

## **Henry James Pointez**

Cook (O) H.M.S. Hurricane, Royal Navy

Service Number C/MX 121670,

Died on 25 December 1943 Age 29

Memorial Chatham Naval Memorial

<https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/2471439/HENRY%20JAMES%20POINTEZ/>

Henry James was born on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1914, his birth was registered in Nottingham. His parents were Charles and Annie Louisa (nee Barber) Pointez who married in 1906 registered in Nottingham R D in the June quarter of that year

Their daughter Gladys Mary was born in 1907, her birth being registered in the Nottingham R D June quarter. Henry James followed in 1914

On the 1911 census Charles, Annie and Gladys are living at 2, Coppice Grove, Mapperley with Charles occupation being listed as a 'colliery banksman'

On the Electoral register for 1930 Charles and Annie were living on Hallam Road Mapperley at number 762? (an odd number which looking at a map does not make sense)

Henry James Pointez married Vera Ann Jenkinson in 1938 registered in Nottingham in the September quarter.

On the 1939 Register they are living at 15 Sullivan Street Nottingham.

Henry's occupation is a 'Baker all round' and Vera is a 'Telephone Clerk.

Henry would have been called up c1941 and being a baker ended up as a cook. He was stationed on HMS Hurricane. The ship was on Convoy escort duty in the North Atlantic, when on 24<sup>th</sup> December 1943 it was hit by a German torpedo which homed in on the ship's propeller noise and blew off 30 feet of HMS Hurricane's stern. The explosion killed 3 crew members and wounded nine others.

Henry James Pointez was one of the crew members who was killed

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*Mrs Pointez wishes to thank all her friends, relatives, neighbours for their letters and kindness in her sad bereavement.*

Vera Ann Pointez remarried in 1949 to Arthur Branton registered in Basford RD in the September quarter

She died on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1987 when her address was 32 Moore Road Mapperley.

Parents.

Charles Pointez aged 79 died in 1963 his death was registered in the Nottingham RD

Anna Louise Pointez age 81 died in 1966 registered in the Southwell RD in the September quarter.