

## Charles Bolton

Age 25

Birth Place: Diss - Norfolk  
Birth Date: 7<sup>th</sup> October 1888  
Death Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914  
Death Location: HMS. Cressy  
Rank: Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Regiment: Royal Navy  
Service No: SS/103986 (RFR/CH/B/8166)  
Enlisted: 31<sup>st</sup> October 1906  
Occupation: Agricultural Labourer  
Type of Casualty: K. I. A. with Submarine in North Sea  
Parents: William Bolton of Grammar School,  
Banham, and Mrs W. Bolton of  
Towns End, New Buckenham.

Cemetery: CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL.  
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Comments: Body not recovered, and Location of Grave not recorded. Charles joined H.M.S. CRESSY on 29<sup>th</sup> September 1914, from H.M.S. Pembroke. German submarine U9 commanded by Otto Weddigen sank HMS ABOUKIR, HMS HOGUE and H.M.S. CRESSY within one hour on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1914, with the loss of 62 Officers and 1085 sailors. This was known as the Live Bait Squadron because they were slow old obsolete ships. H.M.S.CRESSY was crewed by R.F.R. men and cadets.

Medals Awarded: Charles Bolton transferred to the Royal Fleet Reserve in 1911. Charles was awarded the 1914 Star and Clasp, British War Medal and the Victory Medal.



H.M.S. CRESSY

