



## **George Hoggarth**

**1896 - 1916**

George was born at Stainton-in-Furness, Lancashire on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1896. His father was John Hoggarth, a labourer born at Dalton-in-Furness in 1868 and died in 1914. His mother was Harriet (née Grimes) born at Newton-in-Furness in 1876 and died in 1952. They were married on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1895 at St. Mary and St. Michael's Church, Great Urswick.

Their other children were; Edith Annie, born in 1898, Harriet, born in 1901 and John, born in 1904.

On the 1901 Census the family lived at 10, Ulverston Road, Lindal-in-Furness, in 1911 at 14, Bury Lane, Brinscall near Chorley, Lancashire and later at 22, Dearnley Street, Ravensthorpe and then 24, Bell Street, Ravensthorpe.

Harriet was remarried in 1915 to Allan Midwood (born in Mirfield in 1876 and died in 1927) who in 1911 was a boarder living with the family. After 1916 they all moved to Barrow-in-Furness and later emigrated to the USA in 1923 and lived at 10213, Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. Harriet remarried again in Detroit in 1929 to John Stainton (born in 1875 and died in 1932).

George was a single man who had worked as a Riveter in the Shipyards in Barrow-in-Furness, but when his family moved to Ravensthorpe he was employed as a Miner at the Mirfield Colliery Company, Grimes-Atkinson.

He volunteered for service in the Royal Navy, enlisting in August 1915 in Huddersfield. At the time of his death he was serving on H.M.S. Mounsey as Ordinary Seaman J/43196, he had survived the Battle of Jutland and it was ironic that he should have lost his life whilst taking part in a routine exercise. Setting out from the Naval Base at Scapa Flow in conjunction with H.M.S. Erin, the Mounsey carried out exercises commencing at 2.30 pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1916. The ship's log records that at 5.30 pm a man was reported washed overboard on the port side. The ship was stopped and the lifeboat launched which carried out a slow speed search for the next forty minutes. Sadly, no trace could be found of George Hoggarth as he was wearing sea boots and oilskins which would have made it almost impossible for him to stay afloat. At 6.10 pm the Mounsey rejoined the flotilla and returned to Scapa Flow. His official date of death was recorded as 9<sup>th</sup> October 1916. His body was never recovered and so he is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Devon. George was awarded the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

The Plymouth Naval Memorial commemorates 7,251 sailors of the First World War who have no grave other than the sea.

George is also commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park, and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the Ravensthorpe War Memorial in St. Saviour's Parish Church.

In Memory of  
Ordinary Seaman

# George Hoggarth

J/43196, H.M.S. "Mounsey.", Royal Navy who died on 09 October 1916

Remembered with Honour  
Plymouth Naval Memorial



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