

PERCY CLAUDE GARNHAM (1885-90)

Date of Birth	October 1875
School Information	Grandfather of Jasper Meredydd Garnham (1948-53)
Career Information	None
Date Of Death	3 May 1915
Cause of Death	Killed in action
Location	Gallipoli
Cemetery	Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Turkey Panel 8 to 15
Rank	Lieutenant
Branch of Service	Nelson Battalion Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve

Sadly we have not yet been able to obtain a photo of his memorial in Gallipoli but Robert Smith has kindly sent us the following photo and biography.



LIEUTENANT (temp.) PERCY CLAUD
GARNHAM, R.N.V.R., "NELSON"
BATTN., ROYAL NAVAL DIVISION,

born in London on the 3rd October, 1875, was the fourth son of James Bird Garnham, of 59, Amhurst Park, London, N.

He was educated at Framlingham College, Suffolk, and afterwards went into business in London.

On the outbreak of



war in August, 1914, he volunteered for active

service, and in the following October obtained a temporary commission as Sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, being attached to the London Division. Mr. Garnham was subsequently appointed to the "Nelson" Battalion of the Royal Naval Division, being promoted to temporary Lieutenant in December, 1914, and proceeded with his Battalion to the Dardanelles early in 1915. He was killed instantaneously by machine-gun fire, on the 3rd May, 1915, and was buried in Gallipoli Peninsula. Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Eveleigh, R.M., commanding the "Nelson" Battalion, who was himself afterwards killed in action, wrote of Lieutenant Garnham: "He was an excellent officer, full of zeal, and only too anxious to learn and make himself efficient."

Two men wrote of Lieutenant Garnham: "He was a fine man; every inch of him was good. We would follow him anywhere—and we did, too! He was our favourite officer. A better fellow than Garnham never breathed. He was thought the world of by B Coy."

Lieutenant Garnham married Edith, daughter of John Masham, and left three children, Percy Cyril Claude, born in January, 1901; Hilda Mary, born in August, 1902; and Eileen, born in March, 1907.