

# **ARTHUR GEORGE SMITH**

**Officer's Steward 2nd Class  
L/8162**

**H.M.S. *Gaillardia*, Royal Navy**

**died on  
Friday 22nd March 1918  
aged 25**

**ARTHUR GEORGE SMITH  
is commemorated on the  
CHATHAM NAVAL MEMORIAL**

After the First World War, an appropriate way had to be found of commemorating those members of the Royal Navy who had no known grave, the majority of deaths having occurred at sea where no permanent memorial could be provided. An Admiralty committee recommended that the three manning ports in Great Britain - Chatham, Plymouth and Portsmouth - should each have an identical memorial of unmistakable naval form, an obelisk, which would serve as a leading mark for shipping. Chatham Naval Memorial commemorates 8,517 sailors of the First World War and 10,098 of the Second World War.

Arthur George Smith is commemorated on Panel 30.



Ledbury Guardian  
& Herefordshire Advertiser  
Saturday 30th March 1918

*District Intelligence*

COLWALL  
**KILLED IN ACTION**

A telegram was received by his wife on Monday containing the sad intelligence that Mr A Smith who belonged to the Royal Navy has been killed whilst serving in the North Sea. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Edith Smith who is the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs T Moss, Gilroy, The Crescent and whose marriage took place on October 1st last year. Mr Smith by his genial disposition made many friends in Colwall. He was a native of Bromley Kent.



*HMS Gaillardia*

Arthur George Smith was born in Kennington, London in February 1893 and he was baptised in St Paul's Clapham in March 1893. His father Arthur was a bookseller's assistant. The family moved to Bromley and in 1901 his father was a fruiterer. By 1911 his father was a bookseller and Arthur at 18 was an ironmonger. He married Edith Moss in Colwall in October 1917. He enlisted into the Royal Navy and was an officer steward when he was killed aboard *HMS Gaillardia* when it was mined off the Orkneys. His brother in law Donald Moss was killed in October 1917.