



# Kent Fallen

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## WEST S.J

### **Brenzett Civic War Memorial**

**Stoker 1<sup>st</sup> Class K/19572 Sidney James WEST. HMS Pembroke, Royal Navy.** Died 8 January 1919 aged 26 years. Born 13 March 1892 (St Mary in the Marsh, Romney Marsh, Kent). Son of Stephen and Ellen West of Brenzett, Ashford, Kent. Brother of Alice West of 3 George Street, Brenzett, Ashford, Kent (Present at death).

Sidney died in Brenzett.

His Death Certificate records his occupation as – Invalided Stoker H.M's Navy. Cause of death T.B and Exhaustion. Poor Sidney must have suffered terribly in the last few months.

Before enlistment in 1913 Sidney was working locally in Ashford as a Cab Driver.

Enlisted 11 June 1913 at Chatham (HMS Pembroke) on a 12 year engagement. Sidney contracted T.B whilst serving in the Royal Navy like thousands of other sailors. He was discharged on 17 October 1917 unfit for further war service on the grounds he had contracted T.B whilst on active service. Sidney was awarded a disability war pension by the Ministry of Pensions and was given a **Silver War Badge** (SWB) to signify his status as a invalided sailor. He died from T.B on 8 January 1919.

### **GRO Death Reference – 1919 Romney Marsh 2a 1998**

**SHOULD BE A STRAIGHTFORWARD APPROVAL** – He died of the same disease he had been invalided with 15 months earlier.