

**Hassop Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Hassop, Derbyshire,
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



LIEUTENANT

S. C. L. HODGKINSON

**H.M.A.S. "AUSTRALIA"
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY**

1ST AUGUST, 1915 Age 28

Samuel Charles Lindsey HODGKINSON

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was born at Baslow, Derbyshire, England on 9th October, 1886 to parents Edmund and Elizabeth Millicent Hodgkinson (nee Heathcote). His birth was registered in the December quarter, 1886 in the district of Bakewell, Derbyshire.

The 1891 England Census recorded Samuel C. S. Hodgkinson as a 4 year old, living with his family at Baslow Mill, Baslow, Derbyshire. His parents were listed as Edmond Hodgkinson (Miller, Baker & Farmer, aged 41, born Baslow, Derbyshire) & Elizabeth M. Hodgkinson (aged 38, born Eyam, Derbyshire). Samuel was one of four children listed on this Census (all born at Baslow, Derbyshire) – Joseph Hodgkinson (Scholar, aged 13), Wegley G. Hodgkinson (Scholar, aged 10) then Samuel & Cecelia M. J. Hodgkinson (aged 2). Also listed were William C. Adlington (Baker's Apprentice, aged 16) & 2 Servants – Sarah A. Blankeby (General Servant, aged 26) & Agnes H. Bagshaw (General Servant, aged 15).

The 1901 England Census recorded Charley Hodgkinson as a 14 year old living with his family at The Mill, Baslow and Bubnell, Derbyshire. His parents were listed as Edmund Hodgkinson (Corn Miller, Farmer & Grocer, aged 51) & Elizabeth M. Hodgkinson (aged 48). There were six children listed on this Census - Elizabeth (aged 25), Joseph (Poor Law Clerk, aged 23), Wigley G. (aged 20) then Charley (Samuel), Josephine (aged 12) & Thomas (aged 9). Also listed was Edmund's sister – Mary J. Hodgkinson (Living on own means, aged 55) & 5 Servants – Henry Marsden (Yardman on Farm, aged 30), Henry Goodman (Grocer's Assistant, aged 22), Ernest Foxlow (Yardman on Farm, aged 15), Annie Smith (General Servant, aged 36) & Elizabeth Miller (Housemaid, aged 15).

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson attended Lady Manners School, Bakewell, Derbyshire, England.

Elizabeth Millicent Hodgkinson, mother of Samuel, died on 24th December, 1901 in Baslow, Derbyshire & a week later on New Year 's Eve 1902, Edmond Hodgkinson, father of Samuel, died in Baslow, Derbyshire.

Extract from Newspaper article from Derbyshire Times and Chesterfield Herald, Chesterfield, Debrysire – 4 January, 1902:

DEATH OF MR EDMUND HODGKINSON, J.P., OF BASLOW

A grief-stricken Village

The village of Baslow has experienced a most dismal and sad Christmastide, for in one week there have passed away two of the most highly esteemed and universally beloved residents in the persons of Mr Edmund Hodgkinson, J.P., and his wife, Elizabeth Millicent Hodgkinson. Rare indeed it is that the heads of a family so dominant and beneficial an influence over a wide area of the countryside are removed under the distressing circumstances that characterised the deeply deplored death of Mr and Mrs Hodgkinson. As mentioned in our columns last week, Mrds Hodgkinson passed away on Tuesday, the 24th December, after a painfully brief illness, which attacked her after her devoted nursing of her son Charlie, who had been very seriously ill.

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A distressing circumstance of Mrs Hodgkinson's illness had been the fact that the eldest daughter who was living away from home, had herself been too ill to be removed to Baslow, and was in consequence unable to be present at the funeral, The dangerous illness of his wife and two children had naturally proved a severe trial to Mr Hodgkinson, and the death of his wife came as a terrible shock. Always indifferent to his own health and comfort, he observed still less precaution during the ensuing few days, and insisted upon undertaking journeys in the severe weather then prevalent without regard to his own health. He had not a robust constitution, and the inevitable breakdown came on Friday in last week, when he was compelled to take to his bed. He rapidly became worse, and grave fears were entertained.....The cause of death was unquestionably the complete physical and nervous prostration brought on by the prolonged worry and anxiety for his wife's and children's health. For several weeks previous Mr Hodgkinson had been practically without sleep, and had with the greatest difficulty been persuaded to take necessary nourishment, and on his wife's death he appeared to abandon all thought and care for himself, remarking that he would not himself live for another week – a premonition that proved unhappily too well founded, for Mrs Hodgkinson passed away at two am in the morning of Christmas Eve and Mr Hodgkinson at two pm on New Years Eve.

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Upon leaving school, Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was apprenticed with the Merchant Navy Service.

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was appointed to British Royal Naval Reserve on 26th August, 1905, having previously served with Merchant Navy.

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant on 28th January, 1909.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson gained his Gunnery Certificate - Second Class on 26th March, 1909 & his Torpedo Certificates – Third Class on 21st May, 1909.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson served in the following ships with British Royal Naval Reserve:

- *Excellent* – 30 January, 1909 to 26 March, 1909
- *Vernon* – 27 March, 1909 to 21 May, 1909
- *Victory* – 22nd May, 1909 to 25th May, 1909 (Awaiting Appointment)
- *Scylla* – 26th May, 1909 to 1st May, 1910
- On passage – 2nd May to 13th May, 1910
- *Victory* – 14th May, 1910 to 31st May, 1910

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was promoted to Sub-Lieutenant on 25th August, 1910

Sub-Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson served in “*Irrestistible*” as Sub-Lieutenant from 12 June, 1911 to 19 July, 1911.

From *The London Gazette* – 27 September, 1910:

The undermentioned Acting Sub-Lieutenants to be Sub-Lieutenants:-

Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson. Dated 25th August 1910

Sub-Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was appointed Lieutenant with the Royal Australian Navy on 31st May, 1912. He served in the following vessels:

- *Protector* - 31st May, 1912 to 30 September, 1913
- *Pioneer* – 1st October, 1913 to 31st December, 1913
- *Penguin* – 1st January, 1914 to 31st March, 1914
- *Australia* – 1st April, 1914 to 12th February, 1915
- London Depot – 13th February, 1915 to 12th March, 1915
- *Australia* – 13th March, 1915 to 1st August, 1915

H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA

H.M.A.S. *Australia* was one of three *Indefatigable*-class battle cruisers built for the defence of the British Empire. Ordered by the Australian government in 1909, she was launched in 1911, and commissioned as flagship of the fledgling Royal Australian Navy (R.A.N.) in 1913. At launch, the standard ship's company was 820, over half of which were Royal Navy personnel; the other half was made up of Australian-born R.A.N. personnel, or Britons transferring from the Royal Navy to the RAN. On delivery, *Australia* was the largest warship in the Southern Hemisphere.

(Information & photo from Wikipedia)



H.M.A.S. *Australia*

On the outbreak of World War I, *Australia* operated (with other ships of the Australian Fleet) as a counter to the German East Asiatic Cruiser Squadron under Admiral Graf von Spee. The battle cruiser's presence deterred von Spee from operating in local waters, and as Prime Minister W.M. 'Billy' Hughes later declared, 'but for the "*Australia*"...the great cities of Australia would have been reduced to ruins, overseas trade paralysed, coastwise shipping sunk, and communications with the outside world cut off'. *Australia* meanwhile kept busy, taking part in a series of operations to seize German Pacific colonies and destroy the enemy's radio network. During these operations *Australia* captured the German ship *Sumatra*.

In late December, 1914 *Australia* received orders to sail to England via the Pacific and reached Devonport on 28 January 1915. En route she captured and sank von Spee's supply ship *Eleonore Woermann* (5000 tons) off South America. From Devonport *Australia* proceeded to Rosyth in Scotland, where in February 1915 she became flagship of the 2nd Battle Cruiser Squadron, flying the flag of Rear Admiral Sir William Pakenham, KCB, MVO. The squadron as initially formed comprised *Australia* and her two sister ships, HMS *New Zealand* and HMS *Indefatigable*. From then until 22 April 1916, *Australia* was based at Rosyth accompanying the Battle Cruiser Fleet on a succession of sweeps, patrols, and convoy escort tasks across the length and breadth of the North Sea. The enemy was rarely if ever seen, and a shot at a suspected submarine on 30 December, 1917 marked the only occasion when she subsequently fired in anger. (*Information from Navy.gov.au*)

In January, 1915 while involved in gunnery practice, Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was injured & was hospitalised for an operation. Upon being discharged he was convalescing & made a home visit to Baslow, Derbyshire. He returned to duty with H.M.A.S. *Australia* and was later taken ill. He was taken to Royal Naval Hospital, South Queensferry, Scotland & a second operation was performed.

Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson died on 1st August, 1915 at Royal Naval Hospital, South Queensferry, Scotland. From the "Service Register of Deaths and Injuries of Men lent to Australian Navy" records Lieutenant S. C. L. Hodgkinson died 1 August, 1915 in Queensferry Hospital of "*Dis. of Intestines.*"



Royal Naval Hospital, Butlaw, South Queensferry, Scotland

OBITUARY – The Tablet 4 September, 1915

LIEUT. S. C. L. HODGKINSON, R.A.N.

The death took place on August 1, at the Royal Naval Hospital, South Queensferry, of Lieut. Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson, R.A.N., of H.M.A.S. "Australia." The deceased was the third son of the late Mr Edmund Hodgkinson, J.P., of Baslow, Derbyshire, and a cousin of the late Captain J. F. Hodgkinson (3rd Dragoon Guards), who died of wounds received in action in November last. Lieut. Hodgkinson, who entered the Australian Navy from the merchant service, was granted a commission in May, 1912, and was gazetted lieutenant in December of the same year. He served for some time in H.M.A.S.'s "Proctor" and "Pioneer" and for about twelve months he acted as assistant navigation officer at Garden Island, Sydney (H.M.A.S. "Penguin"). He was appointed to the battle cruiser "Australia," flagship of the Australian squadron, on April 1, 1914, and took part in the capture and occupation of German territory by the Australian and New Zealand contingents. The interment, with military honours, took place at Hassop on August 6, a Solemn Requiem Mass being celebrated by the Rev. R. Robinson, S. J., on Mount St Mary's College, Chesterfield, assisted by the Rev. H. Keane, S. J., as deacon, and the Rev. C. Boulger, S. J., as subdeacon, members of the College Community forming the choir. The deceased officer was widely known in Sydney, Melbourne, and other parts of Australasia. – R.I.P.

Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson was buried in Hassop Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hassop, Derbyshire, England and has a Private Headstone.

Newspaper article on Funeral – Derbyshire Courier, Chesterfield, Derbyshire – 14 August, 1915:

Funeral of a Naval Officer

LATE LIEUTENANT HODGKINSON

Ceremony at Hassop

In the Roman Catholic burying-ground at Hassop, the tiny village near Bakewell, last Friday morning, the funeral of the late Lieut. Samuel Charles Lindsay Hodgkinson, of H.M. Australian Fleet (and formerly of Baslow) took place. The deceased officer was well known in the Bakewell and Baslow district, and there was a large and representative gathering.

The service, which was of a very impressive and solemn character and fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Fathers R. Robinson, H. Keene, and C. Bolger, of the Mount St, Mary's College, Chesterfield. There was also High Mass for the departed, and simple but fitting tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased officer, who had died in the service of his country. The coffin, which was covered with the Union jack, and the deceased officer's accoutrements, was borne from the church to the graveside by eight sergeants of F Company, 16th Sherwood

Foresters (Chatsworth Rifles), and the officer commanding (Lieut. T. O. Kirlew) acted as pall bearer. From the church to the burying ground the road was lined by men of the Company.

The chief mourners were:- Mr Joseph Hodgkinson (Brother, Bakewell), Mr Vincent Hodgkinson (brother, Market Rasen), Miss E. M. Hodgkinson (sister), Miss Hodgkinson (aunt, Great Malvern), Mr and Mrs G. Hodgkinson, Mr J. Hodgkinson, Mr E. Hodgkinson, Miss Hodgkinson, Mrs Douglas (wife of Lieut. Douglas, who was unable to be present, Matlock), Mr and Mrs T. E. Kitchen (Grange Court, Sheffield), Mrs Gould (Sheffield), Mr J. Tasker (Baslow), Mr W. Elliott and Miss Elliott (Grislow Field), Mrs Redfearn (Sheffield), Rev. Father Hopson (Hainton), Dr P. S. Fentem and Dr Tom Fentem (Bakewell), Mrs A. Hawes (Bakewell), Mr and Mrs Jas. Mackintosh (Thornbridge), Mr and Mrs F. Cox-Wilson (Ashford-in-the-Water), Mr J. D. Wetherall (Hassop), Mr Robert Atkinson (Bakewell Workhouse Master), Messrs L. Bennett, J. Bennett and C. G. Bennett (Great Longstone), Mr A. J. Adams, Mr and Miss Adams (Bakewell), Messrs J. R. Widowson, J. W. Percival and J. Cox-Wilson, jun (Ashford-in-the-Water), Messrs H. Slater, Jos. Littlewood and Jos. Wain (Bakewell).

Floral tributes were received from Mr Alfred Hawes (Clerk to the Bakewell Board of Guardians and Rural District Council), Castle Street, Bakewell; officers, petty officers, and men of the Fox Division, H.M. Australian ship Australia; warrant officers H.M.A.S. Australia; Ellen; Aunt Mary; ship's company, H.M.S. Australia; Mrs S. Lawson, Matlock Bath; Margaret and Eddy Hawes; Mr and Mrs F. Cox-Wilson and family, Ashford; Cousin Joseph and family; Mrs Bagshaw, Matlock Bath; Miss Agnes Bagshaw, Baslow; Mrs R. Skidmore and family, Bakewell, Mr and the Misses Bristall, Baslow; Captain and Ward Room officers, H.M.A.S. Australia; officers and men "A" turret, Australia; "Min"; Joe and Ben; staff, Hope Town Hospital.

The Rev. Father P. S. Quilter, priest-in-charge at Hassop, made excellent arrangements in connection with the seating accommodation of the church; and Mr Robt. Smith, of the Rutland Works, Bakewell, had charge of the funeral arrangements generally.

Probate details:

HODGKINSON, Samuel Charles Lindsey of Staplefield, Bakewell, Derbyshire, a lieutenant in the Royal Australian Navy, died 1 August, 1915 at South Queensferry, Scotland from wounds received on active service. Probate Derby 15 February to Joseph Hodgkinson, assistant clerk to Guardians. Effects £1463 13s. 10d.

De Ruigny's Roll of Honour

HODGKINSON, SAMUEL CHARLES LINDSEY, Lieut., Royal Australian Navy, H.M.A.S. Australia, 3rd s. of the late



Edmund Hodgkinson, of Baslow, J.P., by his wife, Elizabeth Millicent, dau. of the late Thomas Heathcore, of Eyam, Co. Derby; b. Balsow. co. Deby, 9 Oct. 1886; educ. Lady Manners Grammar School, Bakewell, Derbyshire, and on leaving school was apprenticed to the Merchant Service, and made several voyages to South America and Australia, obtaining his master mariner's certificate, 29 July, 1910. On 25 Aug. 1905, he entered the Royal Naval Reserve as Midshipman, and served in H.M. ships Psyche, Scylla, and Irresistible, and when the Australian Navy was formed was appointed Lieut. 31 May, 1912. He served for some time in H.M.A. ships Protector, Pioneers and Yarra, and for about 12 months acted as assistant navigation officer at Garden Island, Sydney (H.M.A.S. Penguin). He was appointed to H.M.A.S. Australia, flagship of the Australian squadron, on 1 April, 1914, with seniority, 1 Dec. 1912, and took part in the capture and occupation of the German Islands in the Pacific, by the Australian and New Zealand forces, and died at the Royal Naval Hospital, South Queensferry, 1 Aug. 1915, after undergoing a second operation rendered necessary by internal injuries, sustained while at gun practice in Jan.; un m.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson, aged 28, of H.M.A.S. "Australia", Royal Australian Navy. He was the son of Edmund and Elizabeth Millicent Hodgkinson (nee Heathcote). Born at Baslow, Derbyshire.

Lieutenant S. C. L. Hodgkinson is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 1.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

S. C. L. Hodgkinson is remembered on Royal Australian Navy WW1 Memorial, located at HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Nelson Road, Crib Point, Victoria.

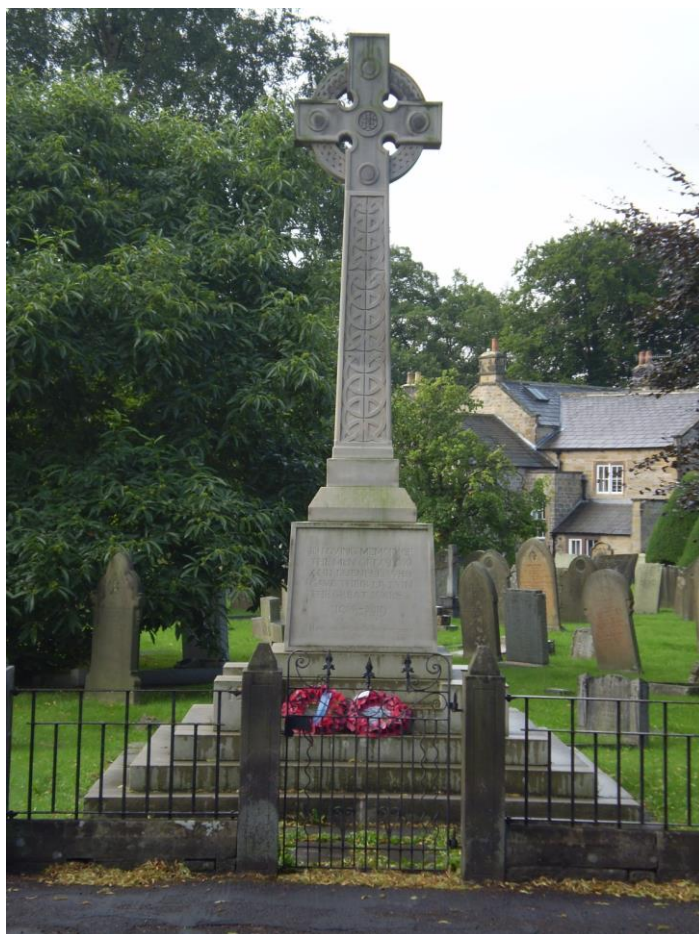


HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Crib Point, Victoria (Photo courtesy of Karen Standen)

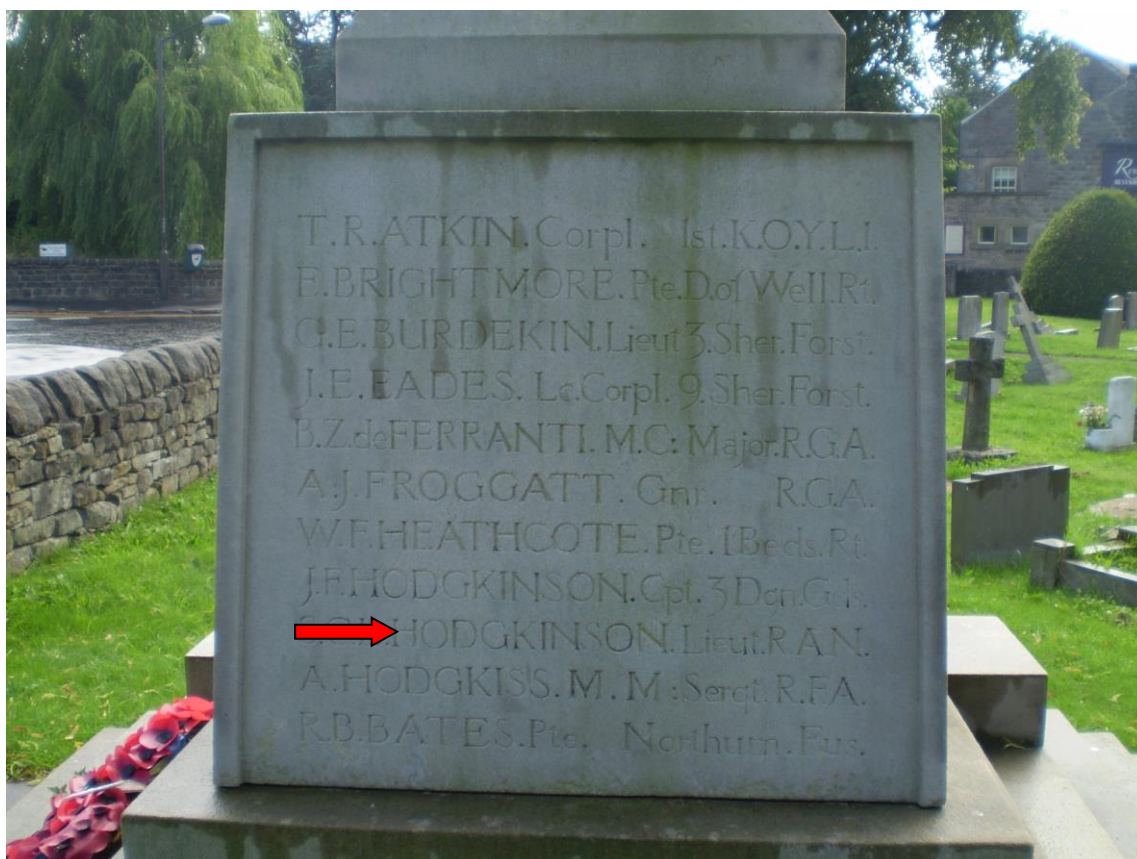


(Photo courtesy of Karen Standen)

S. C. L. Hodgkinson is remembered on the Baslow and Bubnell Parish Memorial, located at St. Anne's Churchyard, Church Street, Baslow, Derbyshire, England.



Baslow and Bubnell Parish Memorial (Photos from War Memorials Online – Russell Walters)



S. C. L. Hodgkinson is remembered on the Lady Manners WW1 Memorial, which is located in the Cavendish Library, Lady Manner's School, Shutts Lane, Bakewell, Derbyshire, England.



Lady Manners WW1 Memorial in the Cavendish Library (Photo with permission Roy Branson)

(2 pages of Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC & National Archives



Newspaper Notices

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY

DEATH OF LIEUTENANT HODGKINSON

Melbourne, Aug 4.

The Minister for the Navy (Mr Jensen) announced with regret to-day that news had been received by cablegram, of the death, at a naval hospital in shore, of Lieutenant Samuel C. L. Hodgkinson, of H.M.A.S. Australia.

(*The West Australian*, Perth, Western Australia – 5 August, 1915)

COMMONWEALTH

The death has occurred at a naval hospital on shore of Lieutenant S. C. L. Hodgkinson, of H.M.A.S. Australia.

(*The Capricorn*, Rockhampton, Queensland – 7 August, 1915)

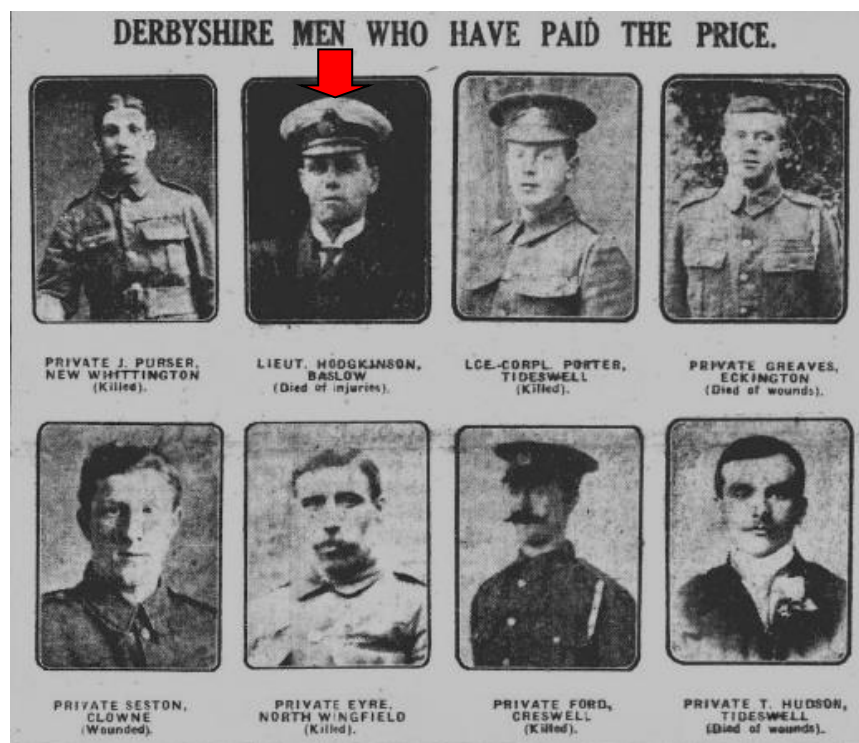
THE DERBYSHIRE CASUALTIES

DIED OF INJURIES

Lieut. S. C. L. Hodgkinson

(*Derbyshire Courier*, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England – 7 August, 1915)

DERBYSHIRE MEN WHO HAVE PAID THE PRICE



(*Derbyshire Courier*, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, England – 7 August, 1915)

LIEUT. HODGKINSON, R.N., DIES OF INJURIES

General and sincere regret has been aroused in Bakewell by the sad news which arrived recently that Lieut. Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson, of H.M.S. Australia, Australian Navy, had died as the result of injuries received some time ago when engaged in preparing to deal with the German Fleet, should it ever show up. The young officer, who was the third son of the late Mr Edmund Hodgkinson, J.P., of Baslow, and brother to Mr Joseph Hodgkinson, Assistant Clerk to Bakewell Board of Guardians, had made great strides in the profession he had chosen, and bid fair to go still further. The intimation of his demise came as a surprise, very few being aware of his illness.

The dead officer was educated at Lady Manners School, Bakewell, and afterwards was apprenticed in the largest English sailing vessel then afloat, "The Amazon," in which boat he made several voyages to South America and Australia. After completing his apprenticeship he sat for and passed a number of examinations, eventually obtaining his master mariner's certificate at the earliest possible age.

He then joined the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and spent a considerable time qualifying himself for a position in the Navy, having a considerable amount of service in foreign waters with the English battleships. When the Australian Navy was formed the deceased officer received a commission as Lieutenant, and when he had completed a period of service on gunboat and similar craft he was commissioned to the Admiral's flagship, the "Australia," on which he was serving when war broke out, having participated in several famous engagements, including the sinking of the "Emden."

Whilst on a voyage with the ship a short time ago, Lieut. Hodgkinson was somewhat seriously injured internally whilst at gun practice, an operation was rendered necessary, and this was successfully performed. After a period of convalescence in a hospital in the Isle of Wight, Lieut. Hodgkinson came to Bakewell on leave, as many who saw him at that time will remember. When he left Bakewell he rejoined his ship and had since been actively engaged with the Fleet. It was hoped he would make a complete recovery from the operation, but he was again taken suddenly ill and was removed to a Naval Hospital, where he underwent a second operation. Unfortunately this was not as successful as the first, the Lieutenant passing away at noon on Sunday.

The deceased officer was only 29 years of age, and much sympathy has been expressed with his brothers, Messrs Jos. and Vincent Hodgkinson, in their sad experience, following so soon as it does after the demise of their cousin, Capt. J. F. Hodgkinson, who died from wounds received in action a short while ago.

The funeral took place at Hassop on Friday, the mortal remains arriving at Hassop station on the Wednesday, where they were met by members of the family and "F" Company of the Chatsworth Rifles, under Lieut. J. Kirwen, who escorted the coffin to Hassop R. C. Church, where it laid until the funeral.

(Belper News, Belper, Derbyshire, England – 13 August, 1915)

Hassop Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hassop, Derbyshire, England

Hassop Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hassop contains only one Commonwealth War Graves burial.



The Cemetery – View from Lane Junction *(Photo by Alan Heardman)*

Photo of Lieutenant Samuel Charles Lindsey Hodgkinson's Private Headstone in Hassop Roman Catholic Cemetery, Hassop, Derbyshire, England.





(Photo from Derbyshire War Memorials Project)

Pray For The Repose

Of The Soul

Of

SAMUEL CHARLES

LINDSEY HODGKINSON

Lieutenant R.A.N.

H.M.A.S. Australia

Late Of Baslow

Who Died At The

Royal Naval Hospital

South Queensberry