

WILLIAM ALFRED 'WAT' TAYLOR
SIGNALMAN – OFFICIAL NUMBER JX225358 – CHATHAM PORT DIVISION
ROYAL NAVY 1940 TO 1945

NAVAL SERVICE

1940	
October 14	Reported to HMS Impregnable, St Budeaux, Devonport Signal School.
December 20	First Leave – 10 days.
1941	
March	HMS Pembroke, Chatham Naval Barracks, 'For Active Service'.
April 8	Galtness Signal Station, Orkneys.
1942	
December 14	HMS Pembroke, Chatham Naval Barracks.
1943	
January 1	HMS Moyola (River Class Frigate). (HMS Ferret, Londonderry).
April 4	HMS Pembroke, Chatham Naval Barracks.
June 1	Left England for Russia via Scapa Flow. Recalled after 5 hours sailing due to passport difficulties.
October 23	Sailed for Russia on HMS Scorpion (S Class Destroyer).
October 29	Polyarnoe Signal Station, Murmansk, North Russia.
1944	
October 31	Returned to UK on HMS Obedient (O Class Destroyer).
November 10	Arrived Rosyth – proceeded on 28 days leave then HMS Pembroke, Chatham Naval Barracks.
1945	
February 18	Troopship MV Stirling Castle sailed from Liverpool for Australia.
March 5	Passed through Panama Canal.
March 9	Crossed the line (equator).
March 22	Arrived Wellington, New Zealand.
March 26	Arrived Brisbane, Australia.
March 29	Arrived Sydney, Australia.
March 30	HMS Golden Hind, Sydney, Royal Naval Barracks and British Fleet Transit.
June 25	Joined the staff of 'Pacific Post' – Fleet newspaper.
November 2	HMS Golden Hind awaiting transport home to await demobilisation.
November 14	MV Stirling Castle sailed 'Homeward Bound'.
November 19	Arrived Freemantle.
November 25	Crossed the line (equator).
November 27	Arrived Colombo, Ceylon.
December 6	Arrived Port Tewfik.
December 8	Suez Canal.
December 17	Arrived Southampton
December 21	HMS Pembroke, Chatham Naval Barracks. Discharged from the Royal Navy