

Harry Lawford Hunt (Royal Marine Artillery)

1889—1918: age at death 28



Harry was born in Norwell in 1889, the second son of Frank and Mary Ann Hunt. The family moved to Newark and lived at Kelham Villas when he was a boy. Harry was educated at The Mount School and later attended the School of Art. He worked at Messrs Gilstrup Earl and Co., Maltsters, for 12 years as an analytical chemist. He was a very popular young man, a communicant at the Parish Church, a one-time Sunday School teacher at St. Augustine's, and a very keen member of the Rowing Club and also the Conservative Club.

Harry joined the Royal Marine Artillery on February 6th, 1916 and was quickly promoted to bombardier and stationed at Scapa Flow on July 19th, 1916. He gained a commission as a second lieutenant in August 1917 and was immediately posted to Flanders where he was commended for

his excellent work with the RMA siege guns. He was wounded in action in January 1918 but subsequently returned to his unit. On 29th May 1918, hours before commencing special leave for his marriage to his fiancée Florence Wilkinson of Appletongate Newark, a 6-inch shell landed on his gun detachment killing him instantly. Back home in Newark the families were making final arrangements for the wedding, but instead of Harry coming home they received notification of his death in action.



Harry, a hugely competent and popular officer was laid to rest at Coxyde Military Cemetery in Kokssijde, Belgium. Having already received a Certificate of Distinction, he was posthumously awarded the Order of Couronne and the Croix de Guerre which were placed on his coffin by the officiating Belgian General.