ABLE SEAMAN

FREDERICK POOLEY

Service Number: J/11750

Regiment & Unit/Ship Royal Navy

H.M.S. "Raglan."

Date of Death Died 20 January 1918

Age 23 years old

Buried/commemorated at CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL

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United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Edwin G. and Harriet Pooley, of 2, Vale Cottage, Cuxton, Rochester, Kent.

Commemorated on Halling and Cuxton memorials.



Raglan sailed for the Dardanelles in June 1915. She remained in the Eastern Mediterranean, based at Imbros. On 29 October, Raglan took part in the Third Battle of Gaza.

On 20 January 1918, while the battleships Agamemnon and Lord Nelson were absent, Raglan and other members of the Detached Squadron of the Aegean Squadron were attacked by the Turkish battlecruiser Yavuz Sultan Selim (formerly German battlecruiser SMS Goeben), the light cruiser Midilli (formerly German light cruiser SMS Breslau)

and four destroyers. Raglan was sunk with the loss of 127 lives. The monitor M28 was also sunk in the same battle. Midilli and Yavuz Sultan Selim ran into a minefield while withdrawing; Midilli sank and Yavuz Sultan Selim was badly damaged.

1911 census Frederick Pooley was at Shotley, Ipswich

1911 Census								
Dwelling	Surname	Name	Status	Relationship	Age	Occupation	Born	County
Shotley, Ipswich, Suffolk	Pooley	Frederick	Single	Inmate	15	Boy Under Training - Royal Navy	Rochester	Kent

Memorial: (WMR 88176) Halling, Kent



RNTE Shotley, known in the Royal Navy as HMS Ganges, was a naval training establishment at Shotley, near Ipswich in Suffolk. Starting in 1905, it trained boys for naval service until it closed in 1976, following the raising of the school leaving age from 15 to 16.[1] It had a mixed reputation in the Royal Navy, both for its reputed harsh methods of training boys in order to turn out professionally able, self-reliant ratings and for the professionalism of its former trainees. It is particularly famous for its 143-foot (44 m) high mast which all boys under training were required to ascend, at least to the halfmoon and for the mast manning ceremonies held whenever a dignitary visited the establishment.