

# Walter Richard LONDON

**Born:** 7th January 1894

**Baptised:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 1896 in Irstead Church

**Parents:** William London and Ann

William died in 1897 (burial recorded at Irstead Church).  
The 1901 census shows that Ann, now recorded as Mary A, had remarried John Fox who worked as a marshman.  
The family were living in Irstead.

**Siblings:** William C (born 1882)  
Frederick A (born 1893) *served in WW1*  
Ethel M (born 1886)  
Ellen D (born 1890)

**Step siblings:** Florence (Flora),  
Ellen  
Earnest Fox

**Schooling:** Probably Neatishead, but not confirmed.

**Occupation:** Farm labourer, aged 17 (1911 census)  
Stoker, Royal Navy (marriage certificate) from  
1912 – see service record.

**Address:** Irstead (1911 census)  
1918 appears on Navy/Military Voters List for  
Irstead, Nr Broad

**Marriage:** Florence Constance Brown, aged 19,  
29<sup>th</sup> January 1916, Irstead Church

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1916. Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Irstead in the County of Norfolk

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Qualification.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession.
111	January 29 <sup>th</sup> 1916	Walter Richard London Florence Constance Brown	22 19	Bachelor Spinster	Stoker, R.Navy —	Irstead Irstead	William London Robert George Brown	Soldier Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of the same by me, John George Hall  
Pastor

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Walter Richard London in the Presence of us, Robert G. Brown  
Florence Constance Brown Ellen D. Fox

(source: NRO 245/8)

## Military & War service

The record shown below is from the Royal Navy Register of Seaman's Services 1900 – 1928. It shows Walter on HMS Pembroke from 16<sup>th</sup> April 1912, official service no SS112077, and serving continuously.

**SS 112077** **GHATHAM** *Portsmouth*

Name in full *Walter Richard London*

Date of Birth *1 January 1894*

Place of Birth *instead, Rusham, Norfolk*

1. Occupation and *1. Farm Labourer*

2. Whether formerly *2. F.E.*  
R.M. or R.N.

Ships, etc., served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-Ratings and Badges.	Ceased.	Period of Service.		Character & Ability.			If Discharged: whether, and for what cause.	Date and Period of S.S. Engagement.
					From	To	C.	Date.	A.		
<i>Pembroke</i>	<i>1025 461</i>	<i>Stoker</i>		<i>16/4/12</i>	<i>20/8/12</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/12</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		<i>16 April 1912-57 yrs</i>	
<i>Jupiter</i>	<i>593 92</i>				<i>20/8/12</i>	<i>9/Jan/13</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/13</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Impeccable</i>	<i>103 1009</i>				<i>9/Jan/13</i>	<i>22/May/13</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/14</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Pembroke</i>	<i>1505 5410</i>	<i>Stoker</i>			<i>22/May/13</i>	<i>10/Jan/14</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/15</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>St. George</i>	<i>12 26</i>				<i>10/Jan/14</i>	<i>20/Jan/15</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/16</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Bellingham</i>	<i>12 18</i>				<i>20/Jan/15</i>	<i>1/Jan/16</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/17</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Mylborne (Supt)</i>	<i>12 17</i>				<i>1/Jan/16</i>	<i>31/Dec/16</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/18</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Juno (Supt)</i>	<i>12 15</i>				<i>31/Dec/16</i>	<i>1/Jan/17</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/17</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Uchirey (Supt)</i>	<i>12 27</i>				<i>1/Jan/17</i>	<i>11/March/17</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/17</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Embudo</i>	<i>15 2805</i>				<i>11/March/17</i>	<i>25/Oct/17</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/17</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		
<i>Chatham (Supt)</i>	<i>12 189</i>				<i>25/Oct/17</i>	<i>14/March/19</i>	<i>V.S.</i>	<i>31/12/18</i>	<i>Sat.</i>		

Height and Chest: *5'6 1/2" 35"*

Hair: *Brown*

Eyes: *Blue*

Complexion: *Fair*

Wounds, Scars, Marks, etc.

PAID WAR GRATUITY.

TRACED WAR CREDIT BY No. 88

REMARKS.

*(1) Over 5 yrs 17/4/17*

*(2) Over 5 yrs 1/10/17*

*Rec for RFR 14/2/19*

Joined RFR on 15 March 1919 Ch B 11500

Re entered 30 June 1919 as  
Stoker I class *Wade K 577/3*

CLOTHING AND BEDDING.  
*6/3/19 - 1/6/19 - 1/6/19*

CLASS FOR CONDUCT.

He joined the RFR (Royal Fleet Reserve) on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1919, then re-entered service on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1919, HMS Dolphin. Though in record above there is no mention of HMS Dolphin.

**Medals:** Victory, British, Star

Name	Rating	Service No.	Ship
Walter R.	Sto. I.	S.S. 112077	"Pembroke"
			"Dolphin"

**Death:** December 1982, aged 88, North Walsham