

D A Renshaw

CWGC – SIGNALMAN DEREK ARTHUR RENSHAW

Service Number: D/JX 246200

Royal Navy

H.M.S. Helicon

Died 12 September 1943

Age 19 years old

Buried or commemorated at

[PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL](#) Panel 80, Column 3.

United Kingdom

Additional Info Son of Arthur and Violet Mary Renshaw, of 61 Rock Road Keynsham, Somerset.

Notes - Aultbea House on Loch Ewe has been used for UK defence purposes since the 1890s. Anti-submarine nets were laid across the mouth of the Loch in the early months of the Second World War. Known as HMS Helicon from June 1941, it soon became a refuelling base and assembly port for merchant ships which needed convoy escort, initially across the Atlantic and then, from February 1942, to the Arctic.

He had been a member of the Keynsham Scout Troop and in the early days of the war had acted as a messenger for the local civil defence force. He joined the Royal Navy and after his initial training on the Isle of Man in 1941 he was posted to the battleship HMS Anson which had the dangerous role of escorting convoys to Russia on the Arctic route. Sadly, as a result of his experiences Derek developed a stomach complaint and entered the hospital at Aultbea on the shores of Loch Ewe in Scotland

Died 12th Sept 1943. Buried at sea, Plymouth Naval Memorial.

