

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** CHRISTIE Dennis Peter  
**Rank:** Sub-Lieutenant  
**Service Number:**  
**Date of Death:** 23 Dec 1917  
**Age:** 21  
**Regiment/Service:** Royal Navy H.M.S. "Surprise"



**Award:**  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** 20  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** Chatham Naval Memorial, Kent  
Hoddesdon and Rye Park Town Memorial  
St Catherine and St Paul's Church, Hoddesdon  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** Separate Plaque in St Catherine and St Paul's Church,  
Hoddesdon

### **Pre War:**

Born on 27 Oct 1896 in Nazeing, Essex and baptised on 6 Dec 1896 in Hoddesdon son of Norman Peter and Katherine Elizabeth (Blake) Christie and was living in Myddleton House, Amwell Street, Hoddesdon in 1901. He married Norah Allen on 6 Nov 1914 in St Mary, Finchley, London.

### **Wartime Service:**

He was already in the Navy in 1911 as a cadet at the Royal Naval College, Isle of Wight and appointed midshipman in 1914 and Sub-Lieutenant in 1917. He was appointed to H.M.S. Surprise in Nov 1917 and was killed when three destroyers, Torrent, Tornado and Surprise all ran into a minefield near the Maas light off the coast of Holland in the North Sea. All three were sunk and about 250 men were lost.

### **Additional Information:**

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