

REMEMBERED WITH HONOUR

Full Name **Marine Arthur William "Buster" Keith**

Born **08/02/1922**

CWGC Certificate **Service Number: PO/X 3863**

H.M.S. Hood., Royal Marines

Died **24 May 1941, age 20**

Son of Henry George and Mary Jane Keith, of West Moors, Dorsetshire.

Memorial **Portsmouth Naval Memorial Panel 59, Column 51.**



Address 1939 **Parents - "Kyne" off Oakhurst Road, West Moors.**

Circumstance

In May 1941, Hood and the battleship Prince of Wales were ordered to intercept the German battleship Bismarck and the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen, which were en route to the Atlantic, where they were to attack convoys. On 24th May 1941, early in the Battle of the Denmark Strait, Hood was struck by several German shells, exploded, and sank with the loss of all but 3 of her crew of 1,418. Due to her publicly perceived invincibility, the loss affected British morale.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HMS_Hood

Notes

Age on the CWGC memorial inscription is incorrect, he was 19.

Information compiled by West Moors resident, Kevin Wormley in 2024