

Oscar Herbert Harper

Oscar Harper was born in the hamlet of Ellough in Suffolk on 4th November 1887.

For many years he lived with his family at 28 Queens Road, Lowestoft. Having served in the Royal Navy, he worked on various herring drifters out of Lowestoft, including the "Integrity" and the "Fisher Boy".

He was taken ill on board the "Fisher Boy" with double pneumonia and pleurisy, and died on February 3rd 1927 in Penzance, Cornwall, where he is buried. His obituary in The Journal (now the Lowestoft Journal) newspaper on Saturday 12th February 1927 read:-



Mr. Oscar H. Harper

The funeral of the late Mr. Oscar Herbert Harper, of Lowestoft, who died at the West Cornwall Hospital, Penzance on February 3rd, after a short illness, took place at the Borough Cemetery on Sunday morning, amidst every token of respect, as shown by the large number of people attending. The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. H. Carr, Vicar of St. Mary's, was a very impressive one. The coffin was of English elm, with oak mouldings and brass furniture, and the plate bore the inscription:-

OSCAR H. HARPER
DIED FEBRUARY 3rd, 1927
AGED 38 YEARS

The mourners were: Mrs. Harper (widow), Mr. Roger Harper (brother), Mr. H. Smith, Mr. A. Beckerleg, Mr. W. Mallett, (Messrs.

Jack Shelver, Robert Lee, William Knights, Herbert Mobbs, Frederick Beamish, and Frederick Hunt, shipmates crew of the Fisherboy, LT334).

The following attended in regalia, from the R.A.O.B., Alaxandra Lodge, 5,654, Newlyn West:- Messrs. R. Gustin, B. Maddern, W. J. Tilley, E. A. Chivers, G. Bolitho, S. J. Collins, R. Dyson, J. H. Prowse, G. Trevithick, J. Parker, A. Minards, A. Williams, J. Brailey, O. B. Tonkin, C. J. Rollings, F. Edwards, G. Adlam, W. Hosking, J. Harvey, C. Adlam, J. H. Thomas, R. Lory, S. Reeves; Mrs. A. Beckerleg and Mrs. G. Green (Newlyn), Mr. And Mrs. Swann, Mr. Corin, Mr. Coombes, Mr. T. Cocks, Mr. Donnithorne, Mr. Hocking, and many friends were at the graveside.

The floral tributes were as follows:- To Oscar, from his sorrowing wife and brother Roger. With deepest sympathy, from his loving little children, nieces and nephew, 28 Queens Road, Lowestoft. With deepest sympathy, from R. R. Bath and employees, Newlyn. With sincere sympathy, from Peacock Ltd, Lowestoft. Artificial wreath – with deepest sympathy to Oscar Herbert Harper, from the crew of the steam drifter Fisherboy LT334. With deepest sympathy, from the crew of the S. D. Barham. From the Star Inn, with deepest sympathy. With deepest sympathy, Mr. Baxter and Son, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft. From the Loyal R. A. O. B., 5,654, Newlyn West. With deepest sympathy, from Mr. And Mrs. Donnithorne, the Strand, Newlyn. With deepest sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beckerleg, the Strand, Newlyn.

Mrs. Harper and family of 28 Queens Road, Lowestoft, wish to thank Mrs. Baxter and Sons, neighbours, and all kind friends who sympathised with her in her sad and sudden bereavement.