



Percival Jack Roberts HARDEN

Ordinary Seaman. H.M.S. Glatton, Royal Navy

At KES:

Percival was born in Havant in 1900 and when his mother died he was put into the care of an aunt; he came to KES in 1912 and was known as Jack. His occupation was painter and, being good at this, it was natural that when he left in 1916 he went to work as a painter and plasterer.

He joined the Navy in 1918.

Date of Death: 16th September 1918

Place: England

Buried: Gillingham Cemetery, Kent

Percival was only **18** when he was killed. He was killed by an explosion on board H.M.S. Glatton in Dover Harbour.

The full horror of this event is recorded by Captain William J Pearce in an article "We Fought Disaster on the Glatton". The article has been reproduced as part of the Dover War Memorial Project and can be viewed on their website.

<http://www.doverwarmemorialproject.org.uk/Information/Articles/Incidents/Glatton.htm>

Obituary

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...was killed through an explosion on H.M.S. Glatton in August 1918. Jack was barely eighteen when he joined the Royal Navy, and had only been on the ship a few weeks before the fatal accident occurred.

At School he was the leader of a group of popular lads who will be remembered as the "Saturday Night Sing-Song Merchants". His early death will come as a shock to many, and we are sure his school-fellows, some of whom are still with us, will join in our sympathy with his relatives.