

In Memory of
JAMES HENRY SUMMERS

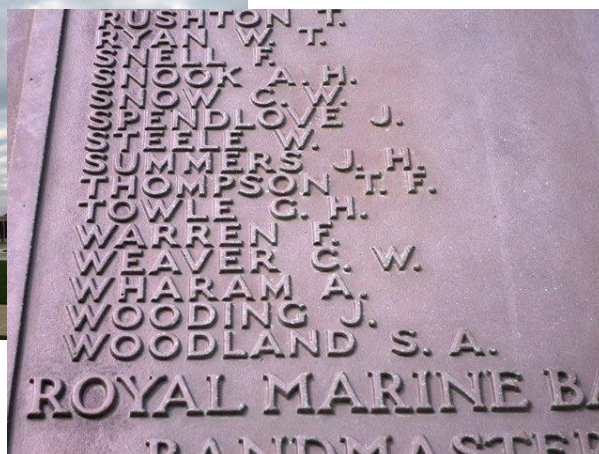
James Henry Summers was born on 16 August 1895 at Stanley. He served as Private PO/16698 with the Royal Marine Light Infantry and was aboard H.M.S. Bayano during WWI when it was sunk. The Bayano had been a banana boat requisitioned as a troop carrier by the Admiralty. The ship was sunk by Submarine U27 on 11 March 1915 ten miles North west by West of Corsewall Point, Dumfriesshire. 14 officers and 181 ratings were lost.

James had joined the Royal Marines based at Portsmouth in 1912 aged just 16 after a short period as a farm labourer. He was the son of Joseph & Elizabeth Anne Summers of Pond Cottages, Charlcutt, Bremhill. James' grandfather was George Summers who was a local Bremhill lad who became one of London's first policemen serving at Hoxton in "N" Division. James' father (1872-1948) was born in London but moved back to Wiltshire with the family when his father left the police force.



James has no grave as his body was never recovered or identified. He is commemorated on the Royal Naval Memorial at Southsea, Portsmouth,

Hampshire on Panel 9.



He is also remembered on war memorials at Bremhill, Derry Hill, East Tytherton and Foxham.