



Frank NEEDLE

Stoker 1st Class. RN H.M.S. Paragon

At KES:

Frank came from a large family and his father had died in 1899 when he was just 6 years old. He came to KES in 1904 and his occupation was "engineer" and he was good. When he left in 1908 he went home to Watford to live with his mother and became a grocer's assistant.

Date of Death: 17th March 1917

Place: Straits of Dover

Remembered on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial

"Paragon" was a destroyer and was fighting alongside HMS Llewellyn in an action in the Dover Strait with eight German torpedo boats who were attacking the Dover Barrage. She was hit by a torpedo and gunfire and broke in half within 8 minutes and sank. Some of her own depth charges exploded, killing survivors.

Obituary

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..lost his life on H.M.S. Paragon when that ship was sunk on the night of 17th -18th March, in the English Channel. His people were especially thinking of him that night as the 18th March was his 24th birthday, and the news of his loss was great blow to them. Needle was famed for his conscientiousness in all he had to do, either in the engine house or in school, and after leaving us he had shown himself an upright, manly fellow. Our sympathy to all his bereaved ones.