



William BARR

Leading Seaman. H.M.S/M "E26" Royal Navy

At KES:

William was an orphan and came to KES in 1900, when he was 12 years old. His occupation was Carpenter and he was recorded as good. When he left in 1904 he went straight into the Royal Navy to St. Vincent the training establishment at Gosport.

Date of Death: 6th July 1916

Place: England

Buried: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

William had served on many ships and in 1911 he was serving in the Med. When he married Annie in 1913 he was serving on HMS Invincible. He died on a submarine - HMS E26 - not HMS Aboukir as reported in his obituary below.

E26 was an E class submarine. Along with the future E25, she was one of a pair of submarines ordered by the Ottoman Navy on 29 April 1914, but taken over by the Royal Navy and assigned the E26 name. She was laid down in November 1914, commissioned on 3 October 1915 and launched on 11 November.

HMS E26 was lost in the North Sea (reason unknown) on 6 July 1916. There were no survivors.

Obituary

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He was one of the unfortunates on board H.M.S. Aboukir when she was sunk by a German Submarine in the North Sea. Our sympathy to his brother Henry who is also in the Royal Navy.