

QUINNELL J.W

Not recorded as a war casualty by the CWGC



Ashford War Memorial



Ashford Sorting Office

Leading Seaman John William QUINNELL. HMS “Pembroke”, Royal Naval Barracks Chatham, Royal Navy (R.N). Died of T.B 21st July 1919 aged 44 years. John died at 18 Christchurch Road, Ashford. Born 8th August 1875 at Hunton, Maidstone, Kent. Husband of M Quinnell of 18 Cristchurch Road, Ashford, Kent. John’s wife was present when he died. Buried 24th July 1919 at the Old Ashford Cemetery, Canterbury Road, Ashford, Kent. Grave reference 3271.

John’s name also appears on the Ashford Post Office War Memorial.

Death certificate reference – West Ashford/ASH30/107.

On 8th August 1893 John enlisted in the Royal Navy. He served on the following ships – Victoria and Albert, Victory, Raleigh, Philomel, Galatea, Wildfire I, Victorious, Revenge, Benbow, Excellent, Jupiter, Sapphire. Immediately before the outbreak of war John was employed as a Postman in Ashford this accounts for the fact his name appears on the Post Office Sorting Office war memorial. On the outbreak of war John re-enlisted into the Royal Navy and was posted to HMS Pembroke in Chatham to assist with the training and induction of ratings. He was admitted into the naval hospital at Chatham in December 1915 suffering from T.B. On 29th February 1916 John was invalided out of the navy on medical grounds (having contracted T.B whilst a serving sailor).

The Ashford Absentee Voters List for 1918 gives –

18, Christchurch Road, Ashford

Leading Seaman 157659 John William QUINNELL. HMS Pembroke. Royal Navy.

The 1881 census for Hunton Kent gives -

East Street, Hunton

William QUINNELL	Born 1854 at Hunton, Kent (Father)
Ellen QUINNELL	Born 1854 at Shaldon, Hampshire (Mother)
JOHN W QUINNELL	Born 1875 at Hunton, Kent
Arthur QUINNELL	Born 1879 at Barming, Kent (Brother)

There are other Quinnel’s living in Hunton –
John QUINNELL

Edward QUINNEL
Agnes QUINNEL
John E QUINNEL
Maurice QUINNEL

John was invalided from the service having caught T.B whilst on active war service. He died of the SAME disease 3 years later. John's death was attributable.



John's Grave in the Old Ashford Cemetery