

Dinton

Commonwealth War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



J/86916 BOY TELEGRAPHIST

C. C. TAYLOR

ROYAL NAVY

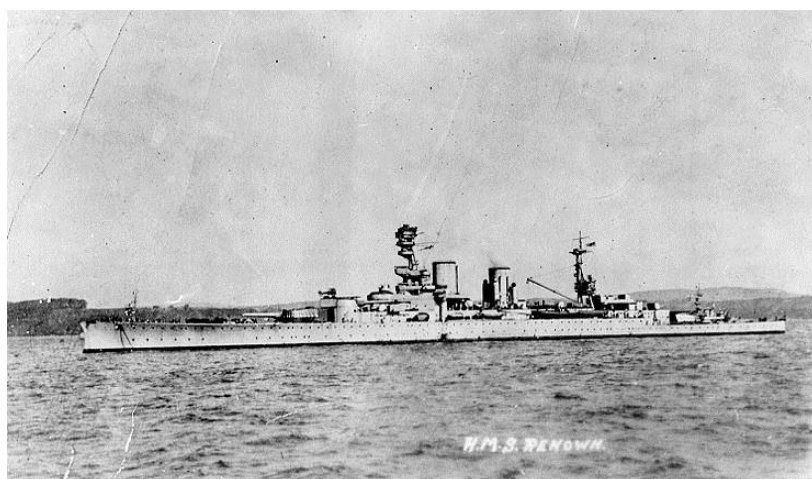
22ND SEPTEMBER, 1919 AGE 18

Cecil Claude TAYLOR

Cecil Claude Taylor was born on 18th November, 1901 to parents Charles Frederick & Fanny Jane Taylor. His birth was registered in December quarter, 1901 in the district of Lambeth, London. Cecil was baptised on 9th February, 1902 at St. Anne's, South Lambeth. His father – Charles Frederick was listed as a Railway Porter & they lived at 6 Beaufoy Terrace.

The 1911 Census recorded Cecil Taylor as a 9 year old living with his mother, sister & step-father at East End Cottage, Dinton, Wiltshire, which was a 3 roomed dwelling. Their details were – Walter E. Shute (Groom on a Farm, aged 27), Fanny Shute (aged 37) & Rose Taylor (aged 11). Walter & Fanny had been married for 1 year.

Cecil Claude Taylor enlisted with the Royal Navy. His service number was J/86916. He was a Boy Telegraphist serving on the HMS *Renown* of the Royal Navy.



When the Grand Fleet was disbanded in April 1919, *Renown* was assigned to the Battlecruiser Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet. In June she was refitted in preparation for a tour of Canada, Newfoundland and the United States by Edward, the Prince of Wales, and both flying-off platforms were removed. From January to March 1920 *Renown* was refitted more extensively as a "royal yacht".

Boy Telegraphist Cecil Claude Taylor died on 22nd September, 1919 at Colonial Hospital in Trinidad of pneumonia, aged 18 years and was buried in Port-of-Spain (Laperouse) Cemetery in Trinidad on 23rd September, 1919.



Colonial Hospital, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

D. Adamson, Stationer, Trinidad



Lapeyrouse Cemetery, Tragarete Rd, Port of Spain, Trinidad 2012. (Photo by Advocate for Angels)

From the Log of H.M.S. Renown:

Monday 22nd September, 1919:

Number on sick list - 17

3.55 p.m. 1 Rating discharged to Hospital

5 p.m. C. C. Taylor Boy Telegraphist D D Colonial Hospital Trinidad

Tuesday 23rd September, 1919:

Number on sick list - 15

1 p.m. Landed Funeral Party

1.25 p.m. Half-masted Colours

3 p.m. Hoisted Colours. Hands employed preparing for sea

4.30 Funeral Party returned.

Extract from "Aren't We Lucky ?" – the Magazine of H.M.S. *Renown* August to December 1919:

Our own cruise may also, we think, be called a success. The following pages will not be found to contain an absolutely complete record of everything that happened—it would need a very large volume to do that -but there is probably enough to serve as a reminder of most of the out- standing incidents of four of the happiest and most light-hearted months most of us have ever spent. Two incidents only marred its perfection, and the second bid fair to obliterate all the pleasant memories of what had gone before. The first was the death of Boy Telegraphist Taylor at Trinidad from pneumonia during our first visit there, and the second was the drowning at sea, on loth November, of Leading Seaman Franklin and Able Seaman Light. Franklin was washed overboard from the forecandle while assisting to get down davits, and Light was lost from the second cutter which was lowered to rescue Franklin, and which was capsized almost before it had left the davits.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Boy Telegraphist C. C. Taylor as the son of Mrs F. J. Shute, of East End Cottage, Dinton, Salisbury. (Buried in Port of Spain (Lapeyrouse) Cemetery, Trinidad).

In 1967, 6 casualties were added to the Port-of-Spain Memorial site in Port-of-Spain (St. James) Military Cemetery, Trinidad. They still lie buried in Port of Spain (Lapeyrouse) Cemetery, Trinidad but the graves became impossible to maintain so their names were included on the Memorial.

Register of 6 Names:

Chief Plumber W. Clay, died 1920; Asst. Paymaster C. H. Doubleday, died 1917; Sto. Edwards, died 1921; Boy Tel. C. C. Taylor, died 1919; P.O. Sydney Robert Thorne, died 1920; Smn. L. Williamson, died 1917.

The Port of Spain Memorial

The Port of Spain Memorial is located within the Port of Spain (St. James) Military Cemetery. This Memorial commemorates 6 Commonwealth servicemen of the 1914-1918 war and 34 of the 1939-1945 war who died in Trinidad and Tobago, and whose graves were either unlocatable, unmaintainable, or denied the erection of a headstone.



1914 – 1918

***IN HONOUR OF
ALL WHO SERVED***

***IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WHO FELL***