

ARTHUR ERSKINE GURNEY COOMBS was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Gurney Coombs of Church House, Oundle. He was born in London on February 3, 1888.

He entered the school as a day boy in April 1898 and left in December 1902. He passed first into the "Britannia" in one of the last examinations held under the old system. He gained rapid promotion, and was serving as Navigating Lieutenant aboard the "Hawke" at the time of its loss on October 15, 1914.



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