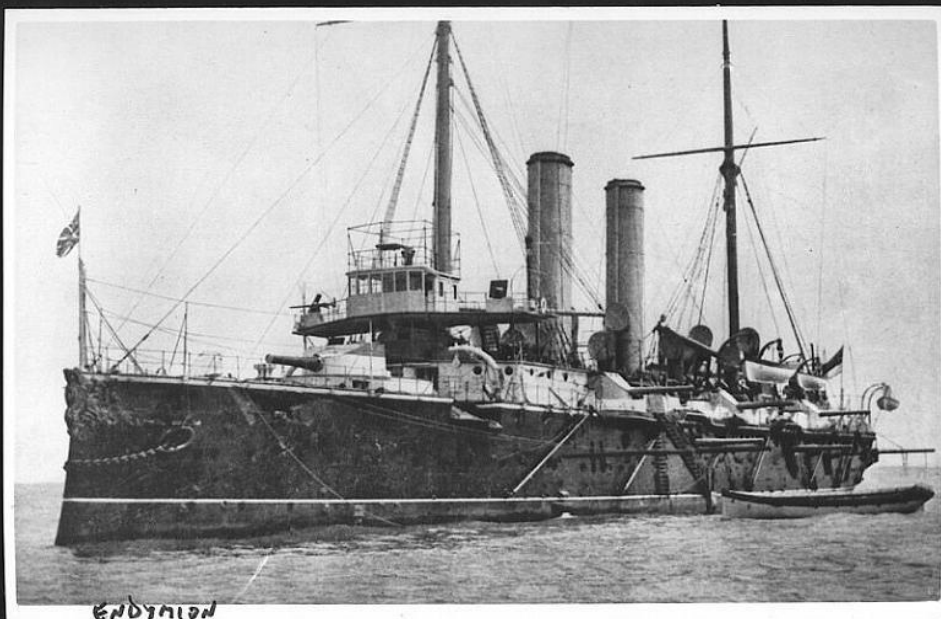


Stanley Ackerley

Cranage Road, Holmes Chapel

Returned

The ship on which Stanley served, HMS Endymion



His Story

The second son of Samuel and Maggie Ackerley, Stanley was born in Latchford in 1893, one of three brothers. He moved with the family to Middlewich Road, Holmes Chapel in 1906 and was admitted to school. By 1911 however he was living with his step mother in Warrington aged 17 and working as a packer at Monk's Hall works.

Although Stanley was no longer at home his father lived in Holmes Chapel in the room over the hamper maker's workshop behind the existing Sainsbury's shop.

In 1915 he married at St Paul's church Crewe.

The Absent Voters List gives his address as Cranage Road.

His War Record

He joined the Navy and was aboard HMS Bellepheron in December 1914. In 1915 the Parish Magazine reported that he was 'serving abroad' and in May 1917 he was reported to be in hospital. In September 1917 he underwent 'another operation' but there are no further Parish Magazine reports about Stanley. However, the Absent Voters list of 1919 shows that he was a stoker 1st class aboard HMS Endymion.

HMS Endymion was a first class cruiser of the Edgar class. She was launched on 22 July 1891. She took part in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion in China, during which time future rear admiral and VC recipient Eric Gascoigne Robinson served aboard her. She served in the First World War in the Gallipoli Campaign, and was sold for breaking up at Cardiff on 16 March 1920.