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GRAY-Commemorative Plaque found for Peter Chisholm, 1882-1918

PETER ALEXANDER CHISHOLM

1882-1918

Peter Chisholm, a serjeant in the Seaforth Highlanders, was in a line infantry regiment of the British Army, mainly associated with large areas of the northern Highlands of Scotland. The regiment existed from 1881 to 1961 and saw service in World War I and World War II, along with many smaller conflicts. Peter was in the “first” battalion and died in the Great War. Sadly on 22 July 1918, near the end of the war, Peter died of wounds. He is buried in a France and Flanders.

By the 4th August 1914 Britain and much of Europe were pulled into a war which would last 1,566 days, cost 8,528,831 lives and 28,938,073 casualties. Peter’s unit would have been involved in all of the following battles below:

1st Battalion (Forces War Records)  
04.08.1918 Stationed at Agra, India as part of the Dehta Dun Brigade of the 7th (Meerut) Division.  
Sept 1914 Mobilised for war and embarked for France arriving in Marseilles, and the formation renamed the 19th Indian Brigade of the 7th (Meerut) Division. The Division was engaged in various actions on the Western Front including; the Battles of La Bassee, the First Battle of Messines, Armentieres and the Battle of Loos.  
Dec 1915 Embarked to Mesopotamia and upon arrival the Division engaged in various actions against the Ottoman Empire including; The battles at the Sheikh Sa'ad, Wadi, Hanna, Dujailia, Sannaiyat, The fall of Kut, and The capture of Baghdad.  
04.02.1916 Amalgamated with the Black Watch until 12.07.1916 due to heavy casualties received by both battalions.  
Dec 1917 Moved to Egypt and Palestine and the Division was engaged in various actions including; The captured 'North and South Sister' Hills, The raid of 'Piffer Ridge' and The Battle of Megiddo.  
Jan 1918 Ended the war in Palestine, Khan Abdi N.E. of Tripoli.

Following the first World War, 1914-1918, relatives of the killed service personnel were given a “death plaque” or memorial medal showing the name of the dead person. These plaques or medals were individually cast in bronze. Most were issued to men, and their legend (inscription reads, “HE DIED FOR FREEDOM AND HONOUR”. The medal was designed by Mr. E. Carter Preston of Liverpool, England.

The medal would have been given to Margaret Anne Boyle, his wife. Later she gave it to her oldest daughter, Barbara Alexena Chisholm. And later she gave the medal to her son, James Gray. James passed away in 2020 and his family found the medal while sorting through his things. James’ sister, Margaret, was in turn, given the “Next of Kin Memorial Scroll” by her mother, also featured in this article. Mrs. Boyle would have also received the British War Medal, WW1 and the Victory Medal. (also attached)

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The World War One Memorial Plaque was **made from Bronze and hence it was popularly known as the “Dead Man's Penny” among front-line troops, also becoming widely known as, the “Death Penny”, “Death Plaque” or “Widow's Penny”**.

LINKS

Memorial Death Plaque of WWI

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/medals/memorial-death-plaque-of-wwi#:~:text=The%20World%20War%20One%20Memorial,%E2%80%9D%20or%20%E2%80%9CWidow's%20Penny%E2%80%9D>.

Edward Carter Preston

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward\_Carter\_Preston

Next of Kin Memorial Scroll

<https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/item/object/1502015261>

Seaforth Highlanders Military Unit

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seaforth\_Highlanders

Can you get what is below in somewhere on the page as part of the highlanders story

Seaforth Highlanders Military Unit

Crest (photo attached)

Founded 1881

Motto: **Motto(s):**Cuidich 'n Righ (Aid the King)

**Part of:**Highland Brigade

**Colonel of the Regiment:**[Edward, Prince of Wales](https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=AJOqlzVygamteSCrwsn66JSFJAkK5bwUzQ:1676074106024&q=Edward,+Prince+of+Wales&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAONgVuLQz9U3SM41MF7EKu6aUp5YlKKjEFCUmZecqpCfphCemJNaDAD9CfaGJgAAAA&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjYqtPNloz9AhUsM1kFHcTIBnwQmxMoAHoFCIUBEAI) (1920–36)

**Parent organization:**[British Army](https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=AJOqlzVygamteSCrwsn66JSFJAkK5bwUzQ:1676074106024&q=British+Army&si=AEcPFx6l3RvH8SFlhHZyn7jIc6m2bU9vmoFvFAMQv2WWSYjXNx2igSj2Z0WBPZ3w7y6wGXe0prQtbdlvG8E8vIXJZYAJXQ4plAM5NrJm3BcAQT2KpAwmYXBSHgBh4PaKC1u0JxRQ9ejEi_kaiZ_EuI8w7Agi4efbujdkGulPlGZX69T48TwHwjh6jPc7FbLjwIkxOjgTD4bi&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjYqtPNloz9AhUsM1kFHcTIBnwQmxMoAHoFCIABEAI)

I attached a photo of the “British War Cemetery in Bayeux, France”

If you can make room.