



*The name **E Chamberlain RN** is recorded on the handwritten list in the vestry at St James' Colwall. There are only two Royal Navy personnel named E Chamberlain who died in the First World War. Neither Edgar Warner Chamberlain or Ernest Chamberlain appear to have a connection with Colwall. However, Herbert Charles Chamberlain's father was born in Colwall and his family was living in Colwall in 1895 and five of his siblings were baptised in St James in July that year. E Chamberlain's name appears at the correct chronological point on the list for Herbert, so his details appear here. If anyone is aware of a connection of either Edgar Warner Chamberlain or Ernest Chamberlain with Colwall please do inform us.*

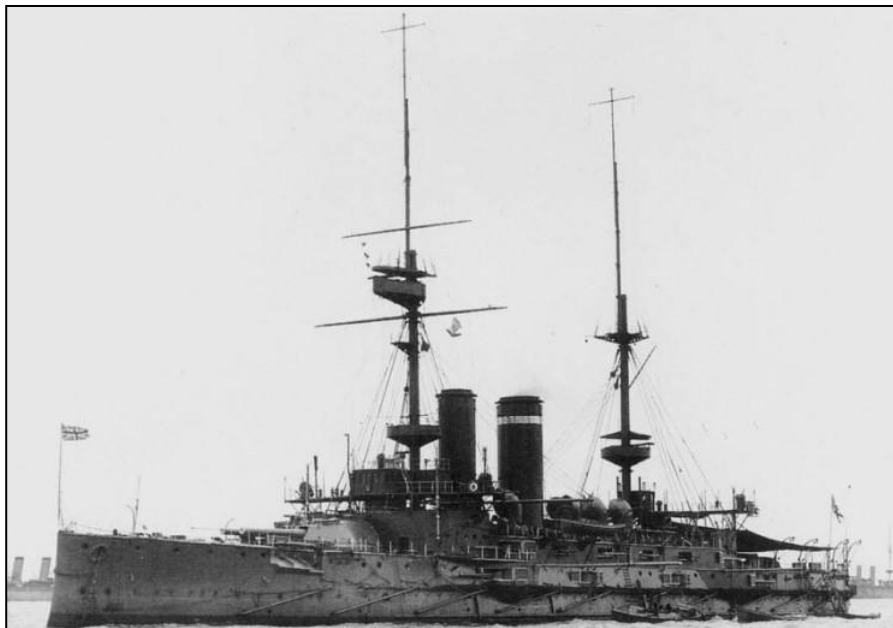
## **HERBERT CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN**

**Shipwright 2nd Class  
343163**

**HMS Formidable  
Royal Navy  
died on  
Friday 1st January 1915  
aged 42**

HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN  
is commemorated on the  
CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL





HMS Formidable

Herbert Charles Chamberlain was born in Lullsey, Knightwick, Worcestershire on 4th September 1874. His parents Charles and Elizabeth Chamberlain had nine children and Charles Chamberlain was a Bricklayer and Builder. The family lived in various parts of the country and by the time Herbert was 7 they were living in St Albans. In 1891 the family were still in St Albans and Herbert at 17 was listed as a Carpenter. In the 1901 census the family were living in Back Street, Colwall, but Herbert was not living at home. It could be he was already a Shipwright in the Navy or a Carpenter elsewhere. Charles Chamberlain died in 1903 and his widow Elizabeth was living with her son Albert in Bromsberrow in 1911 where Albert was the organist in the parish church. Herbert was a Shipwright 2nd Class aboard HMS *Formidable* which was torpedoed in the English Channel on 1st January 1915. He is commemorated on the Chatham Naval Memorial.