



WWI Casualty

Ordinary Telegraphist, George James Thomas Sanger Great Wishford & Salisbury St. Thomas

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Sanger	George James Thomas	Ordinary Telegraphist	J/42592	Royal Navy	H. M. Submarine D.3.	1918	15-Mar	18	
Date of Birth									
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1899	10-Nov	Salisbury	Sanger	Thomas	Dredge	Amy Louise	1899	10-Dec	St. Thomas, Salisbury
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
1901 - Family Resident at St. John Street, Salisbury St. Thomas									

1901	Sanger	Thomas	Married	23	Blacksmith	Salisbury	Head		
	Sanger	Amy L.	Married	23		Salisbury	Wife		
	Sanger	George James T.		1		Salisbury	Son		
	Sanger	Fred B.		1 month		Salisbury	Son		
1911	1911 - Family Resident at 5 Thynnes Court, St. Johns Street, Salisbury								
	Dredge	James Thomas	Married	67	Unemployed	Salisbury	Head		
	Dredge	Ellen	Married	56		Salisbury	Wife		
	Dredge	Frank William Powell	Unmarried	31	Labourer - Roadman with Borough Council	Salisbury	Son		
	Dredge	Edward James	Unmarried	25	Labourer - Roadman with Borough Council	Salisbury	Son		
	Sanger	George James Thomas		11	Scholar	Salisbury	Grandson		
Military Service Record									
Enlistment Details									
Year	Date	Place	Age			Trade	Religion		
			Years	Months	Days				
1917	10-Nov		18	0	0	Errand Boy			
Physical Description									
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks				
Feet	Inches								
5	3	Fresh	Hazel	Brown	Tattooed ring middle finger left hand and 2 spots left forearm				
Next of Kin									
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode					
Sanger	Thomas		Father	Wishford					
Details of Death									
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid				
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.
1918	15-Mar	Drowned after friendly fire	At sea	Submarine D. 3.					Paid but no details recorded

Grave Location	
Cemetery	Plot Number
Chatham Naval Memorial, Town Hall Garden, Chatham, Kent	Panel 29
War Memorials and Commemorations	
Memorial Name and Location	Panel Number
St. Giles Church, Great Wishford - Roll of Honour Plaque	
Great Wishford Section of the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book	
Guildhall Square Memorial, Salisbury	
Other Significant Information	
Parents married at Bemerton on 26th February 1899 and the marriage is registered in the March Quarter of 1899 in the Wilton Registration District	
George's mother died in 1904 aged 26	
His father remarried in 1906. He married Edith Alice Musselwhite	
His father and family in 1911 were resident at 13 George Street, Salisbury. This included Thomas, Edith Alice, Frederick Bertram Hilda Amy and Ellen Matilda Sanger.	



Chatham Naval Memorial

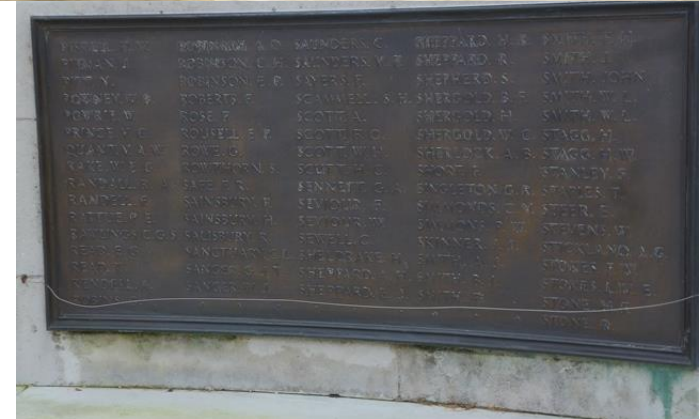


St. Giles Roll of Honour 1914-1918 by Michael Day Memorial, Salisbury



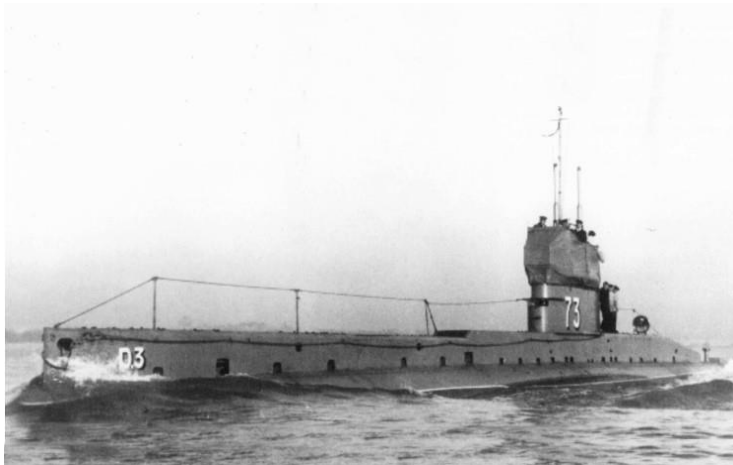
Guildhall Square War

Guildhall Plaque showing George Sanger's Name →



HMS D3 was one of eight submarines of its class, built for the Royal Navy during the first decade of the 20th century.

D3 was mistakenly bombed and sunk by a French airship AT-0 off Fecamp in the English Channel and lost with all hands on 12 March 1918. AT-0 was patrolling when at 14:20 a vessel was spotted to her north east. The airship drew close for recognition purposes and according to the commander of the airship, the submarine fired rockets at her. Four 52-kg bombs were dropped by the airship. The submarine disappeared but several minutes later men were seen in the water. Attempts were made by the airship to rescue the men but it proved too difficult. The airship withdrew to seek help but all the men had drowned by the time it arrived. It is clear that *D3* was the victim of a serious identification error on the part of the French airship, with identification rockets being mistaken for aggressive gunfire.



The crew of HMS D3 courtesy of [Histoire Maritime](#) →

← HMD D3

