

BEXHILL SURVIVOR OF THE "HOGUE"

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Bexhill is closely linked with the recent naval disaster in the North Sea when three British cruisers were sunk by German submarines. One of the survivors of the ill fated "Hogue" is a Bexhill man. He is Leading Stoker Reginald Burrige, who was, until the war started, attached to the Coastguards at Bexhill, and was called up some few days before the War was declared. Mr. Burrige has been afloat for sixteen years serving first on the "Renown" and then the "Dreadnought" on which vessel he became Leading Stoker. Subsequently he joined the Bexhill Coastguards about a year ago but when there was a likelihood of the war breaking out he was called on again to go afloat. He left Bexhill on July 30th as Leading Stoker on the "Hogue". The next that was heard of him was that he had been landed in Holland the day after the disaster, the news being conveyed to Mrs. Burrige in the following telegram which had been dispatched from Amsterdam. "Burrige, 4 Coastguard Station, Bexhill-on-Sea. Husband saved - Helmskirk" The telegram does not state whether Mr. Burrige has been wounded or hurt.