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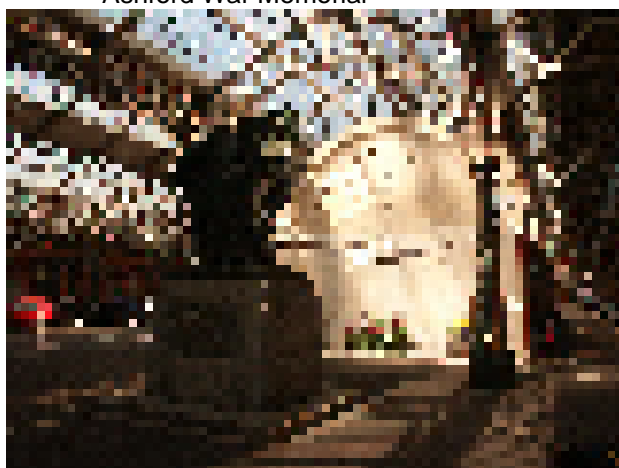
**Not recorded as a war casualty by the CWGC**



Ashford War Memorial



Railway Rolls 1



Dover Marine War Memorial

**Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class 278041 William Robert PAGE. H.M.S "Pembroke". Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham, Royal Navy Reserve (RNR). Died 11<sup>th</sup> September 1917 of diabetes aged 38 years at 28 Postmans Row, Ashford, Kent. Born 15<sup>th</sup> March 1879 in Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. Son of William and Caroline Page of 28 Postmans Row, Ashford, Kent. Buried 15<sup>th</sup> September 1917 in the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave reference – 7286 (paupers grave unmarked). His mother Caroline was present at William's death.**

William's death certificate reference – West Ashford/ASH29/205. His death certificate states his occupation as (Late) Stoker, H.M Navy Pensioner.

Before the outbreak of war William was working as a Baker in the Ashford area. In 1908 he was working in the Ashford Railway Works. His name appears on the Ashford Railway Rolls of Honour and on the South Eastern & Chatham Railway Dover Marine War Memorial.

William joined the Royal Navy on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1894 and signed up for 12 years service. He served on the following ships between 1894 and 1900 – Victory II, Hallabar, Fearless. Most of his service was spent on HMS Victory II. On the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1903 William left the navy and was posted onto the reserve list. He returned home to Ashford. On the outbreak of war in August 1914 William was re-activated and was posted to HMS Pembroke in Chatham, Kent where he trained sailors. William was obviously an "old hand" and highly regarded by his

superior officers. William remained in Chatham until 29<sup>th</sup> February 1916 at which time he was invalided out of the navy suffering from T.B.

The Ashford 1881 Census gives –

Hinxhill Lane, Willesborough, Ashford

William PAGE (Father)  
**William R** Born 1879

William is not recorded as a war casualty by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. **He contracted T.B whilst a serving sailor in the Royal Navy and died of the SAME disease. His death was attributable.**



William's Sad Unmarked Grave

