

Herts at War

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Name: SYMES John Borkwood
Rank: Boy 1st Class
Service Number: J/26728
Date of Death: 15 Oct 1914
Age: 16
Regiment/Service: Royal Navy H.M.S. "Hawke"



Award:

Grave/Memorial Reference: 3.

Cemetery/Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

UK Cemetery/Memorial: Hoddesdon and Rye Park Town Memorial
St Catherine and St Paul's Church, Hoddesdon

Pre War:

Born on 13 Apr 1898 in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire son of John Grantham and Kathleen Martha Symes and was living in 7 Lord Street, Hoddesdon in 1901 and in 101 Lord Street, Hoddesdon in 1911.

Wartime Service:

During WW1 Hawke was part of 10th Cruiser Squadron based in Cobh, Cork. While on patrol off Aberdeen with the Squadron, Hawke slowed down to pick up mail from another ship and while returning to her station she was hit by a single torpedo from submarine U-9 and sank quickly. 524 officers and men were lost that day and about 70 were rescued.

Additional Information:

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