

## **Herts at War**

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**Name:** ODAM Edwin Keats  
**Rank:** Assistant Paymaster  
**Service Number:**  
**Date of Death:** 31 May 1916  
**Age:** 27  
**Regiment/Service:** Royal Navy H.M.S. "Defence"



**Award:**  
**Grave/Memorial Reference:** 10  
**Cemetery/Memorial:** Plymouth Naval Memorial  
**UK Cemetery/Memorial:** St Cuthbert's Church, Rye Park

### **Pre War:**

Born in 1889 in Stoke Devonport, Devon son of Edwin Keates Odam (Engr. Comdr. R.N.) and Mrs Rose Hannah (Fowtrel) Odam and was living in 1 Rose Villas, Gladys Avenue, Portsmouth in 1901 where his father was a Staff Engineer. He later lived in Rye House, Hoddesdon.

### **Wartime Service:**

Killed in action at the Battle of Jutland when H.M.S Defence was struck by two salvoes from the German ships that detonated her rear magazine and sank with the loss of all hands (about 900 men)

### **Additional Information:**

Brother of Assistant Paymaster John Bassett Odam RN who was killed in action on 27 Apr 1916 and is also commemorated on this memorial.

### **Acknowledgments:**

Malcolm Lennox

