

## JAMES SYDNEY HODGES (1898-1901)

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| <b>Date of Birth</b>      | 8 July 1885          |
| <b>School Information</b> | None                 |
| <b>Career Information</b> | Merchant Marine      |
| <b>Date Of Death</b>      | Unknown              |
| <b>Cause of Death</b>     | Unknown              |
| <b>Location</b>           | Unknown              |
| <b>Cemetery</b>           | Unknown              |
| <b>Rank</b>               | Unknown              |
| <b>Branch of Service</b>  | Royal Navy Transport |

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James Sydney Hodges was serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> Mate on the SS Orontes in 1918 and fell ill. He was transferred to the Marine Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts where he died from pneumonia and influenza on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1918. The Orontes had been used as a troopship bringing troops from Australia but as it was refrigerated, it was returned to freight use. As the ship was no longer being used by the military, I suspect that's why he doesn't appear in the CWGC records as a war death.

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| Hitchcock, E.         | 17 | Assistant Steward. | York             | --                                   | --                   | Barnes 82,555 London    | 2 Oct. 1918   | At Sea                                 | Ship sunk by enemy.             |
| Hocking, Robert       | 17 | Mess Room Steward  | Plymouth         | 8, Napier Terrace, Mutley, Plymouth. | Milly 119,423 London | Orontes 115,707 Glasgow | 6 Sept. 1918  | At Sea                                 | Ship sunk by enemy.             |
| Hodges, James Sydney. | 33 | 2nd Mate           | Bury St. Edmunds | 9, Lancaster Gate, London.           |                      |                         | 25 Sept. 1918 | United States Marine Hospital, Boston. | Entered hospital 20 Sept. 1918. |
| Hodkinson,            | 21 | Wireless           | Accrington       | 149, Birch Street,                   | Lady                 |                         | 22 Nov. 1918  | Influenza and pneumonia.               |                                 |