

Percival King  
23<sup>rd</sup> October 1919

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**Obituary.**

We regret to record the death of Eng. Lieut.-Commander Percival King, R.N., son of Mr and Mrs W C King, of "Beulah," Weston-super-mare, which took place at Longlands, Dawlish at the residence of his uncle, Mr J F King, on the 23rd inst. This gallant young officer died after a long and painful illness, contracted during the faithful performance of his duty in the war. He was aged 32 years.

Deceased joined the Royal Navy in 1893. He was a master at Osborne College (Engineering Staff) previous to the war, and was appointed to H.M.S. Swift, a destroyer, at the outbreak of hostilities. He saw much active service and was in all the more important naval engagements, including the Battle of Jutland. He was invalided out of the Navy last year.

Lieut.-Commander King was a fine athlete and a noted Rugby footballer, being Captain of the Keyham College team in his last year. His outstanding merit as a player was recognised by his being picked to represent both Somerset and Hampshire at different times, and what probably he esteemed most of all, he had the honour of playing for the United Services.

The funeral takes place at Dawlish to-day at 12.30.

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The funeral of the late Engineer-Lieut.-Commander P King, R.N., a victim of the war, took place at Dawlish last Saturday, the obsequies of a brave officer being as simple and as plain as it was possible to be. The service was taken by the Rev F Simmons (vicar). Over the coffin of polished elm was spread the white ensign, with deceased's hat and sword resting on it. On the breastplate was the inscription:

Percival King, Engineer-Lieut-Commander, R.N.  
Died Oct. 23rd, 1919,  
Aged 32 years.

The mourners were Mr W C King (father), Mr Arthur King (brother), Mr and Mrs J F King (uncle and aunt), Nurse Thurman and Mr F S Lear.

The wreaths were from his Father and Mother, Uncle Jim and Aunt Francie, Edith and Arthur (brother); Winnie, Dorothy, Mullie, Tubs, Midge, Peter and Mervyn; Aunt Lucy and Aunt Kitty, Nurse) Alice Thurman "To one who so patiently bore his sufferings," Mr Gordon J Bowerman (Bridgwater); Mrs Somes and Miss Tutchter, Mr and Mrs J Hodge (Weston-super-Mare), W A Riley (Dawlish)—"In memory of the bravest man I ever knew"; Mrs and Miss Hildyard and Miss Jackson, Charles Cornelius, from Mabel, Mrs Brockington; "To my darling Peter with all the love of his little Emmeline."

Messrs G B Avant and Son carried out the funeral arrangements.

