

Alan Denzil Dale

Stoker 1st Class Alan Denzil Dale

K/15770 Royal Navy



Alan Denzil Dale was born on 18th October 1891 and baptised at St Mary's Church Overton on 13th November. He was the son of Denzil and Frances Dale who lived in Overton High Street in 1901 and later moved to Home Farm Lane, Freefolk.



His Naval Record shows him engaged on 14th August 1912 for a period of 12 years, first to HMS Victory II. His previous occupation was as a groom. On 8th September 1912 he moved to HMS Renown where he was photographed.



He served on several other ships being on HMS Cochrane at the outbreak of War. He was photographed with his younger brother, William (serving on HMS Impregnable) around this time.

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Alan was lost on HM Submarine E5 on 11th March 1916.

This E Class Submarine was launched on 17th May 1912 and was sunk by the German cruiser Strassburg in the North Sea. This photo shows another Submarine of this class.

The Hants and Berks Gazette reported on Saturday 25th March 1916:

Death of Mr. Alan Denzil Dale. Much sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Dale and family in the second bereavement during the war, their elder son now having lost his life. Announcement from the Admiralty 'Lost his life on duty while in one of his Majesty's ships on war service, Alan Denzil Dale, First Class Stoker' Deceased was 24. After leaving school he became a Hunt servant, but subsequently becoming too heavy for this kind of work gave it up and about 5 years ago and joined the Navy. His younger brother, William, an old 'Mercury' boy is also in the Navy and was on the flagship of Admiral Sturdee in the Falkland fight. Alan visited Overton soon after Christmas and the many friends who wished him 'Good-bye' on leaving regret extremely that never again will they have the pleasure of grasping the hand of their old friend.



Alan is commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Panel 17.

He was awarded the Star, Victory and British War Medals.