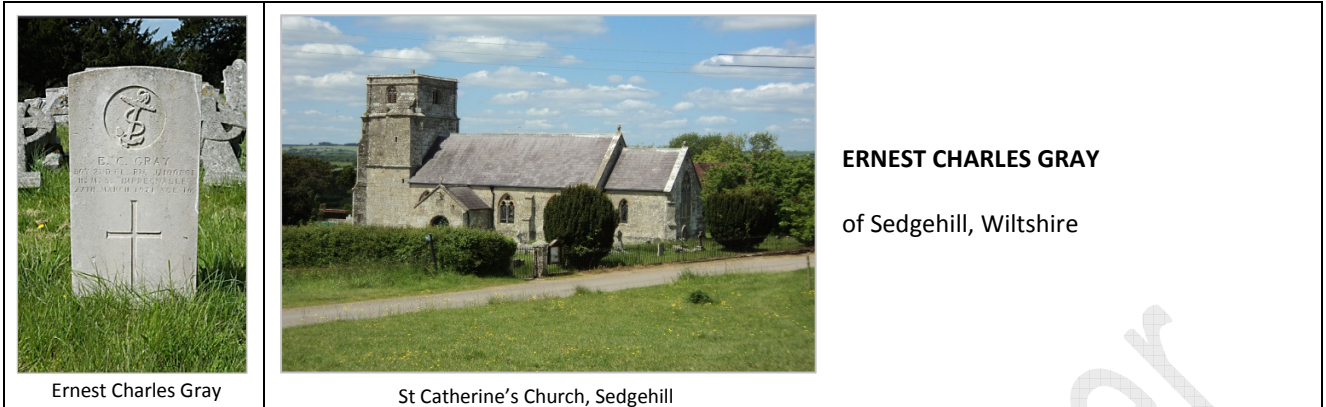


Sedgemoor Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918



Ernest Charles Gray


St Catherine's Church, Sedgemoor

ERNEST CHARLES GRAY

of Sedgemoor, Wiltshire

Date/place of birth	9 December 1904 (UK Royal Navy & Royal Marine War Graves Roll 1914-1919)	
Birth registered	Mar Q 1905 Mere Reg District 5a 195	5
Baptised	22 January 1905 St Catherine's Church Sedgemoor	1
Father	Charles Gray of West Knoyle. Married Mar Q 1903 Shaftesbury Reg District 5a 345 (Alfred Charles E Gray)	5
Mother	Ellen (nee Mills) of Mere	2
Siblings	John	2
1911 Census	Blackhouse, Sedgemoor. Age 6. Father's occupation Cowman on Farm	2

Rank	Boy 2 nd Class	3
Service	Royal Navy	
Enlisted		
Service Number	J/100801	3
Medals		
Date of Death	27 March 1921 age 16	3
Cause of Death	Pneumonia (UK Royal Navy & Royal Marine War Graves Roll 1914-1919)	
Burial/Memorial	St Catherine's Church Sedgemoor	3

	<p>Criteria for service personnel for war grave status WW1: "Commonwealth men and women who were still in military service at the time of their death provided they died within the dates 4 Aug 1914 to 31 Aug 1921"</p>
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">SEDGHILL (ST. KATHERINE) CHURCHYARD.</p> <p>GRAY, Boy II. E. C., J/100801. R.N. H.M.S. "Impregnable." 27th March, 1921. Age 16. Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gray, of Street Lane Cottages, Sedgemoor.</p> </div> <p>Ernest's time in the Navy was very short; it is unlikely that much, if any, time was spent at sea. He was a Boy 2nd Class undergoing training on HMS Impregnable when he died of pneumonia in the Naval Hospital Plymouth on 27th March 1921. He is remembered with a traditional Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone in St. Catherine's churchyard.</p> <p>"I joined the Navy on 15 Feb 1921 at Southampton ... on the same day, I was sent to HMS Impregnable at Plymouth ... HMS Impregnable, my training establishment, consisted of the old pre First World War warships HMS Powerful, HMS Andromeda and HMS Black Prince which had been converted to living quarters, physical education, seamanship and general education rooms. Captain Gordon Campbell VC was the Captain of HMS Impregnable. He was of interest because of his exploits of during the First World War. He had been awarded the VC for his fight against the German U-boats As Boys at that time, we were allowed only one old shilling in our pockets, which was paid each week. The remainder of pay was kept for you". <i>Short extracts from the autobiography of Harry Cutler</i></p> <p>Commemorated on UK War Memorial: None found</p>

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1 = Parish Registers
4 = Medal Index Card

2 = 1891/1901/1911 Census
5 = GRO Register

3 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission
6 = UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914-1919