

**Barnstaple Cemetery,
Barnstaple, Devon
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



H. EMERY

YEOMAN OF SIGNALS 5086

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

26TH JULY, 1918

Henry EMERY

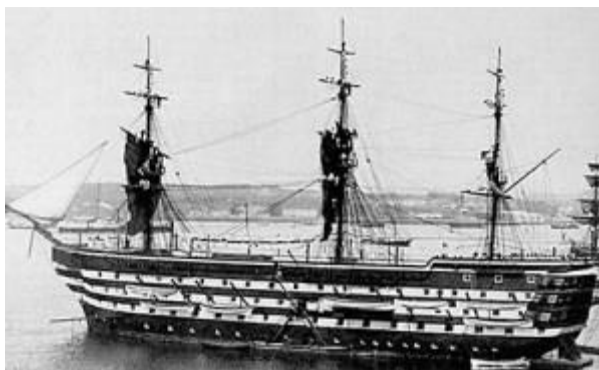
Henry Emery stated on joining the Royal Navy that he was born on 16th March, 1875 at Crediton, Devon, England to parents Thomas & Mary Emery (nee Cox). A birth for Henry Emery was registered at Crediton, Devon in September quarter, 1873.

Henry Emery was admitted to Crediton Hayward School on 9th January, 1878. His date of birth was listed as 4th August, 1873 & his father was listed as Thomas Emery from Dean Street. He left in 1885 to attend the Boys' School.

The 1881 England Census recorded Harry Emery as a 7 year old Scholar, living with his family at 20 Princes Street, Barnstaple, Devon, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Emery (Hatter, aged 50, born Truro, Cornwall) & Mary Emery (aged 50, born Wellington, Somerset). Harry was the youngest of three children listed on this Census (all born Crediton, Devon) – Elizabeth Emery (Scholar, aged 12), Emma Emery (Scholar, aged 10) then Harry.

Henry Emery joined the Royal Navy on 4th September, 1890. His Official number was 157115 (Devonport) & his occupation at the time of joining the Royal Navy was Errand Boy. Henry Emery joined H.M.S. *Impregnable*, the Royal Navy's Training Ship for Boys as Boy 2nd Class.

The 1891 England Census recorded Henry Emery as a 16 year old on H.M.S. *Impregnable* which was positioned at Devonport on the night of 5th April, 1891 when the Census was taken.



H.M.S. *Impregnable*

[The 1891 England Census recorded Henry's family living at 15 Princess Street, Barnstaple, Devon, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Emery (Hawker, aged 60, born Truro, Cornwall) & Mary Emery (aged 61, born Wellington, Somerset). Also listed with her parents was Emma Emery (Cotton Winder, aged 19).]

Boy 2nd Class Henry Emery advanced to Boy 1st Class on 3rd September, 1891. He was transferred to H.M.S. *Victory I* on 3rd October, 1891 then transferred to H.M.S. *Blake* on 5th March, 1892.

Boy 2nd Class Henry Emery, at the age of 18 (he was possibly aged 20), signed on with the Royal Navy for a period of 12 years.

Boy 2nd Class Henry Emery was rated as Signaller on 9th August, 1893. Signaller Emery was transferred to H.M.S. *Vivid I* on 5th June, 1895. He served in H.M.S. *Charybdis*, *Victory I*, *Vivid*, *Jupiter*, *Hibernia*, *Edgar*, *Tamar*, *Barfleur*, *Undaunted*, *Tamar*, *Centurion*, *Alacrity* & *Centurion*. He was Leading Signaller on H.M.S. *Centurion* on 1st September, 1899 then 2nd Yeoman Signaller from 16th September, 1901.

[The 1901 England Census recorded Henry's family living at 13 Princess Street, Barnstaple, Devon, England. His parents were listed as Thomas Emery (Hatter, aged 70, born Truro, Cornwall) & Mary Emery (aged 70, born Wellington, Somerset).]

Henry Emery received the China Medal with Relief of Perin Clasp on 6th September, 1902. The China War Medal (1900) was a British campaign medal approved on 1st January, 1902 for issue to British and Indian land and sea troops who served during the Boxer Rebellion, between 10th June and 31st December, 1900.

Henry Emery was Leading Signaller in H.M.S. *Resolution* from 14th February, 1902 then transferred to the following H.M.S. *Vivid I, Lion, Vivid, Calypso, Vivid & Aurora*. He was 2 Yeoman of Signals on H.M.S. *Aurora* on 18th November, 1904.

2 Yeoman of Signals served in the following H.M.S. *Vivid, New Zealand, Vivid, Isis, Vivid I & Skirmisher*. He was 2nd Yeoman of Signals on 2nd July, 1908 on H.M.S. *Skirmisher* then Yeoman of Signals on 25th November, 1909. He served in H.M.S. *Warrior* from 18th December, 1909.

[The 1911 England Census recorded Henry's widowed mother living at 16 Almshouses, Litchdon Street, Barnstaple, Devon, England. Mary Emery was listed as a retired Umbrella Maker (aged 77, born Wellington, Somerset).]

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was transferred to H.M.S. *Vivid I* on 6th June, 1911 then was transferred to H.M.S. *Impregnable* on 28th June, 1911 then *Vivid I, Drake & Challenger*.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was granted a Good Conduct Badge 2nd Class on 27th April, 1911.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was on loan to the Royal Australian Navy from the Royal Navy from 1st July, 1912 for a period of 3 years. His Official number was 5086.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery served in H.M.A.S. *Encounter* from 1st July, 1912 until 18th June, 1915.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was granted a Good Conduct Badge 3rd Class on 27th April, 1913.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery's Service card with the Royal Australian Navy has the following remark "*Wishes to be in England at expiration of time for pension. To be relieved and returned to England.*" He was pensioned on 12th March, 1916.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery served in H.M.A.S. *Cerberus* from 19th June, 1915 until 5th April, 1918.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was transferred to London Depot for convalescing from 5th April, 1918.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was admitted to Yarmouth Hospital on 2nd July, 1918 as a dangerous lunatic.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery died on 26th July, 1918 at Royal Naval Hospital, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England.

A death for Henry Emery, aged 44, was registered in the September quarter, 1918 in the district of Yarmouth, Norfolk, England.

Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was buried in Barnstaple Cemetery, Barnstaple, Devon, England – Plot number A. 259 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Probate details:

Emery, Henry of 7 Alexandra Road, Barnstaple, Devonshire, pensioned yeoman of signals Royal Australian Navy, died 26 July, 1918 at the Royal Naval Lunatic Asylum, Yarmouth. Administration Exeter 30 March to Thomas Emery. Effects £154 11s. 5d.

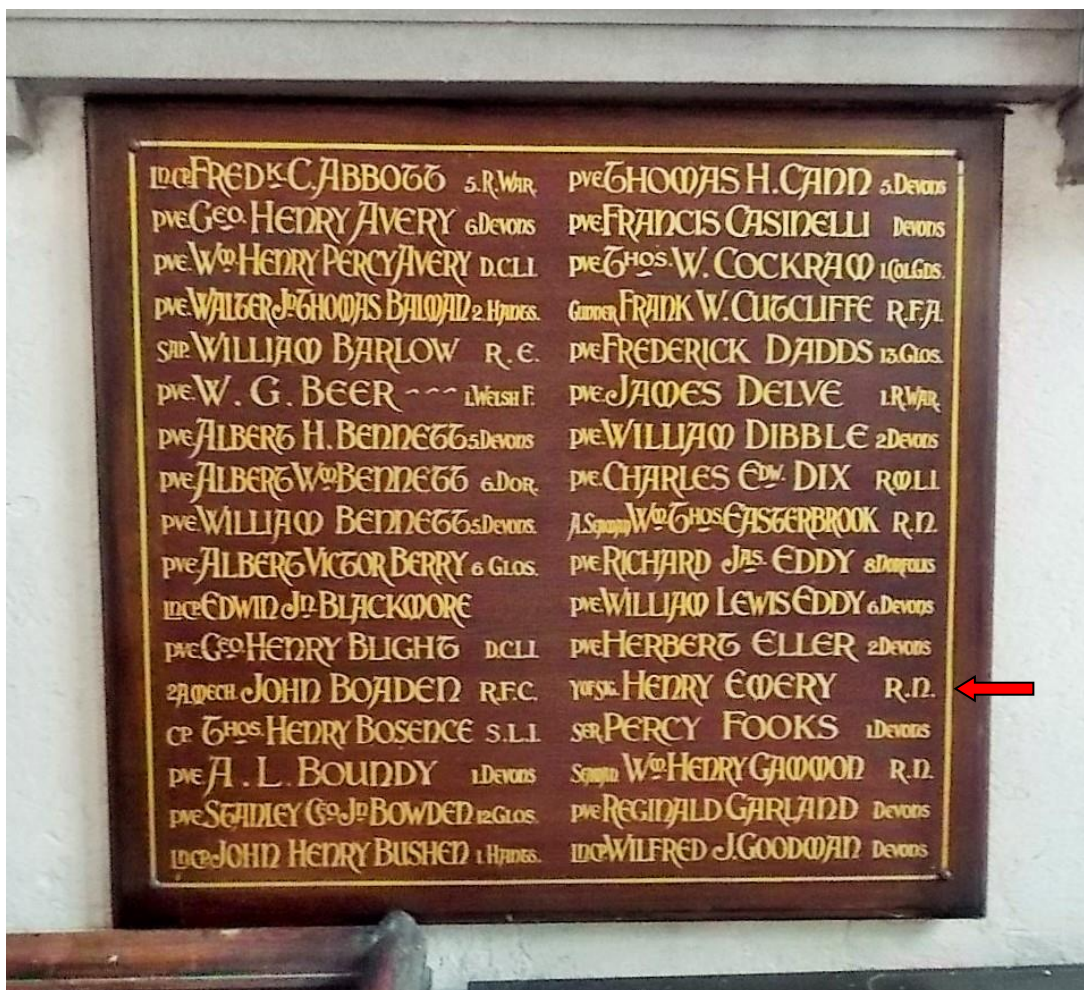
Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Yeoman of Signals H. Emery – service number 5086, of Royal Australian Navy. He was the son of Mrs M. Emery, of 56 Vicarage St., Barnstaple.

Henry Emery is remembered on the Barnstaple WW1 Roll of Honour, located in St. Peter's Church, High Street, Barnstaple, Devonshire, England.



Barnstaple WW1 Roll of Honour (Photos from War Memorials Online – Nick_)



Yeoman of Signals H. Emery is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 1.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Yeoman of Signals H. Emery is remembered on Royal Australian Navy WW1 Memorial, located at HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Nelson Road, Crib Point, Victoria.



HMAS Cerberus Protestant Chapel of St Mark, Crib Point, Victoria (Photos courtesy of Karen Standen)

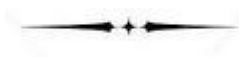


(Yeoman of Signals Henry Emery's Service Card with Royal Australian Navy is available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour) & National Archives



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Barnstaple Cemetery, Barnstaple, Devon, England

There are 22 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-18 war here. There are a further 20 of the 1939-45 war, 1 being an unidentified airman of the Royal Air Force.

(Information & photo from CWGC)



Photo of Yeoman of Signals H. Emery's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Barnstaple Cemetery, Barnstaple, Devon, England.



(Photo by Janice Dennis – Find a Grave)



Barnstaple Cemetery (Photo by Gravely Obsessed – Find a Grave)