



Corporal George William Mettam – Service record
Royal Marines – 17829


Notes from various Wikipedia entries
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rank	Location/ship	From	notes
Pte	Recruitment depot Deal	5 Feb 1913	
Pte	Chatham	24 Dec 1912	Shore Base
Pte	HMS Implacable	14 Jul 1914	Formidable Class battleship. When World War I began in August 1914, the 5th Battle Squadron was assigned to the Channel Fleet and based at Portland. <i>Implacable</i> was attached temporarily to the Dover Patrol in late October 1914 to bombard German Army forces along the coast of Belgium in support of Allied forces fighting at the front, then returned to the Channel Fleet
Pte	Chatham	19 Apr 1916	Shore base

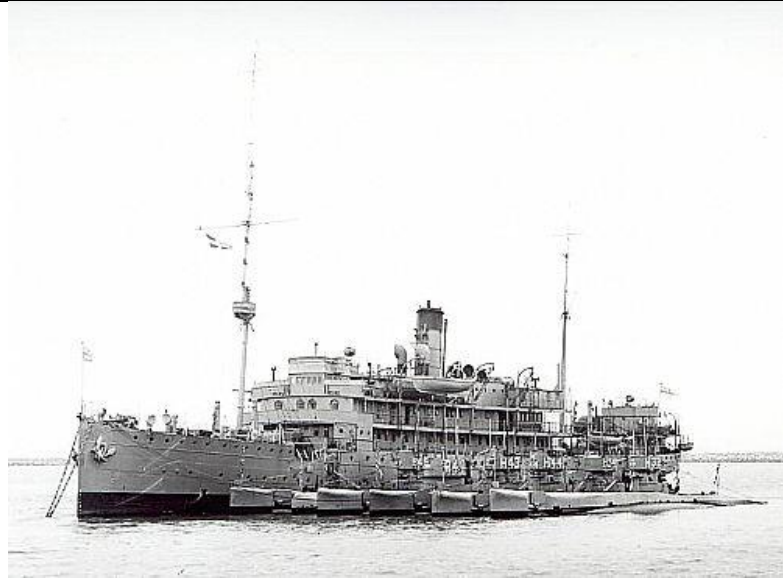


Pte	HMS Cornwall	4 July 1916	<p>Armoured Cruiser.</p> <p>In August 1914 and was then sent to the Central Atlantic to search for German commerce raiders. Later that year, she was assigned to the squadron that destroyed the German East Asia Squadron at the Battle of the Falklands. She supported Allied operations in the South-West Africa Campaign in early 1915 and blockaded a German cruiser in East Africa before participating in the Dardanelles Campaign later that year. She was later transferred to the China Station and remained there until 1917.</p> 
Pte	Chatham	2 Mar 1917	Shore Base

Pte	HMS Marshall Ney	26 Mar 1917	<p>Marshall Ney Class monitor, a warship with very large guns but was not fast or strongly armoured. In 1917 she saw service as a guard ship for The Downs. She engaged German destroyers during a raid on Ramsgate April 1917.</p> 
Corporal	Chatham	18 Dec 1918	Shore Base

Corporal	HMS Dragon	21 Jan 1919	<p>Cruiser</p> <p>Armed with six 6-inch guns, she was commissioned too late to enter service during the World War I. She carried HRH The Prince of Wales (the future King Edward VIII) to Canada in August 1919 to begin a Royal Tour.^[3]</p> <p>She then took part in the Russian Civil War as part of a task force aiding independent Latvia and Estonia against the Bolsheviks and German forces in October and November 1919, as part of the British intervention in the Baltic. On 17 October 1919 <i>Dragon</i> was hit by three shells fired from a shore battery while taking part in operations against German forces attacking Riga, suffering nine killed and five wounded.</p> <p>Crew members from <i>Dragon</i> pose for a photo at the stern of the ship during a harbour visit in the 1920s. From 1920, she was part of the First Light Cruiser Squadron in the Atlantic Fleet.</p> 
Corporal	Chatham	8 Mar 1921	Shore Base
Corporal	HMS Dragon	14 Oct 1921	From 1920, she was part of the First Light Cruiser Squadron in the Atlantic Fleet. She recommissioned 8 May 1923
Corporal/ Sergeant	Chatham	5 Dec 1923	<p>Shore Base</p> <p>1st April 1924 qualified as MTI (Military Training Instructor 2nd class</p>

Sergeant	HMS Carlyle	20 Aug 1925	<p data-bbox="672 199 851 231">C Class cruiser</p> 
Taku newspaper reports	<p data-bbox="190 861 1736 893">Involved in the Taku incident, March 1926. The Chinese had fired on Japanese destroyers in breach of the open navigation treaty.</p> <p data-bbox="190 901 1265 933">http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/newspapers/Digitised/Article/freepress19260319.2.55.aspx</p>		
Sergeant	HMS Titania	31 Aug 1926	<p data-bbox="672 989 1579 1021">Flagship of China Seas serving as depot ship to submarine flotilla until 1929.</p>

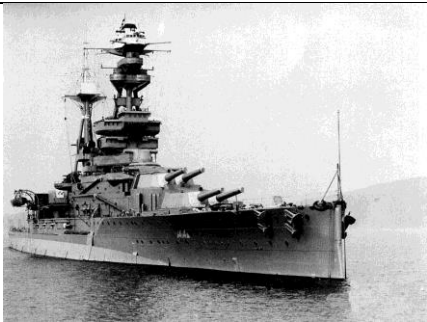



Sergeant HMS Castor 6 Nov 1926

Sergeant Chatham 23 Dec 1926

Sergeant HMS Royal Oak 27 Nov 1927

In peacetime, she served in the Atlantic, Home and Mediterranean fleets, more than once coming under accidental attack. The ship drew worldwide attention in 1928 when her senior officers were



			controversially court-martialed.	
Sergeant/ Colour Sergeant	HMS Coventry	20 Aug 1931	C Class light cruiser	
Colour Sergeant	Chatham	2 Jul 1932	7 th February 1934 note “ Term[ination] of his engagement. Relinquished MTI 23 rd February 1929 Re-qualified MTI 1 st December 1939	
Colour Sergeant	“Ports ?”	29 Jan 1940		
Colour Sergeant	RM Brigade	1 April 1940 – 31 st May 1940		
			Relinquished MTI 29 th March 1941. Records note: under “	

Original record

George William Mettman Register No. 17874 Division Chatham.

Personal information section including Date of Birth (23 Nov 1874), Place of Birth (Newark, N.J.), Religion (Roman Catholic), and various service dates.

Main service record table with columns for Rank, Name of Division or Ship, Dates, Character, Ability, and Remarks. Includes entries for various ships like 'U.S.S. Albatross' and 'U.S.S. Albatross'.

Summary and administrative tables including 'DATES OF FANNING AND SERVICE OF DEBILITATED', 'EMPLOYMENT DURING SERVICE', and 'WARDS AND HONOR SPECIAL SERVICE, ETC.'.

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