

Petty Officer Stoker ALBERT HENRY HANNIS

P/KX 84322, H.M.S. Kashmir, Royal Navy

who died age 28 on 23 May 1941

Son of Alfred George and Fanny Beatrice Hannis; husband of Winifred Anne Hannis.

Remembered with honour on the PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL

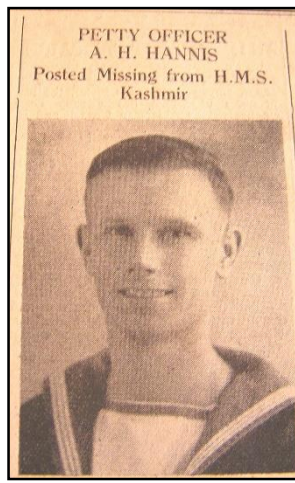
The Register of 7 June 1941 reported his possible death and provided a photograph:

Petty Officer Hannis A.H POSTED MISSING From H.M.S Kashmir

The son of Mr A.G Hannis, of Council Houses, Apperley, he has been in the navy for the past eight years and is 28 years of age. He was educated at Whitcombe and Norton schools.

In November last year (1940) he married in Twynning Parish Church, Miss Winifred Ann Holbrook, of Hillend, Twynning.¹

Everyone hopes that the news of his safety will be received very soon.



P.O. Hannis



H.M.S. Kashmir

We can deduce, therefore, that this death robbed the country of another professional seaman and the loss of H.M.S. Kashmir was another casualty in the attempt to defend Crete from the Nazi invasion. His ship, a destroyer commissioned in 1939, was bombed and sunk on 23 May 1941 by German *Stuka* dive bombers.



¹ For that reason, P.O. Hannis also features on the Twynning War Memorial.