

Richard Hawkes RN DSC

Richard Hawkes ran away to sea sometime between 1881 and 1891 never to return to his birth place Wellingborough or to tell the family that he he left behind about the large family he went on to raise, as they knew nothing about his family in Wellingborough as I was to find out when I was researching his life.

But Richard distinguished himself in his life in the Royal Navy earning himself the Distinguished Service Cross in 1917 he was at that time Chief Gunner in the ship he was serving on. Richard and Amy Alice had seven children 5 daughters and two sons all born and raised in Portsmouth, his son Norman went on to be a policeman and raised two children of his own. Richard is to be found on the 1901 census on a ship called HMS Vernon and Tenders He was also on the 1891 census on a ship called HMS Excellence, Richard and Amy Alice were married for 53 years and Richard Died suddenly on August 29 1946 and the following inscription is on his tomb stone

**In Memory of
Richard Hawkes
Who died suddenly On Aug 29th 1946
Sadly Missed by
His Wife and children
Forever in our thoughts**

Amy Alice died July 2nd 1956 and is also buried in the same grave At Milton Rd Cemetery wb row 1 grave 34