Crew of U9, decorated with the Iron Cross for their successful record**

## **POLICY REVIEW**

The need to continue using the squadron of old cruisers was considered worthwhile but in future the ships would zig zag, sail at higher speed – 8 knots, have a destroyer escort and not stop to pick up survivors.

Sadly on the 15<sup>th</sup> October the fateful day HMS Hawke was out with another old cruiser HMS Theseus without a destroyer escort.

## EVENTS OF 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1914

H.M.S. Hawke was an old armoured cruiser operating as part of the 10th Cruiser Squadron assigned to the Northern Patrol. She had originally been launched at Chatham in 1891 and was one of the oldest ships still in service. H.M.S. Hawke was being used as a training ship and had many young cadets on board. She had been re-commissioned in February 1913 with a nucleus crew and had come up to her full complement on the outbreak of war in August 1914. During September 1914, she had visited Lerwick.

On the fateful day she was in the northern waters of the North Sea with a similar ship, H.M.S. Theseus when they were attacked. They were operating on October 15th 1914 without a destroyer screen. Unfortunately they were slower than the submarine U9, which was tracking them. Their position was some 60 miles off Aberdeen. At the time, H.M.S. Hawke had just turned to intercept a neutral Norwegian collier.

The U-Boat Commander was again Lieutenant Weddigen. He missed the Theseus with his first torpedo but unfortunately hit H.M.S. Hawke amidships near a magazine. The detonation was followed by a second terrific explosion, in which a large number of the crew were killed. The ship sank within 5 minutes and was only able to launch one ship's boat. Five hundred and twenty five perished. Only the 49 men in the long boat were saved. They were picked up 3 hours later by a Norwegian steamer.

H.M.S. Theseus was under strict Admiralty orders not to attempt to pick up survivors because of the earlier disaster on the 22nd September 1914.

However, had they had sufficient time to launch other lifeboats from H.M.S. Hawke, then undoubtedly more would have been saved by the Norwegians.

## COMMEMORATION



Naval Memorials at Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth where they are commemorated



*The following officers, together with 49 men of the crew, have been landed at Aberdeen from a trawler: - Mr. Sidney Austin, boatswain. Mr. James Dennis gunner. Mr. Harry C. T. Evitt, acting gunner*

*The remaining officers and men are missing. Further particulars will be published as soon as they are available.*

*H.M.S. Hawke was a cruiser built in 1889.*

*At 8.25 last night the Secretary of the Admiralty issued through the Press Bureau the following further announcement:- Lieutenant Command (G.) Robert R. Rosoman and 20 men have been saved from a raft. The Hawke and Theseus were sister ships, protected cruisers, and together with the Edgar, Endymion, Crescent, Gibraltar, Grafton, and Royal Arthur they formed the Tenth Cruiser Squadron attached to the Third Fleet.*

*These are the oldest ships on the effective list, and their chief use recently has been for instructional duties. They are of similar size, equipment, and speed. The Hawke displaced 7,350 tons, steamed 20 knots when new, and carried two 9.2inch and ten 6inch guns for principal armament. Launched in 1891 at Chatham, she was completed two years later at a cost of £400,702.*

*She was commissioned the same year and spent some time in the Mediterranean. She was last re-commissioned in February last year with a nucleus crew, and most of her present officers joined her in August last. Her full complement was 544 officers and men, but there is no official information as to the number actually on board on Thursday.*

*The Hawke, it will be remembered, collided with the White Star liner Olympic in the Solent on September 20, 1911, when undergoing steam trials after refitting. Both vessels were damaged, the cruiser requiring a new stern. The incident led to litigation which is not ended yet, an appeal against the decision of the Admiralty Court in reference to liability for the damage being yesterday set down for hearing in the House of Lords on Tuesday next.*

## **OTHER PRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### ***Sank in five minutes***

**The Aberdeen correspondent of the "Evening Standard"** reported yesterday that the steam trawler Ben Rinnes landed at Aberdeen yesterday morning 58 survivors of the crew of the Hawke. The cruiser (he added) was torpedoed on Thursday, and sank in about five minutes. Captain John Cormack (presumably of the trawler) stated that he took the survivors off a Norwegian steamer on Thursday night.



*BEN RINNES*

*The survivors had escaped in an over-crowded boat, but nothing could be done to save those floating in the water with cork jackets or on rafts. The periscope of the submarine disappeared directly after the explosion.*

***A Peterhead report in the London "Evening News" states that a Swedish vessel made an attempt to assist in saving the cruiser's crew, but had to "clear out."***

***The deadly torpedo "Manchester Guardian" and "Daily Telegraph" war service.***

*We have to deplore another success by a German submarine. The official particulars at present available are very scanty. It appears that the cruisers Theseus and Hawke, sister vessels, were on patrol duty "in the northern waters of the North Sea" when they were attacked by under-water vessels.*

*The torpedo - or torpedoes - aimed at the former ship did not hit her. About the same time the Hawke became the target of the enemy, and she was struck - sinking, it is stated, in four or five minutes. We could spare the ship, for she was old, but we could not spare the officers and men of the ship, for they were in the very prime of life.*

***The loss of life*** - apparently between 450 and 500 have been drowned - is a cause of sorrow which we cannot conceal. Once more, as when the Aboukir, Hogue, and Cressy went down, the questions will be asked, "Should these cadets, even though rated as midshipmen, be afloat? Is their presence necessary?" Would it not be better if they completed their training, so that when the war is over we may have young officers to take up the duties which others have had to relinquish - to fill, in fact, the gaps in the fleet at sea?

*It is a matter on which there is room for difference of opinion. It is, however, the custom of the navy for budding officers to be on board ship in war time. This is one of those matters which are "service." The navy has its own customs and standards. There are nearly 1,000 Midshipmen and cadets in his Majesty's ships.*

**Two other members of Hawke's crew later described to newspapers the destruction of their ship**



One report read:- *"We were struck right amid ships between the two funnels, quite close to one of the magazines. All hands were on deck, and it was a terrible explosion.*

*"The vessel immediately took a heavy list to starboard. I have never been on a ship so well equipped with life saving apparatus, but the way the vessel heeled over made it almost impossible to get the boats out.*

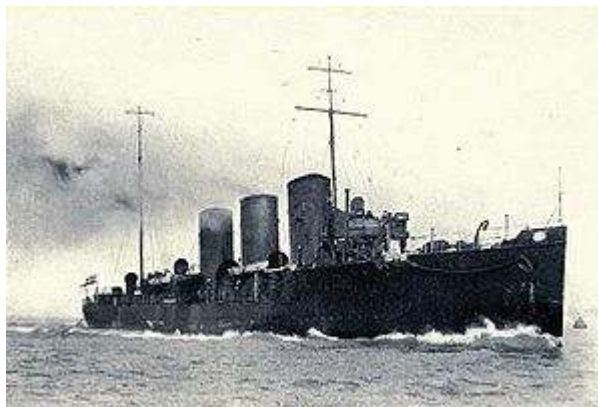
*"The boat in which I was saved had a narrow escape from being taken down with the suction.*

*"We were struck about 11o'clock in the forenoon, and just as we got away from the Hawke, we distinctly saw the periscope of the enemy's submarine come to the surface.*

*"We thought he was going to ram us, but apparently he was on the lookout for any other rescuing vessels.*

*"Prior to the accident the Hawke was cruising about zigzag fashion, and we never saw the submarine until we felt her. "It was beginning to get hazy when we were almost run down by the Norwegian steamer which picked us up. This boat, after affecting the rescue, cruised about in search of the rafts, but nothing was seen."*

The other report said:-



*While destroyers were despatched to look for survivors, HMS Swift was the first naval ship to arrive at the wreckage, early morning the following day.*

*Swift had picked up only seven survivors off two rafts by 9.30am.*

*After the rescue it is said a "fierce exchange" took place between the Swift and two U-boats that had been lying in wait, fortunately without damage to the destroyer.*

*Later the Swift's Captain, Charles Wintour, addressed the ship's company on methods used by German submarines, concluding that ".....and remember, when we go into action with the fleet, that five hundred good hands have gone to the bottom. Harden your hearts gentlemen, harden your hearts."*

### ***The Hawke's rapid sinking***

*The Hawke and her sister ship were well-designed cruisers, as good ships as any for which the late Sir William White was responsible, with a speed originally of about 20 knots, which had since fallen off. They were given protective decks varying in thickness from three to five inches, and they were well subdivided. The hulls of the Hawke consisted of no fewer than 192 compartments, and there were 98 watertight doors. Apparently she was struck near a magazine.*

*If this were the case it helps to explain the rapidity with which she sank, for to the damage done by the enemy's torpedo would be added the injury due to the simultaneous explosion of the ship's own charges. If this were not a fact it would be difficult to understand how a vessel so well designed and built, though old, could, with her watertight doors closed, go to the bottom so quickly. It has already been suggested that the German torpedoes are far more deadly than any in other navies owing to the use of an explosive known as "T.N.T."*

*It must now be concluded either that the Germans have been exceedingly fortunate in hitting the most vulnerable parts of the ships we have lost, or that they possess in their explosive an agent far more deadly than was known. Certainly the experience of war has not confirmed the comfortable conclusions of peace.*

*It was assumed that under the attack of a single torpedo no ship such as the Hawke, except she was struck near a magazine, could be sunk. She would, it was conjectured, get a list to port or starboard or go down somewhat ahead or astern. Happily, in designing our latest ships, far more complete precautions were taken against the peril of the torpedo. The main bulkheads are solid, without a single door which may or may not be closed in case of a sudden emergency and which may or may not resist the pressure of an immense volume of water."*

### **HER RESTING PLACE**

*"HMS Hawke was a first class British cruiser. 360 x 60 feet. Sunk by the German submarine U-9 in October of 1914. Only 49 men saved out of 500. She lies at 57 47' 05" x 00 11' 50". There was some doubt about her position as there was thought to be a substantial wreck nearby. We determined that the second target was actually two ships, the largest only 120' in length. Their position is 57 48' 45" x 00 10' 48".reference(11)*

### **POSTSCRIPT**

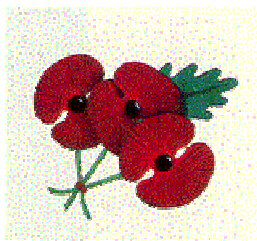
On March 18th 1915, Kapitänleutnant Otto Weddigen, now commanding the U-29, was manoeuvring for a shot at the modern British warship HMS Dreadnought when the ship's lookouts spotted the periscope, and just seven minutes later the 17,900 ton Dreadnought, travelling at eighteen knots, rammed into the U-boat raising the bows out of the water. The

identifying number was clearly visible as the Dreadnought sliced through the submarine, there were no survivors. U-9 was the only U-Boat to survive the war.





## APPENDIX 1



### MEMBERS OF THE CREW 18 YEARS OLD OR UNDER KILLED IN ACTION WITH THE SINKING OF HMS HAWKE

**ADAMS**, Clare Robert. Official Number: J27420. Place of Birth: Enniskillen, Fermanagh. Date of Birth: 15 January 1898 Age-16 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class, Lived at 2 Lomond Grove, Camberwell

**ADAMSON**, Walter Benjamin. Official Number: J27366. Place of Birth: Halesworth, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 06 November 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**AINGER**, Harold. Official Number: J27513. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Place of Birth: Manningtree, Essex. Date of Birth: 17 November 1897. Son of Charles and Annie E. Ainger, of Horsley Cross, Mistley, Essex

**ALLEN**, Marshall Claude. Official Number: J22871. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Place of Birth: Thorpe, Essex. Date of Birth: 09 December 1896. He was the son of Bathsheba Jane Goodwin, of Berechurch, Colchester, Essex

**ALLOWAY**, William Henry. Official Number: J24691. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Place of Birth: Devonport, Devon. Date of Birth: 21 December 1897 Son of William and Emma Alloway, of 31, Renown St., Devonport.

**ATTREE**, Ernest Charles. Official Number: J27515. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Place of Birth: Hove, Sussex. Date of Birth: 17 February 1898. Aged 16. Son of Frank Charles and Martha Kate Attree of 2, Bampfild Street, Southern Cross, Portslade,

**BARTER**, Harry Stanley. Official Number: J26050. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Place of Birth: Brentford, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 16 February 1898. Age-16 Lived at 47 Staines Road, Twickenham



**BASSETT**, Victor Charles. Official Number: J26732. Place of Birth: Leicester, Leicestershire. Date of Birth: 27 February 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**BEER**, George Henry. Official Number: J23495. Place of Birth: Devonport, Devon. Date of Birth: 16 August 1897. Son of the late George Henry and Sarah Jane Beer, of Plymouth

**BEVIS**, Edward Alfred Frank. Official Number: J26776. Place of Birth: Hastings, Sussex. Date of Birth: 08 January 1897. Son of Edward Alfred Bevis, of 2, Swan Avenue, Hastings



**BISHOP**, Albert Edward. Official Number: J24353. Place of Birth: Hendon, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 27 October 1897 Signal Boy Son of Albert Edward and Edith Agnes Bishop, of Borroughs House, the Borroughs, Hendon, London

**BLATHERWICK**, Henry Thompson. Official Number: J26731. Place of Birth: Nottingham, Nottinghamshire. Date of Birth: 14 November 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**BOOTH**, George Thomas. Official Number: J24708. Place of Birth: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 20 January 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**BUCKLEY**, Moses Miller Shaw. Official Number: J24636. Place of Birth: Glasgow. Date of Birth: 01 October 1896. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**CASH**, George Richard. Official Number: J26705. Place of Birth: Spitalfields, London. Date of Birth: 12 May 1898 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**CHALMERS**, William Robert. Official Number: J24697. Place of Birth: Gosport, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 07 December 1897. Son of Robert McK. and Mary Ellen Chalmers, of 11, Linton Street Leicester. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**CHEYNEY**, Sidney Bernard. Official Number: J26788. Place of Birth: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 24 June 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Lieut. James Walter John Cheyney, R.N., of 114, York Drive, Hyndland, Glasgow

**COLLINS**, Herbert Charles. Official Number: J25469. Place of Birth: Neath, Glamorgan. Date of Birth: 30 September 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**COTTON**, Henry Albert. Official Number: J26631. Place of Birth: Shepherd's Bush, London. Date of Birth: 14 November 1896. Age-18 38 Stowe Road, Shepherd's Bush Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class



**DAVIS**, Ernest George Frank, Bugler, RMLI, 17054 (Ch) Age: 18: Adopted son of Mrs. J. S. Webster, of 112, Castle Rd., Luton,

**DAY**, Aubrey Oliver Fisher. Official Number: J27367. Place of Birth: Luton, Bedfordshire. Date of Birth: 15 April 1 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Belle Mahome Emily Redding (formerly Day), of 4, Gatcombe Terrace, Copnor, Portsmouth



**DICKSON**, David Angus. Date of Birth: 17 August 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Born Marlow BUCKS His parents were John Dunbar & Emily Margaret Dickson. Parent's occupation Dr of Medicine; surgeon Parents' Address (last known) The Gables, Marlow

**EDWARDS**, Albert George. Official Number: J27375. Place of Birth: Manchester, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 09 January 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**FARNDON**, William. Official Number: J26735. Place of Birth: Leicester, Leicestershire. Date of Birth: 27 July 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Ephraim and Julia Farnndon, of 16, Tewkesbury St., Leicester

**FAULKS**, Philip Albert. Official Number: J27543. Place of Birth: Loughborough, Leicestershire. Date of Birth: 05 June 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John Thomas and Ellen Faulks, of 4, Cobden St., Loughborough, Leicester

**FISK**, Albert Arthur. Official Number: J26689. Place of Birth: Stowmarket, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 27 December 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**FLOCKHART**, Adam. Official Number: J27403. Place of Birth: Newcastle, Northumberland. Date of Birth: 28 September 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John and Margaret Flockhart, of 29, Prudhoe St., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**FOOTITT**, Jack Frederick Lionel. Official Number: J27414. Place of Birth: Paddington, London. Date of Birth: 07 March 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Albert Footitt, of "The Globe Inn," Newmarket St., Hereford, and the late Annie Footitt

**FRENCH** Arthur Robert. Official Number: J26373. Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 08 November 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Home address 6 Johnson's Buildings, Kirby Street, Poplar

**FRIEND**, Harry Edwin. Official Number: J27538. Place of Birth: Wye, Kent. Date of Birth: 31 January 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Edwin and Maggie Friend, of Durlock Lodge, Minster, Ramsgate

**HANCOCK**, Albert Edward. Official Number: J24704. Place of Birth: Gosport, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 10 January 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**HASTINGS**, Frederick Stewart. Official Number: J27391. Place of Birth: Chelsea, London. Date of Birth: 18 June 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Frederick Herbert and Charlotte Hastings, of 13, Union St., Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey

**HENLEY**, Frank. Official Number: J23584. Place of Birth: Nottingham. Date of Birth: 27 April 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class



**INGLES-CHAMBERLAYNE**, Rupert Henry. Date of Birth: 04 July 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Only son of Mrs Ingles Chamberlayne of The Hyde, Stow on the Wold



**JERRAM**, Harry Escombe Ravenhill. Date of Birth: 31 August 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910 Son of the Rev. Arnold Escombe Jerram and Anna Christina Jerram, of The Chantry, Worcester

**JEFFREY**, Wilfred Allan. Official Number: J28350. Place of Birth: Littlehampton, Sussex. Date of Birth: 06 December 1896. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery, of 5, Oakley Terrace, North Town, Aldershot.

**JOYCE**, Levi Harold. Official Number: J25447. Place of Birth: Sturminster Newton, Down. Date of Birth: 27 November 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class J2544 Son of Owen George and Sarah Ann Joyce, of 76, Fieldgroves, Bryanston, Blandford, Dorset



**KEITH**, Clive Arthur. Date of Birth: 10 July 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Younger son of Florence E. Keith, and the late A. W. Keith



**KEMPSON**, John Reginald. Date of Birth: 17 June 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Born Leicester on SHERINGHAM WAR MEMORIAL Norfolk



**LATTEY**, Alexander Davidson. Date of Birth: 24 July 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Born Warwick Southam

**LEAMAN**, Joseph Herbert. Official Number: J26743. Place of Birth: Fulham, London. Date of Birth: 29 January 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class



**LEWIS JONES**, Henry Platen. Date of Birth: 06 July 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910.

**LIDBETTER**, Albert William. Official Number: J24716. Place of Birth: Worthing, Sussex. Date of Birth: 18 June 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**LINDSAY**, David Saunders Brown. Official Number: J26630. Place of Birth: Blantyre, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 24 April 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class



**MACFARLANE**, Robert Craig. Date of Birth: 05 July 1897. Rank: Midshipman. Date of enrolment: May 1910. Born Yorks Darrington. He was a former pupil of Ascham St Vincent's school in Eastbourne

**MADDISON**, Alfred. Official Number: J26723. Place of Birth: York, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 22 December 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**MARKQUICK**, Arthur Christian. Official Number: J23520. Place of Birth: Leyton, Essex. Date of Birth: 03 April 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John C. and Ellen Markquick "Oakleigh", Sutton Road, Southend.



**MAYLIN**, Frederick Francis. Official Number: J26753. Place of Birth: Great Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Date of Birth: 28 December 1896 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Frederick George and Ellen Malin, of Wooburn Town, Bucks.

**McCREADIE**, Charles. Official Number: J26680. Place of Birth: Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 31 August 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Charles and Mary McCreadie, of 147, Reidvale St., Glasgow.

**MOODY**, Robert Ronald. Official Number: J24634. Place of Birth: Hull, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 04 March 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John and Ada Moody, of De la Pole Villas, Willerby, Hull

**MOORHOUSE**, William Appleyard. Official Number: J26717. Place of Birth: Wakefield, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 02 May 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**MYERS**, Sidney. Official Number: J24128. Place of Birth: Hull, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 24 June 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William and Sophia Myers, of 39, Lorraine St., Stoneferry, Hull



**NICHOLLS**, John William Ernest. Official Number: J26619. Place of Birth: Leysdown Coast Guard Cottages Isle of Sheppy Date of Birth: 19 June 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class His brother Sidney was killed on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 on the Zeebrugge Raid

**NIXON**, William. Official Number: J26752. Place of Birth: Blackburn, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 27 March 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Elizabeth Jane Nixon, of 70, Duckworth St., Blackburn.

**PALMER**, George Edward. Official Number: J23449. Place of Birth: Ipswich, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 09 January 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Benjamin and Martha Palmer, of Harkstead, Ipswich, Suffolk.

**PARDOE**, Harry James. Official Number: J26738. Place of Birth: Eton, Berkshire. Date of Birth: 18 April 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class His parents were the late Henry Thomas & Flora Agnes Mary Pardoe, Parent's occupation was licensed victualler. Parents' Address (last known) 1901: 51 High Street Eton Brother of Edward Pardoe, of Church Lodge, Clewer Village, Windsor

**PAYNE**, Albert John. Official Number: J27539. Place of Birth: Oxford. Date of Birth: 03 March 1897. . Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**PERRETT**, William Nelson. Official Number: J24698. Place of Birth: Gillingham, Kent. Date of Birth: 07 December 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**POLLARD**, Clifford. Official Number: J23543. Place of Birth: Holmfirth, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 15 March 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**POTTER**, Victor James. Official Number: J25352. Place of Birth: Sutton, Surrey. Date of Birth: 10 July 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William Henry Potter, of 23, George St., Sutton, Surrey.

**RAYNER**, Frank. Official Number: J26354. Place of Birth: Fulham, London. Date of Birth: 28 July 1897. Aged 17. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class He was the son of William Rayner a Postman {formerly of Bocking}, 11 Munster Residences, Fulham London.

**ROBERTS**, George William. Official Number: J26650. Place of Birth: Hoxton, London. Date of Birth: 11 November 1897. Age-15. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class He lived at 39, He lived at Choumert Square, Peckham

**ROGERS**, Ernest John. Official Number: J27386. Place of Birth: Colchester, Essex. Date of Birth: 19 June 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, of 73, New Park St., Colchester

**RICHARDSON**, Russell. Official Number: J25607. Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 06 May 1896. Boy 1st class Ordinary Signaller Age-18 Lived at 73, Lorne Road, Forest Gate

**SAWKINS**, Claude Thomas. Official Number: J22753. Place of Birth: Peldon, Essex. Date of Birth: 16 October 1897 date confirmed from church records. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Claude was the son of Oscar Joseph and Caroline Sawkins, who were long term residents of Langenhoe. Claude's older siblings were christened at Langenhoe Church. However, Oscar moved to Fingringhoe about the time of Claude's birth and he was christened in Fingringhoe

**SEARLE**, George William Augustus. Official Number: J25452. Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 29 March 1898 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Lived at 5, Curtis Street, Church Street, West Ham

**SOUTHERN**, Henry Walter. Official Number: J25688. Place of Birth: Hythe, Kent. Date of Birth: 19 April 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Henry James and Ellen Southern, of Barrow Hill, Sellindge, Hythe, Kent.

**SPIERS**, Harold Alfred. Official Number: J23568. Place of Birth: Brixton, London. Date of Birth: 11 September 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Henry Thomas and Mary Spiers of Victoria Terrace, Lindfield

**SPOONER**, Charles Albert Victor. Official Number: J26754. Place of Birth: Brighton, Sussex. Date of Birth: 26 June 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class: Only son of Emily Kate Spooner, of Albury, near Guildford, Surrey, and the late Ernest Spooner

**STOKELL**, Robert. Official Number: J25783. Place of Birth: Bedale, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 06 May 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Mrs. Eva Stokell, of 2, Clapham Yard, Northallerton, Yorks. Native of Bedfordshire

**STRAW**, William Henry. Official Number: J27544. Place of Birth: Lincoln. Date of Birth: 20 November 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William and Alice Straw, of 9, Water Lane, Lincoln

**SYMES**, John Borkwood. Official Number: J26728. Place of Birth: Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. Date of Birth: 13 April 1898. Age 16- Boy 1st class son of John G. and Katherine M. Symes of 101 Lord Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire

**TAYLOR**, John Alfred. Official Number: J26367. Place of Birth: North Kensington, London. Date of Birth: 22 August 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class



**TURRELL**, Arthur Sydney. Official Number: J23459. Place of Birth: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 31 July 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of L. T. V. Turrell, of 51, Walden Rd., Starnshaw, Portsmouth

**WAITT**, George Greenhill. Official Number: J27506. Place of Birth: Edinburgh. Date of Birth: 22 March 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**WARDEN**, Ernest. Official Number: J24984. Place of Birth: Kings Norton, Worcestershire. Date of Birth: 19 January 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Edwin Hyatt Warden and Martha Emma Warden, of 95, Midland Rd., King's Norton.

**WARREN**, Robert. Official Number: J25515. Place of Birth: Saint Pancras, London. Date of Birth: 28 June 1897. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John and Susan Warren, of 111, Stanhope St., Regent's Park.

**WATERMAN**, Robert Albert. Official Number: J26355. Place of Birth: Bethnal Green, London. Date of Birth: 21 October 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**WATTS** Alfred George Bertram. Official Number: J23432. Place of Birth: Wellingborough, Northamptonshire. Date of Birth: 28 November 1896. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class *He was formerly patrol leader of the Boy Scouts at Irchester. In 1912 he wanted to enlist in the 1st Northants but as his parents were unwilling he went to work in a factory. His health suffered and he finally joined the navy. He had a remarkable gift for carving and drawing. Some of his drawings, which were very lifelike, secured for him a badge from the Boy Scout Headquarters. For about three years he was a member of the choir at the Irchester Parish Church*



**WHITEHEAD**, Alfred George. Official Number: J23867. Place of Birth: Camberwell, London. Date of Birth: 18 January 1898. Signal Boy, Son of Alfred and Eliza Whitehead, of 61, Worcester Rd., Higham Hill, Walthamstow, Essex

**WILSON**, John Joseph Dexter. Official Number: J27512. Place of Birth: Alfreton, Nottinghamshire. Date of Birth: 26 February 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class He moved to Top Road, Calow with his parents; Joseph and Annie who ran the grocers shop there. Not long after war was declared young John, joined the navy. (Boy 1st class - a boy aged 16 to 18 under Training, who had previously served for between 9 months and 18 months rated as "boy 2nd class", shown sufficient proficiency in seamanship and accumulated at least one good conduct badge) He was killed within weeks, drowned at sea, and his body never recovered. He was just 16 years old

**WINSHIP**, Ernest. Official Number: J25790. Place of Birth: Hull, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 22 January 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Mary S. Winship, of 6, Cotton Terrace, Barnsley St., Holderness Rd., Hull; and the late George Henry Winship.



**WINTERBOTTOM**, Jack Hudson. Official Number: J26734. Place of Birth: Manchester, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 09 November 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class

**WOODLAND**, Herbert Edwin. Official Number: J26779. Place of Birth: Canterbury, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 April 1898. Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Thomas and Ada Laurel Woodland, of Margate Hill, Acol, Birchington, Thanet.

**WRATTEN**, William Henry. Official Number: J24625. Place of Birth: Chelsea, London. Date of Birth: 06 July 1897 Boy 1<sup>st</sup> class Age-17 home was 60, College Place, Chelsea

**YATES**, George Walter, Ordinary Telegraphist, J 17213 (Dev) Place of Birth: Swindon, Wiltshire. Date of Birth: 19 May 1896 Aged 18 Son of James and Elizabeth Yates, of Lugg Vale Cottage, Stanhope St., Hereford.





## APPENDIX 2

### SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE CREW LOST ON 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1914

**ABBOTT**, Albert. Official Number: SS99. Place of Birth: Leeds, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 14 June 1885. Able Seaman



**ABRAM**, Ernest William. Official Number: 167361. Place of Birth: Bermondsey, London. Date of Birth: 17 January 1877. Petty Officer

**AGER**, James Alfred. Official Number: K19331. Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 25 March 1895. Stoker



**AGNEW**, Nathaniel. Official Number: SS105083. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 22 October 1888. Stoker. Son of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Agnew, of 18, Westminster Avenue, Belfast

**ALLCOCK**, Henry. Official Number: SS999. Place of Birth: Clerkenwell, London. Date of Birth: 08 July 1886. Able Seaman



**ALGIE, Robert.** Official Number: SS40. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 24 September 1884. Able Seaman Husband of Mary J. Algie, of 124, Greenwell St., Newtownards, Co.

**ALLEN, Daniel.** Official Number: 206565. Place of Birth: Kingstown, Dublin. Date of Birth: 18 January 1882. Able Seaman

**ALLUM, George.** Official Number: 172241. Place of Birth: Hammersmith, London. Date of Birth: 06 March 1874. Stoker

**ANDERSON, John Robert.** Official Number: 135921. Place of Birth: Northfleet, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 June 1864. Pensioner

**ATKINSON, Alfred George.** Official Number: 193724. Place of Birth: Kennington, London. Date of Birth: 21 June 1881.



**AUSTIN, Alan Murray.** Date of Birth: 03 April 1884 in Georgetown, British Guiana Rank: Assistant Paymaster. Date of enrolment: 15 January 1902. He attended Abbingdon School.

**AXON, Walter Henry** Official Number: 128826. Place of Birth: Romford, Essex. Date of Birth: 18 January 1869. Ships Corporal



**BABER**, Thomas Edward. Official Number: 154395. Place of Birth: Greenwich, Kent. Date of Birth: 02 May 1874. Petty Officer



**BALCOMB**, Frederick. Official Number: 276783. Place of Birth: Lydd, Kent. Date of Birth: 23 October 1874. Stoker Petty Officer



**BALL**, JAMES Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 28 Born 30 December 1884 Date of Enlistment: 04 July 1902 Service No: PLY/11659 Son of the late William and Sarah Ball, of Warrington, Lancs; husband of Margaret Ellen Ball, of 90, Middle St., Deal, Kent.

**BARDEN**, Fred Thomas. Official Number: SS102658. Place of Birth: Snodden, Kent. Date of Birth: 14 September 1885. Stoker

**BARKER**, William. Official Number: SS102800. Place of Birth: Battersea, London. Date of Birth: 21 March 1888. Stoker

**BARNES**, Arthur. Official Number: M6714. Place of Birth: Sittingbourne, Kent. Date of Birth: 25 October 1888. Shipwright



**BARNES**, Frederick. Official Number: 167803. Place of Birth: Western Cross Dartford, Kent. Date of Birth: 06 June 1873 Stoker Petty Officer

**BARNES**, Herbert Plume. Official Number: SS106968. Place of Birth: Wickford, Essex. Date of Birth: 15 December 1889 Stoker

**BARNES** Philip Charles. Official Number: L2874. Place of Birth: Cowley Saint Johns, Oxfordshire. Date of Birth: 27 September 1894 Officer's Steward

**BARNES**, William. Official Number: 168377. Place of Birth: Brigg, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 16 March 1876. Able Seaman

**BARRY**, John Francis. Official Number: L4274. Place of Birth: Aghada, Cork. Date of Birth: 04 August 1889. Officer's Steward Son of Edward and Frances Barry, of Aghada, Rostellan, Co. Cork

**BARTON**, John Thomas. {Served as BARTHRAM, John T} Official Number: K5046. Place of Birth: Plumstead, Kent. Date of Birth: 27 January 1891 Stoker



**BASS**, HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/H/B/1435). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 23 November 1872 Date of Enlistment: 23 June 1893 Service No: PO/6800

**BEAN**, Samuel John. Official Number: 177884. Place of Birth: Brinsdale Eythorne, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 September 1878 Able Seaman



**BELL**, David. Official Number: SS108915. Place of Birth: Ballymena, Antrim. Date of Birth: 24 September 1887. Stoker Son of Edmond and Jane Bell, of Belfast; husband of Annie McCauley

**BELLINGHAM**, Thomas Henry. Official Number: K6334. Place of Birth: West Malling, Kent. Date of Birth: 09 October 1891 Leading Stoker

**BENNETT**, Albert Edward. Official Number: 178486. Place of Birth: Camberwell, London. Date of Birth: 21 August 1878. Ships Corporal



**BENNETT**, FRANK HENRY Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke," Born 01 March 1883 Date of Enlistment: 27 February 1901 Service No: CH/12196



**BERRIDGE, JOHN FREDERICK HARRY** Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 08 October 1887 Date of Enlistment: 09 October 1901 Service No: CH/12245

**BITTEN, Fred** Official Number: L4948. Place of Birth: Huntingdon. Date of Birth: 22 November 1894. Officer's Steward Son of Elizabeth Ann Bitten, of 8, Horkesley Crescent, Great Horkesley, Colchester. Native of Pidley Huntingdonshire.



**BLOXSOM, William Jabez.** Official Number: 164154. Place of Birth: New Brompton, Kent. Date of Birth: 15 September 1876. Petty Officer



**BONFIELD, JAMES GEORGE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1574). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 18 May 1886 Date of Enlistment: 12 April 1901 Service No: CH/14967

**BOWELL, Frederick James.** Official Number: 162995. Place of Birth: Lewisham. Date of Birth: 07 August 1876. Leading Seaman

**BOWYER, Charles Alexander** Official Number: SS1330. Place of Birth: Saint Pancras, London. Date of Birth: 12 May 1887 Able Seaman

**BOX, Frederick James** Official Number: SS112109. Place of Birth: Acton, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 16 October 1893. Stoker



**BRADLEY, REGINALD JOHN C.** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 21 Born 21 October 1893 Date of Enlistment: 15 May 1911 Service No: 17049: Son of John Thomas and Julia Kate Bradley, of 4, Bretons Cottages, South Hornchurch, Essex. Native of Harlow, Essex

**BREMER, Francis Augustus.** Official Number: 167964. Place of Birth: Saint Mary Lambeth, London. Date of Birth: 16 April 1876. Able Seaman

**BREWER, Frank.** Official Number: 207025. Place of Birth: Sopley, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 28 January 1884. Able Seaman



**BROAD**, Edward. Official Number: 281620. Place of Birth: Northfleet, Kent. Date of Birth: 18 July 1876. Stoker Petty Officer

**BROADHURST**, Joseph Henry. Official Number: SS101291. Place of Birth: Battersea, London. Date of Birth: 05 February 1881 Stoker

**BROCK**, John. Official Number: 344374. Place of Birth: Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 01 October 1873. Shipwright

**BROWN**, George. Official Number: 306510. Place of Birth: Dover, Kent. Date of Birth: 01 March 1885. Stoker



**BUCHANAN**, William. Official Number: 166810. Place of Birth: Hoxton New Town, London. Date of Birth: 25 March 1876 Petty Officer

**BUNCE**, Charles Henry. Official Number: 158786. Place of Birth: Wandsworth, Surrey. Date of Birth: 02 September 1871 Stoker

**BUNCE**, Charles Ralph Thomas. Official Number: SS102156. Place of Birth: Blackfriars, London. Date of Birth: 10 October 1886 Stoker

**BUNYAN**, Benjamin James. Official Number: 340125. Place of Birth: Landport, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 30 December 1878. Ship's Steward

**BURBRIDGE**, Walter. Official Number: 103586. Place of Birth: Clerkenwell, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 26 July 1862. Able Seaman



**BURRIDGE**, FREDERICK WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 29 Born 30 September 1885 Date of Enlistment: 21 June 1904 Service No: CH/15303 Husband of Mrs. A. Lawrence (formerly Burrridge), of 11, Love Rd., Lowestoft. He was a native of Wandsworth London.



**BYE**, FRANK EDWIN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 20 Born 18 November 1892 Date of Enlistment: 11 April 1912 Service No: CH/17384 Son of Richard William and Harriet Kate Bye, of 267, Church Rd., Leyton, Essex



**CAHILL**, Henry Thomas. Official Number: 152629. Place of Birth: Northfleet, Kent. Date of Birth: 12 December 1870. Chief Stoker



**CALE**, Albert. Official Number: 143929. Place of Birth: Saint Georges, Surrey. Date of Birth: 14 January 1872 Petty Officer.



**CAMERON**, Joseph. Official Number: 292522. Place of Birth: Derby, Derbyshire. Date of Birth: 26 May 1877. Stoker Petty Officer



**CAMPBELL**, George Jackson. Official Number: SS104251. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 25 October 1888 Stoker



**CARVIL**, ERNEST Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 05 May 1889 Date of Enlistment: 05 August 1908 Service No: CH/16260

**CAVELL**, Frank Cornelius. Official Number: 180672. Place of Birth: Barnes, Surrey. Date of Birth: 04 February 1879 Able Seaman



**CAWSE**, SAMUEL GEORGE Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 36 Born 08 August 1879 Date of Enlistment: 04 May 1903 Date of Death: 15/10/1914 Service No: CH/13420 Son of the late Samuel Cawse.



**CHAMP**, FRANCIS LOGAN Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/A/388). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 04 May 1867 Date of Enlistment: 04 June 1884 Service No: CH/2978

**CHAMPS**, Sidney Official Number: 163578. Place of Birth: Sturry, Kent. Date of Birth: 01 June 1872. Chief Stoker





**CHANDLER**, CHARLES WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1304).  
H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 25 February 1876 Date of Enlistment: 26 March 1895 Service No:  
CH/8271



**CHARLTON**, BENJAMIN DAVID Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/889).  
H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 34 Born 17 February 1879 Date of Enlistment: 11 December 1896 14  
Service No: CH/9493: Husband of Mrs. R. Cuthbert (formerly Charlton), of 24, Lambert Place,  
Croydon.

**CHARMAN**, Joseph Phillip, Able Seaman (RFR B 8880), 194784 (Ch) Son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Charman, of Sandwich, Kent; husband of G. A. Levenson (formerly Charman), of 96,  
Malmesbury Rd., Canning Town, London.

**CHILDS**, Charles Robert. Official Number: 179912. Place of Birth: Newhaven, Sussex. Date of  
Birth: 16 April 1878. Able Seaman

**CHISHOLM**, Alexander. Official Number: 188284. Place of Birth: South Leith, Midlothian.  
Date of Birth: 23 June 187 Able Seaman



**CHISIM**, John. Official Number: SS105949. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim.  
Date of Birth: 04 October 1889. Stoker Son of the late John and Mary Eleanor Chisim, of  
Belfast

**CLARK**, Thomas William. Official Number: K9966. Place of Birth: Stepney, London. Date of  
Birth: 19 June 1891 Stoker

**CLARKE**, Herbert Edgar. Official Number: SS103947. Place of Birth: Colchester, Essex. Date of  
Birth: 17 July 1887. Stoker

**CLARKE**, James George. Official Number: L5276. Place of Birth: Chatham, Kent. Date of Birth:  
09 January 1888. Officer's Steward

**CLARKE, Victor.** Official Number: 194420. Place of Birth: Brackley, Northamptonshire. Date of Birth: 26 June 1881. Leading Seaman

**CLARKE, William.** Official Number: SS100711. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 25 December 1885. Stoker Son of John and Sarah McConnell, of 26, Foreman St., Belfast



**Clarkson, Frederic William.** Date of Birth: 06 October 1883.

Rank: Lieutenant-Commander. Date of enrolment: 15 September 1897



**CLEMENTS, JACK** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 30  
Born 18 September 1882 Date of Enlistment: 15 January 1901 Service No: CH/12014 Son of  
John and Hetty Clements, of Baldock, Herts.

**CLUBLEY, Iris.** Official Number: K9588. Place of Birth: Kilnsea, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 29  
December 1890. Stoker

**COCKRILL, Arthur.** Official Number: SS2208. Place of Birth: West Hartlepool, Durham. Date  
of Birth: 07 June 1889 Able Seaman



**COLLIER, THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1144). H.M.S.  
"Hawke." Born 25 December 1874 Date of Enlistment: 25 November 1893 Service No:  
CH/10587

**COLLINS, Stanley B,** Naval Schoolmaster, M 4740 (Ch) Aged 30 Son of the late Mr. and Mrs.  
William Collins, of 46, West Side, Wandsworth Common, London.

**CONWAY, John Charles.** Official Number: 282316. Place of Birth: London, Middlesex. Date of  
Birth: 18 July 1874. Mechanician refers to junior engine room ratings

**COOMBS, Arthur Erskine Gurney.** Date of Birth: 03 February 1888. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of  
enrolment: 15 January 1903. Son of Richard Samuel Gurney Coombs and Kathleen Maria  
Coombs, of Church House, Oundle, Northants.

**CORDER**, Ernest. Service Number: 3/297. RNVR Division: Sussex. Date of Birth: 28 February 1895. Ordinary Seaman. Ernest Edward Corder, Ordinary Seaman, aged 19, was a postal worker, commemorated on a plaque in the public area of the main sorting office in Eastbourne.



**CORMICAN**, Hugh Patrick. Official Number: SS108467. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 November 1890. Stoker 1st Class Son of Mary Cormican, of Ballyquillin, Crumlin, Co. Antrim; and the late John Cormican



**COULSON**, JOHN Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 13 October 1888 Date of Enlistment: 09 October 1911 Service No: CH/17211

**COURTNEY**, (served under surname Adkins), John Henry Alfred. Official Number: SS106961. Place of Birth: Birmingham, Warwickshire. Date of Birth: 25 June 1887. Stoker

**COVER**, Frank. Official Number: K41. Place of Birth: Streatham, London. Date of Birth: 10 July 1889. Stoker

**COWLEY**, James. Official Number: 190567. Place of Birth: Exeter, Devon. Date of Birth: 18 March 1880. Able Seaman.



**COWLING**, William James. Rank: Temporary Lieutenant. Number: 1407. Place of Birth: Hornsey, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 08 November 1884 Electrical Engineer

**CRAMPTON**, Charles Theodore. Official Number: 294717. Place of Birth: Deptford, Kent. Date of Birth: 05 January 1882. Stoker Petty Officer



**CRAWFORD, Hugh.** Official Number: SS2908. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim.

Date of Birth: 08 January 1888. Able Seaman



**CREIGHTON, Robert.** Official Number: SS107757. Place of Birth: Larne, Antrim.

Date of Birth: 14 February 1890. Stoker



**CREW, WILLIAM THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/553).

H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 37 Born 30 September 1878 Date of Enlistment: 31 October 1896

Service No: CH/9398 Son of Thomas Crew, of 84, Canterbury Rd., Old Kent Rd., London.



**CROCKFORD, Charles.** Official Number: 198167. Place of Birth: Northgate, Kent.

Date of Birth: 06 June 1882. Petty Officer

**CROSSIN, Edward.** Official Number: K6960. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 05 December 1891. Stoker Son of James and Annie Crossin, of Lisburn, Co. Antrim

**CROUCH, John William.** Service Number: 5/193. RNVR Division: Sussex. Date of Birth: 02 July 1894. Ordinary Seaman

**CURTIS, Robert Henry.** Official Number: 183944. Place of Birth: Chelsea, London. Date of Birth: 03 March 1880. Able Seaman

**CUSSELL, Sidney William.** Official Number: 343850. Place of Birth: Clerkenwell, London. Date of Birth: 10 May 1882. Blacksmith



**CUSTANCE**, Gustavus William: Musgrove. Rank surgeon.

Custance was born in 1882 and was baptised in Colwall on July 11th 1882. He was one of the fourteen children of George Musgrave Custance, Rector of Colwall, and his wife Elizabeth. Gustavus studied medicine at St Thomas' Hospital from 1901 – 1907. He did his naval medical training at The Royal Hospital Haslar in 1907 and 1908. At the time of the 1911 census he was a surgeon on board the HMS Clio on the China and the East Indies census returns



**DALLY**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 20 Born 26 June 1894 Date of Enlistment: 06 May 1912 Service No: CH/17408 Son of Robert George Dally, of 36, Eleanor St., Bow, London. Native of Bromley-by-Bow.



**DAVID**, Thomas Morgan. Date of Birth: 24 October 1875. Rank: Engineer Lieutenant. Date of enrolment: 31 May 1897. Son of Thomas and Caroline David, of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire; husband of Eleanor C. David, of 7, Wentworth Villas, Plymouth. Served in the South African War.

**DAVIDSON**, Alexander Murray Stuart. Official Number: 185747. Place of Birth: Saint George Edinburgh. Date of Birth: 16 July 1879. Able Seaman.

**DAVIES**, Isaac. Official Number: SS101591. Place of Birth: Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire. Date of Birth: 09 April 1880. Stoker

**DAWSON**, John Thomas Gibson. Official Number: SS2426. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 16 October 1889. Able Seaman. Son of Henry and Denah Dawson, of 356, Donegall Rd., Belfast



**DAY**, Thomas. Official Number: 292498. Place of Birth: Saint Pancras, London.  
Date of Birth: 08 March 1877. Stoker Petty Officer



**DICKEY**, James. Official Number: SS104940. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 21 January 1889. Stoker

**DONACHEY**, Wallace. Official Number: 299952. Place of Birth: Dundee, Forfarshire. Date of Birth: 22 February 1881 Stoker



**DONALD**, Martie. Official Number: SS107927. Place of Birth: Carrickfergus, Antrim. Date of Birth: 25 October 1886. Stoker Son of Isabella Donald, of Red Brae Cottage, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, and the late Robert Donald.

**DRAPER**, Harry Thomas. Place of Birth: Small Heath, Birmingham. Number: S 1901. Date of Birth: 05 December 1887. RNR Stoker

**DREW**, William Reginald. Official Number: 345737. Place of Birth: Penryn, Cornwall. Date of Birth: 01 August 1887 Shipwright



**DREWETT**, GEORGE FRANCIS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/577). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 35 Born 05 October 1877 Date of Enlistment: 17 September 1895 Service No: CH/9628 Son of Samuel Wesley Drewett and Kate Drewett, of Maidstone; husband of Harriett Elizabeth Drewett, of 85, Fernlea Rd., Graham Rd., Mitcham, Surrey. George was born in Maidstone, Kent, the third child of Samuel and Kate Drewett. George is

aged about 10 when the family moves to Southwark, where he is still living when he joins the Royal Marines on 17th September 1895 as private 9628. He is not quite eighteen, and gives his trade as a "Waiter".

George serves on the Excellent between 1897-8, and then for four years on the Thetis from Feb 1898 until June 1901. He is landed for the defence of Durban in 1899, and serves in the Delagoa Bay Squadron. George is on board HMS Thetis which is sent from the Cape to St. Helena as a guard ship, where Boer prisoners, including General Cronje and wife, had been taken.

George is discharged on 26 June 1901. Within a few months of leaving the Marines, George marries Harriet Elizabeth Gosnell at St. Thomas' Lambeth on 24th November 1901. He has changed uniform, and is now a Metropolitan Police Officer. George works and lives in Lambeth before moving his family to Mitcham in about 1908. By the end of 1913, George and Harriet have six children. But George had not severed his links to the military, He had joined the Royal Fleet Reserve in 1903, and attends annual drills for the next ten years. The outbreak of War shatters whatever hopes and ambitions the family had for a happy, peaceful and prosperous life.

George attends his final annual drill in July 1914, he is immediately mobilised in August 1914 and is posted to HMS Hawke on 6th August. He is lost in the sinking of HMS Hawke. George Francis Drewett's name appears on the Chatham Naval Memorial, and the Mitcham War Memorial as "Drewett G.F.".



**DRIVER**, Ernest: Artificer Engineer. Name appears on Burnley's Roll of Honour. Father named Charles, parents lived on Holbeck Street. Married-wife Emma 1 daughter lived at 2 Victoria Rd Southsea. He was aged 36 when killed

**DUNCAN**, Alexander Robertson. Place of Birth: Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. Number: S 2872. Date of Birth: 18 October 1890. RNR Stoker

**DUNN**, William Edward. Official Number: 150585. Place of Birth: Sheerness, Kent. Date of Birth: 18 November 1870. Officer's Steward





**DUTFIELD, WALTER THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/2011).  
H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 28 Born 07 February 1886 Date of Enlistment: 01 October 1903  
Service No: CH/14094: Son of the late James and Ellen Dutfield, of 37, Randall Place,  
Greenwich, London.



**Dyball, William.** Official Number: 208734. Place of Birth: North  
Walsham, Norfolk. Date of Birth: 08 April 1884. Leading Seaman

**DYKE, George Walter.** Official Number: 136000. Place of Birth: Landport, Hampshire. Date of  
Birth: 24 June 1866 Pensioner Armourer

**DYNES, Albert.** Official Number: 289177. Place of Birth: Vauxhall, London. Date of Birth: 01  
June 1880. Stoker

**EADE, Reginald John.** Official Number: 202124. Place of Birth: Farnborough, Kent. Date of  
Birth: 07 October 1883 Leading Seaman



**EADES, WILLIAM GEORGE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke."  
Born 29 March 1874 Date of Enlistment: 27 September 1894 Service No: PLY/7291

**ECCLESHARE, Thomas Bernard.** Official Number: M4167. Place of Birth: Derby. Date of Birth:  
29 June 1893. Cook's Mate

**EDWARD, William Joseph.** Official Number: 302949. Place of Birth: Bow, London. Date of  
Birth: 28 October 1884. Stoker

**EDWARDS, Robert Garnet Chawner.** Official Number: 202620. Place of Birth: Griston,  
Norfolk. Date of Birth: 01 July 1883 Yeoman of Signals





**ELKIN**, William James. Official Number: 174504. Place of Birth: Colranie, Londonderry. Date of Birth: 02 March 1877 Petty Officer... Son of Nurse Elkin, of Coleraine, Co. Derry, Ireland, and of the late Sergeant Elkin

**ELLENDER**, Richard Stanley. Official Number: 239356. Place of Birth: Boughton under Blean, Kent. Date of Birth: 11 December 1891. Leading Seaman



**ELLIOTT**, John. Official Number: SS104009. Place of Birth: Dublin. Date of Birth: 31 January 1888. Stoker



**ELLIS**, EDMUND ALBERT Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/760). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 24 June 1874 Service No: CH/6806

**ELVES**, Thomas. Official Number: 292957. Place of Birth: Bromley, London. Date of Birth: 07 April 1881. Leading Stoker

**EVANS**, Edward Frank. Official Number: M4751. Place of Birth: Uxbridge, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 27 April 1892. Sick Berth Attendant



**FAULKNER**, VICTOR Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 17 July 1889 Date of Enlistment: 17 September 1907 Service No: CH/16023



**FEE, Samuel.** Official Number: SS102801. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 29 December 1887. Samuel Fee joined the Royal Navy in April 1906, aged 18 years old, well before World War I broke out. His service record notes that he had tattoos – a bust of a man and a figure of a woman as well as a scar on his throat. He served on the Majestic class ship **MAGNIFICENT** (flagship of the Commander-in-Chief), the King Edward VII-class battleship **AFRICA** (flagship of Vice Admiral Sir William Henry May), the Devonshire-class armoured cruiser **ANTRIM** and Canopus class battleship **GLORY** during his 5 years service as well as spending time at bases **ACHERON** and **PEMBROKE II**. He began his service as Stoker (2nd class) and was made Stoker (1st class) during his time on **MAGNIFICENT**. Once his 5 years service was up, he transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve and was called up for service in 1914 serving as a Stoker (1st Class) on **HMS HAWKE**.

**FELLOWES, William John.** Official Number: 350884. Place of Birth: Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 08 April 1881 Sick Berth Attendant. Age-34 His home was 12 Leathwell Road, St John's, Deptford

**FERGUSON, Peter.** Official Number: 298040. Place of Birth: Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 26 June 1883. Stoker

**FITZGERALD, James.** Official Number: 147643. Place of Birth: Aghada, Cork. Date of Birth: 08 August 1872. Chief Yeoman of Signals Son of Patrick and Margaret Fitzgerald, of Rostellan; husband of Margaret Fitzgerald, of Lower Aghada, Rostellan, Co. Cork

**FORRINGTON, Charles Hoare.** Official Number: J10092. Place of Birth: York. Date of Birth: 12 December 1894. Signaller

**FOSTER, Frederick.** Service Number: 5/298. RNVF Division: Sussex Petty Officer. Son of John Belcher Foster and Ellen Eliza Foster, of Hastings

**FOWLER, William.** Place of Birth: Aberdeen. Number: T 2294. Date of Birth: 11 March 1885. Stoker. Son of the late William Fowler & Helen Knight Fowler: 27 Commerce St; Husband of Rachel Maitland Fowler, 251 Newhaven Rd; Leith.

**FOXTON, James.** Place of Birth: Middlesborough. Number: S 3049. Date of Birth: 28 August 1884. Stoker. Son of William Foxton, of Stockton-on-Tees; husband of Edith Marshall (formerly Foxton), of Westbourne House, Londonderry Rd., Newtown, Stockton-on-Tees.



**FOYER**, William. Official Number: 176217. Place of Birth: Hammersmith, London.  
Date of Birth: 29 August 1878. Petty Officer



**FRANCIS**, JAMES THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1937).  
H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 13 August 1883 Date of Enlistment: 28 August 1900 Service No:  
CH/11729



**FRANCIS**, WILLIAM SAMUEL Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke."  
Born 04 August 1894 Date of Enlistment: 10 November 1911 Service No: CH/17236

**FULCHER**, Frederick. Official Number: K4450. Place of Birth: Wickham Market, Suffolk. Date  
of Birth: 26 March 1891. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class: Age 23. Youngest son of Charles Fulcher and the  
late Elizabeth Fulcher of Easton.

**FULLER**, William John. Official Number: SS106984. Place of Birth: Boughton, Kent. Date of  
Birth: 18 August 1889. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fuller, of High St., Boughton,  
Faversham Kent.



**GADSDEN**, WALTER SAMUEL Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke."  
Age: 39 Born 21 July 1875 Date of Enlistment: 05 September 1893 Service No: CH/7531 Son  
of Walter Samuel and Elizabeth Gadsden, of Hammersmith, London; husband of Blanche  
Rose Gadsden, of 1, Orange Terrace, Star Hill, Rochester

**GAMBLE**, James. Official Number: 189970. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 06  
January 1881. Able Seaman



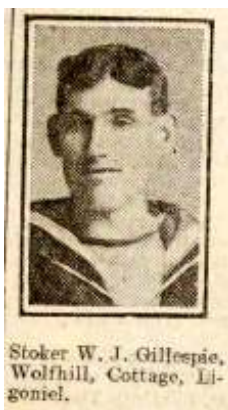
**GANDAR**, Bertram James. Official Number: 196244. Place of Birth: Paddington,  
London. Date of Birth: 28 November 1879 Petty Officer Age 34. Son of G.T. and C. GANDAR,  
of 53, St John's Hill Grove, Clapham Junction, London, husband of Ethel Ellen Gandar, of 187,  
St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, London.

**GEE**, Frederick William Thomas. Official Number: K838. Place of Birth: Dover, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 August 1887 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class. The birth of Frederick William Thomas Gee was registered at Dover in the March Quarter 1885. He was the eldest son of Charles Frederick Gee and Clara Gee, formerly Youden. At this time his father was employed as a carpenter. After the birth of their third child, Charles Frederick moved his family to Thornaby, near Stockton upon Tees, Yorkshire, where he had obtained employment as a foreman joiner. Later, a fourth child was born at Newcastle and a fifth child at Chorley, in Lancashire, before the family moved back to Kent... At the time of the 1901 census, the family was living at 5 Montrose Terrace, Buckland, Dover. Charles Frederick Gee was employed as a builder's foreman and his eldest son, Frederick, aged 16, was an apprentice builder.

In the spring of 1906, Clara Gee, wife of Charles Frederick and mother of Frederick William Thomas Gee died, aged 47 years. His father re-married at Dover, early in 1908, to Marian Alice Moore. Shortly after his father's marriage, Frederick William Thomas Gee joined the Royal Navy. After a medical, he was passed fit to serve and, on 15th June 1908, he agreed an engagement of twelve years.

**GILES**, James. Official Number: 160023. Place of Birth: Maidstone, Kent. Date of Birth: 14 March 1872. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Husband of Rosa Giles, of 11, Acacia Rd., Stone, Greenhithe, Kent

**GILHAM**, Henry. Official Number: SS102992. Place of Birth: Chester, Kent. Date of Birth: 04 February 1884. Stoker Son of Robert Gilham and Ann (Santer) Gilham: Brother of William Gilham, Stephen Gilham, Jane Gilham, Mary Gilham, Alice Gilham, Louisa Gilham and Elizabeth Gilham



**GILLESPIE**, William John. Official Number: SS107919. Place of Birth: Lisburn, Antrim. Date of Birth: 29 February 1884. Stoker Son of William and Maria Gillespie of Dunmurry.

**GODFREY**, Frederick. Official Number: 277922. Place of Birth: Shoreditch, London. Date of Birth: 06 September 1875 Stoker



**GOODAIR**, Hugh John. Register Number: 17409. Division: Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 22 April 1912. Date of Birth: 23 February 1895.

**GOODCHILD**, John William. Official Number: 204966. Place of Birth: Fulham, London. Date of Birth: 23 December 1882. Leading Seaman



**GORMAN**, James Island. Official Number: SS2796. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 April 1890. Son of James and Fanny Gorman, of Belfast.

**GRAVETT**, Charles David. Service Number: 1/334. RNVR Division: Sussex. Ordinary Seaman Aged 22. Son of George and Sarah Gravett of 19, Coleridge Road, Hove.

**GREEN**, Samuel James. Official Number: 292356. Place of Birth: Glasgow, Renfrewshire. Date of Birth: 18 August 1880 Stoker

**GREENHAM**, Ernest Albert. Official Number: 209091. Place of Birth: Bridport, Dorset. Date of Birth: 04 July 1882. Leading Seaman



**GREER**, William. Official Number: SS103607. Place of Birth: Ballybay, Monaghan. Date of Birth: 01 August 1888. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**GREGORY**, James William. Official Number: 185803. Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 26 April 1879. Able Seaman

**GROOM**, William Sydney. Official Number: 165578. Place of Birth: Woolwich, Kent. Date of Birth: 06 December 1876 Acting Chief Petty Officer Age-37 Lived at 56, Prospect Place,

**GUEST**, Richard Thomas. Official Number: M1103. Place of Birth: Gloucester. Date of Birth: 20 June 1893. Woolwich. Act/Engine Room Artificer 4 class Son of William John and Adeliza Matilda Guest, of 16, Millbrook St., Gloucester.

**GUMMER**, Frank Edward. Official Number: 232154. Place of Birth: Saint Pancras, London. Date of Birth: 11 September 1887. Able Seaman

**GUNN**, Frederick. Official Number: 206529. Place of Birth: West Kensington, London. Date of Birth: 23 May 1882. Able Seaman Age-33



**HALL**, George Frederick. Lance Sargeant Register Number: 11139. Division: Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 16 October 1899. Date of Birth: 07 August 1872. HMS HAWKE died of wounds 16<sup>th</sup> October 1914

**HALL**, Henry. Official Number: 223106. Place of Birth: Hanwell, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 29 October 1886. Able Seaman

**HALLIDAY**, James Storey. Official Number: 177204. Place of Birth: Bishopwearmouth, Durham. Date of Birth: 14 July 1878 Able Seaman



**HAMILTON**, Robert John. Official Number: SS104942. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 10 July 1888. Stoker 1st Class Son of Joseph and Sarah Hamilton, of 38, Mersey St., Belfast

**HANCOCK**, John. Service Number: 3/296. RNVR Division: Sussex Ordinary Seaman Son of Mr & Mrs Hancock of Eastbourne.

**HARDING**, Percy. Official Number: 221776. Place of Birth: Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 28 August 1886 Able Seaman



**HARGREAVES**, HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1762). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 33 Born 05 February 1881 Date of Enlistment: 07 November. Service No: CH/11186

**HARLING**, William James. Official Number: 143377. Leading Signalmán Place of Birth: Near Peckham, Kent. Date of Birth: 20 October 1871 in West Peckham, Kent. He was baptized on 31 December 1871 in West Peckham, Kent. He appeared in the census in 1881 at Kent Street Cottage in Mereworth, Kent. William in 1893 was in the Royal Navy serving on HMS Gleanor He appeared in the census in 1901 in Sierra Leone on HMS Rattler. Census Record: RG13/5331/70/Page2 He served in 1901 as a the Leading Signalmán in HMS Rattler. Service Number 143377 Leading Signalmán RN William was living in 1903 in Butchers Lane, Mereworth, Kent. In 1911 he was a Motorman in Chatham & District Light Railway



**HARPER, William James.** Official Number: SS104430. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 16 July 1888. Stoker 1<sup>ST</sup> class He was born 40 Aberdeen Street Belfast. His father was James Harper (1866-1926) and mother Martha Carson (1865-1896)



**HARRISON, WILLIAM GEORGE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 23 Born 02 June 1891 Date of Enlistment: 12 August 1909 Service No: CH/16459 Son of George William and Martha M. A. Harrison, of 7, Monteith Rd., Old Ford, London. He was a native of Kent.

**HAZELDENE** Official Number: 167431. Place of Birth: Ridgewood, Sussex. Date of Birth: 01 May 1877 Leading Seaman: Aged 38. Son of William & Emma Hazelden of Uckfield. Husband of Agnes Hazelden (remarried) of 60, Winter Road, Eastbourne. Awarded the East & West Africa Medal

**HEARN, James Samuel.** Official Number: 299889. Place of Birth: Elmley, Kent. Date of Birth: 25 February 1882. Leading Stoker Age-29 Living at1, Cadett Place, East Greenwich

**HEGARTY, Denis.** Official Number: 234197. Place of Birth: Castle Haven, Cork. Date of Birth: 12 October 1889. Able Seaman



**HEMMING, FREDERICK THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1765). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 25 November 1886 Date of Enlistment: 14 March 1904 Service No: CH/14309



**Hepworth, Percy.** Official Number: 293062. Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 23 July 1880.





**HILLS, WILLIAM JESSE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 20 Born 18 August 1893 Date of Enlistment: 22 May 1911 Service No: CH/17045: Son of W. J. and A. A. Hills, of 78, Alexandra Rd., Erith, Kent. Native of Crayford, Kent.



**HOBBS, Joseph Levine.** Official Number: 167871. Place of Birth: Newington, Surrey. Date of Birth: 25 December 1876. Sail maker Joseph was in the Royal Navy from 1892 to 1914. He married a Maltese Lady Lorenza Schembri in Malta in 1901. They lived in Dovercourt England from 1902 to 1904 while he worked at HMS Ganges at Harwich He also spent some time in the Coast Guard 1905 to 1907 in Scotland. Lorenza returned to Malta in 1907 and Joseph went back to sea on HMS Bedford.



**HODDEN, HENRY ERNEST** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 18 May 1884 Date of Enlistment: 07 June 1901 Service No: CH/12473



**HODGES, Henry Thomas.** Official Number: 183316. Place of Birth: Sheerness, Kent. Date of Birth: 11 March 1879. Petty Officer

**HOGG, Andrew.** Official Number: SS106959. Place of Birth: West Hartlepool, Durham. Date of Birth: 02 September 1887 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**HOLMES, Robert.** Official Number: 140749. Place of Birth: Braunton, Devon. Date of Birth: 25 December 1870. Leading Seaman



**HOOD, LEWIS REGINALD** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 20 Born 20 April 1894 Date of Enlistment: 19 October 1908 Service No: CH/16032 Son of Samuel and Louisa De Torre Hood, of 196, Shaftesbury Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea.

**HOOKE Alfred.** Official Number: 205654. Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 30 September 1883. Leading Signaller, Royal Navy, HMS "Hawke". Lived in Southend

**HOOKHAM**, David. Official Number: 180225. Place of Birth: Eastbourne, Sussex. Date of Birth: 24 February 1879 Petty Officer 1st Class Aged 38. Enlisted in 1893. 21 years. Son of David & Sarah Anne Hookham of 61, Latimer Road, Eastbourne. Electrician..

**HOOPER**, James. Official Number: M5524. Place of Birth: Walworth, London. Date of Birth: 31 December 1894. Cook's Mate

**HOPER**, Ernest Sidney Joseph. Official Number: M3901. Place of Birth: Croydon, Surrey. Date of Birth: 30 January 1892 Cook's Mate

**HOPKINS**, Charles Edwin. Official Number: 185423. Place of Birth: Portsea, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 19 February 1878 Armourer

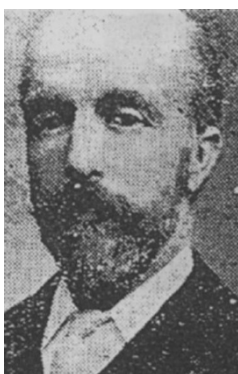
**HORNEY**, William Henry. Official Number: SS105927. Place of Birth: Bermondsey, London. Date of Birth: 24 April 1888 Stoker 1 class

**HOY**, John Alfred. Official Number: 227737. Place of Birth: Romford, Essex. Date of Birth: 20 October 1885. Able Seaman



**HUBIE-AXE**, William Cecil. Official Number: 237053. Place of Birth: Sheffield, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 01 January 1 Petty Officer. He had a very promising career from the time he joined the naval school at Netley Abbey, 10 years ago. He took a first prize in gunnery and had trained boys in gunnery on several training ships. He had served on the Hawke since his return from China in 1912. His father was Ernest Hubie-Axe, born Between Oct-Dec 1854, Ecclesall Bierlow, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England, died 25 Sep 1928, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, England. His mother was Emma Jane Horrocks, born Between Apr-Jun 1857, Headington, Oxfordshire, England 14 Sep 1929, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

**HUDSON**, Arthur. Official Number: 312428. Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 29 April 1885. Acting Leading Stoker, Husband of Emily Frances Hudson, of 2, Washington St., Bromley-by-Bow, London.



**HUGHES**, Joseph William. Official Number: 132399. Place of Birth: Rhyl, Flintshire, North Wales. Date of Birth: 03 August 1862 Carpenter's Mate Pensioner. Joseph Hughes, was from Rhyl in Flint, aged 38 and lived at 7, Coastguard Station, Mumbles. His wife Emma, who was from Devonport, was aged 34 in April 1901 They had two daughters, Emma aged 10 and Vera aged 6 in April 1901 Both daughters were born on The Isle of Sheppy, Kent according to the 1901 census.

**HUME**, Isaac William. Official Number: 141118. Place of Birth: Goldhanger, Essex. Date of Birth: 11 March 1869. Chief Stoker

**HUNT**, Albert. Official Number: K536. Place of Birth: Chesterfield, Derbyshire. Date of Birth: 02 April 1890. Stoker 1 class Husband of Caroline Hunt, of Station Rd., Pilsley, Chesterfield; son of Thomas and Annie Hunt, of Stonebroom, Alfreton, Derbyshire. The 1901 census shows Albert Hunt, aged 10, resident at 458 The Blocks [Stonebroom] with his parents Thomas and Annie Hunt. Thomas Hunt was a Coal Hower. Albert's parents and siblings were born in Stonebroom. He was born in nearby Pilsley. He had been a career Royal Navy sailor till 1913.



**HUNTER**, Robert. Official Number: SS104449. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 04 November 1888. Stoker 1st Class Husband of Isabella Hunter, of 80, Derwent St., Belfast



**IRWIN**, George. Official Number: 154211. Place of Birth: Folkestone, Kent. Date of Birth: 26 August 1874. Petty Officer

**JACKSON**, John. Place of Birth: West Bromwich, Birmingham. Number: S 3123. Date of Birth: 14 March 1886. Stoker RNR West Bromwich, Staffs; husband of Sarah Ellen Jackson, of 29, Waverley St., Stockton-on-Tees



**JACKSON**, THOMAS WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1490). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 39 Born 24 January 1874 Date of Enlistment: 27 May 1892 Service No: CH/6620: Son of George J. and Julia Jackson, of 43, Newton Rd., Isleworth, Middlesex.; husband of Ellen E. Jackson, of 45, Warriner Gardens, Battersea, London. Native of Attleborough.

**JAMES**, Alfred. Official Number: 354275. Place of Birth: Chatham, Kent. Date of Birth: 02 September 1877. Stoker

**JAMES**, Percy. Official Number: SS1720. Place of Birth: Stamford Hill, London. Date of Birth: 26 September 1888. Able Seaman

**JAMIESON**, Henry. Official Number: SS102309. Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 22 July 1887. Stoker 1st class.

**JARROLD**, Frederick Arthur Ordinary Seaman, RNVR, 1/296 (Sussex) Aged 20. Son of Alfred & Elizabeth Jane Jarrold of 15, Westbourne Street, Hove.

**JAY**, Christopher. Official Number: 202532. Place of Birth: Norwich, Norfolk. Date of Birth: 23 April 1883. Leading Seaman



**JENNINGS**, WILLIAM Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 31 Born 18 July 1883 Date of Enlistment: 21 July 1903 Service No: CH/13997: Son of Edward Jennings, of Trimley St. Martin, Ipswich, Suffolk; husband of the late Maud Alice Jennings.



**JOHNSON**, WILLIAM GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 26 Born 27 February 1888 Date of Enlistment: 30 April 1906 Service No: CH/15485 Son of George and Ellen Johnson, of Flint Cottage, Worth, Kent.



**JOHNSTON**, William. Official Number: 188608. Place of Birth: Saint Nicholas, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 June 1879. Able Seaman Husband of Mrs. Johnston, of 2 Stewart St., Belfast

**JONES**, Alfred Edward. Official Number: SS100725. Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 22 March 1885. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of the late John and Sarah Jones, of Poplar, London.

**JONES**, John Cecil, Assistant Paymaster, RNR Son of Charles Thomas Jones, of 42, Carlisle Rd., Hove, Sussex. Native of Luton, Bedfordshire Aged 25



**JURY**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/971). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 38 Born 17 April 1877 Date of Enlistment: 19 March 1896 Service No: CH/8886 : Son of John and Jane Jury, of Murston, Sittingbourne; husband of Esther Martha Jury, of 79, Burley Rd., Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent

**KEOHAN**, Patrick Joseph. Place of Birth: Dungarvan, Waterford. Number: WTS 149. Date of Birth: 15 October 1892. Wireless Telegraph Operator Son of Edmond and Ellen Keohan, of 17, Main St., Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

**KERWIN**, Albert. Official Number: SS115602. Place of Birth: Hull, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 15 November 1894. Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> class

**KING**, Nicholas Mainger. Place of Birth: North Shields. Number: U 1640. Date of Birth: 04 April 1876 Stoker, RNR

**KIPPING**, John William. Official Number: 269868. Place of Birth: North Shields, Northumberland. Date of Birth: 21 October 1872 Chief Engine Room Artificer 2 class husband of Ann Kipping, 96 Balmoral Road, Gillingham.

**KIRKBY**, Bertram James. Official Number: 220342. Place of Birth: Hastings, Sussex. Date of Birth: 16 November 1886. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Writer

**LAIRD**, James. Place of Birth: Greenock, Renfrewshire. Number: S 2852. Date of Birth: 26 June 1890 Stoker, RNR Son of John Laird, of 6, Ann St., Greenock, and the late Mary Ferrie Laird.

**LANDELLS**, John Oliver Place of Birth: North Shields, Northumberland. Number: EB 244. Date of Birth: 06 November 1874. age 38, Engine Room Artificer, RNR, son of John Oliver Landells and Rose Landells, of 7 Surrey Street, South Bank – he was an employee of Smiths Dock Company

**LAVERTY**, Daniel. Official Number: SS108512. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 25 March 1891. Stoker 1st Class Son of Jane Lavery, of 13, Ravenscroft St., Connswater, Belfast, and the late James Lavery.

**LAW**, Percy Peacock. Official Number: SS2587. Place of Birth: Accrington, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 18 June 1890. Able Seaman

**LAWRENCE**, Charles Edward. Official Number: SS110970. Place of Birth: Tonbridge, Kent. Date of Birth: 08 April 1893. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**LEE**, Charles. Official Number: 155422. Place of Birth: Bow, London. Date of Birth: 01 March 1870. Stoker Petty Officer



**LEIGH**, Charles. Official Number: 174539. Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 04 October 1877. Petty Officer

**LEIVERS**, John Robinson. Official Number: 229452. Place of Birth: Long Eaton, Derbyshire. Date of Birth: 30 October 1887 Able Seaman



**LEONARD**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 21 Born 25 January 1894 Date of Enlistment: 17 March 1911 Service No: CH/16977 Son of Ann Leonard, of 26, Picton Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, and the late Peter Leonard. Native of South Shields.



**LEWIS, Isaac.** Official Number: SS108181. Place of Birth: Barrow-in-Hulmes. Date of Birth: 16 May 1890. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Isaac and Margaret J Lewis of Ballymacarret, Belfast.

**LEWIS James William.** Official Number: SS102603. Place of Birth: Limehouse, London. Date of Birth: 05 June 1884. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**LEWIS, JOSEPH** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/260). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 21 September 1874 Date of Enlistment: 21 February 1893 Service No: CH/7208

**LIDDELL, Charles.** Official Number: 186862. Place of Birth: Airdrie, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 09 September 1880. Able Seaman

**LINDLEY, Harry.** Official Number: J2174. Place of Birth: Sheffield, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 01 April 1891. Able Seaman,

**LINDSAY, Harry.** Official Number: 169435. Place of Birth: Manchester. Date of Birth: 18 April 1876. Able Seaman attended Harpurhey, Burgess Street Primary School. Son of Robert Fell Lindsay and Annie Lindsay, of Manchester; husband of Ethel Wheeler Lindsay, of 24, Barker St., Harpurhey, Manchester. Served 23, years; joined at the age of 16.



**LOFTS, James.** Official Number: 306070. Place of Birth: Linton, Cambridgeshire. Date of Birth: 12 November 1881. Stoker Petty Officer





**LONSDALE**, David. Official Number: 284049. Place of Birth: Winterton, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 12 October 1875 Stoker Petty Officer

**LOW** Robert Thomas. Official Number: 199042. Place of Birth: Salisbury, Wiltshire. Date of Birth: 02 August 1882. Able Seaman Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Low, of Wiltshire; husband of Wilhelmina Gibson Low, of 104, Dalry Rd., Edinburgh.

**LOWE**, John. Official Number: SS1554. Place of Birth: Westminster, London. Date of Birth: 24 February 1888. Able Seaman Age-28 Sloane Street, Knightsbridge

**LUMSDEN**, William. Official Number: 135850. Place of Birth: South Leith Edinburgh, North Britain. Date of Birth: 11 November 1870 Able Seaman

**LYDALL**, Herbert. Official Number: 285739. Place of Birth: Wembley, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 22 July 1878. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**MACDONALD**, Donald Roy. Date of Birth: 27 September 1888. Rank: Lieutenant. Date of enrolment: 15 May 1903.



**MACKAY**, Walter Edward. Official Number: 174303. Place of Birth: Maidstone, Kent. Date of Birth: 09 June 1872. Stoker Petty Officer

**MAIRS**, Alexander. Official Number: SS101872. Place of Birth: Ballymena, Antrim. Date of Birth: 01 March 1883. Stoker First Class Son of John and Maggie Mairs, of Gracehill, Co. Antrim

**MANN**, Reuben. Official Number: K22131. Place of Birth: Leamington Spa. Date of Birth: 29 November 1893. Stoker 2<sup>nd</sup> class



**MARKHAM**, Allan. Official Number: 295344. Place of Birth: Houghton, Durham. Date of Birth: 19 April 1882. Stoker Petty Officer

**MARLER**, Albert Walter. Service Number: 1/305. RNVR Division: Sussex. Date of Birth: 01 May 1895. Officer's Steward

**MARTIN**, Joseph Edward. Official Number: 152383. Place of Birth: Greenwich. Date of Birth: 18 December 1870. Chief Stoker Age-41 182, Woolwich Road, Charlton



**MASON**, GEORGE Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RFR/B/780). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 40 Born 27 November 1874 Date of Enlistment: 27 September 1892 Service No: CH/7021: Son of George and Ellen Mason; husband of Elizabeth Mason, of 60, Park Grove Rd., Leytonstone, Essex.

**MASON**, William. Official Number: 133388. Place of Birth: Brixton, Surrey. Date of Birth: 30 April 1870. Leading Seaman. His family were living at 8, Tregenna Street, Lambeth in 1901. Their first born would appear to be :- Christening Nellie Maud Mason 14th August 1904 at St Jude's East Brixton, Lambeth, at the time they were living at 183, Railton Road, East Brixton. William's occupation is a Warehouseman. His South Africa medal is inscribed W. Mason, 133388, Leading-Seaman, H.M.S. Powerful. Bars on top, list, Relief of Kimberley, Driefontein, Paardeberg, Modder River, Belmont



**MATTHEWS**, FRANK THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 32 Born 22 October 1883 Date of Enlistment: 11 March 1901 Service No: CH/12178: Son of Joseph George and Martha Matthews, of Bexley Heath, Kent; husband of Mary Matthews, of 10, Seymour Rd., Chatham Hill, Chatham.

**MAXTED**, Thomas. Official Number: SS1474. Place of Birth: Lambeth, London. Date of Birth: 17 July 1888. Able Seaman



**MAY** Edward Thomas. Official Number: 142724. Place of Birth: Woolwich, Kent. Date of Birth: 07 September 1871. Petty Officer (Coast Guard),



**MAY**, JOHN EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1356). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 09 October 1875 Date of Enlistment: 20 June 1895 Service No: CH/8452



**McALLISTER**, Andrew. Official Number: SS103005. Place of Birth: Carrickfergus, Antrim. Date of Birth: 01 September 1887 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Husband of Susan McAllister, of Patterson's Row, Woodburn, Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim



**McCAUGHERTY**, David. Official Number: 176815. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 11 May 1877. Able Seaman Awarded East and West Africa medal (Benin expedition). Served in the South African War. Son of William McCaugherty of Belfast; husband of Martha McCaugherty, of 30, Hurst St., Belfast.



**McCOMB**, Hugh. Official Number: SS100505. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 22 January 1886. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class He was married to Dorothea 4 Canada Street, Dorothy died a few months after Hugh went down

**McEVOY**, Patrick. Official Number: 285115. Place of Birth: Dechomet, Down. Date of Birth: 18 March 1878. Leading Stoker Son of Edward and Mary Ann McEvoy, of Dechomet; husband of Rose Ann McEvoy, of Dechomet, Ballyward, Banbridge, Co. Down



**McFARLANE**, William. Official Number: SS108637. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 08 April 1890. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William and Sarah McFarlane, of 24, Fifth St., Belfast

**McGINLEY**, Hugh. Official Number: SS105931. Place of Birth: Inch Island, Donegal. Date of Birth: 07 November 1888. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John and Mary Ann McGinley, of Castlequarter, Inch Island, Co. Donegal.



**McGREGOR**, David John. Date of Birth: 07 July 1874. Rank: Engineer Lieutenant. Date of enrolment: 25 June 1896.

**McKEE**, James. Official Number: 224740. Place of Birth: Glasgow, Lanarkshire. Date of Birth: 13 January 1887. Signaller

**McLEOD**, Duncan. Official Number: 201449. Place of Birth: Wigtown. Date of Birth: 04 May 1883. Leading Seaman



**McNALLY**, James. Official Number: SS107103. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 24 December 1889. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Joseph and Elizabeth McNally, of Belfast

**McNAMARA**, James. Official Number: 196451. Place of Birth: Saint Buryan, Cornwall. Date of Birth: 29 January 1881. Able Seaman



**McNEALE**, Frank Hansford. Official Number: 233305. Place of Birth: Westminster, London. Date of Birth: 15 January 1889. Petty Officer Telegraphist, 1889. A Cashier at the Army and Navy Stores, he enlisted into the Royal Navy as a Boy 2nd Class in January 1905. Rising in rank to Able Seaman in February 1907, he was ranked as a Telegraphist in January 1908 when serving on the Attentive. Ranked as Acting Leading Telegraphist in November 1910, he was confirmed in that rank in February 1911. As such he served on the Perseus, April 1911-May 1913, participating in the actions in the Persian Gulf. On 6 August 1914, with

the onset of war, McNeale joined the protected cruiser Hawke. On 15 October 1914. His medals were Naval General Service 1915-62, 1 clasp, Persian Gulf 1909-1914 (233305 Lg. Tel., H.M.S. Perseus); 1914-15 Star (2333305 P.O. Tel., R.N.); British War and Victory Medals

**McNEALY**, Matthew. Official Number: 281510. Place of Birth: Paisley, Renfrewshire. Date of Birth: 02 January 1877. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Matthew and Jane McNealy; husband of Sarah Frances McNealy, of 25, Randolph Rd., Gillingham, Kent. Native of Scotland.

**MEHEUX**, George Thomas Shelton. Official Number: 233279. Place of Birth: Chiswick, London. Date of Birth: 10 September 1888. Leading Seaman

**MICKELS**, Thomas Edward. Official Number: M2159. Place of Birth: Blackrock, Cork. Date of Birth: 28 June 1894 Ship's Steward Assistant Age-20 Lived at 15, Hill Court Road, East Dulwich

**MILLETT**, Frederick. Place of Birth: South Shields. Number: T 3024. Date of Birth: 26 April 1885. Stoker, RNR Son of Frederick William Millett, of South Shields, and the late Sarah Ann Millett; husband of Ethel Millett, of 3, Garden St., South Shields



**MILLS**, John. Official Number: SS106665. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 11 January 1890. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class Husband of Mary Mills, of 26, Coolderry St., Donegall Rd., Belfast



**MINTON**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 15 March 1881 Date of Enlistment: 14 August 1900 Service No: CH/11718



**MOLLOY**, Charles. Official Number: 171847. Place of Birth: Drumragh, Tyrone. Date of Birth: 20 July 1877. Chief Petty Officer



**MOORE, ALFRED** Lance Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry

H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 32 Born 22 September 1880 Date of Enlistment: 22 May 1898 Service No: CH/10271: Son of George Moore (late R.M.L.I.), of Rochester, Kent; husband of Emma Annie Moore, of 214, Castle Rd., Chatham. Awarded China Medal 1900.



**MOORE, Frederick.** Official Number: 177856. Place of Birth: Brighton, Sussex. Date of Birth: 16 August 1878. Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> class

**MORIATY, Thomas.** Official Number: 204033. Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 06 November 1883. Able Seaman

**MORRIS, James.** Official Number: 279187. Place of Birth: Broadbridge, Midlothian. Date of Birth: 24 December 1875. Ship's Corporal 1<sup>st</sup> class

**MORRISON, Herbert Henry.** Official Number: 176230. Place of Birth: Wandsworth, London. Date of Birth: 01 December 1877 Able Seaman Age-37

**MORRISON, William,** Stoker, RNR, T 1981 Place of Birth: West Hartlepool. Date of Birth: 30 April 1877

**MOSS, Percy** Forester, Canteen Manager, Admiralty civilian: Native of Fareham, Hants

**MOUNTAIN, George.** Official Number: 306050. Place of Birth: Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 13 September 1885 age 30, Leading Stoker, RN, 3 Thomas Street, Craghead

**MOXEY, Charles George.** Official Number: SS1043. Place of Birth: Shoreditch, London. Date of Birth: 26 October 1886 Able Seaman Lived at 30 Vivian Road Bethnal Green.

**MUIR, George Chalmers.** Official Number: 285210. Place of Birth: West Calder Linlithgow. Date of Birth: 02 November 1877. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**MULLEN**, Edward. Official Number: SS106287. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 14 February 1888. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William and Jane Mullen, of 76, Sugarfield St., Belfast

**MULLOY**, John Thomas. Official Number: 204138. Place of Birth: Newchurch, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 29 October 1883. Signalman

**MUMFORD**, George. Official Number: L4183. Place of Birth: Cheshunt, Hertfordshire. Date of Birth: 04 September 1890. Officer's Cook 2<sup>nd</sup> class

**MUNRO**, Roderick. Official Number: M4519. Place of Birth: Inverness. Date of Birth: 22 June 1887. Engine Room Artificer 4th Class Age: 27 Service No: M/4519: Son of William and Isabella Munro, of 15, Railway Terrace, Inverness

**MURPHY**, John Francis. Official Number: 347632. Place of Birth: Saint Finnbarrs, Cork. Date of Birth: 28 February 1888. Ship's Cook Son of John Francis and Kathleen Murphy, of 25, Sullivan's Quay, Cork; husband of Mabel Murphy, of 77, St. Thomas's Rd., West Hill, Hastings

**MURRAY**, Alexander. Place of Birth: Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. Number: S 2883. Date of Birth: 25 March 1892. Stoker Son of William & Ann J Murray, 8 Lily Terrace, West Rd; Peterhead.

**MURRAY**, George. Service Number: 1/42. RNVr Division: Clyde Leading Carpenter's Crew Son of George Lunan Murray & Helen Watson McLaren Murray, 10 Roslin Terrace, Dundee

**NAYLOR**, Clarence Edgar. Official Number: 209926. Place of Birth: Islington, London. Date of Birth: 12 April 1884. Able Seaman Age-29 41, Queen's Road, Bowes Park

**NEILL**, John Thomas. Official Number: 171483. Place of Birth: Tranent Haddington. Date of Birth: 06 April 1877. Petty Officer

**NEWBURY**, William John. Official Number: 165257. Place of Birth: Sandown, Isle of Wight. Date of Birth: 04 June 1872. Chief Ship's Cook. He was the son of John Newbury and Sarah Miriam Newbury née Pitman. At the start of the First World War William Newbury was a naval pensioner and was called up for active service.





**NEWMAN, HENRY** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 39 Born 16 December 1873 Date of Enlistment: 16 May 1892 Service No: PO/6325 Son of Robert and Sarah Newman; husband of Nellie Newman, of 40, Rossetti Buildings, Millbank Estate, Westminster, London.

**NEWMAN, Samuel.** Place of Birth: Newcastle on Tyne. Number: S 1706. Date of Birth: 29 May 1890 Stoker Son of the late Simon and Jessie Newman, of 3, Castle Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne.



**NEWPORT, WILLIAM JAMES** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 32 Born 11 June 1882 Service No: CH/13141 Son of Martha Newport, of Beyton, Bury St. Edmund's, and the late James E. Newport.

**NEWTON, George Henry.** Official Number: SS968. Place of Birth: Thame, Oxfordshire. Able Seaman. Crew member HMS Hawke. Both his parents Caleb and Sarah had been born in Long Crendon, as had all of George's six surviving siblings. George gives his date of birth as 8th July 1884 when he joins the Navy on a "Short Service" enlistment on 30th June 1905 as a/b SS968. George serves on the Swiftsure, Pembroke, Cressy and the Endymion before he is transferred to the RFR on 1st July 1910. His whereabouts between then and the outbreak of War are not known, nor is his connection to Mitcham, as stated by the CWGC. He is posted to HMS Hawke on 7th August 1914. George Harry Newton's name appears on the Chatham Naval Memorial, and as "Newton G.H." on the Mitcham War Memorial.

**NICKLIN, George.** Official Number: 342117. Place of Birth: Droitwich, Worcestershire. Date of Birth: 27 May 1876. Acting Chief Armourer Son of Henry Nicklin and S. Nicklin, of 81, Friar St., Droitwich, Worcestershire.

**NUNN, Arthur William.** Official Number: 228989. Place of Birth: Burgate, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 24 October 1887. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**OAKLEY, George Howard.** Official Number: 222020. Place of Birth: Saint Albans, Hertfordshire. Date of Birth: 16 July 1885 Able Seaman



**OSBEN, GEORGE THOMAS** (Service record spells name OSBER) Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1854). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 32 Born 01 January 1882 Date of Enlistment: 31 October 1900 Service No: CH/11918: Son of James Osben, of Wood St.,

Princes Rd., Lambeth, London; husband of Florence May Osben, of 33, Corunna Rd., New Rd., Battersea, London. Twelve years' service and 2 years on reserve.

**OSMOND**, Ernest Herbert. Official Number: 340821. Place of Birth: Salisbury, Wiltshire. Date of Birth: 11 March 1870. Blacksmith Pensioner. Son of William and Susan Osmond, of Salisbury, Wiltshire; husband of Eliza Osmond, of 40, Stewart Rd., Boumemouth, Dorset,

**PADDOCK**, George Wilmot. Official Number: SS109803. Place of Birth: Birkenhead, Cheshire. Date of Birth: 03 October 1885 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class. Husband of Margaret L. Fraser (formerly Paddock), of 685, Bidder St., Liverpool. Native of Liverpool.

**PAGE**, Alfred. Official Number: 198471. Place of Birth: Saint Pancras, London. Date of Birth: 16 July 1882 Leading Seaman

**PANTLAND**, Robert William. Official Number: 118003. Place of Birth: London. Date of Birth: 27 February 1860. Chief Engine Room Artificer Pensioner. Age-53 Lived at 40, Jedburgh Road, Plaistow



**PARKER**, Charles William Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1944). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 30 Born 18 March 1883 Date of Enlistment: 09 September 1901 Killed in action Service No: CH/12829: Son of Joseph Parker, of 60, Rahere St., Goswell Rd., London, and the late Elizabeth Parker. Awarded Messina Medal.

**PARR**, Arthur. Official Number: 287527. Place of Birth: Charlton, Kent. Date of Birth: 01 March 1878. Leading Stoker Age-35 622, Woolwich Road, Charlton

**PAVITT**, Stephen Arthur. Official Number: K1010. Place of Birth: Bishop Stortford, Hertfordshire. Date of Birth: 01 January 1890. Aged 24. Son of Stephen and Rosetta Pavitt, of 44, Barrells Down Rd., Bishop's Stortford, Herts Stoker.

**PAYNE**, Ernest Alfred. Official Number: 290191. Place of Birth: Bermondsey, London. Date of Birth: 27 September 1875. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**PAYNE**, John Henry. Official Number: 214259. Place of Birth: Dover, Kent. Date of Birth: 15 August 1885. Able Seaman

**PEELING**, Harold Courtland. Official Number: 365838. Place of Birth: Peckham, London. Date of Birth: 28 December 1889 Officer's Cook 1<sup>st</sup> class



**PENFOLD**, George Henry. Official Number: 164841. Place of Birth: Southborough, Kent. Date of Birth: 02 January 1877 Act/Chief Petty Officer Age 37. Son of George Penfold of Southborough Kent; husband of Kathleen Agate Penfold of Station House Bearsted Maidstone



**PHILLIPS**, HARRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1672). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 25 January 1878 Date of Enlistment: 19 September 1898 Service No: CH/10503



**PHILLIPSON**, Albert. Official Number: 174277. Place of Birth: Horncastle, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 25 November 1872. Stoker Petty Officer

**PHIPPS**, William Hewett. Official Number: 291888. Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 28 March 1881. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John Alexander and Helen Phipps, of Liverpool



**PICKBURN**, FRANK Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 25 Born 14 April 1888 Date of Enlistment: 03 March 1906 Killed in action Service No: CH/15391: Son of Mary Pickburn, of 20, Derwent Terrace, Sherwood, Notts.

**PICKERSGILL**, Albert Edward. Official Number: 294295. Place of Birth: Normanton, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 06 November 1876 2nd Cooper Son of Joseph and Mary Ann Pickersgill of Woodhouse; husband of Mary Pickersgill of 55 Institution St. Woodhouse Leeds.



**PLUMB**, ARTHUR EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1124). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 33 Born 07 April 1879 Date of Enlistment: 16 November 1896 Service No: CH/9435 Son of Thomas Plumb, of Bethnal Green, London; husband of Mary Elizabeth Plumb, of 49, Invicta Rd., Stone, Dartford.

**POPE**, Frederick William. Official Number: SS111165. Place of Birth: Hanworth, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 14 July 1891 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of H. R. and M. Pope, of 2, High St., Hanworth, Middlesex

**PORT**, Harry. Official Number: 191709. Place of Birth: Herne Bay, Kent. Date of Birth: 30 May 1880. Able Seaman



**PORTWAINE**, HARRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 22 Born 23 February 1893 Date of Enlistment: 02 April 1910 Service No: CH/16678: Son of Charles and Caroline Portwaine, of 4, Price's Buildings, Newcomen St., Southwark, London.



**POWER**, Joyce. Official Number: 308879. Place of Birth: Ballymena, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 April 1883. Leading Stoker Son of Mr. and Mrs. William Power, of Ahoghill, Co. Antrim; husband of Maggie Power, of Waring St., Ballymena.



**PRATT-BARLOW**, Bernhard Alexander. Date of Birth: 12 September 1874. Rank: Commander. Date of enrolment: 15 July 1889.

**PRATTEN**, Herbert. Official Number: 284931. Place of Birth: Coleford, Somerset. Date of Birth: 12 August 1877. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**PRICE**, Alfred. Official Number: 133963. Place of Birth: Murston, Sittingbourne, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 February 1870 2nd Yeoman of Signals

**PROCTOR**, Midgley. Official Number: 163930. Place of Birth: Leeds, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 28 March 1876. Able Seaman Age 39. Son of George and Elizabeth Proctor of Bramley Leeds; husband of Sarah Elizabeth Proctor of 11 Park Avenue Hyde Park Rd. Leeds

**PURDY**, Richard. Official Number: SS104630. Place of Birth: Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 11 December 1886. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**PURNELL**, Frederick David. Official Number: 183408. Place of Birth: Croydon, Surrey. Date of Birth: 23 February 1880 Able Seaman



**Quogan, Victor William.** Place of Birth: South Shields Son of the late Simon and Jessie Newman, of 3, Castle Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Son of the late Simon and Jessie Newman, of 3, Castle Square, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Service Number: U 1368. Date of Birth: 24 April 1879. Stoker Age 34. Son of the late Samuel and Johanna Quogan of 102 Palmerston St. South Shields; husband of Margaret Quogan of 65 Hudson St. Tyne Dock South Shields

**RAINES, Frederick Charles.** Official Number: 296016. Place of Birth: Faversham, Kent. Date of Birth: 09 March 1882 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class

**RALPH, Frederick George.** Official Number: 296311. Place of Birth: Headcorn, Kent. Date of Birth: 18 March 1881. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class aged 34 years. Son of George and Sarah Ralph of East End, Headcorn, Kent. Husband of Harriet Elizabeth Dunster (formerly Ralph) of Park Bungalow, Appledore, Kent.

**RAVEN, John Robert.** Official Number: 184171. Place of Birth: Enfield, Middlesex. Date of Birth: 28 December 1878 Able Seaman Age-36 Son of Henry and Susan Raven of Chelsea; husband of Edith Raven of 27E Sutton Dwellings Chelsea London. Served in the South African War.

**RAYNER, Charles Alfred.** Official Number: SS1083. Place of Birth: Mildenhall, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 05 June 1887 Able Seaman He was the son of Charles and Alice RAYNER (nee NEAL). 1901 census: Aged 14. Charles was a shepherd's boy, living with his parents at Webb's Lane, Hockwold

**READ, Frederick William George,** Canteen Assistant, Admiralty civilian

**READER, Henry Frank.** Official Number: 186352. Place of Birth: Northampton. Date of Birth: 06 April 1880. Able Seaman

**REID, George.** Official Number: 184847. Place of Birth: Forfar. Date of Birth: 12 October 1878. Able Seaman

**RICHARDSON**, Herbert James. Official Number: 184244. Place of Birth: Chipping Ongar, Essex. Date of Birth: 02 September 1879 Able Seaman Age 35. Son of Isaac and Charlotte Richardson of Ongar Essex; husband of Maud Mary Richardson of Metfield Harleston Norfolk



**RICHES**, Robert James. Official Number: 173426. Place of Birth: Yarmouth, Norfolk. Date of Birth: 01 May 1878. Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Robert and Helen Riches of Gorleston on sea Robert Riches was 35.

**RIPPER**, Thomas William Official Number: SS109685. Place of Birth: Saxmundham, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 10 March 1891. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**ROBBINS**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RFR/B/1114). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 19 June 1878 Date of Enlistment: 16 August 1897 Service No: CH/9916 Son of R. W. S. and M. Robbins, of Jamaica Rd., Bermondsey, London; husband of Leonie Emily Robbins, of 7, Alma Rd., Southwark Park Rd., London. Native of London.

**ROBERTS**, Clifford Edward. Official Number: 271333. Place of Birth: Sheerness, Kent. Date of Birth: 11 November 1887 Engine Room Artificer 3<sup>rd</sup> class Age 26. Son of Mrs. K. Roberts of 180 High St. Mile Town Sheerness and the late John Roberts (Schoolmaster R.N.). Served 10 1/2 years in the R.N. joining as a boy artificer.

**ROBERTS**, Herbert Edwin. Official Number: SS102749. Place of Birth: Wouldham, Kent. Date of Birth: 28 September 1883. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Ellen Norris and step-son of Henry Norris. At the time of the 1901 census, the Norris/Pentecost family resided at Ferry Lane, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. Head of the house was 51 year old Wouldham native Henry Norris, who was employed as a Corn Merchants Carter. The then 18 year old Herbert was recorded by the census enumerator as being employed as a Chalk Works, Loco Engine Stoker

**ROBINSON** Albert Venis. Place of Birth: Stockton, Durham. Number: EA 862. Date of Birth: 14 January 1886. Engine Room Artificer, RNR. Age 28. Son of John William and Hannah M. Robinson of Stockton-on-Tees; husband of Jeannie Clarke (formerly Robinson) of 30 William St. Stockton-on-Tees.



**ROBINSON**, Ernest, Lieutenant, RNR Age 34. Son of John Lovell Robinson and Louisa Aveline Robinson of Devon Lodge Monksgate Horsham; husband of Margarite Robinson. Previously employed as 2<sup>nd</sup> officer by P. and O. Company. Ernest Robinson had a

seniority date of 27 December 1897 as a Midshipman RNR and his seniority date as a Lieutenant RNR was 11 August 1912. He was the elder brother Eric Robinson VC



**ROSS**, George Charles Cumberland, Staff Surgeon Birth: 1874 County Galway, Ireland Aged 40 Son of Dr. George Cumberland Ross and his first wife Annie Elizabeth Jackson Greene Ross



**ROSS**, William James. Official Number: SS2905. Place of Birth: Belfast, Down. Date of Birth: 19 January 1891. Able Seaman Son of Robert and Sarah Ross, of 234, Gt. Newtownards Rd., Belfast. He is pictured with stoker Edward Mullen



**ROUST**, Josiah Robert. Official Number: 307023. Place of Birth: Bermondsey, London. Date of Birth: 08 February 1886 Stoker Petty Officer. Age 28. Nephew of G. H. Blake of 80 Vicarage Rd. Leyton Essex

**SAINSBURY**, Charles William, Carpenter Official Number: 342674. Place of Birth: New Brompton, Kent. Date of Birth: 02 December 1879 Husband of Annie Sainsbury Died age 34

**SANSOME**, Arthur. Official Number: 210412. Place of Birth: Salford, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 05 February 1885. Able Seaman

**SAUNDERS**, Robert Edward Official Number: 193887 Place of Birth: Mitcham, Surrey Date of Birth: 11 April 1880 Leading Seaman Age 34. Son of John and Harriett Saunders; husband of Annie Elizabeth Saunders of 1 Belmont Terrace Westgate-on-Sea Kent



**SAVIN**, THOMAS Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 04 June 1885 Date of Enlistment: 04 April 1903 Service No: CH/13859





**SAWYER, Thomas Henry.** Official Number: 150159. Place of Birth: Barnsbury, London. Date of Birth: 15 July 1876. Master at Arms Age 38. Son of Samuel Sawyer of Peckham London; husband of Edith Helen Sawyer of 109 Upper Milton Rd. Gillingham Kent. Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. Awarded East and West Africa Medal (Benin Expedition)

**SCHMIDT, Henry.** Official Number: M1936. Place of Birth: Bloomsbury, London. Date of Birth: 27 August 1886 Carpenter's Crew Age 27. Son of O. W. H. Schmidt; husband of Mary Anne Schmidt of 49 Bowen Rd. Harrow. Native of London

**SCULLY, Charles Richard.** Official Number: 345433. Place of Birth: Toronto, Canada. Date of Birth: 04 June 1884 Engine Room Artificer 3<sup>rd</sup> class



**SEAGER, Thomas Frederick** Official Number: 294712. Place of Birth: Gillingham, Kent. Date of Birth: 14 July 1880. Stoker Petty Officer Age 33. Son of the late William and Elizabeth Seager of Gillingham Kent



**SECKER, GEORGE VANE** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 11 June 1892 Date of Enlistment: 19 April 1911 Service No: CH/17010

**SEELEY, William Alfred.** Official Number: K13408. Place of Birth: Wickford, Essex. Date of Birth: 10 May 1891. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Age 23. Son of Mr. A. and Mrs. E. Seeley of 57 Waddington St. Stratford London. Native of Plaistow London.



**SEFTON, Thomas Henry.** Official Number: SS103314. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 29 April 1888. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**SEWELL, THOMAS** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 28  
Born 25 October 1885 Date of Enlistment: 04 September 1905 Service No: CH/15140 Son of  
John Sewell, of 84, South St., Carlisle, and the late Susannah Sewell.



**SHOTTON, Rowlandson Hardy.** Official Number: 203871. Place of Birth:  
Sunderland, Durham. Date of Birth: 02 April 1882 Leading Seaman. Prior to the war he had  
been a police constable with the river police on the Wear

**SILVESTER, John.** Official Number: 191889. Place of Birth: Ashford, London. Date of Birth: 25  
October 1880. Able Seaman: Age 34. Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Silvester of The Grove  
Ashford Staines Middlesex

**SIMMS, Alfred.** Official Number: K11783. Place of Birth: Bedford, Bedfordshire. Date of  
Birth: 31 December 1892. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**SIMPSON, Hubert Zeph.** Rank: Sub-Lieutenant. Number: 001566. Place of Birth:  
Herne Hill, Surrey. Date of Birth: 20 November 1880. Age 33. Son of Lucy Eva Simpson of 61  
Grosvenor Rd. Westminster London and the late Zephaniah Simpson. Native of Herne Hill  
London. He attended Dulwich College. Subsequently was in the Mercantile Marine with the  
Shaw Saville Line Joined RNR as midshipman in 1907.

**SLATER, David.** Place of Birth: South Shields. Number: U 1354. Date of Birth: 02 March 1879.  
Stoker, RNR Age 35. Son of David and Eleanor Slater of South Shields Durham; husband of  
Maggie Slater of 157 South Frederick St. South Shields Co. Durham.



**SLESSER, WILLIAM** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1997). H.M.S.  
"Hawke." Age: 28 Born 06 February 1884 Date of Enlistment: 21 May 1901 Service No:  
CH/12370: Brother of Mrs. E. Cherry, of 15, Hatfield Rd., Stratford, London.

**SLINEY**, Richard. Official Number: 179858. Place of Birth: Cloyne, Cork. Date of Birth: 17 December 1869. 179858 Leading Seaman Son of John and Hannah Sliney (nee Shea), of Ballycotton, Co. Cork; husband of Hannah Maria Sliney (nee O'Keeffe)

**SMITH**, Albert Edward. Official Number: J1624. Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 06 March 1892. Telegraphist, He was the son of Albert Edward & Anne Ellen Smith, The Cottage, Smeeton Westerby

**SMITH**, Arthur. Place of Birth: Leeds, Yorkshire. Number: S 3016. Date of Birth: 23 November 1887 Stoker, RNR,

**SMITH**, Charles Joseph. Official Number: M5491. Place of Birth: Canning Town, London. Date of Birth: 03 January 1895 Plumber's Mate Age 20. Son of Mary Ann Smith of 131 Howards Rd. Barking Essex and the late Charles Smith



**SMITH**, CHARLES KINGSLEY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 28 Born 03 April 1884 Date of Enlistment: 11 June 1901 Service No: CH/12461 Son of Frederick Smith, of 137, Malvern Rd., West Kilburn, London.



**SMITH**, EDWARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 33 Born 01 June 1881 Date of Enlistment: 19 September 1898 Service No: CH/10510: Son of Leonard and Emma J. Smith, of 24, Wells St., Ipswich, Suffolk. Native of Upton, Norfolk

**SMITH**, Frank. Official Number: 202637. Place of Birth: Stanstead, Hertfordshire. Date of Birth: 25 January 1883. Able Seaman Age 31. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith of 69 Lansdowne Rd. Victoria Docks Tidal Basin; husband of Maud May Pascoe (formerly Smith) of 30 Yew-tree Rd. Beckenham Kent



**SMITH**, JAMES ALFRED Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/843). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 22 April 1875 Date of Enlistment: 22 September 1892 Service No: CH/7094

**SMITH**, Robert. Official Number: SS102811. Place of Birth: Brechin Forfar. Date of Birth: 26 September 1887. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Age 27. Son of the late William and Elizabeth Low Smith of Brechin

**SMITH**, Robert. Place of Birth: Hartlepool, Durham. Number: T 2922. Date of Birth: 17 May 1888 Stoker 1st class Age 26. Son of Hugh and Mary Hannah Smith of 20 Sarah St. Belle Vue West Hartlepool

**SMITH**, Walter Palmer. Place of Birth: South Shields. Number: T 2168. Date of Birth: 05 November 1874. Stoker, RNR Age 40. Son of Walter Palmer Smith and Martha Smith; husband of the late Mary Ann Smith



**SMYTH**, John. Official Number: SS104254. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 06 June 1888. Stoker 1st class



**SNARE**, Albert. Official Number: 125421. Place of Birth: Gravesend, Kent. Date of Birth: 01 November 1865. Stoker Petty Officer

**SPARKS**, Harry Robert. Official Number: SS104457. Place of Birth: Portsmouth, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 25 October 1887 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**SPOONER**, WILLIAM CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 24 Born 22 June 1890 Date of Enlistment: 04 April 1908 Service No: CH/16147: Son of Mrs. M. F. Spooner, of The Lodge, Hurtmore, Godalming, Surrey.

**STANLEY**, George Thomas. Official Number: M2392. Place of Birth: Woolwich, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 June 1892 Sick Berth Attendant Age-22 Lived at 26, Ripon Road, Plumstead

**STEVENS**, Fred. Official Number: SS101839. Place of Birth: Wouldham, Kent. Date of Birth: 26 June 1885. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of Uriah and Hannah Stevens, of Wouldham; husband of Florence Martha Stevens, of Forge House, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent

**STEVENS**, John. Official Number: SS101670. Place of Birth: Wouldham, Kent. Date of Birth: 18 July 1887. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Born Wouldham, Rochester, Kent 18 July 1887. Son of Stephen and Ann Stevens. Husband of Clara Jane Stevens (née Gill) of The Old Rectory, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent.

**STONEMAN**, Henry Charles Bryant. Official Number: 145536. Place of Birth: Chelsea, Isle of Wight. Date of Birth: 30 October 1868 Carpenter's Mate (Pensioner),

**SULLIVAN**, Bartholomew. Official Number: M4733. Place of Birth: Queenstown, Cork. Date of Birth: 07 June 1890. Engine Room Artificer 4<sup>th</sup> class

**SUTHERLAND**, George Lacey. Official Number: SS1329. Place of Birth: Gravesend, Kent. Date of Birth: 04 March 1887. Able Seaman

**SYMONS**, Alfred Albert. Official Number: K11325. Place of Birth: Battersea, London. Date of Birth: 03 May 1892 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Age-22 Son of Louisa Symons, of 175, Church Rd., Battersea, London

**SYMONS**, William. Official Number: 203642. Place of Birth: Barton on Humber, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 22 July 1881 Leading Seaman



**TAYLOR**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 29 Born 20 August 1884 Date of Enlistment: 30 September 1902 Service No: CH/13522: Son of Tom and Mary Ann Taylor, of 40, Rawlings St., Chelsea, London. Pre-war Marine, had just signed on for second period of service at outbreak of war.



**THAKE**, WILLIAM Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 33 Born 19 December 1882 Date of Enlistment: 21 August 1901 Service No: CH/12817: Son of Joseph and Fanny Thake, of Water Lane, Radwinter, Saffron Walden, Essex.

**THOMAS**, John Arloe Edward. Official Number: 345555. Place of Birth: Larne, Carmarthenshire. Date of Birth: 27 August 1880 Leading Carpenter's Mate Son of Charles Henry and Martha Anne Thomas, of 17, St. Thomas Green, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.



STOKER ARCHER  
THOMPSON,  
5 Tentonic Street,  
Belfast.

**THOMPSON**, Archer. Official Number: SS104956. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 07 July 1888. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**THOMPSON**, WILLIAM JOHN HENRY Corporal Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 23 Born 20 July 1891 Date of Enlistment: 11 July 1906 Killed Service No: CH/15133: Son of Henry William and Emily Florence Thompson, of 20, Bright Rd.,



**THRUSH**, George. Official Number: 164113. Place of Birth: Limehouse, London. Date of Birth: 25 November 1872. Stoker Petty Officer Husband of Martha Thrush, of 210, Acton Lane, Chiswick, London

**THURLEY**, Ansell Gifford. Official Number: M2565. Place of Birth: Westgate on Sea, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 December 1891 Armourer's Crew Son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ann Thurley, of "Glenroyd," Leslie Avenue, Garlinge, Margate. Native of Westgate-on-Sea.

**TIMMINGS**, Edward Albert John. Official Number: M4098. Place of Birth: Chiswick, London. Date of Birth: 01 December 1890 Electrical Artificer 4<sup>th</sup> class Son of Rebecca Timmings, of 80, Fielding Rd., Bedford Park, Chiswick, London.



**TIMMINS**, William. Official Number: 187758. Place of Birth: Earsdon, Northumberland. Date of Birth: 08 September 1879 Petty Officer Son of James and Jennie Timmins, of Backwork, Northumberland; husband of Frances Timmins. Awarded China Medal 1900.



**TOLHURST**, Walter. Official Number: 157015. Place of Birth: Thurnham near Maidstone. Date of Birth: 29 December 1870 Chief Stoker

**TRAYNOR**, Thomas. Place of Birth: Glasgow. Number: S 2922. Date of Birth: 04 October 1889 Stoker, RNR

**TRUEMAN**, George. Official Number: 292872. Place of Birth: Knottingley, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 18 September 1879 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of George and Harriet Trueman, of Knottingley; husband of Alice Trueman, of Primrose Hill, Knottingley, Yorks.

**TUCKER**, George Joseph. Official Number: 308124. Place of Birth: Paddington, London. Date of Birth: 07 January 1886. Leading Stoker Son of Annie Tucker, of 24, Victoria Place,

Bayswater, London; husband of Mary King (formerly Tucker), of 2, Dixon St., Levenshulme, Manchester.



**TULLY, David.** Official Number: SS107383. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 March 1889. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of George and Susannah Tully, of Belfast

**UNWIN, Robert Henry.** Official Number: 164358. Place of Birth: Bermondsey, Surrey. Date of Birth: 04 March 1876. Leading Signalman

**UPFOLD, William Henry.** Official Number: 353621. Place of Birth: Sculcoates, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 17 February 1876 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of William Henry and Maria Upfold, of Hull; husband of Agnes Jane McMullen (formerly Upfold), of 4, Southcoates Lane, Hull.



**UPRICHARD, Charles Edward.** Official Number: SS108911. Place of Birth: Lurgan, Antrim. Date of Birth: 26 June 1891 Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of John and Elizabeth Uprichard, of 12, Rosebank St., Belfast



**VERCO, WALTER JOHN** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/930). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 09 May 1880 Date of Enlistment: 06 December 1898 Service No: CH/10669



**VIGUS, ROBERT EDWARD** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1070). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 19 September 1874 Date of Enlistment: 15 August 1893 Service No: CH/8507





**VINE, RICHARD** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1552). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 23 August 1879 Date of Enlistment: 18 May 1897 Service No: CH/9739

**WAGLAND, Isaac William.** Official Number: 186631. Place of Birth: Wrotham, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 October 1879 Able Seaman Son of Isaac and Annie Wagland, of Wrotham, Kent; husband of Priscilla Barber (formerly Wagland), of 155, Hackney Rd., London.

**WAITE, Charles William.** Official Number: 160682. Place of Birth: Louth, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 03 July 1875. 2nd Yeoman of Signals He had been a member of London's Fire Brigade

**WALKER, Edward Henry.** Official Number: 163583. Place of Birth: Shorne, Kent. Date of Birth: 09 May 1875. , Able Seaman, Son of Anthony and Harriett Walker, of Cobham, Kent; husband of the late Gertrude Alice Walker. 23 years' service.



**WALTON, GEORGE WILLIAM** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/155). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 40 Born 01 August 1874 Date of Enlistment: 01 February 1895 Service No: CH/8670 Additional information: Son of Benjamin Walton, of Whittlesea, Cambs; husband of Alice Walton, of 9, Bedford Rd., Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.



**WAND, THOMAS EDWARD** Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1357). H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 04 October 1877 Date of Enlistment: 09 July 1895 Service No: CH/8521



**WARING, Ruric Henry.** Date of Birth: 16 August 1879. Rank: Lieutenant Commander. Date of enrolment: 15 July 1893 Son of Thomas and Fanny Waring, of Waringstown, Co. Down.

**WASSON, Henry.** Official Number: SS103313. Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 30 May 1884. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class



**WATSON, James Henry Digby MB**

CHB RN Surgeon He was born at Southsea on the 31st of August 1890, the son of Engineer Captain James Herbert Watson RN and Mrs E.V. Watson of 'Westwood', Helensburgh, Scotland.

He was educated at Junior King's from September 1899 and the King's School Canterbury from January 1904 to April 1906, playing for the Rugby XV in 1905. He then moved to Scotland where he completed his education at Edinburgh Academy from 1906 to 1908, playing rugby for the First XV at centre and winning the high jump in each of the years he was there. At the Academy he acquired the nickname of "Bunjy" by asking for a rubber in the usual slang of King's which was unheard of in Edinburgh.

He then proceeded to Edinburgh University from 1908 to 1913 to study medicine. In 1913 he achieved MB and ChB and played for the University First XV, as well as winning the University Middleweight Boxing Championship and representing Scotland against Ireland at the long jump in 1912 which he won with a jump of 22 feet, 9 and half inches.

He joined Edinburgh Academicals Club as a centre three-quarter and became their captain in 1912/13. At Christmas 1911 he was invited to tour Wales with the Barbarians at Christmas 1911 in which they lost both matches. He was played with them again against Leicester on the 30th of December 1912 losing by 15 points to 11. He was selected as a reserve centre for Scotland in 1912/13 but was never capped. In 1913 he toured again with the Barbarians on their Easter tour of Wales but again lost both matches.

He moved to London to complete his medical studies and played rugby for both Blackheath and the London Hospital. On the 6th of December 1913 he represented the South of England. In early 1914 he was selected by England at centre and made his debut at Twickenham against Wales on the 27th of January which England won by 10 points to 9. He was selected for the following match, against Ireland on February the 14th, but missed it due to an injury he picked up playing for Blackheath against Liverpool. He next appeared against Scotland at Inverleith on the 21st of March which England won by 16 points to 15. On April the 13th he played for England for the last time scoring a try in the 39 point to 13 victory at Stade de Colombes and clinching England's second successive Grand Slam.

In August 1914 he was appointed a Surgeon in the Royal Navy and was posted to HMS Hawke.

**WATT**, George Humphill. Official Number: 220630. Place of Birth: Aberdeen. Date of Birth: 12 November 1886. Able Seaman Son of Jessie Macpherson Watt, of Dashwood House, Alford, Aberdeen, and of the late William Watt.



**WEEDS**, JAMES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Born 24 January 1878 Date of Enlistment: 18 April 1896 Service No: CH/11520

**WEEKES**, John, Leading Stoker (RFR B 9369), 296881 (Ch Place of Birth: Erith, Kent. Date of Birth: 19 November 1878. Husband of Naomi Harding, (formerly Weekes) of 23, Hazel Rd., Slades Green, Kent. Native of Wrotham, Kent.



**WELCH**, WALT LEONARD Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 28 Born 01 January 1887 Date of Enlistment: 29 November 1904 Service No: CH/15266: Son of Walter H. and Selina Welch, of 34, Napier Rd., Leytonstone, Essex



**WELLS**, FREDERICK PENNISON Sergeant Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 27 Born 06 December 1884 Date of Enlistment: 09 April 1902 Service No: CH/13273: Husband of Nellie Gertrude Wells, of 15, Hills Terrace, Chatham

**WELTON**, William J, Stoker 1c (RFR B 2722), 283951 (Ch) Place of Birth: Melton Ross, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 25 April 1877

**WHITE**, Alfred W, Stoker 1c, SS 106882 (Ch) Place of Birth: Walworth, London. Date of Birth: 22 December 1889. Son of Alfred Benjamin and Henrietta White, of 7, Highbury Terrace, Headingley, Leeds. Native of Bermondsey, London.

**WHITE**, William Darcy, Stoker 2c, K 19848 (Ch) Place of Birth: Newport Isle of Wight. Date of Birth: 11 July 1895



**WHITEHEAD**, CHARLES Private Royal Marine Light Infantry (RMR/B/1023). H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 34 Born 07 January 1879 Date of Enlistment: 10 October 1896 Service No: CH/9373 Son of Charles Whitehead, of 10, Brewery Rd., Bromley Common, Kent; husband of Alice Whitehead, of 102, Jacksons Rd., Bromley Common, Kent.



**WILLIAMS, Hugh**

Powell Evan Tudor. Date of Birth: 20 July 1874. Rank: Captain. Date of enrolment: 15 January 1888. Son of Colonel. H. P. and Rosalie Ellen Williams, of Rhayader, Radnorshire; husband of Phyllis M. Williams of Upper Culham Farm House, Henley-on-Thames. He became a midshipman in May 1890. He progressed to Commander June 30<sup>th</sup> 1906. He was awarded Royal Humane Society's Medal. for plunging overboard at Milford Haven on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1895 to rescue J. H. Johnson, a stoker who had slipped overboard on a dark and stormy night.

His grandson Tudor Barnard wrote *"HPETW had specialised in gunnery, as befitted a crack shot. I don't have any record of his early years of service. He was part of the complement of HMS "Bulwark" in the Mediterranean Fleet until 1908. According to family history he was then sent to the China Station where he was joined for a time by my grandmother. He became severely ill with dysentery and/or malaria and after a prolonged wait for his replacement returned to Britain some time in 1913. He was not fully recovered when he rejoined the Navy for active service as Captain of the Hawke, I believe some time in the summer of 1914."*

His granddaughter Jilly Balfour wrote *"Captain Tudor, was specially chosen for his particular care and understanding of his young charges, having as a young entry to Dartmouth suffered at the hands of a particularly brutal and vindictive captain, and seen his best friend aged eleven sent up the mast---sailing ship of course in those days-- in a violent storm and tossed into the boiling sea. Many of the letters from sailors who served under him went to great lengths to say what a good and just captain he was, and that all who sailed under him felt the same. He was swimming in the water, and came up to one of the boats, to ask if all were alright, and one of the men wanted to give up his place to his Captain, but Tudor thanked him but said he was to remain where he was, "Because he was young, and the Navy needed men like him" I like to think of the debates that took place when the decision was made to write to his widow (aged 25) about who wrote the neatest, and how to word their feelings. I know my Grandmother valued them beyond all others."*

**WILLIAMS**, Thomas Charles, Stoker 1c, 299881 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dover, Kent. Date of Birth: 26 April 1883 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, of 16, Bridge St., Dover.

**WILLIAMS**, Walter Roland, Act/Engine Room Artificer 4c, M 7297 (Ch) Son of Mrs. E. M. Williams, of 30, Belmont Rd., Gillingham, Kent. Ex-apprentice H.M. Dockyard, Chatham.

**WILLIAMSON**, Albert John Stoker 1c (RFR B 1366), 154287 (Ch) Place of Birth: Lower Halston, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 April 1871

**WILLS**, George Edward Leonard, Stoker 1c, K 11282 (Ch) Place of Birth: Shalford, Surrey. Date of Birth: 31 March 1893 Adopted son of Thomas and Susan Sertin, of 2, "The Saxons," Dorchester Rd., Weybridge, Surrey



**WILSON**, Albert Paterson, Able Seaman (RFR B 6304), 224462 (Ch) Place of Birth: Birkenhead, Cheshire. Date of Birth: 04 August 1886 Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson, of Belfast; husband of May Wilson, of The Square, Maynooth, Co. Kildare



**WILSON**, ERNEST Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 21 Born 23 September 1892 Date of Enlistment: 21 February 1911 Service No: CH/16978 Son of William and Blanche Wilson, of Saddle Inn, Fulford, York.



**WILSON**, James. Official Number: SS108189. Place of Birth: Newry, Down. Date of Birth: 09 June 1890. Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class Son of the late James Wilson. Native of Belfast



**WILSON**, John, Private, RMLI (RFR), 15442 (Ch) When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 19 October 1901.

**WINKWORTH**, Harry, Chief Ship's Cook, 176650 (Ch) Place of Birth: Somerset. Date of Birth: 16 November 1873. Son of Stephen Winkworth, of 17, St. Clement's Street Winchester.

**WINSHIP**, John, Stoker, RNR, V 282 Official Number: K46303. Place of Birth: Barton, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 28 September 1899.

**WINTON**, Albert Edward Able Seaman (RFR B 6841), 194785 (Ch) Place of Birth: Folkestone, Kent. Date of Birth: 11 October 1881. Son of Thomas Winton, of 3, Ingles Mews, Christchurch Rd., Folkestone, Kent; husband of Daisy Ellen Annie Knight, (formerly Winton), of 2, Addison Rd., Sarisbury, Southampton.

**WOOD**, George William Stoker 1c (RFR B 9617), SS 106983 (Ch) Place of Birth: Plaxton, Kent. Date of Birth: 21 March 1890. Son of William and Elisabeth Wood, of Dunk's Green, Tonbridge, Kent

**WOOD**, Thomas, Leading Seaman (RFR B 9935), 215158 (Ch) Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 24 July 1883 Son of the late Sergeant Wood of the Grenadier Guards

**WOODS**, Arthur W, Stoker 1c (RFR B 8977), SS 105687 (Ch) Place of Birth: Colchester, Essex. Date of Birth: 01 July 1887.



**WOODWARD**, WILLIAM HENRY Private Royal Marine Light Infantry H.M.S. "Hawke." Age: 34 Born 09 September 1880 Date of Enlistment: 19 January 1900 Service No: CH/11382: Son of Joseph and Sarah A. Woodward, of 34, Bearfield Rd., Kingston-on-Thames



**WRIGHT**, Albert G, Petty Officer 2c (RFR B 2091), 173141 (Ch) Place of Birth: Canewdon, Essex. Date of Birth: 04 January 1878. Son of James and Emily Wright, of Poors Cottages, Canewdon, Rochford, Essex

**WRIGHT**, Charles, Able Seaman (RFR B 7555), 189743 (Ch) Place of Birth: Leyton, Essex. Date of Birth: 24 April 1881. Son of the late James and Elizabeth Wright, of Leyton, Essex



**YATES, John**, Stoker 1c (RFR B 5597), SS 100526(Ch) Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 04 March 1884.

**YOUNG, Thomas**, Painter 1c, 347000 (Ch) Place of Birth: Bedford. Date of Birth: 18 February 1884. Son of Isaac and Sarah Young, of 71, Wellington St., Bedford





## APPENDIX 3

### THE SURVIVORS

One of the survivors, a gunner, commented the following day - " At 10:30 am yesterday Oct 15th in latitude 57 degree 49 minutes north and latitude nought degrees 10 minutes west position approximate "Endymion" closed "Hawke" to deliver mail; having delivered mail she parted company to take up her cruising station. At about 10:50 am we struck a little abaft the starboard beam by a torpedo. The ship at once listed to starboard and the hands went to collision stations but it was impossible to get the mats out. All boats were then ordered out it was impossible to do this. Ship listed rapidly to starboard and sunk in about 5 minutes after being struck only boat got off port cutter and picket boat which floated clear. A number of men swam to her and she sank. Three or four rafts floated clear and number of men climbed onto them. When we had picked up as many men as the boat would hold we pulled away in a north westerly direction at 3:30 pm we sighted a Norwegian steamer the Modasta she took us on board and cutter in tow we steamed back towards the place where the Hawke sank with a lookout man aloft submarines were sighted and the Norwegian captain headed for Peterhead. We met the trawler Benrinnes and we came to Aberdeen in her ends."

**A member of the U boat crew** gave this account of the torpedoing. He wrote, "I gazed at the little picture of the upper ocean. The distant three cruisers were some wide space apart, but were converging, and were steering for a point and that point was apparently in the vicinity where we lay. No wonder the Commander thought they must want a torpedo.

"We imagined they were bent on joining forces and steaming together, but it presently became apparent that they intended to exchange signals, drop a cutter in the water, and deliver mail or orders, and then go their respective ways. We steered at full speed for the point toward which they were heading, our periscope showing only for a few moments at a time. The Cruisers, big armoured fellows, came zig-zagging. We picked one, which afterward turned out to be HMS Hawke, and manoeuvred for a shot. It was tricky work. She nearly ran us down. We had to dive deeper and let her pass over us; else we would have been rammed. Now we were in a position for a stern shot at an angle, but she turned.

*It was a fatal turning, for it gave us an opportunity to swing around for a clear bow shot at 400 metres.*

*"‘Second bow tube fire!'. Weddigen snapped out the order, and soon there sounded the tell-tale detonation."*

*"We dived beyond periscope depth, ran underwater for a short distance, and then came up for a look through our tall, mast-like eye. The Hawke had already disappeared. She sank in eight minutes. Only one boat was in the water. It was the mail dory that had been lowered before the torpedo explosion. At the rudder the boat officer hoisted a distress signal on the boat's staff. That little dory with half a dozen men aboard was all that was left of the proud warship."*

Newspaper report of how two of the survivors described the Hawke's destruction:

*"We were struck right amidships between the two funnels quite close to one of the magazines. All hands were on deck, and it was a terrible explosion. The vessel immediately took a heavy list to starboard. I have never been on a ship so well equipped with life saving apparatus, but the way the vessel heeled over made it almost impossible to get the boats out. The boat in which I was saved had a narrow escape from being taken down with the suction.*

*"We were struck about 11o'clock in the forenoon, and just as we got away from the Hawke, we distinctly saw the periscope of the enemy's submarine come to the surface. We thought he was going to ram us, but apparently he was on the lookout for any other rescuing vessels. Prior to the accident the Hawke was cruising about zigzag fashion, and we never saw the submarine until we felt her. It was beginning to get hazy when we were almost run down by the Norwegian steamer which picked us up. This boat, after affecting the rescue, cruised about in search of the rafts, but nothing was seen." The second survivor reported:*

*"Those on deck for an instant, immediately after the explosion, saw the periscope of a submarine, which showed above the water like a broomstick. When the explosion occurred, I, along with the others in the engine-room, was sent flying into space as it were, and must have been stunned for a little. When I came to, I found myself in the midst of an absolute inferno. One of the cylinders of the engine had been completely wrecked, and steam was hissing out in dense, scalding clouds, penetrating to every nook and cranny of the engine-room and stokehold. The horror of the situation was added to when a tank of fuel oil caught fire, and the flames advanced with fatal rapidity.*

*"I scrambled up the iron ladder to the main deck. Already the captain, commander, and a midshipman were on the bridge, and calmly, as though on fleet manoeuvres in the Solent, orders were given out, and as calmly obeyed. The bugler sounded the 'Still' call, which called upon every man to remain at the post at which the call reached him. Soon there*

came the order, 'Abandon ship, out boats'. **{Note: - the bugler and midshipman were just teenagers}**

*"Many of the crew had scrambled on to the side of the sinking cruiser as she slowly turned turtle, and from this temporary place of safety were sliding and diving into the sea. The captain and the midshipman stuck bravely to their posts on the bridge to the last, and were seen to disappear as the ship finally plunged bow first amid a maelstrom of cruel, swirling waters. As the Hawke went down a small pinnace and a raft which had been prepared for such an emergency floated free, but such was the onrush of the men who had been precipitated into the water that both were overcrowded.*

*"On the raft was seen about seventy men standing knee-deep in the water, and the pinnace also appeared to be overfilled. The cutter rowed around the outskirts of the wreck, picking up as many survivors as the boat could with safety contain. All aboard who had donned life jackets divested themselves of these and threw them to their comrades struggling in the water, and oars and all movable woodwork about the boat was also pitched overboard to help those clinging to the wreckage, many of whom were seen to sink.*

*"A westerly course was set with the idea of striking the Scottish coast. About 4 p.m. a Norwegian sailing ship hove in sight, and the exhausted men were taken aboard and treated in the most kindly fashion, being served with stimulants and furnished with clothing. The rescuing ship headed towards Peterhead, but on the way encountered the Aberdeen trawler Ben Rinnes, to which the men were transferred."*

**AITKEN**, John Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class, RFR B 10544, SS 108524 (Ch) Place of Birth: Leith. Date of Birth: 09 April 1891.

**ALLEN**, John Alexander, Stoker 1c, RFR B 5770, SS 10977 (Ch) Place of Birth: Peckham, London. Date of Birth: 12 October 1901

**AUSTIN**, Sidney, Boatswain, also he was a survivor of the sinking of HMS Hogue on September 22nd 1914

**BARNARD**, John, Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class, RFR B 7560, SS 102787 (Ch) Place of Birth: Shoreditch, London. Date of Birth: 22 October 1886

**BISHOP**, George William, Leading Seaman, 206624 (Ch) Place of Birth: Poplar, London. Date of Birth: 27 August 1883

**BOWEN**, Frederick Lawrence William Boy 1c, J 26759 (Ch) Place of Birth: Hoxton, London. Date of Birth: 07 April 1897.

**BOYCE**, Charles Hener, Able Seaman, J 5691 (Ch) Plumstead, Kent. Date of Birth: 15 June 1893

**BRADSHAW**, Robert, Stoker 1c, K 2674 (Ch) Place of Birth: Warrington, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 20 March 1888

**BUCKLE**, George, Able Seaman, RFR B 6695, SS 1006 (Ch) Place of Birth: Long Crendon, Oxfordshire. Date of Birth: 21 July 1884.

**COLGAN**, Peter, Able Seaman, RFR B 2683, 159835 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dunleer, Louth. Date of Birth: 21 November 1874



**COOKE**, Joseph Edwin, Private, RFR B 1228, Ch 9542 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. Date of Enlistment: 13 January 1897. Date of Birth: 08 May 1879.

**COTTON**, George Henry, Able Seaman, RFR B 3873, 185680 (Ch) Place of Birth: Bermondsey, London. Date of Birth: 23 May 1879



**CRIDDENDEN**, John Thomas, Stoker Petty Officer, K 922 (Ch) Place of Birth: Mountfield, Sussex. Date of Birth: 12 October 1885.

**CURD**, Frank Stoker 1c, RFR B 9368, SS 106566 (Ch) Place of Birth: Maidstone, Kent. Date of Birth: 25 September 1889.

**DAVIES**, James Stoker 1c, RFR B 9309, SS 106482 (Ch) Place of Birth: Stratford, Essex. Date of Birth: 21 March 1888.

**DAVIS**, William Arthur Stoker 1c, RFR B 9443, SS 106679 (Ch) Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 20 February 1890.

**DEED**, John Crisp, Chief Stoker, 283151 (Ch) Place of Birth: Sudbury, Suffolk. Date of Birth: 27 June 1878

**DENNIS**, James, Gunner Official Number: 164359. Place of Birth: Shinfield, Berkshire. Date of Birth: 28 July 1875. Date of Death: 09/07/1917 Age: 45 Serving as Master Gunner on H.M.S. "Vanguard." He had been awarded the Order of St. Anne (Russia). He was the son of Solomon Dennis of Reading, Berkshire. Husband of Bella Dennis, of 135, Rock Avenue, Gillingham



Report of the Court of Enquiry into the Circumstances Attending the Loss of HMS Vanguard on 9 July, 1917 from The National Archives, Reference ADM 137/3681

*"On the morning of 9 July 1917, HMS Vanguard undertook routine exercises around Scapa Flow. The ship returned to its anchorage with the rest of the fleet at about 6.30pm. At about 11.20pm witnesses reported*

*... visible flame coming up from below just abaft the foremast, this being followed, after a short interval, by a heavy explosion accompanied by a very great increase of flame together with a very large quantity of wreckage fragments thrown up abaft the foremast in the vicinity of "P" and "Q" turrets. This explosion was followed after a short interval by a second explosion which considerably increased the volume of flame and smoke (and no doubt debris), but smoke had previously obscured the ship so that the vicinity of this explosion could not be exactly located. The evidence, however, points to it being just abaft the first one."*

**DINNING**, Joseph Frederick, Boy 1c, J 22000 (Ch) Place of Birth: Grimsby, Lincolnshire. Date of Birth: 11 May 1897.

**DOYLE**, Thomas Hugh, Able Seaman, RFR B 6063, 226467 (Ch) Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 14 November 1885.

**DUNN**, George, Leading Seaman, RFR B B5804, 185473 (Ch) Place of Birth: Plumstead, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 December 1878



**EDIS**, Francis Arthur Edward, Private, Ch 15023 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 21 June 1905. Date of Birth: 04 August 1886

**EDWARDS**, Lethe, Boy 1c, J 27528 (Ch) Place of Birth: Brighton, Sussex. Date of Birth: 25 September 1897.

**ELLIOTT**, William Edward, Stoker, RNR, 1581 U (Ch) Place of Birth: South Shields. Date of Birth: 31 March 1878

**EVITT**, Henry Cecil Thomas. Official Number: 180731. Place of Birth: Brixton, London. Date of Birth: 06 July 1879. Gunner

**FAINT**, George Arthur, Leading Seaman (Coast Guard), 149914 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dewsbury, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 01 July 1874



**FLETCHER**, Tom Albert, Private, Ch 14932 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 18 April 1905. Date of Birth: 16 September 1887

**FOX**, James Frederick, Able Seaman, RFR B 3888, 190649 (Ch) Place of Birth: Hull, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 14 December 1880

**FRYER**, Arthur, Stoker 1c, K 11795 (Ch) Place of Birth: Stepney, London. Date of Birth: 06 June 1893.

**GEEVES**, Henry Joseph, Ordinary Seaman, J 24850 (Ch) Place of Birth: Vienna, Austria. Date of Birth: 17 September 1896

**GIFKINS**, Francis Albert Edgar, Leading Seaman, RFR B 6855, 189459 (Ch) Place of Birth: Winchcomb, Gloucestershire. Date of Birth: 24 May 1880



**GILES**, George Edward, Private, RFR B 1348, Ch 8548 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 26 July 1895. Date of Birth: 23 September 1877



**GRAY**, Frank, Petty Officer 1c, 190321 (Ch) Place of Birth: Maidstone, Kent. Date of Birth: 20 March 1880

**HALLS**, Alfred, Able Seaman, RFR B 3459, 189832 (Ch) Place of Birth: Redwinter, Essex. Date of Birth: 18 September 1878

**HANFORD**, Joshua Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> class RFR B 8611, SS 104964 (Ch) Place of Birth: Putney, London. Date of Birth: 18 October 1888



Members of crew of HMS Ebro, March - April

1918, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

**HATCHER**, Alfred, Able Seaman, RFR B 3865, 188026 (Ch) Place of Birth: New Shoreham, Sussex. Date of Birth: 25 February 1880. He was the son of James and Eliza Hatcher, of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. Date of Death 04/08/1918 from heart failure following influenza aged 38 while serving on HMS Ebro, armed merchant cruiser. Commemorated on Chatham Naval Memorial

**HOY**, Thomas, Able Seaman, RFR B 5623, 178570 (Ch) Place of Birth: Inver, Antrim. Date of Birth: 08 February 18

**HUDSON**, Charles, Able Seaman, RFR B 456, 186262 (Ch) Place of Birth: Plumstead, Kent. Date of Birth: 11 August 1880.

**HUGHES**, William Thomas Stoker 1c, RFR B 7238, SS 102130 (Ch) Place of Birth: Aldershot, Hampshire. Date of Birth: 27 February 1887



**JARMAIN**, Walter Thomas William, Stoker 1c, K

17588 (Ch) Place of Birth: West Ham, Essex. Date of Birth: 06 January 1892 Son of Walter and Alice Jarmain, of 45, Acacia Rd., Leytonstone, London. 17588 Date of Death: 07/03/1916 Age:24 H.M.S. "Coquette. HMS Coquette was a D-class destroyer launched in 1897 and sunk by a mine from a German submarine in 1916 (22 casualties). Commemorated Panel Reference: 17 CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL



**JINKS**, Hart Corporal, Ch 13256 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 24 June 1899. Date of Birth: 25 May 1881



**LOVELADY**, Joseph, Able Seaman, 212101 (Ch) Place of Birth: Liverpool, Lancashire. Date of Birth: 01 January 1885

**LYNN**, John Robert, Able Seaman, RFR B 3880, 163024 (Ch) Place of Birth: Westminster, South Wales. Date of Birth: 12 February 1876

**McLEAN**, James Stoker 1c, RFR B 9657, SS 107095 (Ch) Place of Birth: Whitby, Yorkshire. Date of Birth: 08 November 1885

**McNAMARA**, William, Leading Seaman (Coast Guard), 124084 (Ch) Place of Birth: Tracton, Cork. Date of Birth: 24 November 1867

**METCALF**, Thomas Frederick, Leading Seaman, 197078 (Ch) Place of Birth: Walworth, London. Date of Birth: 16 June 1880

**MUNN**, Edwin Frederick, Able Seaman, RFR B 3867, 133605 (Ch) Place of Birth: Birmingham, Warwickshire. Date of Birth: 04 April 1870



**NICHOLLS**, Henry Fludger, Private, RFR B 1428, Ch 11566 Royal Marine Light Infantry: Chatham Division. When Enlisted/Date of Enlistment: 25 May 1900. Date of Birth: 05 April 1882.

**O'BEIRNE**, Edward John, Boy 1c, J 23556 (Ch) Place of Birth: Deccan, India. Date of Birth: 21 December 1897.

**OGDEN**, Albert Edmund, Boy 1c, J 26389 (Ch) Place of Birth: Agra, India. Date of Birth: 04 February 1898

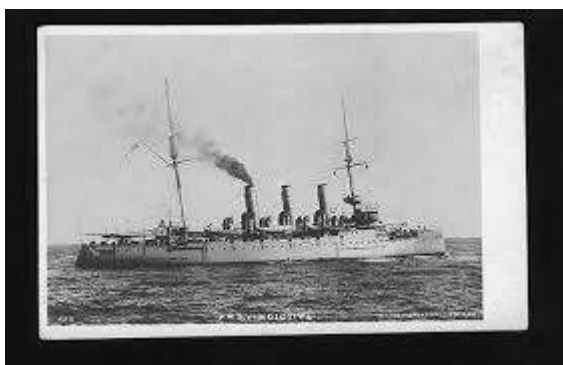
**O'NEILL**, James, Able Seaman, RFR B 4664, 177800 (Ch) Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 09 August 1877



**O'NEILL**, Malachi John, Stoker Petty Officer, RFR B 8604, 295247 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dublin. Date of Birth: 18 May 1881.

**PASCOE**, William Coulls, Shipwright 2c, M 6761 (Dev) Place of Birth: Helston, Cornwall. Date of Birth: 07 April 1892

**PETERS**, Henry, Able Seaman, RFR B 3850, 179235 (Ch) Place of Birth: Stepney, London. Date of Birth: 11 March 1879



**HMS VINDICTIVE**



**ROSOMAN**, Robert R, Lieutenant Commander He later was involved on HMS Vindictive on the ZEEBRUGGE Raid 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1918 :- *"At 11.56 the ship having just passed through a smoke screen, the Mole extension was seen in the semi-darkness about 300 yards off on the port bow. Speed was increased to full, and course altered so that allowing for cross tide the ship would make good a closing course of 45 degrees to the Mole. The "Vindictive" purposely withheld her fire to avoid being discovered, but almost at the moment of her emerging from the smoke the enemy opened fire. So promptly, under the orders of Commander Edward O. B. S. Osborne, was this replied to by the port 6-inch battery, the upper-deck pom-poms, and the gun in the fore-top that the firing on both sides appeared to be almost simultaneous. Captain Carpenter was conning the ship from the port forward flame-thrower hut. Lieutenant-Commander Robert R. Rosoman, with directions as to the handling of the ship should the captain be disabled, was in the conning tower from which the ship was being steered."*

**RYE**, Albert George, Able Seaman, 218439 (Ch) Place of Birth: Plumstead, Kent. Date of Birth: 22 January 1886

**SALMON**, Edward, Stoker 1c, RFR B 7680, 292117 (Ch) Place of Birth: Belfast, Antrim. Date of Birth: 17 March 1880

**SAVORY**, Edward, Able Seaman, 213258 (Ch) Place of Birth: Hellington, Norfolk. Date of Birth: 23 September 1884. H.M.S. "Valerian" Date of Death: 20/11/1918



Grave Reference: Plot. 417 Cemetery: MALTA (CAPUCCINI)

NAVAL CEMETERY

**SCOTT**, William Collin, Leading Seaman, 185859 (Ch) Place of Birth: Camberwell, Surrey.  
Date of Birth: 16 June 1879.

**SHARP**, Ernest Claud, Ordinary Seaman, RNVR, Sussex/ 281 Date of Birth: 05 November 1892.

**SIMMONDS**, James Thomas, Stoker 1c, RFR B 1441, 146933 (Ch) Place of Birth: Ramsgate.  
Date of Birth: 15 September 1870

**SMITH**, Arthur Stanley, Boy 1c, J 23573 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dartford, Kent. Date of Birth: 25  
October 1897

**SUMMERS**, John, Able Seaman, RFR B 3846, 202888 (Ch)



**TAYLOR**, William, Petty Officer 1c, 170545 (Ch) Place of Birth: Fulham, London.  
Date of Birth: 07 August 1877



**TERRY**, Charles Albert, Petty Officer, 202486 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dover, Kent. Date  
of Birth: 24 December 1882

**THOMPSON**, Herbert Henry, Leading Signalman, 236433 (Ch) Place of Birth: Kensington,  
London. Date of Birth: 22 June 1890

**TRAINOR**, Charles, Able Seaman, RFR B 1353, 177805 (Ch) Place of Birth: Londonderry. Date  
of Birth: 01 July 1875

**WALTER**, George Martin, Act/Leading Stoker, 307446 (Ch) Place of Birth: Bromley, Kent.  
Date of Birth: 10 December 1885

**WETHERELL**, Leonard Harold, Boy 1c, J 27500 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dartford, Kent. Date of  
Birth: 10 May 1897

**WRATTEN**, George Walter, Able Seaman, RFR B 8052, SS 1600 (Ch) Place of Birth: Dartford,  
London. Date of Birth: 29 October 1887

## APPENDIX 4

### LETTERS TO THE CAPTAIN'S WIDOW



**Captain H. Tudor Williams and his wife Phyllis with daughters**

**Peggy standing at the front and Veronica behind her mother.**

The first his wife knew of the sinking of Hawke was reading the Portsmouth News stand in the street which said "*Sinking of H.M.S. Hawke, Great loss of life feared.*" on her way home in Spencer Road, Southsea,

She was comforted by letters received from members of the crew, who all spoke highly of their Captain. Below are typical letters one from Portsmouth and one from Chatham.

**A letter from DEED**, John Crisp, Chief Stoker, 283151 (Ch) Place of Birth: Sudbury, Suffolk.

Date of Birth: 27 June 1878 to Mrs Williams

J. C. Deed  
Chief Stoker  
290 Mess  
R.N. Barracks  
Chatham  
Nov. 28 - 1914

Madam,

I am very sorry that I have delayed so long in answering your letter, but I have been trying to find out amongst the survivors from our late

ship as to the last they saw of our Captain, but I have been unable to find out much more than has already been stated. One & all, they said that the last they saw of him he was trying to cheer up the men around him, & by his own example encouraged the others to do their utmost to help the weaker ones. I am not much of a letter writer,

but I can say this, that our late Captain was an officer & a gentleman, & one whom it was a pleasure to serve under, & you may well feel proud of having the same blood in your veins. All the survivors wish me to send their best respects to you, & hope that your sorrow may be tempered by the thought that our late Captain died a true hero's death.

Believe me to be,  
Yours

Yours Faithfully  
J. C. Deed



A letter from **ROSOMAN**, Robert R, Lieutenant Commander

TELEPHONE NO.  
"NATIONAL 482"  
TELEGRAMS, EXCELLENT.

H.M.S. EXCELLENT,  
PORTSMOUTH.  
11<sup>th</sup> Hook

Dear Sir your letter of Oct 18<sup>th</sup> reached me today. I cannot understand why; when the Admiralty have forwarded one dozen of letters some should have been hung up. Today I have received 28 letters & 10 telegrams all like yours hung up. Please accept my apology. At the time we were hit your son; the Captain was on the fore Bridge and I flew to the after Bridge to

get the large boats out but failed to do so as steam was never put on the boat hoists. As the ship fell over to Starboard the Captain waved to me to get overboard I walked down the side as the ship fell over & eventually stood alone on her bottom before taking the water.

I swam about & saw your son & went & had a yarn with him. He was clinging to a rudder which had floated up. He said it was a bad business & asked if I was all right

I told him I was all right so far. I swam away leaving him clinging to his rudder & eventually got hold of a piece of wood myself. I never saw him again. I grieve with you over his loss because I liked him immensely he was such a very thorough man & so very splendid, no one could help admiring him. I must ask you to accept & convey to Mr Williams my very sincere

sympathy over so dreadful a loss

The Times Book of the hour has reached me also

I accept it with very much pleasure & thank you very much for it

Yours very sincerely  
Robert Rosoman



## Editors note

This book was issued in conjunction with the memorial service held at sunset on board HMS Colne at Colchester in 2014 for the centenary of the sinking of HMS Hawke so that the significance of loss of so many lives may be remembered

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