

Herts at War

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Name: ODAM John Bassett
Rank: Assistant Paymaster
Service Number:
Date of Death: 27 Apr 1916
Age: 24
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy H.M.S. "Russell"
Award:
Grave/Memorial Reference: 15.
Cemetery/Memorial: Chatham Naval Memorial
UK Cemetery/Memorial: St Cuthbert's Church Rye Park

Pre War:

Born in 1892 in Wandsworth, London 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:

He was already in the Navy in 1911. He was killed when HMS Russell, a Duncan class battleship, hit two mines that had been laid by German submarine U-73 off Malta. A total of 125 men were lost out of a complement of 720.

Additional Information:

Brother of Assistant Paymaster Edwin Keates Odam RN who was killed in action on 31 May 1916 and is also commemorated on this memorial.

Acknowledgments:

Malcolm Lennox

