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H.M.S. Hawke sunk by German Torpedo 4 Stockton men killed.



4 Stockton men have been killed when a German U-9 submarine torpedoed H.M.S. Hawke on October 15th 1914

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| John Jackson (3123S) R.N.R. | Stoker |
| James Foxton (3049S) R.N.R. | Stoker |
| William Morrison (1981T) R.N.R. | Engine Room |
| Artificer Albert V. Robinson (862EA) R.N.R. | |

All killed in action in the North Sea off Aberdeen when H.M.S. Hawke was sunk.

Norton Soldier's Appeal

Mrs. Stock, of 20 Page Terrace, Norton, has asked us to publish a letter which she received from her son, Sgt. Stock, who is serving at the front. Mrs. Stock is appealing for clothing, such as knitted underwear, for her son and the other troops at the front. Her son writes "There are times when we are miles away from any supplies. Please send socks, flannel shirts and pants, as I've not had a change since I left home. We have just had 2 hours in the trenches and will be back to face the music in a very short time. We have lost a few of the boys and several officers, but everyone is keeping cheerful. Hope we soon complete our task and are back home" Mrs. Stock says that the troops would be very grateful for any items that ladies could provide. 10th October 1914 Stockton & Thornaby Herald

H.M.S. Hawke was part of the 10th Cruiser Squadron and was deployed in the North Sea as part of efforts to stop German warships from attacking a troop convoy from Canada. On 15 October, the squadron was on patrol off Aberdeen. Hawke was out of sight of the rest of the squadron when at 10:30am, a single torpedo from the German submarine U-9 (which had sunk three British cruisers on 22 September), struck Hawke, which quickly capsized. The remainder of the squadron only realised anything was amiss, when, after a further, unsuccessful attack on the Theseus, the squadron was ordered to retreat at high speed to the northwest, and no response to the order was received from Hawke. The destroyer Swift was dispatched from Scapa Flow to search for Hawke and found a raft carrying one officer and twenty-one men, while a boat with a further forty-nine survivors was rescued by a Norwegian steamer. 524 officers and men died, including the ship's captain, Hugh P. E. T. Williams, with only 70 survivors (one man died of his wounds on 16 October).

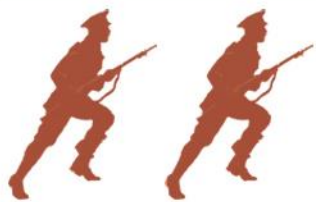
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News from the Front

October 1914

Stockton F.C. Supporters The directors of Stockton Football Club have received a letter, and a request, from a Stockton soldier – Rifleman J. Jones, who is at present at camp in Surrey, and writes: *“Just a line from 20 Stockton supporters. We are sorry to see that the old club is not doing well as we would like to them to do. We all fight on Mondays to see “the Sports Gazette” to see how the team has gone on on the Saturday. In camp here we have a lot of spare time on our hands, and as the money we receive is just enough for our few comforts, we would esteem it a great favour if you could try to send us an old football. Most of the chaps here have seen service with your club – namely Chesser, Masterman, Stamper and Swift, whom I played with in Stockton when he played for Lightfoot Grove.”*

The letter worked and the directors of Stockton F.C. sent Rifleman Jones and the lads a football.

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Stockton Football Team 1906-1907

STOCKTON'S FALLEN

Private Patrick Jordan, Durham Light Infantry, aged 24, was killed in action on 28th October 1914, and is commemorated on the Ploegstreet Memorial in Belgium.

Private Daniel Murphy, Durham Light Infantry, died, aged 29, of wounds on the 29th October 1914 in Torquay Red Cross Hospital. He is buried in Torquay Cemetery.

Private James McIntyre, East Yorks. Regiment, was killed in action on 28th October 1914. He is commemorated on the Ploegstreet Memorial in Belgium.

Private Samuel

Wake, Coldstream Guards, was reported missing and presumed killed on the 29th October 1914. He is commemorated on Ypres Menin Gate Memorial in Belgium.

Private Thomas

Marshall, Durham Light Infantry, was killed in action on 28th October 1914. He is commemorated on the Ploegstreet Memorial in Belgium.

Private James Challoner, Yorkshire Regiment, age 30, killed on 30th October 1914. He is commemorated on Ypres Menin Gate Memorial in Belgium.

STOCKTON DOING ITS SHARE

The Mayor, Alderman E. Stephenson, presided at a public meeting in Stockton yesterday, which was held for the purpose of making arrangements to receive 100 Belgian refugees into the town. The Chairman explained that 2 houses in Stockton, and one in Norton, had been placed at their disposal, and that more would be forthcoming if necessary. The Rev.R.Taylorson said that the class of refugees they were expecting would be able to provide for their own support, and that the main difficulty would be with regard to furniture. He moved that a committee be formed, and he was inclined to believe that the Belgian Flag Committee, which had kept £100 of the proceeds of ‘Flag Day’, would help to buy the furniture.

24th October 1914

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