

## *Rupert Thawner Brooke*

### *Sub Lieutenant Hood Battalion Royal Navy (VR)*

Rupert Brooke was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1895 in Rugby, Warwickshire. He was the second of three brothers and educated at Rugby School and Cambridge University. He subsequently became a poet. He was one of a number of poets who visited the area frequently and later became known as the Dymock Poets.

Rupert was commissioned into the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on 14 September 1914 and subsequently sailed to with the British Mediterranean Expeditionary Force. On the way to Gallipoli he became ill after a mosquito bite and died on the island of Skyros in Greece on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1915. He was buried on the island of Skyros. Later that same year his young brother, William, was killed in action in France

He is not commemorated in Dymock, but his war records are among the displays of the Dymock Poets in St Mary's Church, Dymock.

From his war records it is believed that Rupert would have been eligible for the medals shown below. Also his family would have received the Commemorative Medal and Scroll from King George V awarded to the families of all those who lost their lives on active service. It is known that his mother did receive the 1914 Star in 1920, but it is not known if the other medals were received by his family.

#### **Campaign Medals:**

**1914/15 Star**



**Victory Medal**



**British War Medal**

