

DEATHS AT HMS GANGES, also known by other names in the early days in Harwich/Shotley

1893 to 1945

While the majority were due to medical conditions which are not included in this list, they are all included in the Admiralty file. The deaths in this list are all unnatural.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CAUSE OF DEATH</u>
1894	Drowning
1895	Choked to death
1899	On leave – fell over striking head on rock
1901	Suicide by rifle shot
1904	Died on operating table whilst attempting to repair fractured femur.
1906	Died of VD
1906	Suicide by cutting throat
1906	Suffocated by strangulation
1906	Suicide by hanging
1914	Caused by accident from a cask being unloaded from a lighter
1915	Drowning
1915	Fell under a railway carriage whilst proceeding on leave
1915	Drowned
1916	Drowned whilst returning from leave
1917	Suicide by hanging
1917	Killed after collision – ship sank
1918	By motor car and died of injuries
1918	Drowning and believed to have fallen overboard
1918	Head wound. Fell from quay striking head
1918	Suicide by opening veins in both arms
1918	Drowning
1919	Fell overboard and died soon after being recovered
1919	Suicide cutting throat
1919	Drowning
1919	Shock – paraffin set light to his clothes
1919	Drowning
1919	Drowning
1919	Misadventure whilst at home on leave – swallowing bottle
1920	Two causes 1. Suicide 2. Pneumonia
1922	Drowning in River Avon when on leave

1925	Motor cycle accident
1926	Motor cycle accident – multiple injuries. Died in a London hospital.
1927	Accident, Rupture of left lung
1928	Multiple Injuries. This simple statement reflects the sad passing of Boy Alfred HICKMAN who fell to his death from the top of the Mast.
1932	Complications from Syphilis
1936	Fractured skull – motor cycle accident
1936	Fracture of the skull. A Royal Marine injured in an accident whilst on Corps duties.
1937	Hit by cricket ball in the head
1940	Multiple fractures due road accident
1941	Road accident at night – fractured skull
1942	Suffocation due to drowning
1942	Multiple injuries. Road accident whilst on home leave
1943	Cerebral trauma. Fractured skull. Gun shot wound to head
1943	Suffocation from drowning. Boating accident River Stour
1944	Accidentally drowned
1944	Asphyxiation due to drowning
1945	Fractured skull. No details. Just a reference to an R.N. letter.
	<u>HMS GANGES II:</u> these two pages can be found at the end of the main Admiralty file on all deaths in HMS Ganges during the period 1893 to 1945 which follows on from this file.
1909	Fell overboard and drowned when approaching to moor-up the boat.
1913	Note 46 year old warrant officer [Gunner] who died from cirrhosis of the liver?

Details after this date I have kept because of ongoing possible sensitivities which normally would take some time before they are officially revealed into the public domain. Some of these boys/men are mentioned in my other pages on the subject of Boys Training and HMS Ganges.

Note the number of drownings!