



Studland Bay

Honourable Death

Coroner's tribute to Officer

"His death was just as honourable as if it had taken place in action, " said Mr. Neville Jones, the East Dorset coroner, returning a verdict of accidental death at the Swanage inquest yesterday on Lieutenant John William Agar (23). Of the 3rd Division Royal Corps of Signals, stationed at Bulford, who home address was Field Cottage, Little Kimbel, Princes Risborough [Buckinghamshire].

He was drowned while saving the second of two soldiers who got into difficulties while bathing at Studland, having saved one.

Captain Godfrey Hill, of Yeovil, said he saw a motor-boat and waved to it. The boat went towards the spit of sand, but when within a reasonably short distance of where the bathers were in trouble it turned and went back.

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OPC Note:

Lieutenant Agar is buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery.