## Corporal George William Mettam – Service record Royal Marines – 17829

Notes from various Wikipedia entries Image of original record below

rank	Location/ship	From	notes
Pte	Recruitment depot	5 Feb 1913	
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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. Implacable 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	Shore base
		1916	

Pte	HMS Cornwall	4 July 1916	Armoured Cruiser.
			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.
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Pte	Chatham	2 Mar	Shore Base
		1917	

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

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Sergeant	HMS Carlyle	20 Aug 1925	C Class cruiser
Taku	Involved in the Taku in	cident, March 1	926. The Chines had fired on Japanese destroyers in breach of the open navigation treaty.
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Sergeant	HMS_Titania	31 Aug 1926	Flagship of China Seas serving as depot ship to submarine flotilla until 1929.

Sergeant	HMS Castor	6 Nov 1926		
Sergeant	Chatham HMS Royal Oak	23 Dec 1926 27 Nov 1927	In peacetime, she	4
Sergeant		27 NOV 1927	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 <sup>th</sup> February 1934 note "Term[ination] of his engagement. Relinquished MTI 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1929 Re-qualified MTI 1 <sup>st</sup> December 1939
Colour Sergeant	"Ports ?"	29 Jan 1940	
Colour Sergeant	RM Brigade	1 April 1940 – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 1940	
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