Thomas William Jackson

Private Thomas William Jackson was the oldest son of George and Julia Jackson who lived at 43 Newton Road Isleworth. Thomas had married Ellen in 1902 and, by the time war was declared, the couple had two children, George 10 and little Ivy who was 8.

Thomas served in the Royal Marine Light Infantry Regiment on the British Warship HMS Hawke. In October 1914, the 10th Cruiser Squadron was deployed in the North Sea as part of efforts to stop German warships from attacking a troop convoy from Canada. On 15th October, the Hawke, along with four other Cruisers, were on patrol off Petershead Scotland, when it was torpedoed by a German submarine U-9.

A member of the U boat crew gave this account of the torpedoing. "The Cruisers, big armoured fellows, came zig-zagging. We picked one and manoeuvred for a shot. It was tricky work. She nearly ran us down. We had to dive deeper and let her pass over us, else we would have been rammed. Now we were in a position for a stern shot at an angle, but she turned. It was a fatal turning, for it gave us an opportunity to swing around for a clear bow shot at 400 metres. We dived beyond periscope depth and then came up for a look. The Hawke had already disappeared. She sank in eight minutes. Only one boat was in the water. It was the mail dory that had been lowered before the torpedo explosion. At the rudder the boat officer hoisted a distress signal on the boat's staff. That little dory with half a dozen men aboard was all that was left of the proud warship."

One of the survivors described what had happened to the newspapers "We were struck right amidships between the two funnels quite close to one of the magazines. All hands were on deck, and it was a terrible explosion. The vessel immediately took a heavy list to starboard. I have never been on a ship so well equipped with life saving apparatus, but the way the vessel heeled over made it almost impossible to get the boats out. The boat in which I was saved had a narrow escape from being taken down with the suction".

The Hawke sank in a few minutes with the loss of 498 men listed behind this text, including Thomas William Jackson (39).

Mr and Mrs George Jackson of Isleworth lost Thomas in 1914…….they would lose a younger son, Frederick Victor, at the Somme in 1916.

Thomas has no known grave. He is remembered on the Chatham Naval Memorial and in St John's Church, Isleworth.

Let those who come after see to it
That their names be not forgotten

ABBOTT, Albert
ABRAM, Ernest W
ADAMS, Clare R
ADAMSON, Walter B
AGER, James A
AGNEW, Nathaniel
AINGER, Harold
ALCOCK, Henry
ALGIE, Robert
ALLEN, Daniel
ALLEN, Marshall C
ALLOWAY, William H
ALLUM, George
ANDERSON, John R
ATKINSON, Alfred G
ATTREE, Ernest C
AUSTIN,
AXON, Walter H
BABER,
BALCOMB,
BALL, James
BARKER, William
BARNDEN, Frederick
BARNES,
BARNES, Frederick
BARNES, Herbert P
BARNES,
BARNES, William
BARRY,
BARTER, Harry S
BARTHRO
BASS, Henry
BASSETT, Victor C
BEAN,
BEER, George H
BELL,
BELLINGHAM, T H
BENNETT,
BENNETT, Frank H
BERRIDGE, John P H
BEVIS, E
BISHOP, Albert E
BITTEN,
BLATHERWICK, H T
BLOXSOM, William J
BONFIELD,
BOOTH, George T
BOOTH,
BOWELL, Frederick J
BOWYER,
BOX, Frederick J
BRADLEY, Reginald J
BREMER,
BREWER, Frank
BROAD,
BROADHURST, J H
BROCK,
BROWN, George
BUCHANAN, William
BUCKLEY,
BUNCE, Charles H
BUNCE,
BUNYAN, Benjamin J
BURBRIDGE, Walter
BURRIDGE, Fred
BYE, Frank E
CAHILL,
CALE, Albert
CAMERO
CAMPBELL, George J
CARVIL, Ernest
CASH, G
CAVELL, Frank C
CAWSE, A
CHALMERS, William
CHAMP, Francis L
CHAMPS, Sidney
CHANDLER, Charles
CHARLTON, B D
CHARMAN, Joseph P
CHEYNEY, Sydney B
CHILDS, Charles R
CHISHOLM, A
CHISIM, John
CLARK, Thomas W
CLARKE, Herbert E
CLARKE, James G
CLARKE, Victor
CLARKE, William
CLARKSON, Frederic
CLEMENTS, Jack

CLUBLEY, Iris
COCKRILL, Arthur
COLLIER, Thomas
COLLINS, Herbert C
COLLINS, Stanley B
CONWAY, John C
COOMBS, Arthur E G
CORDER, Ernest
CORMICAN, Hugh P
COTTON, Henry A
COULSON, John
COURTNEY, John H
COVER, Frank
COWLEY, James
COWLING, Willam R
CRAMPTON, Charles
CREIGHTON, Robert
CROCKFORD,
CROSSIN, Edward
CROUCH, John W
CURTIS, Robert H
CUSTANCE, Arthur
DALLEY, William H
DAVIDSON, A M S
DAVIS, Ernest G F
DAY, Aubrey O F
DAY, Thomas
DICKSON, David A
DONALD, Martie
DREW, William R G
DREWETT, George F
DUNCAN, Alexander
DUTTFIELD, Walter T
DYNES, Albert
EADES, William G
EDWARDS, Albert G
EDWARDS, Robert G
ELKINS, William J
ELLIOTT, John
ELVES, Thomas
EVANS, Edward F
FAULKNER, Victor V
FEE, Samuel
FELLOWES, W J
FERGUSON, Peter
FISK, Albert A
FLOCKHART, Adam
FORRINGTON, C H
FOSTER, Frederick
FOXTON, James
FRANCIS, James T
FRANCIS, William S
FRENCH, Arthur R
FRIEND, Harry E
FULCHER, Fred
FULLER, William J
GADSDEN, Walter S
GAMBLE, James
GANDAR,
GEE, Fred
GILES, Ja
GILHAM,
GILLESPI
GODFREY, Frederick
GOODAIR, Hugh J
GOODCHILD, John
GORMAN, James T

HARDING, Percy
HARGREAVES, Harry
HARPER, William J
HAZELDEN, James
HEARN, James S
HEGARTY, Denis
HEMLEY, Frank
HEPWORTH, Percy
HOBBS, Joseph L
HODGES, Henry T
HOLMES, Robert
HOOD, Lewis R
HOOKHAM, David
HOPER, Ernest S J
HOY, John A
HUDSON, Arthur
HUME, Isaac
CHAMBERLAYNE, R
JACKSON, John
W
JACKSON, William
JAMES, Percy
JARROLD, Frederick
JEFFERY, Wilfred A
JENNING, William
JOHNSON, William G
JONES, Alfred E
JONES, John C
JOYCE, Levi H
JURY, William
KEMPSON, John R
KERWIN, Albert
KING, Nicholas M
KIRKBY, Bertram J
LANDELLS, John O
LATTEY, Alexander
LAWRENCE, Charles
LEAMAN, Joseph H
LEE, Charles
LEIGH, Charles
LEWIS-JONES
LIBETTER, Albert W
LIDDELL, Charles
LINDLEY, Harry

MARKHAM, Allan
MARKQUICK, Arthur
MARTIN, Joseph B
MASON, George
MATTHEWS, Frank
MAXTED, Thomas
MAY, Edward T
MAYLIN, Fred
MCALLISTER, A
MCCOMB, Hugh
MCEVOY, Patrick
MCGINLEY, Hugh
MCGREGOR, David J
MCLEOD, Duncan
MCNAMARA, James
MCNEALY, Matthew
MEHEUX, George T
MILLETT, Frederick
MINTON, William
MOORE, Alfred
MOORHOUSE, W A
MORRIS, James
MORRISON, Herbert
MOSS, Percy F
MOXEY, Charles G
MULLEN, Edward
MUNRO, Roderick
MURRAY, Alexander
MURRAY, George
MYERS, Sidney
NAYLOR, Clarence E
NEWBURY, William J
NEWMAN, Harry
NEWMAN, Samuel
NEWPORT, William J
NICHOLLS, John W E
NIXON, William
NUNN, Arthur W
OAKLEY, George H
OSMOND, Ernest H
PADDOCK, George W
PAGE, Alfred
PALMER, George E
PAYNE, Albert J
PAYNE, Ernest A
PAYNE, John H
PEELING, Harold C

PENFOLD, George H
PERRETT, William N
PHILLIP, Harry
PHILLIPSON, Albert
PHIPPS, William H
PICKBURN, Frank
PICKERSGILL, A E
PLUMB, Arthur
POLLARD, Clifford
POPE, Frederick W
PORT, Harry
PORTWAINE
POTTER, Victor J
POWER, Joyce
PRATT-BARLOW
PRATTEN, Herbert
PROCTOR, Midgley
QUOGAN, Victor W
RAINES, Frederick C
RALPH, Frederick G
RAYNER, Frank
GREADERREID
RICHARDSON, R
RICHES, Robert J
RIPPER, Thomas W
ROBBINS, William
ROBERTS, George W
ROBINSON, Albert V
ROGERS, Ernest J
ROSS, George C C
ROUST, Josiah R
SANSOME, Arthur
SAWKINS, Claude T
SCHMIDT, Henry
SEAGER, Thomas
SEARLE, George W A
SEELEY, William A
SEWELL, Thomas
SILVESTER, John
SLATER, David
SLINEY, Richard
SMITH, Albert E
SMITH, Arthur
SMITH, Charles J
SMITH, Edward
SMITH, Frank
SMITH, James H
SMITH, Robert
SMYTH, John
SNARE, Albert
SOUTHERN
SPOONER, Charles A
SPOONER, William C
STONEMAN, Henry C
STRAW, William H
SULLIVAN, B

SUTHERLAND, G L
SYMES, John B
SYMONS, Alfred A
SYMONS, William
TAYLOR, John A
TAYLOR, William
THAKE, William
THOMAS, John A E
THOMPSON, Archer
THOMPSON, W J H
THRUSH, George
THURLEY, Ansell G
TIMMINGS, E A J
TIMMINS, William
TOLHURST, Walter
TRAYNOR, Thomas
TUCKER, George J
TURRELL, Arthur S
UNWIN, Robert H
UPFOLD, William H
UPRICHARD, Charles
VIGUS, Robert E
VINE, Richard
WALTER, Charles W
WALKER, Edward H
WALTON, George W
WAND, Thomas E
WARDEN, Ernest
WARREN, Robert
WATERMAN, Robert
WEEKES, John
WELLS, Frederick P
WILLIAMS, Hugh P E
WILLIAMS, Thomas
WILLIAMS, Walter R
WILLS, George E L
WILSON, Ernest
WILSON, John
WILSON, John J D
WINSHIP, Ernest
WINSHIP, John
WINTERBOTTOM
WINTON, Albert E
WOOD, George W
WOOD, Thomas
WOODLAND, Herbert
WOODS, Arthur W
WOODWARD, W
WRATTEN, William H
WRIGHT, Albert G
WRIGHT, Charles
YATES, George W
YATES, John
YOUNG, Thomas