

George Henry Chubb. 123175. Petty Officer. HMS Illustrious.

I have applied to The Commonwealth War Graves Commission to add Petty Officer, George Henry Chubb to the list of those they 'Commemorate in perpetuity'. (*I believed he died of wounds hurts or disease; caused by or attributable to or hastened by his WW1 service.*)

His Service Certificate records that he was born in Saltash on the 20th January 1868. He joined the Royal Navy as a 15-year-old 2nd Class Boy Seaman on the 21st May 1883. He served on a variety of ships rising through the ratings to Petty Officer, Seaman. On the 31st March 1906, having completed 22 years man's service (from age of 18) he was "Shore Pensioned" and placed in the Royal Fleet Reserve. His Character throughout his service was either Good or Very Good.

The 1911 Census records that he was then 43 years old, single, living as a Boarder at Castle Lodge, Forder, St. Stephens-by-Saltash. His occupation was "Royal Navy Pensioner and General Labourer".

His Service Certificate records that at the beginning of the Great World War (WW1) he was recalled to Royal Navy Service and served on HMS Illustrious till the 19th October 1914 when he was transferred to HMS Vivid 1 (accounting base) for one day on the 20th October 1914, then to Pembroke on the 21st October 1914. He was "Shore Invalided" (*to Hospital*) on the 4th November 1914.

His Death Certificate shows that he died in the Royal Navy Hospital on the 18th December 1914. His Occupation was "Naval Pensioner, Royal Fleet Reserve, HMS Illustrious". His Cause of Death was "1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2. Heart failure".

He was buried in St. Stephens-by-Saltash Churchyard on 22nd December 1914.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE HENRY CHUBB. P.O. HMS ILLUSTRIOUS
DIED AT RN HOSPITAL CHATHAM DEC 18TH 1914. AGED 48 YEARS. R.I.P.

He's not named on the St. Stephens-by-Saltash or Borough of Saltash WW1 Memorials.

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