

Jonas Godfrey Norster

*3 Jul 1859 - †8 Jan 1944

Father: John Francis Norster (*1826 - †1891)

Mother: Martha Godfrey (*1820 - †1913)

Siblings: Robert Gill Norster (*? - †1865)
Male Child Norster (*1852 - †1852)
Elizabeth Mary Norster (*1853 - †1952)
John Richard Godfrey Norster (*1857 - †1902)
Martha Jane Norster (*1862 - †?)

Wife: Susanna Holder (*1858 - †1909)

Children: Mary Norster (*? - †1924)
Jonas Godfrey Norster (*? - †1917)
Jane Norster (*? - †?)
John Francis Norster (*1884 - †1963)
Susan Martha Francis Norster (*1888 - †1982)
Elizabeth Norster (*1897 - †?)

Birth: 3 Jul 1859
Lancing, West Sussex

Wedding: 14 Jan 1882
Denton, East Sussex
(Susanna Holder)

Death: 8 Jan 1944
Manchester

Funeral: 12 Jan 1944
Southern Cemetery, Manchester, Lancashire

Note: a) 1861-Census: 11 Coast Guard Bldgs, Lancing Sussexnn1871-Census: Coast Guard Station, Newhaven, Sussexnn1911-Census: 3 Parkstone Villas, Newhaven, SussexnnMILITARY: Copy of Navy Record held.nnOCCUPATION: 1884 Seamann1889 Seaman, H M Navyn1891 Seaman, H M Navyn1893 Seaman, H M Navyn1898 Chief Petty Officer, RNn1905 LabourernnBIOGRAPHY: Parsons' Isle of Sheppey Directory & Guide, 1902n34 Montague Road, West Minster, Sheppey, Kent.nnBIOGRAPHY: Hampshire Telegraph & Sussex Chronicle, March 26, 1887.nThe Naval Brigade in Burmah. Correspondent of the Western Morning News, writing from Rangoon on February 19th, says : Mr. Holman, gunner of the Ranger, is again to the front with his exploits. On the night of the 15th a spy gave him information of three armed boats being in his neighbourhood (Mimbu district); whereupon he proceeded to the spot, which is on the Mah river, a confluent of Irrawaddy, and cut out the three boats, each with six men in her, without any engagement. The prisoners and boats were taken to Mimbu and handed over to the civil authorities. Up to the present we have no particulars as to the accident which happened to Lieutenant Aplin, of the Ranger reported in my last. The telegrams merely state that he and an able seaman named Jonas Norster were soldering up a tin of guncotton, when it exploded. No guncotton was taken from the ship in launches. Aplin is in the sick quarters at Pagan. The military doctor fears he will lose the sight of his right eye, and advises his removal. Surgeon Johnson, of the Ranger, proceeds to Pagan to bring him him down to Rangoon. Lieutenant Johnston has taken over command of his launch. The seaman Norster is reported to be in great pain, but in no danger. The Mariner arrived from Bassein yesterday, and to day a naval brigade, under command of Commander Durnford, will proceed to Upper Burmah to relieve the Ranger's men, who have now been over three months absent from their ship. The officers who accompany Commander Durnford are Lieutenants Warren and Cole, Sub-Lieutenant MacHutchin, and Mr. Ellis, gunner, with eighty bluejackets and Marines, and Surgeon Corcoran in medial charge. -Another correspondent writing on Feb. 26th to a western contemporary, says :- In my last letter I

informed you that a naval brigade, from the Mariner, under the command of Commander Durnford , had proceeded to the upper waters of the Irrawaddy to relieve the officers and men of the Ranger, who had been absent from their ship for upwards of three Months. The first detachment of the Rangers, under Lieutenant Johnston, arrived at Rangoon yesterday, and consisted of 20 men and two invalids, with Surgeon Johnson. The two invalids were Lieutenant Aplin and Jonas Norster, able seaman, who were injured by an explosion of guncotton on board the launch Dacoit on the 11th inst. Lieutenant Aplin's left eye has recovered from its injury; his right eye is badly injured, but not beyond recovery, and he is badly burnt about the face and body generally. Norster's eyes escaped injury, but he is some what seriously burnt otherwise. As soon Mr. Aplin is able to be moved he will be sent to England. Details of the accident are only now to hand. It appears that close to Pagan (Aplin's headquarters) the navigation of the river was impeded by two sunken steamers of the late King Theban (sic - Theebaw). Aplin offered to blow up these vessels, his services were accepted, and from the Royal engineers he procured some five or six lbs. of gun-cotton, and he was preparing his mine in a tin which had held preserved potatoes. Norster held the tin, and Mr. Aplin was soldering it, when the explosion took place. Of course the tin was not nearly closed, or the results would have been very different. The change of the monsoon is about taking place, which means the end of the cool weather, and life in Burmah will soon become unpleasant for a man with a white skin.nnDEATH: The Sussex Agricultural Press - Friday 14 January 1944nOn January 8th, 1944, at his daughter's residence, 23 Crimson-avenue, Manchester, 16, Jonas Godfrey Norster, aged 84, formerly of Newhaven, beloved father of Elizabeth Martin and father-in-law of William. At rest.