

Stoker 1st Class John Knox Rae

Royal Navy `HMS Invincible`
Service No: 290344

Born / Resided

Coatbridge / 103c Bank St, Coatbridge

Died

Died 31/05/1916 at the Battle of Jutland

Enlisted

Coatbridge 1898

Employed

Regular Seaman / North British Iron Works

Age

42

Buried / Remembered

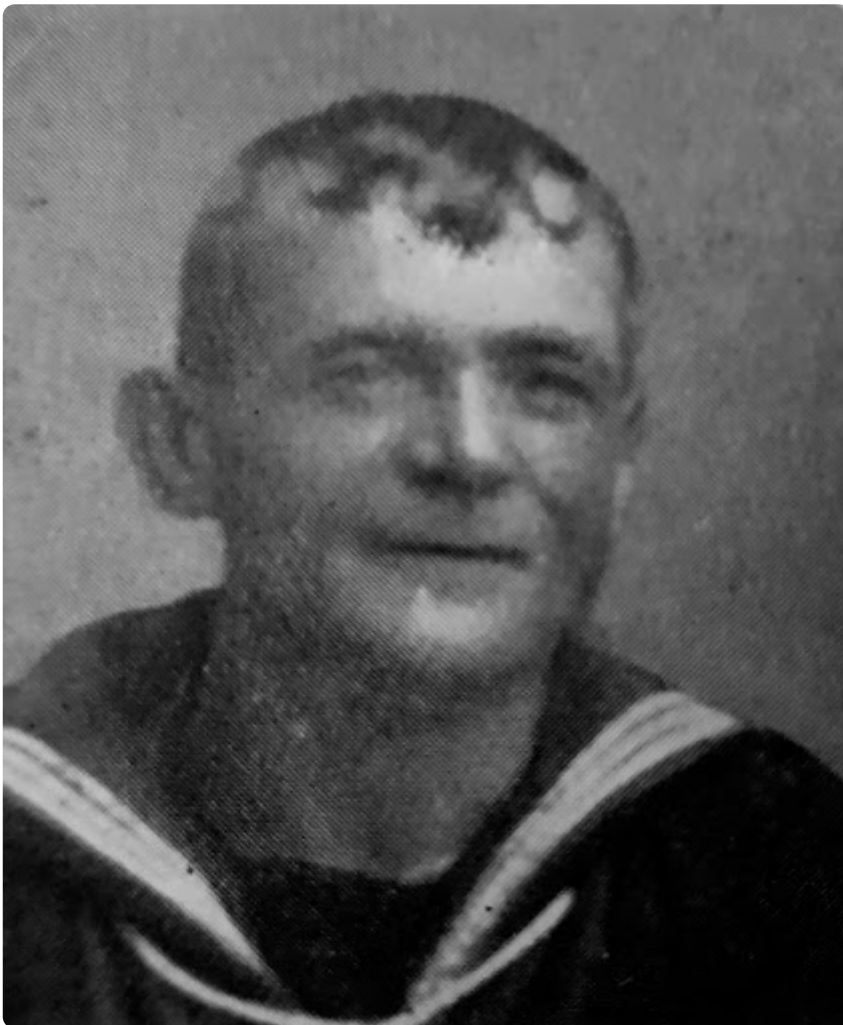
Portsmouth Naval Memorial, England

Family Information

Son of Thomas and Christina Rae of 103c Bank St, Coatbridge. Johns brother Bombardier Archibald Rae DCM of the Royal Field Artillery was Killed in Action on the 24/10/1916, 5 months after he fell. He had 2 other brothers serving at the time of his death, Thomas with the Gordon Highlanders and William with the Seaforth Highlanders. His parents had 2 grandsons and 2 nephews also serving

Additional Information

John was on board the battle cruiser "Invincible" at the Battle of Jutland. It was hit by a German shell which pierced the gun turret and ignited the magazine below. The ship split in half and sank in 90 seconds killing all but 6 of her 1031 crew including the Vice-Admiral commanding her. Also remembered on the Dundyvan Parish Church Roll of Honour (see photos) and in the St Augustines Parish (book) Roll of Honour. See photos for Johns name on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Likeness

Medal Index Card

Buchanan Street.
Drill Sergeant James Orr, Scottish Rifles, 127
Buchanan Street.
Second Lieutenant Gavin Kirkland Paterson,
Royal Scottish Fusiliers, Blairpark (died
at Armstrong College Hospital, New-
castle-on-Tyne, 21st January, 1915.)
Private Robert Paterson, H.L.I., Blairpark.
Bombardier Archibald Rae, R.F.A., 103 Bank
Street.
Sinker John Rae, Royal Navy, H.M.S. In-
vincible, 103 Bank Street.
Corporal George Rankin, 1st L.D.R.E. (T.),
Boych Stables.
Private John Robertson, H.L.I., Douglas St.
Private Walter Robertson, L.D.R.E. (T.),
Douglas Street.
Private James Scott, H.L.I., Mount Vernon
Avenue.
Private James Scott, Scottish Rifles, Inver-
lochy, King Street.
Corporal Matthew Smith, Royal Highlanders
(Black Watch), 122 Buchanan Street.
Private W. P. Snedden, Royal Highlanders
(Black Watch), Ross Cottage, Finlaystone
Street.
Driver Charles Stirling, R.F.A., 208 Dandy-
van Road.
Private William Strachan, Gordon High-
landers, 30 Dandyvan Road.

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COATBRIDGE MEN LOST IN NAVAL FIGHT.

In our Saturday's issue we mentioned that Coatbridge had lost several sons in the recent naval fight, and gave particulars of some namely Robert Yates, E.R.A. H.M.S. "Queen Mary," Shawhead; Robert Allan, H.M.S. "Shark," Whifflet Street; John Rae, H.M.S. "Invincible," Bank Street; Michael Donnelly, H.M.S. "Invincible," Burnbank Crescent; and Jas. Miller, H.M.S. "Black Prince," Portland Street.

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A PATRIOTIC FAMILY.

Mrs Rae, 103c Bank Street, has given four sons to the forces—one to the Navy and three to the Army. Her naval son, John, lost his life in the Jutland battle, going down with the Invincible. Now she has received the sad news that her son, Bombardier Arthibald Rae, Royal Field Artillery, has been killed in action while encouraging his men under a heavy fire. A pathetic circumstance in connection with his death is that on the day before he fell he was recommended for the D.C.M. Bombardier Rae was a regular soldier, having been in the Army for nineteen years. He was a very popular member of his battery. An officer in a letter to Mrs Rae says:—"I feel intense personal grief in the loss of your son, as he was indisputably the best man in my battery, and one for whom I had a very real affection and respect." Mrs Rae has a son, Thomas, in the Gordon Highlanders, and another son, William, in the Seaforth Highlanders. She has also two grandsons and two nephews in the Army.



Grave



Johns name on the Portsmouth Memorial

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