

Able Seaman Horace Hadley - C/JX 410030

HMML 445, Royal Navy

Born 27th July 1911

Died 6th May 1945, aged 33 - Lost overboard

Chatham Naval Memorial, Panel 80, Column 3

Son of Thomas and Emma Hadley of Nuneaton Husband of Mrs Florence Edith Hadley

Burbage War Memorial St Catherine's Church Memorial



Horace Hadley was born on 27th July 1911, the son of Thomas and Emma Hadley of Stockingford, Nuneaton. Horace married Florence Edith Buttell at Nuneaton in the first quarter of 1934. By 1939, Horace was employed as a General Labourer, (Aerodrome Heavy Work) and was living at 33 Balls Lane, (now Britannia Road), Burbage.

During World War II, Horace served an Able Seaman in the Royal Navy and in 1945 was attached to the Motor Launch ML 445 from which he was lost overboard on 6th May 1945.

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UK, British Army and Navy Birth, Marriage and Death Records, 1730-1960



Details of ML 445



A Fairmile B Type Motor Launch

Horace is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial for commemoration of Royal Navy personnel with no known grave.

Chatham Naval Memorial

The Memorial overlooks the town of Chatham and is approached by a steep path from the Town Hall Gardens at the end of King's Bastion.

After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided. An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping.

The memorials were designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, who had already carried out a considerable amount of work for the Commission, with sculpture by Henry Poole.

After the Second World War it was decided that the naval memorials should be extended to provide space for commemorating the naval dead without graves of that war, but since the three sites were dissimilar, a different architectural treatment was required for each. The architect for the Second World War extension at Chatham was Sir Edward Maufe (who also designed the Air Forces memorial at Runnymede) and the additional sculpture was by Charles Wheeler and William McMillan.



Chatham Naval Memorial commemorates 8,514 sailors of the First World War and 10,098 of the Second World War.





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