

STOKER 1ST CLASS

ERNEST MARTIN JESSUP

Service Number: 304155

Regiment & Unit/Ship

Royal Navy

H.M.S. "Recruit."

Date of Death

Died 01 May 1915

Age 30 years old

Buried or commemorated at

CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL

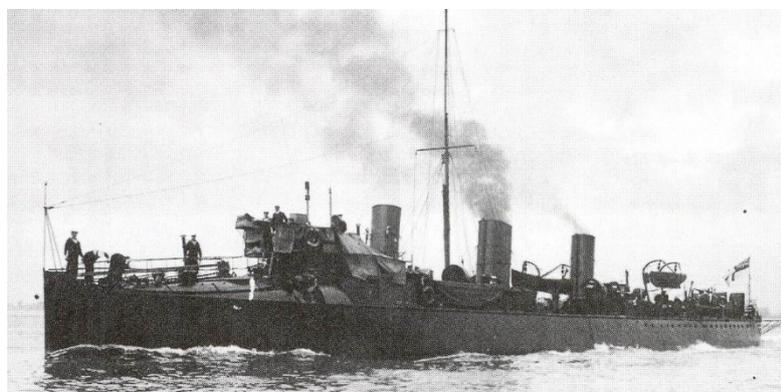
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United Kingdom

Country of Service United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Frederick Jessup, of 73, Wincheap St., Canterbury.

Ernest Martin Jessup was born 14-Dec-1885 and baptised 21-Feb-1886 at St John The Baptist, Halling. His parents were married 25-Dec-1877 at St John The Baptist, Halling. Harriet's maiden name was Martin



HMS Recruit - First World War

With the outbreak of hostilities Recruit was assigned to the Nore Local Defence Flotilla. Her duties included anti-submarine and counter mining patrols in the Thames Estuary.

On 1 May 1915 Recruit was patrolling with sister ship Brazen in the southern North Sea, 30 miles

south-west of the Galloper Light Vessel off the Thames Estuary, when she was struck by a single torpedo fired by the German submarine UB-6. Recruit broke in two and sank quickly with the loss of 39 men, 4 officers and 22 crewmen were rescued. The Royal Navy search for this submarine resulted in the Battle off Noordhinder Bank, in which two German torpedo boats were sunk.