

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** Gerald Henry Field  
**Rank:** Stoker 1st Class  
**Service Number:** K/20039  
**Date of Death:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 1915  
**Age:** 21  
**Regiment/Service:** H.M.S Pembroke, Royal Navy



**Award:**  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** South East Extension Grave 915  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** Hitchin Cemetery  
Hitchin War Memorial, St Mary's Church  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** St Mary's Church Memorial Book, Hitchin (*not confirmed*)  
British Schools Museum, Hitchin

### **Pre War:**

Born 7th March 1895 in Wellhead Hertfordshire. He was the only son of Mr Henry and Mary Ann Field of Town Hall Cottage, Payne's Park, Hitchin and another address appears to be 29 Ickleford Road, Hitchin. He attended Hitchin Boys British School.

### **Wartime Service:**

His Service Number was K.20039 and he served on the torpedo boat destroyer H.M.S. 'Ettrick' in August 1914, but at the time of his death he was attached to H.M.S. 'Pembroke' which was the shore establishment of the Royal Navy at Chatham. He had served in the Royal Navy for three years and died in hospital of inflammation of the heart due to strain sustained in the execution of his duties. He died at 7.00am and his father was at his bedside.

His remains were brought to Grave SE Ext 915 in Hitchin Cemetery from Haslar Hospital, Gosport and a burial service was held in St. Mary's Church, Hitchin. A visit to the cemetery in 1999 was unable to locate any memorial to him.

### **Additional Information:**

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