

In Memory of
Ordinary Signalman

Sylvius Lawrence Kempton

P/JX 210204, H.M.S. Hood., Royal Navy who died on 24 May 1941 Age 19

Son of Sylvius and Marion Kempton, of Hale, Cheshire.

Remembered with Honour
Portsmouth Naval Memorial



Commemorated in perpetuity by
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Ordinary Signaman Sylvius Lawrence (Laurie) Kempton

HMS Hood, Royal Navy

Service Number: P/JX 210204

Died: 24 May 1941 Age: 19

How Died: Killed at Sea

Country of burial: Lost at Sea

Cemetery or Memorial: Portsmouth Naval Memorial

Town Memorial: Hale

Extra Information

One of four sons of Sylvius and Marion Kempton. He attended Wadham House School, Hale and Manchester Grammar School.

He volunteered for the RN in June 1940 and H.M.S. Hood was his first (and only as it turned out) ship. His second eldest brother is a Lieutenant in the RN.

Listed as S. Lawrence Kempton on Hale Cenotaph.

H.M.S. Hood was sunk at 0600hrs on the 24 May 1941 in the Denmark Strait in position 63.25N 31.55W, by the 15" guns of the German battleship "Bismark" - there were only 3 survivors. It was a battlecruiser, built between 1918 and 1920; it had a displacement of 42,100 tons and a complement of 1,350 personnel.



Commemorated on the family grave in Hale Cemetery.

His father, Sylvius, had died 14 January 1937 aged 53 and his mother Marion died 30 August 1982 aged 78.

Death reported in the 06 June 1941 edition of the Sale & Stretford Guardian.

Photo in local newspaper.

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