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Mannall to Russell

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MARLOW	FRANCIS JOHN
MARTIN	GEORGE RUSSELL COURTNEY
MATTHEWS	EDWIN HAROLD
MATTHEWS	LESLIE HERBERT
MAYO	HAROLD GRAHAM
McANDREW	CHARLES ROY
MERCER	T – not identified
MERCER	WILLIAM
MERRY	ROBERT
MILLER	ARTHUR BERNARD
MILLER	FREDERICK GEORGE
MILLNER	HORACE BROOKS
MILLWARD	ERNEST REGINALD
MILLWARD	HENRY CHARLES
MORGAN	VINCENT HAROLD
MOORE	JOHN FLETCHER
MOORE	WILFRED ENGLEBURTT
MORRELL	HARRY
MORRIS	PERCY JOHN
MUTLOW	ALFRED
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NODEN	FREDERICK WILLIAM
OLIVER	OWEN
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ONIONS	WILLIAM LESLIE
OWEN	THOMAS STARR
OWEN	W H – not on the war memorial, not clearly identified
PARKES	HENRY GORDON
PARROTT	ERNEST GEORGE
PARSONS	SEPTIMUS ERIC
PAYNE	JOHN NELSON
PEAKE	WILLIAM EDWARD
PERKS	ARTHUR EDGAR
PERKS	JAMES FRANCIS – not on the war memorial
PERKS	SIDNEY/SYDNEY
PERRETT	DENNIS VICTOR
PERRY	PERCY HENRY
PERRY	WILLIAM CHARLES
PICKERING	GEORGE ANTHONY WILLIAM RAYMOND
PINFOLD	ROBERT CECIL
PINSON	GEORGE EDWARD
PLATT	SAMUEL WILLIAM WOODGATE
POOLMAN	ARTHUR GEORGE
PORTMAN	HENRY
POWIS	HARRY
POWIS	WILLIAM HENRY
PREEDY	LAWRENCE JACK
PRICE	JOHN WILLIAM
PRICE	THOMAS (JOSEPH WILLIAM)
PRING	P- not identified
PRITCHARD	JOHN ERIC STIRLING
PURDOM	ARTHUR EUGENE MOLONY
RANDALL	FREDERICK ARTHUR BRISTOL
REEVE	HERBERT JOSEPH
REID	JAMES
RENAUD	ARTHUR LAMB
REYNOLDS	GEORGE HENRY

RICE
RIPPINGILLE
ROBBINS
ROBBINS
ROBERTS
ROBERTSON
ROBINSON
ROGERS
ROPER
ROSE
ROSE
RUSSELL

FRED/FREDERICK
FRANK ALEXANDER
ALBERT
GEORGE
JOHN
FREDERICK WILLIAM
JAMES
GEORGE HENRY – not on the war memorial
HARRY
CHARLES ERNEST
MARK
WALTER WILLIAM

SYDNEY MANNALL

Sydney Mannall was born on 28 March 1892 in Birmingham. He enlisted with the Canadian Infantry 50th Battalion (Alberta Regiment) – Private 895497

He died of wounds on 29 September 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 24.

He was buried at the Noeux Les- Mines Communal Cemetery Extension, France, Plot II.B.22.

From the Canada War Graves Register, (Circumstances of Casualty) we learn that he died at No. 7 Casualty Clearing Station from multiple shrapnel wounds.

Commonwealth War Graves History

Canadian War Graves Registers (Circumstances of Casualty)

1914 – 1918 RG 150,1992-93/314 Volume 209

Canadian Virtual War Memorial Index 1900 – 2014 www.veterans.gc.ca/eng

“He was the son of Samuel and Catherine Mannall of Chestnut Cottage, Mere Green.”



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Army Service Record

Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force, Attestation Paper. Sydney Mannall of Calgary, Alberta, Canada - Regiment number 895497

He was born on 28 March 1892 at Birmingham, Warwickshire and his father was Samuel Mannall.

The address of his next of kin was given as Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

His occupation was that of Motor Repairer for a farmer and he was single.

He attested on 6 January 1917 and his attestation was approved on 8 January 1917 and finally approved on 22 January 1917.

His age was 24 years 9 months. He was 5 ft 5 in tall with a chest measurement of 34".

His complexion was fair, eyes blue and hair light brown. He was Church of England.

No medal roll was found for him.

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 895497

Folio. 16

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your surname? *Mannall*
- 1a. What are your Christian names? *Sydney*
- 1b. What is your present address? *Calgary Alberta*
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? *Birmingham Warwickshire Eng*
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? *Samuel Mannall*
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? *Mere Green Road Four Oaks Warwick Eng*
- 4a. What is the relationship of your next-of-kin? *Father*
5. What is the date of your birth? *28th March 1892*
6. What is your Trade or Calling? *Motor Reparer - Farmer*
7. Are you married? *no*
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated and inoculated? *yes*
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? *no*
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force?
If so, state particulars of former Service. *no*
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? *yes*
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the
CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? *yes*

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Sydney Mannall*, do solemnly declare that the above are answers made by me to the above questions and that they are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

Date *Jan 6th* 1917 *Sydney Mannall* (Signature of Recruit)
Pte D. Scully (Signature of Witness)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Sydney Mannall*, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

Date *Jan 6th* 1917 *Sydney Mannall* (Signature of Recruit)
Pte D. Scully (Signature of Witness)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at *CALGARY, ALTA* this *6th* day of *January* 1917.

James E. Rankin (Signature of Justice)

M. P. W. 23
75054-9-16
H. Q. 1772-99-241

Canada WW1 CEF Attestation Papers 1914 – 1918

Canadian Expeditionary Force 1914 – 1919

Canadian Infantry

Incident 6 January 1917. Private 895497.

Embarkment date 1817. Port Nova Scotia.

SS Saxonia or SS Olympic.

Next of Kin Samuel Mannall of Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield.

Enlisted Calgary.

Primary Unit 191st Battalion.

Secondary Unit 1st Reinforcement Draft

Served for Canada.

Archive Roll CEF Nominal Roll. Forces War Records

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
895497	Private	MANHALL	Sydney
5. UNIT OR SHIP	6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. R.G. FILE NO.	8. RELIGION
50th. Battalion	29-7-17	649-M-23897	Church of England
9. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		10. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"DIED OF WOUNDS" (Shrapnel wounds multiple) At No.7 Casualty Clearing Station.			
11. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
NOTE:--Boxes 11, 12 and 14 are not to be completed until grave is permanently located.			
12. CEMETERY	13. LOCATION OF CEMETERY	14. GRAVE LOCATION	15. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE
Noeux-les-Mines Communal Cemetery Extension,	France.	Grave _____ Plot _____ Row _____	
16. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN	17. EXPOSURE NO.	18. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
19. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF ENTRY.			

Died of wounds (Shrapnel wounds multiple) at No. 7 Casualty Clearing Station.

Canada WW1 CEF Personnel Files 1914 – 1918 Reg RG 150 Vol Box 5895-10

Sydney Mannall worshipped at St James Church and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Sydney Mannall was the son of Samuel and Catherine Mannall of "Chestnut Cottage", Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The only birth registered for Sydney (Sidney) Mannall was registered June 1893 Birmingham 6d 71.

On his service papers he gave 28 March 1892.

1901 census "Private Cottage", Little Sutton, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Mannall	M	36	Gardeners Labourer	b Sudbourne, Suffolk
Katherine Mannall	M	32		b Canwell, Staffs
Sydney Mannall		8		b Birmingham
Harold Mannall		5		b Little Sutton

1911 census 12 Church Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Mannall	M	46	Gardener domestic	b Sudbourne, Suffolk
Katherine Mannall	M	42	Married 18 years, 4 children 2 died	b Drayton, Staffs
Sydney Mannall	U	18	Grocer's Porter	b Birmingham
Harold Mannall	U	15	Fruiterers Assistant	b Sutton, Warwickshire

1916 Canada Census

Qu Appelle, Saskatchewan, 20, 14, 2 North Qu Appelle - Residing with and working for Peter McNaughton, 60, farmer.

Sid Mannall, aged 24. Single, born in 1892 in England. Immigrated in 1916. Servant on a farm.

1921 census Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Mannall, 56. Jobbing gardener.
 Catherine Mannall, 52. Home duties.
 Harold Mannall, 26. Married. Steel tile drawerer – out of work.
 Emily Helen Mannall, married. 27. Home duties.
 Alan Manning, born in 1921. Sutton Coldfield.

1939 Register 2 Chestnut Cottage, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Mannall, born on 29 October 1864. Gardener.

Catherine Mannall, born on 11 September 1868. Domestic duties.

Alan E H Manning, born on 1 June 1921. Junior solicitor's clerk.

Deaths

The death of Samuel Mannall was registered June 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6d 580, aged 80.

The death of Catherine Mannall was registered December 1955 Sutton Coldfield 9c 953, aged 87.

FELIX DESMOND MACSWINEY – not on the war memorial

Felix Desmond MacSwiney is included in the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration.

Private 432981 Alberta Regiment

“Felix MacSwiney was born in Wylde Green on 27th October 1893, son of Felix MacSwiney, a schoolteacher originally from Ireland, and Mary Randall, daughter of a domestic gardener, from Edgbaston.

Felix Junior worked as a bank clerk, and in 1914 went to Canada – his elder brother Denis has emigrated to there in 1911.

Felix joined the 49th Battalion of the Alberta Regiment on 28th January 1915, as part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force (he had previously trained with the Officer Training Corps in England).

On 3rd June 1916, while serving in the trenches, Felix was wounded in the left shoulder by a machine gun bullet.

Felix died of his wound three days later, and is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery in Belgium, to the west of Ypres.”



A Canadian recruiting poster of the time

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

“Age 22. Canadian. Died 6 June 1916.

Son of Felix and Mary MacSwiney. Native of Wylde Green.

Private 432981 Canadian Infantry (Alberta) 49th Battalion.

Awarded the British, Victory Medals and the Memorial Death Plaque.”

WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register Forces War Records Fold 3

ATTESTATION PAPER.

No. 981
Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.
(ANSWERS).

1. What is your name? Macoswney Felix Desmond
2. In what Town, Township or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Croydon London England
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Desmond George John Macoswney (Brother)
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Anderson Bay, C. Fort McMurray, Alta
5. What is the date of your birth? Oct 27 1894
6. What is your Trade or Calling? Black
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? 1 year Officers Training Corps Birmingham E
If so, state particulars of former Service.
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE? Yes

F. J. Macoswney (Signature of Man).
Cornel Cluska (Signature of Witness).

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Felix Desmond Macoswney, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements by me now made, and I hereby engage and agree to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force, and to be attached to any arm of the service therein, for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war provided His Majesty should so long require my services, or until legally discharged.

F. J. Macoswney (Signature of Recruit)
Cornel Cluska (Signature of Witness)

Date Jan 28 1915

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

I, Felix Desmond Macoswney, do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will as in duty bound honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown and Dignity, against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of all the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

F. J. Macoswney (Signature of Recruit)
Cornel Cluska (Signature of Witness)

Date Jan 28 1915

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as reply to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me, at Grouard this 28th day of January 1915.

[Signature] (Signature of Justice)

I certify that the above is a true copy of the Attestation of the above-named Recruit.

[Signature] (Approving Officer)

M. F. W. 23.
1914-15-16.
H. G. 1773-30-841.

Note the year of birth is incorrect. The place of birth is given as Croyden, but his birth was registered at Aston in 1893.

Canada WW1 CEF Attestation Papers 1914 – 1919

1. NO.	2. RANK OR RATING	3. SURNAME	4. CHRISTIAN NAMES
432981	Private	MacOSWNEY	Felix Desmond
5. UNIT OR SHIP		6. DATE OF CASUALTY	7. H. G. FILE NO.
49th Battalion		6-6-16	649-M-5244
8. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASUALTY		9. NAME, RELATIONSHIP AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN	
"Died of Wounds" During operations on June 3rd 1916, he was wounded in the left shoulder by an enemy machine gun bullet. He was attended to and taken to No. 3 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station, where he died three days later.			
10. LOCATION OF UNIT AT TIME OF CASUALTY			
11. LOCATION OF CEMETERY			
Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery.		12. GRAVE LOCATION	
1 1/2 miles South West of Poperinghe, Belgium.		13. REGISTERED NO. OF GRAVE	
14. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE TAKEN		15. PHOTOGRAPH OF GRAVE AND CEMETERY SUPPLIED TO	
16. FURTHER PARTICULARS ON REVERSE SIDE OF SHIRT.			

Canada War Graves Register (Circumstances of Casualty) 1914 – 1918

649M.52424

SURNAME. <i>Mac Swiney</i>	FILE NO. <i>✓</i>
CHRISTIAN NAMES <i>Felix, Desmond</i>	FOLL. <i>D</i>
REGL. NO. <i>432981</i>	RANK <i>Pte</i>
UNIT <i>49th</i>	
FORMER CORPS <i>1st O.V. Corps. Birmingham, Eng.</i>	
NEXT OF KIN.	CHANGE OF ADDRESS
NAMES IN FULL <i>Mac Swiney, Denis G. J.</i>	<i>Edmonton with O.P.R. Del. 27th 24/1/16.</i>
RELATIONSHIP TO SOLDIER <i>Brother</i>	
A <i>Hudson Bay Co</i>	
<i>Fort McMurtry, Alta</i>	
<i>and Chas co. d.</i>	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH <i>England Croydon, London</i>	DATE <i>Oct 27th 1894</i>
PLACE OF ATTESTATION <i>Grouard, Alta</i>	DATE <i>Jan 28th 1915</i>
<i>954-6-15 96/12</i>	
L. L. 94501. M. & D. 6512.	M. F. W. 22. 290M.-2-16. H. Q. 1772-39-333.

Again, the place and year of birth of different – Croydon and 1894.

Canada WW1 CEF Personnel Files 1914 – 1918 RG 150 Vol Box 72/2/10

Buried at Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery V11 B 26.



Photo by Internation War Graves Photography Project

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Canada Virtual War Memorial Index 1900 – 2014 <http://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng>

Felix Desmond MacSwiney sailed from Liverpool to Canada on 29 November 1914 on the SS Laurentic.

He was 20, single and a bank clerk.

US Border Crossings from Canada to US 1895 – 1960 M1464 St Albans, Vermont, 215-300-266

Felix Desmond MacSwiney was the son of Felix and Mary MacSwiney.

Birth

The birth of Felix D MacSwiney was registered December 1893 Aston 6d 422.

1901 census 114 Vivian Road, Harboure

Felix MacSwiney	M	37 sic	School teacher	b Ireland
Mary MacSwiney	M	32		b Birmingham
Constance MacSwiney		10		b Birmingham
Denis MacSwiney		9		b Birmingham
Felix MacSwiney		7		b Birmingham
Kathleen MacSwiney		5		b Birmingham

1911 census Station Road, Sutton Coldfield

Felix MacSwiney	W	60	Private School Teacher	b Cork
Mary MacSwiney	U	22		b Birmingham
Patricia MacSwiney	U	20	Student	b Birmingham
Denis MacSwiney	U	18	School	b Sutton Coldfield
Felix MacSwiney		17	School	b Sutton Coldfield
Kathleen MacSwiney		15	School	b Croyden

Deaths

There was no trace of a death for Mary MacSwiney.

The death of Felix MacSwiney was registered June 1914 Tamworth 6b 502, aged 65.

EDWARD BAGULEY MARKWICK

Edward Baguley Markwick was born in 1896 at Birmingham. He enlisted at Fulham in Middlesex with the Royal Engineers 2nd Signal Company – Corporal 28798

He died on 9 November 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 22.

From the Sutton Coldfield News we learn that he died from pneumonia at the No. 45 Casualty Clearing Station.

He was buried at the Awoingt British Cemetery, near Cambrai, Plot III.D.14.

WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Engineers War Diaries

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D3932791 WO 372/13/119476

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers

Awarded the Victory and British War Medals plus the Memorial Death Plaque.

“Born in Birmingham, he resided in Fulham, Middlesex. Native of Sutton Coldfield.

Died 9 November 1918.

Son of Edward and Elizabeth Annie Markwick of Broadfield, Four Oaks.”



Findagrave Memorial ID 56448917

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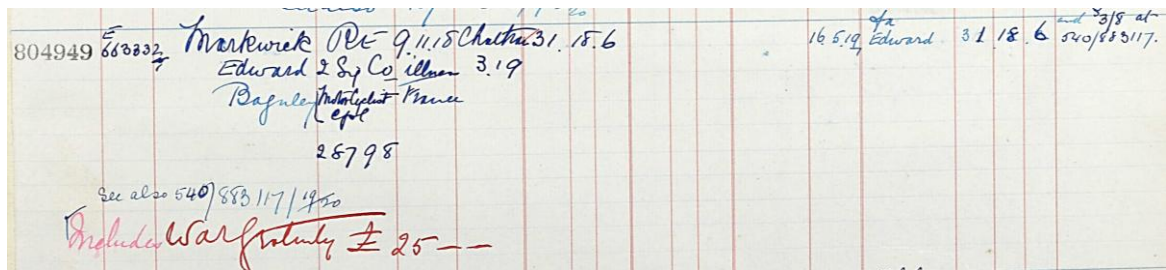
His Army Service Records were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RE/101 B, page 97, and the 1914 Star Medal RE/1, page 757. He entered France on 15 October 1914.

He was awarded a clasp - Clasp/1/1263 on 23 April 1920. No image was found.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920



His father was sent £31 18 s 6 d effects and war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 803501-805000 Ref 487

National Army Museum

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“Edward Markwick was a motorcycle despatch rider in the Royal Engineers, serving throughout the war until two days before the Armistice.

Edward was born on 9th February 1896 in Aston Manor – his family moved to “Eastgrove”, Highbridge Road, within a short while. Edward’s father, also Edward, was the manager of a Range and Grate works; his mother, Elizabeth Annie Baguley, was from Liverpool, the daughter of a surveyor. Two brothers of Edward were born at the Highbridge Road address, before the family moved to Maney Hill Road.

Edward was educated at Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School.

He joined the 2nd Signal Company of the Royal Engineers as a despatch rider, and first went to France on 15th October 1914.

In February 1917, he was sent home from France with rheumatic fever, and went to the Allerton Voluntary Aid Detachment (VAD) Hospital where his mother (a member of Queen Mary’s Army Auxiliary Corps) was working.



Edward recovered and returned to France in March 1918. However, on 9th November 1918 Acting Sergeant Edward Markwick died of pneumonia.

Writing to the family from the 45th Casualty Clearing Station, Medical Officer F. M. Carter wrote: *“I am very sorry to tell you your son, Corporal E. B. Markwick died in hospital at 4 p.m. today. He was admitted to hospital suffering with pneumonia. Everything was done that was possible, but nothing seemed to help, and he passed peacefully away. He sent his love when I told him I was writing and said he would write soon. With much sympathy.”*

Edward Markwick is buried in the Awoingt British Cemetery east of Cambrai.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

He is commemorated on the St Peter’s Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

"He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. He lived with his parents.

He enlisted in September 1914 and was a Despatch Rider with the Royal Engineers.

He was sent home in February 1917 with rheumatic fever and returned to France in March 1918.

He died at 4 pm on 9 November 1918 from pneumonia at No 45 Casualty Clearing Station."

Sutton Coldfield News 16.11.1918

Edward Baguley Markwick was the son of Edward and Elizabeth Annie Marwick of "Broadfields", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Edward B Markwick was registered March 1896 Aston 6d 418

Baptism on 20 June 1897 at St James, Aston Parish

Of 219 Bevington Road. Father was a secretary.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 Ref EP 96/2/2/1

1901 census "East Grove", Highbridge Road, St Michael's, Boldmere

Edward Markwick	M	33	Manager Stove and Grate Works	b Oldbury, Staffs
Elizabeth A Markwick	M	33		b Liverpool, Lancs
Edward B Markwick		5		b Aston, Birmingham
Harold E Markwick		2		b Wylde Green

1911 census Maney Hill Road, Maney, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Markwick	M	43	Manager at Stove and Grate Works	b Oldbury, Staffs
Elizabeth Ann Markwick	M	43	Married 16 years, 3 children all alive	b Liverpool, Lancs
Edward Baguley Markwick		15		b Aston
Harold Ernest Markwick		10		b Wylde Green
Hubert Henry Markwick		8		b Wylde Green
Alice Amos	U	21		b Walsall

1918 Electoral Roll

In 1918, the family lived at "St Michaels", Maney Hill Road, Maney.

1921 census Maney Hill Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Markwick, 53. Manager at Stove and Grate Manufacturers – J Wright, Eagle Range Ltd. Catherine Street, Aston.

Elizabeth Annie Markwick, 53. Home duties.

Harold Ernest Markwick, 20. Clerk in Iron & Coke Trade at J C Abbot & Co, New Street.

1939 Register 450 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Markwick, born on 2 February 1868. Retired company director.

Alice E Markwick, born on 10 September 1884. Wife. Domestic duties.

Marian Houghton, born on 26 July 1919. Domestic servant.

Death

The death of Elizabeth A Markwick was registered December 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 582, aged 67.

Marriage

The marriage between Edward Markwick and Alice E Ross was registered June 1936 Birmingham 7d 965

Death

The death of Edward Markwick was registered March 1944 Birmingham 6d 304, aged 76.

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Corporal 28798 Edward Baguley Markwick
2nd Signal Company, Royal Engineers
Died: Saturday 9th November 1918
Aged: 22**



The 2nd Signal Company was part of the 2nd Division; VI Corps took part in the Battle of the Selle during October/November 1918.

It would normally have a total strength of 162 men of which 14 were corporals. One sergeant and 8 corporals served with the Dispatch Riders Group.

Corporal Markwick contracted pneumonia and was sent to the 45th Casualty Clearing Station at Awoingt. It was here that he died.

Edward Markwick is buried in Awoingt British Cemetery, east of Cambrai, Plot 3, Row D, Grave 14

His grave is inscribed 'What more could he give.'

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and St Peters Church, Maney.

"Edward B Markwick was born on 9 February 1893. He was the eldest son of Edward (Manager of the Range Grate Works) and Elizabeth Annie Markwick of "Broadfields", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and later of 'St. Michaels', Maney Hill Road.

Edward attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1905 and 1912.

He enlisted in September 1914 and was sent to Chatham and Aldershot for training and then to France at the start of October 1915.

He saw considerable service and at one time was a Sergeant Dispatch Rider in the Royal Engineers.

In February 1917 he was invalided out of France with rheumatic fever, spending time in the Allerton Voluntary Aid Detachment Hospital where his mother (a member of Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps) was working.

He recovered and returned to France in March 1918.

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With much sympathy."

The Medal Card Index at the National Archives shows that Edward was an Acting Sergeant at the time of his death.

He had a younger brother Harold E. Markwick."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

FRANCIS JOHN MARLOW

Francis John Marlow was born in 1892 at Warwick. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Berkshire Regiment 2nd Battalion (Princess Charlotte of Wales) – Sergeant 15411

He died of wounds 3 April 1918 (France & Flanders) at Rouen.

He probably died at a casualty clearing station as Rouen was a major hospital centre.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Berkshire Regiment Diaries.

INDEX No. Fr. 146 ST. SEVER CEM. EXTN. PART IV. . L-R

MARLOW, Serjt. F. J., 15411. 2nd Bn. Royal
Berkshire Regt. 3rd April, 1918. P. VII. I. 4B.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921

He was buried at the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Plot PVIII.I.4B.



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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/105 B12, page 2095, and the 1915 Star Medal L/3B, page 300. He entered France on 25 July 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MARLOW.	R. B. R. L.	Pte	15411
		Sgt	
Francis John			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/105 B 12	2095	
15 STAR	L/3 B	300	Died of W
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	25.7.15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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Marlow	2 nd Lt	3-4-18	War 2	✓ 10	6	11	5	3	5	8-16-18	11-6-18	Point Lt. 1st Wm	5	3	5
Francis	R Berks	Dr-L	5-18									Agnes S Brooks			
John	Sgt	Francis					5	3	6	mo. 4	15-12-7-18	Sig. front Lt.	5	3	6
	15-4-11											Amy L			

A. R. W. 6070 SENT
 DATE 11-7-19

WAR GRATUITY
 Effects 14/20/18
 Transfer 6675
 Regd. Papers 255389
 Serial No. 26741

19
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 9 10
 Agnes S Brooks
 Amy L
 3/12/19
 11-7-18
 11-6-18
 8-16-18

His effects were sent jointly to Agnes S Brooker and Amy L Marlow.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 689501 – 691000 Ref 411

National Army Museum

"Prior to the war he was employed as a gardener at Ashfurlong Hall, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at the same time as P Blockley in early 1915." (WML)

No other service records were found.

Francis John Marlow was the son of John and Jane Marlow.

“Francis J Marlow was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Gardeners Society.”

Sutton Coldfield News 12.5.1917

“Francis J Marlow was a gardener in the employ of Colonel Wilkinson of “Ashfurlong Hall”.”

Sutton Coldfield News 27.4.1918

In 1911, Colonel Joseph Henry Wilkinson, 65, from Bradford lived at Ashfurlong Hall.

He was the Chairman of a Wholesale Drapery Company and was an employer.

At that time, he did not list any gardeners in his employ who resided at the Hall.

Birth

The birth of Francis John Marlow was registered September 1892 Warwick 6d 593

1901 census 1 Broad Street, Warwick

John Marlow	M	38	Gardener not domestic	b Warwick
Jane Marlow	M	33		b Alveston, Warks
Francis John Marlow		8		b Warwick
Amy Louise Marlow		7		b Warwick
Grace Lucy Marlow		5		b Warwick
William George Marlow		2		b Warwick
Annie Elizabeth Marlow		2 months old		b Warwick

Francis Marlow and his family were not found on the 1911 census.

Deaths

The death of John Marlow was registered March 1902 Warwick 6d 410, aged 40.

The death of Jane Marlow was registered March 1902 Warwick 6d 408, aged 34.

William George Marlow

William George Marlow served as Private 181544 in the Machine Gun Corps.

GEORGE RUSSELL COURTNEY MARTIN

George R C Russell was born on 25 July 1891 in London. He enlisted in September 1914 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/6th Battalion (Territorials) as a Second Lieutenant, then became a Lieutenant (service number not known)

He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 25, during the attack on the Quadrilateral Redoubt, near Serre.

He was first buried by the Germans but after the War his body was moved to Miraumons Communal Cemetery, Row C Grave 5.

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He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

"George Russell Courtenay Martin was born in July 1891, in Brentford, Middlesex, to George and Marion Martin.

In 1901, he was living with family at "Hartopp Grange", Hartopp Road, Four Oaks. He and his younger sister Kathleen Marion Martin were baptised on August 30th, 1906, at Christ Church, Folkestone, Kent. The baptism records state their abode to be Sutton Coldfield and his father's profession to be "Manufacturer". According to the Sutton Coldfield News dated July 15th, 1916, "He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Lickey Hill School and Repton". In 1908 he was employed as a saddler at his father's firm.

By 1911, he was living with his family at Hartopp Court, Hartopp Road, Four Oaks. He was 19 years old and working with his father at a wholesale saddlery and leather goods manufacturers. Only limited details were provided on the 1911 census about his father, George Martin senior, whose name was crossed out, he may have been away on business. George Russell is described as working with his father at a wholesale saddlery and leather goods manufacturers. His next of kin (father) is listed at this address on this medal roll card.

He enlisted with the 2nd/6th Royal Warwickshire in September 1914 and became a Second Lieutenant soon afterwards. The London Gazette, dated 24th November 1914 states, "6th Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment: The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 19th October 1914: - George Russell Courtney Martin (among others)".

He was later appointed as a temporary Lieutenant as recorded (among others) in the London Gazette dated July 8th, 1915, "6th Battalion, The Royal Warwickshire Regiment. The undermentioned Second Lieutenants to be temporary Lieutenants. Dated 9th July 1915:- George R. C. Martin". He was then attached to the 1st/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

The regimental war diary noted that Lt R.C. Martin joined for duty on February 16th, 1916, at Foncquevillers, France. His medal card indicated that he landed in France on 14 February 1916.

The regimental diary recorded that he was killed on the opening day of the battle of the Somme as the regiment took heavy casualties attacking the Quadrilateral from Maily. Despite this, he was reported as wounded and/or missing in a local newspaper two weeks later and was mistakenly reported to be a prisoner at Schwarmstedt, near Hanover in Germany in November 1917.

OFFICERS WOUNDED & MISSING. Brettall, Sec.-Lt. F. A., Ryl. Warwicks; Caddick, Major A. A., Royal Warwicks; Clarke, Second-Lieut. A. E., Royal Warwicks; Martin, Second-Lieut. G. R. C., Royal Warwicks; Winkley, Second-Lieut. S. J., Royal Warwicks.

Birmingham Gazette 14 July 1916

THE ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT.
 In glorious and immortal memory of
 Capt. A. B. Rabone, Lieut. J. E. B. Dixon,
 Sec. Lieut. J. Balkwill, Sec. Lieut. R. Price,
 Sec. Lieut. A. E. Clarke, Sec. Lieut. R. V. Rose,
 Sec. Lieut. H. L. Field, Sec. Lieut. W. P. Wheeler,
 Sec. Lieut. G. R. C. Martin, Sec. Lieut. S. J. Winkley,
 Sec. Lieut. C. T. Morris-Davies,
 Non-commissioned Officers, and Men, who fell in the assault
 on the Quadrilateral between Beaumont Hamel and Serre,
 July 1, 1916.

Birmingham Daily Post, July 2nd, 1917

On July 1st, 1916, the 1st/6th and 1st/8th Territorial Battalions of the Royal Warwicks (temporarily attached to the 11th Brigade, 4th Division), were to attack over the Redan Ridge between the villages of Serre and Beaumont Hamel.

They faced the formidable German strongpoint known as the Quadrilateral in land now occupied by the Serre Road No. 2 Cemetery.

The 1st/8th Royal Warwicks led off into No Man's Land, followed after a few minutes by the 1st/6th Royal Warwicks. Shells and machine guns decimated the ranks, but the Battalions still made good their objectives; the Quadrilateral and cutting beyond it.

The 31st Division on their left and the rest of the 4th Division on their right could not attain their objectives. By 11.00 am there was only one officer, 2nd Lt. J G Cooper, who remained untouched in the vicinity of the Quadrilateral.

There were a handful of Warwicks left, amongst heaps of dead and dying, to defend the position from counterattacks from the front and both flanks. In the evening the remaining troops were ordered to withdraw.

The 1/8th Royal Warwicks lost their CO, Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. Innes and suffered 588 casualties - 170 of which were never found. The 1/6th suffered 457 casualties, with 110 men never found.

Lieutenant George Russell Courtenay Martin was killed in action on July 1st, 1916, in France, aged 24.

He was buried at Miraumont Communal Cemetery, France, Plot C. 5."



Lieutenant George Russell Courtenay Martin

Photo by Nancy Wright Findagrave



Gravestone of Lieutenant George Russell Courtenay Martin Image by Peter Eaton Findagrave

All Saints Cross War Memorial

With thanks to Paul Harrison

“6th Battalion (Territorial) Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in action.”

WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

His Army Service and Medal Index Card were not found online.

There were no records on Ancestry, Findmypast or Forces War Records.

He is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour

David Phillips

George Russell Courtney Martin was the only son of Mr and Mrs G Martin of “Hartopp Court”, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

“He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Lickey Hill School and Repton.”

He obtained his commission at the outbreak of war and was sent to the front in February 1916.”

Sutton Coldfield News 15.7.1916

Birth

The birth of George R C Martin was registered September 1891 Brentford 3a 99

Baptism on 30 August 1906 at Christchurch, Folkestone

Born on 7 July 1891. To George and Marion Martin.

Family History Library Index 1836244

1901 census Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

George Martin	M	51	Saddlery/Harness Manu. Employer	b London
Marion Martin	M	39		b St Helier, Jersey
George R Martin		9		b London
Kathleen Martin		2		b Aldridge
John Martin	U	22	Nephew – assists in business	b London
Agnes Steps	U	21	Lady's housekeeper	b Northants
Jane Fincher	U	21	Monthly nurse	b Hereford
Eliza Foster	U	23	House maid	b Aston
Rachel Harris	U	23	House maid	b Staffs

1911 census Hartopp Court, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield (Very hard to read)

George Martin – away				
Marion Martin	M	49	Married 23 years. 2 children.	b Jersey
Russel C Martin	U	19	Works for Father	b Ealing
Kathleen Martin		12		b Aldridge
August Cook	U	34	Governess	b Surrey
Maggie Clark	U	30	Parlour maid	b Daventry
Annie Jubb	W	48	Cook	b Birmingham
Elizabeth Snowden	U	22	Housemaid	b Burton on Trent
Rachel Snowden	U	22	Serving maid	b Burton on Trent

1921 census Hartopp Court, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield

George Martin, 71. Leather merchant at Walsall – employer.
Maria Clementina Martin, 60. Born at St Helier. Home duties.
Kathleen Maria Martin, 22. Home duties.
Marian Milles, 46. Cook
Jane Bartlow, 31. Parlour Maid.
Lillian Stanley, 18. Under housemaid.
Eliza Tatton, 24. Second housemaid.

No further trace of the Martin family was made after 1921.

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**



**Second Lieutenant George Russell Courtney Martin
1st/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Saturday 1st July 1916
Aged: 24**

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George Martin is buried in the Miraumont Communal Cemetery, Row C, Grave 5

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square.

"George R. C. Martin was born on 25 July 1891. He was the son of George and Marion Martin of Hartopp Court, Hartopp Road.

George attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1901 and 1903.

He moved to Lickey Hills School and in 1906 to Repton School, Burton-on-Trent.

In 1908, he was employed as a saddler in his father's firm.

He enlisted as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd/6th Royal Warwicks in September 1914.

He was promoted to Temporary Lieutenant in 1915 and attached to the 1st/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

He was sent to France on 16 February 1916.

He was mistakenly reported to be a prisoner at Schwarmstedt, near Hanover in Germany in November 1917, but he had been buried in the Miraumont Cemetery by the Germans on 1 July 1916.

He left £58 10 s 0 d to his parents."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

Edwin Harold Matthews was born in 1889 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the City Battalions (Royal Warwickshire Regiment) at the outbreak of war - Private 14/448. He went to the front in May 1915.

He was killed in action on 8 August 1916, aged 27.

He was killed in an attempt to capture Guillemont Village at 4.20 a.m. on 8 August 1916.

2nd Lt. Kings Liverpool Regiment

WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1918 Kings (Liverpool) Regiment Diaries

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MATTHEWS, 2nd Lt. Edwin Harold. 1st/7th Bn. The King's Liverpool Regt. 8th Aug., 1916.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921

“Edwin Matthews Royal Warwickshire Regiment 448”

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D3986112 WO 372/13/172437

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier & Face 1 D8B & 8C.

Findagrave Memorial ID 12468136 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 23 November 2005

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/49, page 242. He entered France on 26 May 1915.

The index card is annotated that his service records were not found.

Name.	Care	Rank.	Bertl No.
MATTHEWS	4/Khan R.	T/C.	448
Edwin Harold.	7/2 pool R(T)	2/Lc x	
Month.	Inlt.	Pago.	Remarks.
Therap ^y X BRIIT-3	Feb. 49	242 }	10/10/54 } 12 NW/10/55 } 8/8/6
NEAR	do -		
Theatre of War first served in	France.		
Date of entry therein	20-5-16		

Correspondence

Address *Mr. J. L. Matthews*
Brook House
Hamor Park
Sutton Colorado

(1429) W. 4750 HING 1,000a 123 J.F.W. E 8281

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Edwin Matthews is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour.

"He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

He was employed at Messrs Lunt 'Manchester warehousemen', Old Square, Birmingham."

Sutton Coldfield News 26.8.1916

Edwin Harold Matthews was the son of Mr and Mrs J. W. Matthews of "Brook House", Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Edwin Harold Matthews was registered December 1889 Aston 6d 406

Baptism on 30 May 1896 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

John William, Annie Wade, Samuel Arthur and Edwin Harold were baptised together to parents John William and Annie Matthews. John was a grocer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Eng/09000/92 DR(B) 52/1

1891 census Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

John W Matthews	M	46	Grocer	b Oxford?
Annie Matthews	M	39		b Birmingham
Charles H Matthews		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Samuel H Matthews		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Arthur R Matthews		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Edwin H Matthews		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield

John William Matthews	M	55	Grocer- employer	b Sibford, Warks
Annie Matthews	M	52		b Birmingham
Charles Matthews	U	19	Grocer's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
John H Matthews	U	18	Draper's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
Howard S Matthews	U	16	Hosier's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
Arthur R Matthews		15		b Sutton Coldfield
Edwin H Matthews		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Fanny Walker	U	20	General servant	b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

John William Matthews	M	66	Grocer – employer	b Sibford, Warks
Annie Wade Matthews	M	62	Married 36 years – 5 children	b Birmingham
Arthur Roland Matthews	U	25	Grocer's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
Edwin Harold Matthews	U	21	Draper's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
Lilley Rowley	U	29	Domestic servant	b Armitage

John William Matthews, Grocer of High Street Sutton Coldfield was listed in the 1913 Kelly's Directory

'1913 Commerce' section of www.sutton-coldfield.net/commerce.html

Mike Kemble

1921 census Brook House, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Roland Matthews, 35. Grocer, employer at 192 Bristol Toad, Northfield.
Annie Wade Matthews, 69. Widow. Own means.

Death

The death of John W Matthews was registered June 1919 Tamworth 6b 462, aged 74.

1939 Register Blossomfield Hotel, Weston Super Mare

Ernest Dauncey, manager of private hotel.

Annie W Matthews, born on 19 January 1846. Widow. Private means. Guest.

Newspaper

"Wills proved Mrs Annie Wade Matthews of Crossways, Weston Super Mare, formerly of Sutton Coldfield. Left £5389 net."

Birmingham Evening Despatch 22 September 1942. British Newspaper Archive Findmypast

Death

The death of Annie W Matthews was registered June 1942 Weston 5c 784, aged 95

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Second Lieutenant Edwin Harold Matthews
1st/7th The King's (Liverpool) Regiment
Died: Tuesday 8th August 1916
Aged: 26**



The 55th (West Lancashire) Division containing the King's Liverpool Battalions held the right of the Front line where it joined the French 6th Army.

Opposite them were Guillemont and Ginchy, which were still held by the Germans.

On 8 August at 4.20am one Regular and three Territorial (1st/5th, 1st/7th and 1st/8th) Battalions attacked supporting the French attack on their right.

Thick heavy mist mingled with the smoke and fumes of a blanket of shellfire that stopped them literally dead.

A few gallant parties broke through but were cut down by machine-gun fire before they could reach the German line.

Even so a few men reached what was left of the village of Guillemont for a while and a small section of trench (called Cochrane Alley) was captured.

The German reserves attacked, and the remains of the British Battalions were overwhelmed, with terrible casualties.

Edwin Matthews is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 9A, 9B and 10 B.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield War Memorial and the Roll of Honour of St Peters Church, Maney.

"Edwin H Matthews was born on 7 September 1889 at Church Hill Cottage, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the son of John William (a Grocer in the High Street, he owned five other shops in Birmingham) and Annie Wade Matthews of Brook House, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1899 and 1905.

After leaving school he became a draper at Richard Lunt & Co Ltd., Old Square, Birmingham, which was a wholesale warehouse.

Private 14/448 Edwin Matthews enlisted in the 1st Birmingham Regiment (14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment) on 9 September 1914.

He was commissioned into the King's (Liverpool Regiment) on 1 September 1915.

Edwin's brother Private 15/260 Arthur Matthews was invalided out of the 15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1916 after suffering from rheumatism.

He had three other older brothers; Charles, John and Samuel."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

LESLIE HERBERT MATTHEWS

Leslie Herbert Matthews was born in 1890 at Handsworth. He lived in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2/6th Battalion – Second Lieutenant 641.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries

INDEX No. M.R. 27 POZIERES MEM. PART SEVEN

MATTHEWS, 2nd Lt. Leslie Herbert. Royal Warwickshire Regt., att'd. 2nd/6th Bn. 28th March, 1918. Age 28. Son of Henry Matthews, of The Braes, Mulroy Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, and the late Louisa Matthews.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves 1914 - 1921

He was killed in action on 28 March 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 28.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Somme Plot Panel 18 and 19.



Image by Paul R

“Son of Henry and Louisa Matthews of The Braes, Mulroy Road, Sutton Coldfield.”

Findagrave Memorial ID 16080789 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 9 October 2006

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers

“Matthews Leslie Herbert. Service 641. [NA Url/details/r/D3988535](http://na.url/details/r/D3988535) WO/13/1/174860.”

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of war 1914 – 1918

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

Leslie Herbert Matthews was awarded the Victory and British Medals RWR OFF/150, page 204, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 342. He entered France on 21 Nov 1915. He gained his commission on 30 October 1917.

Name	Rank	Service No.	Regt. No.
MATTHEWS	R. War. R.	4456	641
2/21			
Lack of merit			
Medal	Rank	Service No.	Regt. No.
R. War. R.	OFF	150	204
15	PR	418	342
Comm 30.10.17			
Theatre of War first entered in			
Date of entry theatre			
21.11.15			
Served in France only 21.11.15-10.10.17			
cancelled			
21.11.15			

Correspondence
Address
To: Matthews, Leslie Herbert
The Braes
Mulroy Rd.
Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Scotland National War Memorial Index 1914 – 1945

Roll of Honour for Scots

Leslie Herbert Matthews, 2nd Lt Royal Warwickshire Regiment (Att 2/6th Bn). Died on 28 March 1918 killed in action.

Scots serving in the Brigade of Guards & English Regiments

Source <https://www.snwm.org/roll-search>

Leslie Herbert Matthews is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial.

Imperial War Museum WW1 Memorials WW1 (WMR 38680)

“Leslie Herbert Matthews was the only son of Henry Matthews of “The Braes”, Mulroy Road, and the late Louisa Matthews.”

Sutton Coldfield News 13.4.1918

Birth

The birth of Leslie H Matthews was registered March 1890 West Bromwich 6b 735

1891 census 117 Leonard Road, Handsworth

Henry Matthews	M	36	Travelling Jeweller	b Worcester
Louisa Matthews	M	42		b West Bromwich
Irene M Matthews		5		b Handsworth
Ethel L Matthews		3		b Handsworth
Leslie H Matthews		1		b Handsworth

1901 census 42 Havelock Road, Handsworth

Henry Matthews	M	46	Jeweller's enameller	b Worcester
Louisa A Matthews	M	51		b West Bromwich
Irene M Matthews		15		b Handsworth
Ethel Matthews		13		b Handsworth
Leslie H Matthews		11		b Handsworth

1911 census 42 Havelock Road, Handsworth, Staffs

Henry Matthews	M	54	Goldsmith & Jeweller – employer	b Worcester
Louisa Ann Matthews	M	62	Married 27 years – 4 children	b West Bromwich
Irene Muriel Matthews	U	25		b West Bromwich
Ethel Louise Matthews	U	23	Office clerk	b Handsworth
Leslie Herbert Matthews	U	21	Working Goldsmith	b Handsworth
Dorothy May Matthews	U	18	Typist	b Handsworth

1921 census The Braes, Mulroy Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Matthews, 65. Jeweller employer. 38 Vyse Street. Widower.
Ehtel Louise Matthews, 33. Assists father. Single.
Dorothy May Matthews, 28. Housekeeper. Single.
Isabella Jennings, 20. General domestic servant.

Deaths

The death of Louisa A Matthews was registered June 1917 Tamworth 6b 540, aged 67.

The death of Henry Matthews was registered June 1925 Tamworth 6a 576, aged 70.

Harold Graham Mayo was born in 1894 at Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham 1915 with the Rifle Brigade – Private S/9962 and was transferred in September 1915 to the Machine Gun Corps 61st Company – Lance Corporal 6292

He was killed in action on 30 November 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Panels 12 & 13.

"He was the son of Herbert and Eliza of 13 Church Lane, Mere Green."

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MGC/101 B3, page 280.

Name.	Corp.	Rank.	Regt. No.
MAYO	N S C Ref Bug	Pte	6292 S/9962
Harold G			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victoria	A 30/1013	280	
Eminent	b	b	
WAR			No trace M.M. or MS/1 Cal
			(S) 12/7/26
Theatre of War Seen served in			
Date of entry theatre			

8292.	PFE	MAYO, Harold Graham	8293.	RIFE, Ida	Died on or since. 30-11-17.
8294.	PFE	TOMKINS, Richard Sam	8295.	MAJOR, David	Class. Z. AR. 1-3-19.
		8296.	K.R.N.		
		8297.	K.R.N.		
		8298.	K.R.N.		

I certify that according to the Official Record the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place St. York Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

[Signature]
Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

809663	6/9/36 Mayo Harold Graham.	b. bry m & s. 24 Apr. b292.	On a since Sir Ross 30-11-17 Sir Ross. France.	5 19 8 10/16
			WAR GRATUITY 19140 - FYG 118119 + small amount note R.33 105922	12 — —
	A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 12 JUL 1919			

His father was sent £5 19 s 8 d effects plus £12 war gratuity.

British Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1910 – 1929 089501-811000 Ref 491

National Army Museum

S.B. 36 D.		Regional No. 6/D/ 8177	
Particulars of Man (Men).		Particulars of Claimant(s).	
NAME ... 1 ... <i>MAYO, Harold Graham</i>	NAME ... 1 ... <i>MAYO, M^{rs} Eliza</i>		
REGIMENT ... 1 ... <i>M.G.C.</i>	REGIMENTAL NO. ... 1 ... <i>6292</i>		
DATE AND CAUSE OF DEATH ... 1 ... <i>30-11-17 Missing</i>	STATUS ... 1 ... <i>5</i>		
WHILE SERVING ... 1 ...	CASE NO. ... 1 ...		
AFTER DISCHARGE ... 1 ...	CASE NO. ... 2 ...		
	CASE NO. ... 3 ...		
PARTICULARS OF AWARD.	PARTICULARS OF AWARD.	ACTION.	ACTION.
<i>6/- (6/-) 6-8-18</i>	<i>6/- (6/-) 6-8-18</i>		

UK WW1 Pension Ledger & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 700/06d Fold 3

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		D.F.H. 3095	
Name <i>Mayo Harold Graham</i>		D.1	
Regimental No. <i>6292</i>		Case No. <i>6/D/8177</i>	
Rank <i>LCpl</i>		D.P. <i>5472</i>	
Documents received from Paymaster <i>10-7-18</i>	Date and cause of death <i>30-11-17 Missing</i>		
Dependant <i>M^{rs} Eliza Mayo</i>	Address <i>13 Church Lane Farnboro Sutton Coldfield Birmingham</i>		
Relationship <i>Mother</i>	Pension <i>6/-</i>		
Date awarded <i>2-7-18</i>	a week from <i>6-8-18</i>		
Papers	If refused {		
	reason {		

Eliza Mayo was awarded a pension of six shillings a week from 6 August 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 133/0638/May-Mea Fold 3

Harold Mayo was a worshipper at St James Church, Hill.

He is commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour.

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

"Prior to enlisting he was employed as a wood working machinist for Mr Hills, a builder in Four Oaks.

He enlisted in the rifle brigade in April 1915 then five months later transferred to the Machine Gun Corps.

He went to France in February 1916 and fought on the Somme.

He had a previous lucky escape when a bullet hit his cigarette case which doubled up.

He was reported missing November 30th 1917."

Sutton Coldfield News 12.10.1918

Harold Mayo was the only son of Herbert and Eliza Mayo of 13 Church Lane, Mere Green.

Birth

The birth of Harold G Mayo was registered June 1894 Aston 6d 420

1901 census Church Lane, Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Herbert Mayo	M	41	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sparkhill, Bham
Eliza Mayo	M	35		b Hill
Harold G Mayo		6		b Hill

1911 census Church Lane, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield

Herbert Mayo	M	52	Gardener domestic	b Sparkbrook, Bham
Eliza Mayo	M	45	Married 19 years, 2 children 1 died	b Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Harold Graham Mayo was not found on the 1911 census.

1921 census Church Lane, Mere Green.

Herbert Mayo, 62. Gardener, out of work.
Eliza Mayo, 56. Home duties.

1939 Register 13 St James Road, Mere Green

Eliza Mayo, born on 6 September 1865. Widow. Home duties.

Deaths

The death of Herbert May was registered March 1922 Tamworth 6b 628, aged 65.

The death of Eliza Mayo was registered June 1954 Sutton Coldfield 9b 896, aged 88.

CHARLES ROY McANDREW

Charles Roy McAndrew was born in Birmingham. He enlisted with the Staffordshire Yeomanry in February 1911 and then transferred to the Warwickshire Yeomanry on 28 July 1915. He served as Private and was promoted to Lance Corporal and then Second Lieutenant. His army number was 2758. He also appears to have served with the Machine Gun Corps.

UK WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Machine Gun Corps Diaries

Scotland National War Memorial Index 1914 – 1947 Roll of Honour for Scots

<https://www.snwm.org/roll/search>

He was killed in action on 21 September 1918, aged 26.

He was buried at the Epehy Wood Farm Cemetery, Plot VI.D.16.



Machine Gun Corps and Warwickshire Yeomanry

Image by Philippe Degroole

Findagrave Memorial ID 56046473 Uploaded by Nellie NY on 6 August 2010

Army Service Record

Charles McAndrew was aged 19 years 2 months when enlisted (recalled from reserve).

His occupation was that of Clerk and he worked at the Metropolitan Bank, Bridge Street in Walsall – this was where his father was the Bank Manager in 1911.

His vision and physical development were good. He was 5 ft 9 in tall.

He originally enlisted in February 1911 with the Staffordshire Yeomanry.

He was transferred to the Warwickshire Yeomanry on 28 July 1913.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 4 March 1915.

He spent time with the Machine Gun Corps.

British Army WW1 Pension Records 1914 - 1920

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals WY OFF/188, page 27, and the 1915 Star Medal CY/1/B5, page 339.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
McANDREW	Staff. Co.	1st Lt	2758
Charles Roy	Managers Geo. X. 21		
Medal	Roll	Page	Notes
Warwick	off 188	27	Div. 392 (21) 5-5-16
British	do	do	114/1204/12-7-22 114/3/10398
15 STAR	84/1/B5	339	15th Enniskillen Recd. by Rec. 114/3/10398
Theatre of War first served in	(3) France		
Date of entry therein	10-11-16		
		NW 3/10398	K 1280.

Correspondence
C. McAndrew Esq. (Father) The Mount Clifton Rd. Sutton Coldfield Warwickshire
Address

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Charles Roy McAndrew is commemorated on the Aston Grammar School Roll of Honour

Sylvia Williams

He is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial.

Imperial War Museum WW1 (WMR 38680)

"He was educated at Aston Grammar School.

After leaving school he worked for the Metropolitan Bank. He was a member of the Park Road Congregational Church.

Prior to the war he had been in the Staffordshire Yeomanry. He was called up on 5 August 1914 for active service.

He spent twelve months in the . He then went to Egypt for a year before returning to the to take his commission.

He sailed for Palestine on 27 August 1917 and remained there until May 1918.

He survived a torpedo attack on HM Transport Ship 'Leasow Castle' on 25 May 1918 and was one of the few survivors."

Sutton Coldfield News 5.10.1918

Charles Roy McAndrew was the son of Charles and Fanny Linda McAndrew of "The Mount", Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Charles R McAndrew was registered March 1892 Solihull 6d 582

Baptism on 2 August 1893 at St John, Sparkbrook, Birmingham

Born on 23 December 1892. Of Stratford Road. Father was an accountant.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 99/2/21

1901 census Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles McAndrew	M	40	Bank accountant	b Birmingham
Fanny McAndrew	M	39		b Hereford?
Charles R McAndrew		9		b Birmingham
Linda M McAndrew		7		b Birmingham
Ann Jeavons	U	32	General servant	b Birmingham

1911 census "The Mount", Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles McAndrew	M	50	Bank Manager Metropolitan Bank	b Birmingham
Fanny Linda McAndrew	M	49	Married 23 years- 3 children 1 died	b Birmingham
Charles Roy McAndrew	U	19	Bank Clerk Metropolitan Bank	b Birmingham
Linda May McAndrew	U	17		b Birmingham

Probate

MCANDREW Charles Roy of The Mount Clifton-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** second-lieutenant Warwickshire Yeomanry died 21 September 1918 in France in action. Administration **Birmingham** 30 May to Charles McAndrew bank manager. Effects £148.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

In Memorium

IN MEMORIAM.
GOLDSTRAW.—In loving and undying memory of E. Walter Goldstraw, of Chester Road, Erdington, who died of wounds in France, September 21, 1917.
MCANDREW.—In loving memory of Charles Ray McAndrew, Second Lieutenant, Warwickshire Yeomanry, killed in action in France, September 21, 1918.

Birmingham Post 20 September 1924 British Newspaper Archive

1921 census The Mount, Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles McAndrew, 60. Born at Angus, Forfarshire. Bank Manager at London City & Midland Bank, Law Court Branch, Corporation Street.
Fanny McAndrew, 59. Born at Hereford. Home duties.
Linda M McAndrew, 27. Clerk at Council House Gas Department.

1939 Register 49 Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles McAndrew, born on 27 July 1860. Retired bank manager.
Fanny L McAndrew, born on 8 August 1861. Domestic duties.
Linda M McAndrew, born on 13 July 1893. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Charles McAndrew was registered March 1944 Sutton Coldfield 6d 703, aged 83.

The death of Fanny L McAndrew was registered March 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6d 792, aged 83.

T MERCER (possibly Thomas)

This man has not been identified.

On the Sutton Coldfield United Reform Church, Roll of Honour, there is a Thomas Mercer who is listed as serving with the Kings Royal Rifles.

Park Road Congregational Church, Sutton Coldfield Imperial War Museum WW1 (WMR 38680)

National Inventory of War Memorials

It is quite possible that this was a mistake and that the only Mercer was William Mercer – see the next entry, who did serve with the Kings Royal Rifles.

Extensive searches for T or Thomas Mercer who served with the Kings Royal Rifles who had links to Sutton Coldfield proved fruitless.

There was a Thomas Mercer who served in the Rifle Brigade – as Private S1612.

This man entered France on 21 July 1915.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/102 B 14, page 1861, and the 1915 Star Medal M/26, page 340.

His medal index card states he was killed in action.

We were unable to establish where he was born and where he lived.

There was Thomas Mercer born in Bordesley, Birmingham who served with the 5th Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment – Private 8966.

We were unable to establish where he was living at the time of the war and do not know if he was killed or survived.

There was Thomas Mercer who served in the South Staffordshire Regiment 3rd Battalion -Private 200496.

He lived at 16/Court 5, Ford Street Birmingham. He enlisted on 4 September 1914 in Birmingham at the age of 33.

It appears that he was discharged with a pension on 10 January 1919. He worked at Joseph Gillette & Son, Victoria Works in Birmingham after the war.

There was Thomas Daniel Mercer, son of Edward and Elizabeth, who was found on the 1911 census at 394 Marsh Lane in Erdington.

He was born In Sutton Coldfield but did not die until 1968.

There was Thomas Mercer who lived at 50 Gravelly Lane in Erdington in 1911.

He was married, aged 31 and worked as a barman. He was born in Birmingham.

This Thomas Mercer was found at 33 Lime Grove, Erdington on the 1919 and subsequent Electoral Rolls so can be eliminated as a potential soldier.

Finally, this man, Tom Mercer, was found on the 1911 census

1911 census 32 Kings Road, Hay Mills, Birmingham

Tom Mercer	M	28	Bread baker	b Wellesbourne
Sarah Alice Mercer	M	30	Married 4 years 2 children- 1 died	b Birmingham
Florence Winifred		11 months		b Sutton Coldfield
Mary Wall	W	63	Mother in law	b Northants

His link to Sutton Coldfield was the fact that his daughter Florence was born there in about 1910.

This man was alive in 1921 and 1939.

Nothing further was found on Ancestry, Findmypast and Forces War Records to identify this man.

Absent voters list

T Mercer was not found.

WILLIAM MERCER – Possibly William John Mercer

William John Mercer was born about 1894 in London. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Kings Royal Rifles 9th Battalion – Rifleman A/1970.

William Mercer probably enlisted in the Kings Royal Rifles with Thomas Harold Stonehouse – see his entry.

He was killed in action on 16 July 1915 (France & Flanders).

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Kings Royal Rifles Diaries

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate. No further details are known.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101/B3, page 387, and the 1915 Star Medal M/JB, page 76.

Campaign :-		1914-15.		(A) Where decoration was earned.		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal	Roll	Page	
(A) MERCER.	K.R.R.C.	Rifleman	A.1970	VICTORY	M/101/B3	387	
(B) William	-	-	-	BRITISH	Do -	Do -	
Action taken				1915 STAR	M/JB	76	
THEATRE OF WAR.				(1) France.			
QUALIFYING DATE.				21. 6. 15.			

(S 24 48) V234--HP5890 500,000 4/19 HWV(P210) K005 [Other]

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

1771959/119708 Mercer	9th Bn K.R.R.	16/7/15 Winchester	4 1 5	4 1 5	M.O. 15	16.12.15 - 16.12.15	4 1 5
William	Corps	8/15				Ada	
Act. 10500 2nd	Regt	In Action				29.5.19 16.12.15	3
1 MAY. 1919	21970					Ada	
1 MAY. 1919							
WAR GRATUITY. M. 12 25-0-15 Transfer M. 8 13 Regd. Paper 7/16 25 Serial No. 5561							

His wife Ada was sent £4 1 s 5 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 176501-178000 Forces War Records

No further military records were found for him online.

"William Mercer was the son of William and Ada Mercer of 14 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield."

Sutton Coldfield News 24.7.1915

William Mercer was the son of William and Ada Mercer of 14 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

A birth registration was not found.

Baptism on 9 January 1895 at St Augustine, Paddington, London

William John to parents William John and Ada Mercer of 89 Albert Road. William was a labourer.

London C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1923 P871/Ang/006

1901 census 89 Albert Road, Willesden, Middlesex

William Mercer	M	25	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Ada Mercer	M	24		b Notting Hill
William Mercer		7		b Kilburn
Nellie Mercer		5		b Kilburn
Ernest Read		8	Visitor	b Kilburn

1911 census 14 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

William Mercer	M	34	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Ada Mercer	M	34	Laundry and Ironing	b London
Ellen Elizabeth Mercer		15		b London
William John Mercer		17		b London
Violet Mercer		10		b London
Frederick Arthur Mercer		6		b London

The couple had been married for 18 years. They had 7 children, three of whom had died.

1921 census 14 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

William J Mercer, 45. Bricklayer's labourer at J Lawley Builder, Sutton Coldfield.
Ada Florence Mercer, 43. Ironer at Sutton Laundry Co, Coleshill Road.
Ellen E Oliver, 25. Married. Home duties.
Reginald Oliver, 25. Married. Labourer at Fort Dunlop, Bromford.
Violet Mercer, 21. Machine hand at Sutton Laundry Co, Coleshill Road.
Frederick A Mercer, 16. Grocery shop assistant at G H Webb, 56 Parade.
Reginald Oliver, 8.
Florence Oliver, 2.
Doris May Oliver – under one.

1939 Register 14 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

Willam J Mercer, born on 23 December 1876. Builder's labourer.
Ada F Mercer, born on 18 November 1878. Laundry hand.
Frederick A Mercer, born on 8 November 1907. Landscape gardener.
James C Oliver, born on 29 March 1924.

Deaths

The death of William J Mercer was registered March 1940 Sutton Coldfield 6d 1245, aged 65.

The death of Ada F Mercer was registered September 1949 Sutton Coldfield 9c 755, aged 71.

ROBERT MERRY

Robert Merry was born in 1881 at Hanley, Stoke on Trent. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/6th Battalion – Private 242331 (Territorial)

He was killed in action on 27 August 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 36.

“On the day the temperature was 57 degrees F with cloud cover and rainfall of 15.3mm.” (PDD)

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4029940 WO 372/13/216265

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke, West Flanders, Panel 23-29 & 163A .

Findagrave Memorial ID 11953061 Uploaded by Paul R on 12 October 2005

Robert Merry is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B23 PJ, page 4836.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MERRY	R. War. R.	Private	242331
Robert			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	L/104 B23	4836	
British			
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry theatre			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

“Robert Merry was married and lived at 48 Lower Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He was an employee of Sutton Coldfield Corporation.

He was a Member of the Church of England Brotherhood.

He was wounded in leg and was at Dudley Road Hospital for a time.”

Sutton Coldfield News 25.11.1916

“In loving memory of my dear husband Private R Merry, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, killed in action 27.8.17.

Also, his mother and mother in law, sisters and sisters in law and brothers in law”

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 13.9.1919

Robert Merry was the son of William and Grace Merry of Stoke on Trent and the husband of Kate Elizabeth Merry.

Birth

The birth of Robert Merry was registered June 1881 Stoke on Trent 6b 200

1891 census 29 Avery Street, Hanley, Stoke on Trent

William Merry	M	45	Milk seller	b Hanley
Grace Merry	M	44		b Hanley
Annie Merry	U	18	Potter's stilt maker	b Hanley
Mary E Merry		16	Potter's paper printer maker	b Hanley
Minnie Merry		14		b Hanley
William T Merry		12		b Hanley
Robert Merry		9		b Hanley

1911 census 48 Lower Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield

Robert Merry	M	29	Coal Porter	b Stoke, Hanley
Kate E Merry	M	26	Charwoman	b Birmingham

The couple had been married for four years. They had one child who had died.

Marriage

The marriage between Robert Merry and Kate Elizabeth Goodenough was registered March 1907 Aston 6d 522

Deaths

The death of William Merry was registered March 1895 Stoke on Trent 6b 142, aged 49.

The death of Grace Merry Was registered June 1929 Cheadle 6h 282, aged 81.

1921 census

Kate E Merry was not found.

Marriage

The marriage between Kate E Merry and Albert Hinnett was registered September 1923 Tamworth 6b 910

Nothing further can be added.

ARTHUR BERNARD MILLER

Arthur Miller was the brother of Frederick Miller – see next entry

Arthur Bernard Miller was born in 1885 at Ashted, Aston. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion – Private 258

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Fold 3

British Army Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D40409954 WO 372/14/3615

He died at the Cambridge Military Hospital on 15 May 1916, from wounds received in France on 30 April 1916

He was buried at Erdington Abbey (Not a C.W.G.C. gravestone) Plot A1 (Roman Catholic Abbey)



Image by Maggie Laity - Burial at St Thomas of Canterbury Churchyard (Abbey), Erdington

Findagrave Memorial ID 172076541 Uploaded by Crypt Finder

Maintained by Len 1 November 2016

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B23, page 4860, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 345. He entered France on 21 November 1915 and died of wounds.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MILLER	R. War R	Pte	258
cf. r. then			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	L/104 B23	4860	
British	15	41B	345
			D of W
Theatre of War first served in	11 France		
Date of entry theatre	21-11-15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

282552	9/216425	Miller Arthur	15th Batt Royal War wick Reg Pte 15/358.	15-5-16. Warwick 1st Bn Gen Hosp Cambridge	5 Y 1 5 Y 1	m/o 8/16.	1-8-16 9.4.19 2	Ta: Administration Lawrence Lt. Edmund Lawrence.	5 Y 1 7 10 - Rd
		A.F.W. 5070 Lond.							
		18 JUN. 1919							

His father was sent £5 7 s 1 d effects plus £7 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1914 – 1919 281501-283000 Fold 3

No other service records were found.

Arthur Miller is on page 282 in the 'Birmingham Pals' book by Terry Carter.

Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour

"He lived at Ashted when he joined the army.

His parents resided at "Stoneleigh", Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Highgate College, London.

He was employed as a traveller for his father's firm, L Miller, Coal Merchants of Curzon Street Wharf, Birmingham.

He was sent to the front during the autumn of 1915. He was attached to the machine gun section.

On the night of 29th/30th April he was on sentry duty when an artillery bombardment took place.

Taking cover in a dugout, a shell caused a timber frame to fall on his helmet resulting in a fractured skull, broken collar bone and two broken ribs.

He was taken to a base hospital then to the Canadian Hospital.

He was finally sent to the Cambridge Military Hospital where he died.

The cause of death was subdural haemorrhage and fractured skull.

He was given a full military funeral.”

Sutton Coldfield News 27.5.1916

Arthur Bernard Miller was the son of Laurence and Annie Miller of Erdington.

Birth

The birth of Arthur Miller was registered December 1885 Aston 6d 320

1891 census High Street, Erdington

Laurence Miller	M	39	Coal merchant	b Birmingham
Annie Miller	M	39		b Wolverhampton
Arthur Miller		5	Scholar	b Birmingham
Frederick Miller		4		b Birmingham
Marion Miller		2		b Erdington
Wilfred Miller		1 month old		b Erdington

1911 census "Stoneleigh", Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Lawrence Miller	M	59	Coal merchant – employer	b Birmingham
Annie Miller	M	59	Married 28 years, 9 children 2 died	b Wolverhampton
Arthur Miller	U	25	Traveller - Coal merchant	b Birmingham
Marion Miller	U	22		b Birmingham
Walter Miller	U	20	Assists in business	b Birmingham
Raymond Miller	U	18	Assists in business	b Birmingham
Agnes Dunn	U	22	General servant	b Wolverhampton

Probate

MILLER Arthur Bernard of Stoneleigh Lichfield-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** private 15th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 15 May 1916 at The Military Hospital Cambridge Administration **Birmingham** 12 July to Lawrence Miller coal merchant. Effects £289.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census Stoneleigh, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Lawrence Miller, 60. Coal factor employer 28 Martineau Street.
Annie Miller, 59. Home duties.
Walter Miller, 30. Traveller for father's business.
Gertrude miller, 25. Home duties.
Edith Swann, 20. Domestic servant.

REQUESTS TO CATHOLIC HOMES.

Mr. Isaac Lawrence Miller, of Stoneleigh, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, coal merchant, died on September 13, leaving estate of the gross value of £47,722, with net personality £36,847. He left:—

The proceeds of the sale of property in Highgate Road and Ladypool Road, Sparkbrook, to the Canon Rigby Memorial Fund, Sutton Coldfield; £200 to St. Paul's Home, Selly Park; £100 each to St. Joseph's Home, Harborne; Nazareth House, Northfield; and St. Edward's Boys' Home, Coleshill; and £120 upon trust for a life interest and then for St. Paul's Home, Selly Park.

Mr Isaac Lawrence Miller died on 13 September 1927.

Nottingham & District Catholic News 24 December 1927

British Newspaper Archive

No further trace was found for Annie Miller.

FREDERICK GEORGE MILLER

Frederick George Miller was the brother of Arthur Bernard Miller.

Frederick George Miller was born in Birmingham in 1887. He appears to have served with the Lord Strathcona's Horse during the Great War according to his probate record.

"F Miller, born in 1887. Aged 31. Canadian. Died 2 April 1918 (sic).

Corporal 15277. Canadian Army. Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadian)

Died in active service.

Parents Lawrence and Annie Miller of Stoneleigh, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Awarded the British and Victory Medals and the Memorial Death Plaque."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers Fold 3 Forces War Records

He died on 1 April 1918 in France. (The above records has 2 April 1918).

"He resided at "Stoneleigh", Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield." **(WML)**

Lord Strathcona's Horse – Royal Canadian Regiment

This Canadian Regiment had served in the Boer War and returned to London in 1909 and was disbanded.

At the start of WW1, it began active service on 6 August 1914 and was mobilised on 14 September 1914. They embarked for England on 3 October 1914. They disembarked in France on 5 May 1915 and stayed in France until the end of the war.

The regiment served during the Battle of the Somme as the Imperial Service Regiment, Canadian Cavalry Brigade attached to the 2nd Indian Cavalry Division. In November 1916, they were amalgamated into the British 4th Army and were sent to the Somme in 1917.

On 31 March 1918, they took part in the 'last great cavalry charge' during the Battle of Moreuil Wood.

They lost many men that day so it can be assumed that Frederick took part in this battle.

Wikipedia

Probate

MILLER Frederick George of Stoneleigh Lichfield-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** corporal Lord Strathcona's Horse died 1 April 1918 in France Administration (with Will) **London** 25 January to Marion Miller spinster. Effects £176 6s. 6d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Frederick George Miller was the son of Lawrence and Annie Miller.

Birth

His birth was possibly registered December 1887 Aston 6d 236.

He was not found on the 1901 and 1911 census. Possibly he had gone to Canada. No passenger records or census records in Canada were found.

1891 census High Street, Erdington

Laurence Miller	M	39	Coal merchant	b Birmingham
Annie Miller	M	39		b Wolverhampton
Arthur Miller		5	Scholar	b Birmingham
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Mr Isaac Lawrence Miller died on 13 September 1927.

Nottingham & District Catholic News 24 December 1927

British Newspaper Archive

No further trace was found for Annie Miller.

HORACE BROOKS MILLNER

Horace Millner was born in 1894 at Birmingham. He enlisted at Aston with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/8th Battalion – Private 2184

He was killed in action on 18 August 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 22.

“The 1/8th Battalion - attached to the 48th Division - were involved in an attack in the High Wood/ Delville Wood area but no specific mention of the 1/8th Battalion was made in the day records.

On the day, the temperature was 70 F, and it was overcast with 1 mm of rain.” (SDSD)

UK WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919

Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S811

He was buried at the Pont- Du- Hem Military Cemetery, La Gorgue, France, Plot II.A.2.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B23, page 4893.

Name	Corps	Regt. No.
MILNER	R.W.R.	2184
Private		
Medal	Holl.	Page
Victory	L/104 B23	4893
British		
Remarks		
T.P.WAR.R.WAR.R.I.P.M.I		
28		
Theatre of War first served in		
Date of entry therein		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		D.1
Name	Regimental No.	Case No.
Millner Horace Brooks	2184	D.P./287/14
Regiment or Ship	Rank	
R. Warwicks	Private	
Documents received from Paymaster		
24.2.19		
Date and cause of death		
18.8.16. Killed		
Dependant		
Mr Thomas Henry Millner		
Address		
Rose Cottage Court Lane, Erdington, Birmingham		
Relationship		
Father		
Pension	a week from	
5/- Act: 21(c)	6.11.18	
Date awarded	If refused	
12.4.19	reason	
Papers		
F6496 18149/875 50m (75) 9/18 J.P. Gp. 159		
F7022 4115/1048 100m (75) 5/18		

Name	Regimental No.	Case No.
Millner Mr Thomas	2184	D.P./287/14
Regiment or Ship	Rank	
R. Warwicks	Private	
Documents received from Paymaster		
24.2.19		
Date and cause of death		
18.8.16. Killed		
Dependant		
Mr Thomas Henry Millner		
Address		
Rose Cottage Court Lane, Erdington, Birmingham		
Relationship		
Father		
Pension	a week from	
5/- Act: 21(c)	6.11.18	
Date awarded	If refused	
12.4.19	reason	
Papers		
F6496 18149/875 50m (75) 9/18 J.P. Gp. 159		
F7022 4115/1048 100m (75) 5/18		

His father was awarded 5 shillings pension from 6 November 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 050/029/Mil-Mil Fold 3

Horace Brooks Millner is commemorated on the St Michaels Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

"According to his Commanding Officer he was shot in the head by a stray bullet."

Sutton Coldfield News 16.9.1916

Horace Brooks Millner was the son of Thomas Henry Millner and the late Adeline Sarah Millner.

Birth

The birth of Horace Brooks Millner was registered June 1894 Aston 6d 239

Baptism on 19 August 1894 at St Mark, Cromford, Derbyshire

To Thomas Henry and Adeline of Birmingham. Thomas was a cycle maker.

Derbyshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1916 Family History Library 1751993 item 2 p 49

1901 census 15 Ada Road, Hay Mills, Yardley

Thomas H Millner	M	30	Fender fitter	b Birmingham
Adeline Millner	M	28		b Matlock Bath
Clifford Millner		8		b Birmingham
Horace Millner		7		b Birmingham
Nellie Millner		3		b Birmingham
Polly Millner		2		b Matlock Bath
Charlotte Millner	W	68		b West Bromwich

1911 census "Rose Cottage", New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas H Millner	M	41	Fender Fitter - Iron	b Birmingham
Annie Eleanor Millner	M	23	Married 4 years- 2 children	b Birmingham
Clifford Millner	U	18	Brass worker	b Birmingham
Horace Millner	U	17	Brass Dresser	b Birmingham
Thomas Millner		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Howard Millner		2		b Sutton Coldfield
Noel Millner		13		b Birmingham
Pollie Millner		12		b Matlock
May Millner		9		b Birmingham

Death

The death of Adeline Millner was registered December 1905 Aston 6d 248, aged 33.

Marriage

The marriage between Thomas Henry Millner and Annie Eleanor Hannaford was registered September 1907 Aston 6d 793

1921 census

The family were not traced.

No further trace was found after the 1911 census.

ERNEST REGINALD MILLWARD

Ernest Reginald Millward was the brother of Henry Charles Millward – see next entry

Ernest Reginald Millward was born about 1893 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 20211 in July 1916, and was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps - Corporal 57482

He was killed in action on 30 August 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Machine Gun Corps Infantry Diaries

“Born in Sutton Coldfield. Died on 30 August 1918 – killed in action. Next of kin Mr C E Millward, Maryville, Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers

He was buried at the St Martin Calvaire British Cemetery, St Martin-Sur- Cojeul, Plot II.B.11



Photo International War Graves Photography Project

Findagrave Memorial ID 24731409 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 18 February 2008

Army Service Records

These were not found online using both regiments and numbers.

Army Medal Roll

Awarded the Victory and British medals, page 3408.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MILLWARD	M. G. C.	Cpl	57482
Ernest R.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Vicroux	MGC/10, 538 3408		
Barrow			
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry theatre			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

(To be rendered in duplicate.)

MACHINE GUN CORPS.

REGIMENT OR CORPS.

3406B

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders 266 & 301 of 1919.

REGIMENT OR CORPS		NAME	Theatres of war in which served								Chapels awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations	REMARKS				
			From		To		From		To					From		To	
57477	Sgt.	GREWOCK, Joseph Henry	57477	M. G. C. Sgt.													
57478	Pte.	JORDAN, John	57478	M. G. C. Pte.													
57479	Sgt.	OSBORN, George Collett	57479	M. G. C. Sgt.													
57480	Col/Sgt	JONES, John Owen	57480	M. G. C. Col/Sgt													
57481	Pte.	OWEN, John	57481	M. G. C. Pte.													
57482	Cpl.	MILLWARD, Ernest Reginald	57482	M. G. C. Cpl.													
57483	Pte.	REASON, Harry	57483	M. G. C. Pte.													

Med. of Wounds. 10-7-19.

Class 2.(A R). 15-2-19.

Class 2.(A R). 16-10-19.

Class 2.(A R). 18-2-19.

Class 2.(A R). 9-3-19.

Killed in Action. 30-8-18.

Dischd.p.392.(xx112)23-17.

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 1745

809578	123353	Millward	57482	30.4.18	11.1.19	14	5	9	1	2	13.2.19	13.3.19	13	3	9	recharge.
		Ernest Reginald	57482	11.1.19	11.1.19	14	5	9	1	2	13.2.19	13.3.19	13	3	9	recharge.
		Amended A.F.W. 5070 sent 15/10/19														
		A.F.W. 5070 SENT 12 JUL 1919														

His father was sent £13 3 s 9d and £1 2 s effects plus £10 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1919 809591-811000 Ref 491, Fold 3

DFH 4348 DEAD

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name Millward Ernest Reginald Regimental No. 57482

Regiment or Ship M. G. C. Rank Cpl

Documents received from Paymaster 4.2.19

Date and cause of death 30.8.18 Killed in Action

Dependant Mrs Susannah Maria Millward

Address "Maryville" Elms Rd Sutton Coldfield

Relationship Mother

Pension 6/6 a week from 18.3.19

Date awarded 17.2.19 (if refused)

Papers RA reason

FD406 18149/875 60m (75) 2/18 J.P. Gp. 150
FD423 4116/1048 100m (75) 8/18

His mother was awarded a pension of six shillings six pence a week from 18 March 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledger & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 136/0651/Mil-Mil Fold 3

Ernest Millward is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

"He was educated at Town School. Prior to enlisting he worked at Messrs Knight & Keeley, Electricians, New Street Birmingham.

He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in July 1916 but transferred to Machine Gun Corps before going to France.

According to a letter from his officer he was shot through the head by a sniper."

Sutton Coldfield News 21.9.1918

Ernest Reginald Millward was the son of Mr Charles and Susannah Millward of "Maryville", Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Ernest Millward was probably registered March 1893 Aston 6d 411 or 441

1901 census 7 Church Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Charles A Millward	M	40	Head Gardener	b Bromsgrove
Susana Millward	M	41		b Birmingham
Frank A Millward	U	20	Gardener	b Blackheath, Staffs
Fredk W Millward	U	18	Postman	b Kings Heath, Worcs
Henry C Millward		15	Groom	b Balsall Heath, Worcs
Norman L Millward		13	Green Grocer's errand boy	b Sutton Coldfield
Bertie H Millward		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Maud E Millward		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest R Millward		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Sidney Millward		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 6 Church Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Millward	M	57	Gardener domestic	b Bromsgrove
Susannah Maria Millward	M	52	Married 30 years - 9 children 1 died	b Camphill, Bham
Norman Leonard Millward	M	23	Under Club Steward	b Sutton Coldfield
Bertie Herbert Millward	M	20	Golf professional	b Sutton Coldfield
Maud Ethel Millward	U	18		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest Reginald Millward		15	Gardener domestic	b Sutton Coldfield
George Sydney Millward		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Norman Eric Millward		2 ½ months old	Grandson	b Sutton Coldfield

Bertie Herbert Millward had been married for 3 ½ years. He had 2 children, but one had died. It is not known who his wife was or where she was living.

1921 census 14 Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Albert Millward, 61. Gardner for A Washbourne, Four Oaks.

Susannah Maria Millward, 63. Home duties.

Sidney George Millward, 21. General electrician at Knight & Keeley 1 Colonnade Passage.

Norman Eric Millward, 12. Grandson. Both parents alive. Full time school.

Deaths

The death of Susannah M Millward was registered September 1925 Tamworth 6b 387, aged 66.

The death of Charles A Millward was registered June 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 547, aged 73.



HENRY CHARLES MILLWARD

Henry Charles Millward was the brother of Ernest Reginald Millward – see previous entry.

Henry Charles Millward was born in 1885 at Balsall Heath. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Worcestershire Regiment – Private 32619 and was transferred to the Hampshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Private 380367

He was killed in action on 17 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 30.

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919.

NA Url/details/r/4068031 WO 372/14/21692

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register Forces War Records

On the day he died the temperature was 56 F and was clear with rainfall of 7.1mm.” **(PDD)**

He was buried at the Hoge Crater Cemetery Zillebeke, Ypres, Plot VIII.J.14.

“Son of Charles and Susannah Millward of Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Husband of Rose Scholey (Nee Frost formerly Millward) of Netherhill, Saskatchewan, Canada.

She was born on 28 January 1885 and died on 27 January 11972 at Victoria, British Columbia.

Their son was Bernard Charles Millward, born on 27 June 1909 at Sutton Coldfield and died on 6 June 1978 at Grande Prairie, Alberta, Canada.”

Memorial ID 235266808 by bluemermaid68 26 December 2021.”



Photo by International War Graves Photography Project

Findagrave Memorial ID 12534491 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 27 November 2005.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/1/103 B19, page 1883.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
MILLWARD	Stamps. R.	Pvt	380367
Henry C.			
Model.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
YACHT	C/1103319	1883	
WRIGHT			
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS						CHARGES							
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised £ s. d.	No. of List in which advertised		
625516	4450499/1	Mellward Henry Charles	14 BATT	17.10.18	Exeter Hank Rhe action	3	1	5	✓	3	1	5	m.o.3.18	12.3.18	Widow Rose	3	1	5
									5	10					12.4.18 Col. Rose			
															30.3.20 Widow Rose			
															H. Scholey	5	10	- Col. Drift.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 625001-626500 Ref 368

[illegible]

Millward
M^{rs} Susannah Inavia
Goldfield N^o Birmingham
Maryville. Chas R^d Sutton.
No 54252.
Capt. Ernest Reginald Millward
M. C. C.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 136/0651/Mil-Mil Fold 3

Henry Charles Millward is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Henry Millward is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial

Imperial War Museum WW1 (WMR 38680)

"Henry Millward resided at Coleshill Street.

He was married with a son aged 8.

Before enlisting he was employed as a gardener for Mr H. Cant of Maney.

He was called up early in 1916 and was sent to the front in April 1917.

One of his letters home said that he had been slightly gassed and after treatment in hospital was on light duties."

Sutton Coldfield News 22.12.1917

Henry Charles Millward was the son of Charles and Susannah Millward of "Maryville", Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the husband of Rose Scholey (formerly Millward) of Netherhill, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Birth

The birth of Henry Charles Millward was registered March 1885 Kings Norton 6c 448

Baptism on 6 June 1885 at All Saints, Kings Heath

Father was a gardener at Kings Heath.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 46/3 Archive Roll reel 8

1901 census 7 Church Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Charles A Millward	M	40	Head Gardener	b Bromsgrove
Susana Millward	M	41		b Birmingham
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Bertie H Millward		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Maud E Millward		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest R Millward		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Sidney Millward		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Coleshill St, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Charles Millward	M	25	Under domestic gardener	b Balsall Heath
Rose Millward	M	24	Married 3 years – 1 child	b Brownhills
Bernard Charles Millward		1		b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage

The marriage between Henry Charles Millward and Rose Frost was registered September 1908 Aston 6d 685.

1921 census 14 Elms Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Albert Millward, 61. Gardner for A Washbourne, Four Oaks.

Susannah Maria Millward, 63. Home duties.

Sidney George Millward, 21. General electrician at Knight & Keeley 1 Colonnade Passage.

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Birmingham Gazette 15 April 1933 British Newspaper Archive

VINCENT HAROLD MORGAN

Vincent Harold Morgan was born in 1894 at Stonehouse in Gloucestershire. He enlisted at Stonehouse at the start of the war with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 16th Battalion– Private 408

He was killed in action 3 September 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 22.

“He died during the Battle of Guillemont (Somme).” (SDBD)

“He resided at Stonehouse when he enlisted.”

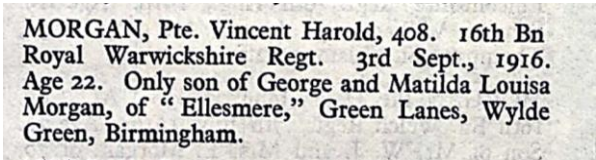
Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S163

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, Pier and Face 9A, 9B and 10B.

“He was the only son of George and Matilda Morgan of Ellesmere, Green Lane, Wylde Green.

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MORGAN, Pte. Vincent Harold, 408. 16th Bn
Royal Warwickshire Regt. 3rd Sept., 1916.
Age 22. Only son of George and Matilda Louisa
Morgan, of “Ellesmere,” Green Lanes, Wylde
Green, Birmingham.

Commonwealth War Graves 1914 -1919

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“Vincent Morgan was the only surviving son of George, who worked for Prudential Assurance, and Matilda Louise Morgan. The family lived in Frederick Road, then Tudor Road and then Green Lanes.

Before the war Vincent was a clerk in the offices of Elsby Cable Co in Livery Street.

According to the *Sutton Coldfield News* of 7th October 1916, he was one of the first to join the City Battalions.

Vincent was a member of the YMCA and was associated with Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church.

Vincent was killed in action on the Somme on 3rd September 1916, on the same day and in the same stretch of trenches as Henry Brassington.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Army Service Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B23, page 4972, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 356. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Grade	Rank	Reg't. No.
<i>MORGAN</i>	<i>16 R. War. R.</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>408</i>
<i>W. H. Mink</i>			
Name	Rank	Grade	Remarks
<i>Yonkers</i>	<i>2/104</i>	<i>B2</i>	<i>4972</i>
<i>Bartram</i>			
<i>15</i> <i>Week</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>356</i>	<i>OK in A</i>
Threats of War first carried in	<i>(1) France</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>21-11-16</i>		

3776952 ⁶⁹⁹⁵ Morgan 16 12 3.9.16 Warwick 4 5 9 4 5 9 Mo. 1.17 3.1.17 Pa. George 4 5 9
Vincent R. Warwick France 11.16 9h
Harold 9h
408

WARRICK GRATUITY
Transferred 1/2/55 10/55
Single Transferred 9/55
Served No. 2169650

9

24.9.19 Pa. George 9

Q745070 net
17 JUN 1919

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 377501-379000 Ref 204

Morgan ~~Dr George~~ ~~deceased.~~
 Banbury.
 Goldfield
 Sutton
 Upper Clifton Road
 408. Private Vincent Harold Morgan.
 16th Bath. R. Warwick's

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name *Morgan Vincent Harold* Regimental No. *408*

Regiment or Ship *16th Batt. P. Warwicks* Rank *Private*

Documents received from Paymaster *4 3. 19*

Date and cause of death *3. 9. 16. Killed in action*

Dependant *MR ~~Robert~~ Morgan* *Mrs Malinda Louisa MORGAN*

Address *Upper Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield, Banbury*

Relationship *Father Mother.*

Pension *5/- 21(10)* a week from *6. 11. 18*

Date awarded *2. 5. 19* If refused {

Papers reason {

F6406 18144/875 50m (72) 2/18 J.E. Cp. 159
F7022 4116/1048 100m (12) 6/18

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 052/030/Mor-Mor Fold 3

Vincent H Morgan is commemorated on the Y.M.C.A, Sutton Coldfield, Roll of Honour

John Day, Y.M.C.A.

"Vincent Harold Morgan resided at 13 Tudor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Private Vincent Harold Morgan, whose death in action on 3 September we announced last week.

Private Morgan was the only son of Mr and Mrs G Morgan of "Ivydene", Tudor Road and was 22 years of age.

He was one of the first to join the City Battalions and before the war he was a clerk in the offices of Elsbys Cable Co, Livery Street in Birmingham.

He was a member of the YMCA and was associated with the Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church where a brief mention of the sad occurrence was made in prayers on Sunday last."

Sutton Coldfield News 7.10.1916

Vincent Harold Morgan was the only son of George and Matilda Morgan.

Birth

The birth of Vincent Harold Morgan was registered September 1894 Stroud 6a 297

1901 census 144 Albert Road, Aston

George Morgan	M	41	Prudential Insurance supervisor	b Wellington
Matilda Morgan	M	39		b Yarpole
Emily Morgan		13		b Stonehouse
Vincent Morgan		6		b Stonehouse

1911 census 200 Frederick Road, Aston

George Morgan	M	51	Asst Supd Prudential Assurance Co	b Wellington, Salop
Matilda Louise Morgan	M	49	Married 28 years, 4 children 1 died	b Yarpole, Hereford
Emily Jane Helen Morgan	U	22		b Stonehouse, Gloucs
Matilda Ethel Maud Morgan	U	20	Commercial clerk for drapery	b Stonehouse
Vincent Harold Morgan		16	Engineer at warehouse	b Stonehouse

1921 census Banbury, Upper Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

George Morgan, 62. Assurance agent with Prudential Assurance, no fixed place.

Matilda Morgan, 59. Home duties.

Emily Morgan, 33. Home duties.

Matilda Morgan, 30. Clerk at Atlas Assurance, 114, Colmore Row.

1939 Register 57 Green Lanes, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Matilda L Morgan, born on 21 August 1861. Widow. Domestic duties.

Emily Morgan, born on 1 June 1888. Domestic duties.

Matilda Morgan, born on 31 December 1890. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of George Morgan was registered September 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 518, aged 75.

The death of Matilda L Morgan was registered June 1941 Sutton Coldfield 6d 906, aged 79.

JOHN FLETCHER MOORE

John Fletcher Moore was born in 1898 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with either the Gloucestershire or Warwickshire Regiment in February 1917 and was attached to the Somerset Light Infantry 1st Battalion in September 1917– Private 28211

He died of wounds on 6 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

He sustained his wounds during the Battle of Brondscinde.

He probably died at a casualty clearing station as there were three based in the vicinity

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4118725 WO 372/14/72386

Soldiers Died in the Great War Somerset Light Infantry Diaries P1085109

He was buried at the Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Ypres, Plot V.G.8.

“He was born on 4 August 1898 at Sutton Coldfield.”



Photograph by Pearladay Findagrave Memorial ID 12519470

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MOORE, J. W., L.-Corpl., No. 9314, 1st Battn. The Lincolnshire Regt.; served with the Expeditionary Force in France; died of wounds 28 Oct. 1914.



John Fletcher Moore.

MOORE, JOHN FLETCHER, Private, No. 28211, The Gloucestershire Regt., att'd. 1st Battn. (13th Foot) Prince Albert's (Somerset Light Infantry), s. of the late Edwin Moore, by his wife, Eliza May (Wyvern Grange, Sutton Coldfield), dau. of the late Henry Butler; b. Sutton Coldfield, co. Warwick, 4 Aug. 1898; educ. Bishop Vesey's there; enlisted in the Gloucestershire Regt. the beginning of Feb. 1917; was attached to the Somerset Light Infantry in Sept.; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from Aug., and died at No. 47 Casualty Clearing Station 6 Oct. 1917, of wounds received in action at Poelcappelle on the 4th. Buried in Dozinghem Cemetery. He was about to train for a commission at the time of his death; *unn.*

MOORE, P., Private, No. 6843, The North Staffordshire Regt.; served with the Expeditionary Force in France; died of wounds in No. 7 Stationary Hospital 5 Nov. 1914.

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/2/102 B13, Page 1530.

Rank.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
	Som. L. I	Pte	28211
MOORE John. F.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victory	6/2/102	43	1530
British	60	60	
Theatre of War served in			
Date of entry theatre			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorized	Amount Authorized	No. of List in which advertised		
				Account and Date	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	£					s.	d.
581406	6/208778/1	Moore John Fletcher	1 B att Som. L. I Pte, 28211 Wounded	6.10.17 Barker 12.17	3	16		3	16	10.0.18	21.5.18/1 Moore's Eliza M	3	16		
				WAR GRATUITY. £10.19.4.5. Transfer 6/208778/1 1918 1/12/18 21/1/19						4.5.20 Mrs. Eliza			3		

His mother Eliza was sent £3 16 s effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 580001-581500 Ref 338

National Army Museum

John Fletcher Moore is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour

David Phillips

John Fletcher Moore was the son of the late Edwin and Eliza May Moore of "Wyvern Grange", Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of John Edwin F Moore was registered September 1898 Aston 6d 477

1901 census Barker Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edwin Moore	M	34	Brewer	b Aston
Eliza M Moore	M	30		b Coventry
John F.L. Moore		2		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Wyvern Grange", Barker Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Butler	M	69	Ret. Merchant, Saddlery & Hardware	b Walsall
Sarah Butler	M	67	Married 48 years, 7 children	b Netherton, Worcs
Eliza May Moore	W	41	1 child alive	b Walsall
John Fletcher Moore		12	Grandson	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Edwin Moore was registered June 1905 Aston 6d 224, aged 38.

1921 census Wyvern Grange, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Butler, 78. Widow. Home duties.
Eliza May Moore, 52. Widow. Daughter. Home duties.
Matilda Harrison, 68. Domestic servant.
Julia Marshall, 62. Domestic servant.
Nelly Cope, 22. Domestic servant.

1939 Register

Eliza May was not found.

Death

The death of Eliza M Moore was registered September 1957 Sutton Coldfield 9c 824, aged 88.

Probate

MOORE Eliza May of Birchington Lichfield-road Four Oaks
Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** widow died 11 July 1957
Probate **London** 16 September to Lloyds Bank Limited and
Alfred Eric Thorpe company director.
Effects £15395 14s. 7d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Private 28211 John Fletcher Moore
1st Somerset Light Infantry Regiment
Died: Saturday 6th October 1917
Aged: 19**



The 1st Somerset Light Infantry and 1st Hampshire Regiment (11th Brigade, 4th Division) attacked alongside the 10th Brigade (that had contained Private Cavit in the 1st Royal Warwicks), north of the Langemarck-Poelcapelle Road, on 5 October.

They assaulted Kangaroo Trench at 6.00am and reached the road with little trouble. Germans sheltering in rocks and fire from Lemnos House held up the attack until they were dealt with.

The Somerset's and East Lancs out-flanked Ferdan House and were only metres short of their objectives, when they were racked by machine-gun fire from a point near 19 Metre Hill.

Private Moore was wounded and taken back to the 47th Casualty Clearing Station called Dozinghem) by the 4th Division.

Here he died of wounds, the next day.

John Moore is buried in Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Westvleteren, Plot, Row G, Grave 8

The grave is inscribed 'Thy will be done'.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square.



John Fletcher Moore

"John Fletcher Moore was born on 5 August 1898.

He was the son of Edwin (a Brewer) and Eliza May Moore (the daughter of the late Henry Butler, brewer) of Wyvern Grange, Barker Road, Sutton Coldfield.

John attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1910 and 1914.

He enlisted in the Gloucestershire Regiment at the beginning of February 1917 and was attached to the Somerset Light Infantry Regiment in September 1917.

It is not clear if he joined the Gloucestershire Regiment or the Warwickshire Regiment in the first instance.

He was about to train for a commission at the time of his death."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

WILFRED ENGLEBERT MOORE (Wilfrid Engleburrt)

Wilfred Englebert Moore was born in 1886 at Sunderland. He enlisted with the South Staffordshire Regiment 1/5th Battalion – Captain

He died of wounds on 11 March 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 35.

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

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Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 South Staffordshire Regiment Diaries

He was buried at the St Ouen Communal Cemetery, France, Plot C.8

St Ouen is a village and commune in the Dept. of the Somme with a railway station on the branch line from Longpre to Doullens.

The 3rd Casualty Clearing Station was posted here in April/May 1916 and the 39th Casualty Clearing Station from May to July 1916.

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MOORE, Capt. Wilfrid Engleburtt. 1st/5th Bn. Staffordshire Regt. Died of wounds 11th March, 1916. Age 35. Son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Moore, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. C. 8.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission St Ouen Communal Cemetery

Index No. Fr. 808

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/157, page 30, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/157, page 7.

He entered France on 2 March 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MOORE			
Wilfred Englebert	S. Staff Rtr. & Corp		
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
X VICTORY	OFF/157	30	
X BRITISH	—	—	
X 1915 STAR	—	—	
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	2.3.15		
N. 94/14220			

Correspondence

Address

Mrs. J. Moore (mother)
The Incanades,
Sutton Coldfield
Birmingham.

11th March 1916

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

DEATH OF CAPTAIN W. E. MOORE

KILLED BY AN ACCIDENT.

The many friends of the family of the late Mr. Joseph Moore, and of Mrs. Moore, of Sycamores, Birmingham Road, Maney, will have heard with regret of the death of Captain Wilfrid Englebert Moore, of the 1/5th South Staffordshire Regiment, Territorial Force. His end was, it seems, the result of an accident at his billet in France, by which four officers and nine men were either killed or wounded. The first intimation of anything wrong which his friends received was on March 2—twelve months to the day after he went to France. They then learnt from the War Office that he had been accidentally wounded by a bomb exploding in a man's hand—a pure accident due to the personal fault of no one. The impression left by this first intimation was that Captain Moore had only been slightly wounded, and it was naturally sincerely hoped that this was the case. On the morning of the 13th, however, a letter was received from the Clearing Home Station to the effect that the wound was a bad one in the chest, and had caused an abscess to form in the lung and bronchial pneumonia to set in, his condition altogether being critical. At 12 o'clock the same day a telegram from the War Office announced that death had taken place on the 11th, in a hospital, in France. It has come, naturally, as a sad blow to the family, and to the lady (Miss McKewan, Digby Road), whom Captain Moore was on the eve of making his bride.

Captain Moore's connection with Sutton dates back for about 12 years, and he was a native of Sunderland, where he was born 35 years ago. In business he was a member of the firm of Messrs. Cole and Moore, trunk manufacturers, Saltley. His interest in military matters long preceded the war, and so far back as 1907 he obtained his commission in the 1/5 South Staffordshire Regiment, and was gazetted Captain in April, 1914.

A memorial service is to be held at the Parade Wesleyan Church on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Erdington News 18 March 1916 Newspapers.com Ancestry

Wilfred Englebert Moore is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour at Sutton Coldfield Methodist Church, South Parade

"Captain Wilfred Englebert Moore, 1/5th Battalion Staffs Regiment, died of wounds on 11 March 1916.

He was aged 35 and was the son of Joseph and Sarah Elizabeth Moore of Sutton Coldfield.

He was a native of Sunderland and had lived in Sutton Coldfield for twelve years. He worked for the family firm, Messrs Cole and Moore, Trunk Manufacturers of Saltley.

He was due to be married to Miss McKewan of Digby Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He obtained his commission in 1907 with the South Staffordshire Regiment (Territorial Reserves).

He was promoted to Captain in April 1914 and was sent to the front in France on 2 March 1915.

He was accidentally killed by a bomb exploding in a man's hands, which killed or wounded 4 officers and 9 men.

He was wounded in the chest which caused an abscess to form in his lung. This led to bronchial pneumonia."

Sutton Coldfield News March 1916

Wilfred Englebert Moore was the son of Joseph and Sarah Moore of "The Sycamores", Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Wilfrid Engleburrt Moore was registered September 1886 Sunderland 10a 625

In 1881, the family lived at 6 Claremont Terrace in Sunderland. Joseph Moore was a draper/ employer and in 1891, the family lived at High Street, Barton on Humber where Joseph ran a Grocery shop.

1901 census 7 Beech Grove, Sculcoates, Yorkshire

Joseph Moore	M	56	Oil merchant's manager	b Sunderland
Sarah Moore	M	54		b Hackney
Norman V Moore	U	22	Ship broker's clerk	b Sunderland
Wilfred E Moore	U	20	Accounts clerk	b Sunderland
Eliza Moore		16		b Sunderland
William Moore		14		b Sunderland
Annie Allen	U	21	Cook	b Hull
Martha Leybourne	U	19	General servant	b Hull

1911 census "The Sycamores", Sutton Coldfield

Joseph Moore	M	66	Private Means	b Sunderland
Sarah Elizabeth Moore	M	64	Married 34 years, 5 children 1 died	b London
Wilfred Englebert Moore	U	30	Metal Track Manufacturer	b Sunderland
Ella Mary Moore	U	26		b Sunderland
Ann Hunter	W	55	Guest- Private means	b Sunderland

Probate

MOORE Wilfrid Engleburtt of The Sycamores Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** captain 5th battalion South Staffordshire regiment died 11 March 1916 in France or Belgium Administration **Birmingham** 30 May to William Raymond Moore gentleman. Effects £2052 14s. 5d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census Sycamores, Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Elizabeth Moore, 75. Widow. Home duties.

Ella Mary Moore, 36. Home duties.

William Raymond Moore, 35. Newspaper representative for The National Trade Press Co. London.

Jane Brooker, 36. Visitor.

Sarah Hyatt, 31. Cook.

Alice Hyatt, 20. Housemaid.

Deaths

A death registration for Joseph Moore was not found.

The death of Sarah Elizabeth Moore was registered March 1931 Sutton Coldfield 6b 583, aged 84.

Harry Morrell was born on 12 December 1895 at Canwell, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1st Battalion- Private 8950

“At 2.05 pm the 1st Battalion RWR advanced nearly 500 yards and dug in south of Hazy Trench about 1000 yards east of Lesbœufs. In the evening an enemy counter was repelled.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment P184S109

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier & Face 9A, 9B and 10B.

Findagrave Memorial ID 12471884 Uploaded by Glenlivet 23 November 2005

MORRELL, Pte. Harry, 8950. 1st Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 12th Oct., 1916. Age 20. Son of Henry and Catherine Morrell, of The Post Office, Canwell, Birmingham.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L.104B23, page 4979, and the 1915 Star Medal L/IB 357. He entered the Balkans on 13 July 1915 and then served in France.

Name	Rank	Regt. No.
<i>9/ R. War R</i>	<i>Pto</i>	<i>8950</i>
<i>MORRELL</i>		
<i>Harry</i>		
Serial	Roll	Page
<i>2104</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>4979</i>
Barriers		
<i>15</i>	<i>418</i>	<i>357</i>
Stays		<i>R in A</i>
Threats of War first served in		
Date of entry thereof		
<i>28) Bulwarks</i>		
<i>13-7-15</i>		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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His mother was sent £6 14 s 4 d effects plus £9 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 377501-379000 Ref 204

National Army Museum

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Particulars of Man. Particulars of Claimant. Particulars of any man in respect of whom the said Claimant has made a previous claim.

Name MORRELL, Harry Name MORRELL, Mrs Catherine
 Regiment Rhinowicks Regt. No 8950 Address The 90, Canwell, Sutton Coldfield
 Rank Private Marital Status (S) Rank Marital Status (M)
 Date and cause of death 12.10.16. New Address and date of Relationship Date of Birth Date and cause of death
 While serving After discharge Case No. Relationship Date of Birth While serving After discharge Case No.

OTHER ACTION. Undkrs. 15/10/20. P.A. 16/10/20. 22.10.16. 22.10.16.

Particulars of any Claimant who has preferred a previous claim in respect of the man.

Case No. DP 329 M. R. Walters
 Name MORRELL, Mrs Catherine
 Address The 90, Canwell, Sutton Coldfield
 Relationship Mother (deceased) 17/7/120

Particulars of Awards Appeals Special features of case, e.g., referred to S.G.C. Accidents coming under Rules, etc. Other Files bearing on the case. M.P.S., C.H., etc.

of June 22.4.19 22.4.19
 5/11/20 21.10

Mrs Catherine Morrell, The Post Office, Canwell. She died on 17 July 1920.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 697/0601 Fold 3

Harry Morrell worshipped at St James Church, Hill. He is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Harry Morrell was the son of Henry and Catherine Morrell of “The Post Office”, Canwell

Birth on 12 December 1895. Mother Catherine Cumpstone.

Staffordshire Birth Index 1837 – 2017 Ref L72 499

Birth registered March 1896 Lichfield 6b 443

Baptism on 29 March 1896 at St Mary, Weeford.

Staffordshire C of Baptisms 1813 – 1900 page 9 Index only

1901 census Money Moor, Mill House Farm, Weeford

Henry Morrell	M	42	Farm bailiff	b Draycott
Catherine Morrell	M	42		b Salop
Nellie Morrell		14		b Hopwas
Bessie Morrell		6		b Weeford
Harry Morrell		5		b Weeford
Margarate Morrell		4		b Weeford

1911 census “Post Office”, Canwell, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Morrell	M	52	Milk Deliverer	b Draycott, Derby
Catherine Morrell	M	52	Married 26 years – 5 children	b Worthan, Shropshire
Nellie Morrell	U	24	Post Mistress	b Hopwas, Tamworth
Bessie Morrell		16	Post Office Assistant	b Weeford
Harry Morrell		15	Assistant Gardener	b Weeford
Margarate Morrell		14	School	b Weeford

Death

Catherine Morrell died on 17 July 1920.

1921 census Canwell Post Office

Henry Morrell, 62, widower. Sub postmaster. Milk deliverer for W R Walters, farmer & dairyman.
 Edward Morrell, 31. Labourer.
 Bessie Morrell, 26. Home duties.
 Maggie Morrell, 24. Postal duties for Henry Morrell, sub postmaster

1939 Register ' Carfref', Weeford Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Morrell, born on 17 November 1858. Married. Retired gardener.
Favoretta Morrell, born on 13 October 1894. Married. Domestic duties.

Marriage

The marriage between Henry Morrell and Favoretta Newell was registered December 1924 Tamworth 6b 934

Death

The death of Henry Morrell was registered September 1948 Sutton Coldfield 9c 748, aged 89.

PERCY JOHN MORRIS

Percy John Morris was born 1893 at in Aston. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion – Lance Corporal 256

He was killed in action on 4 June 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 22.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S162

He was buried at the Faubourg D-Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Plot I.D.4.



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Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“On the 4th of June 1916, the 15th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment were in the front line trenches at Arras. The War Diaries stated that the situation was ‘normal’ during the morning. At 4 p.m. the enemy commenced a very heavy bombardment of the trenches with the aim of cutting off a section (that occupied by ‘B’ Company). All telephone communication between the battalion and the HQ some hundreds of yards away was cut off. The bombardment ceased at about 7 p.m. Several officers and an unknown number of other ranks had been buried in a smashed dugout. Enemy shelling started again at 9 p.m., while attempts were being made to repair trenches and telephone lines. Then, after the shelling stopped, enemy soldiers successfully took the smashed trenches occupied by what was left of ‘B’ Company.

By the time the battalion was relieved the next day, it was established that 3 officers and 46 other ranks had been killed; that 2 officers and 29 other ranks were wounded; that 8 other ranks were suffering from shell shock; and that 27 men were missing. Among the dead was Lance Corporal Percy Morris.

Percy Morris was one of six children of Vincent Henry Morris, a colliery agent, and Emily Gertrude Solomon (herself one of 13 children), who lived at The Oaks in Wylde Green. Percy went to school at King Edward’s Aston, and then joined the export merchants Goodwin & Co. in Lionel Street in central Birmingham.

Percy first went to France on 21st November 1915. According to the *Sutton Coldfield News* of 1st July 1917, his superior officer said of him that “he was a most energetic N.C.O. especially at sniping. He was a wonderful shot.”

Percy’s father Vincent received £7 1 s 2 d, plus a War Gratuity of £7 10 s. Percy was not being paid as a lance-corporal.

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/ 104 B24, page 4994, and the 1915 Star Medal, Star L/IB, page 357.

He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MORRIS	R War R	Pte	256
P. J.			
No.	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	2/10/14	B 24	4994
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	4/18	357	K in A
Theatre of War first served in			
017 France			
Date of entry therein			
21-11-15			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

304152	Engrs	Morris	15 Apr	4.6.16	Warmed	Y	1	2	4.1.20	11.0.16	28.9.16	For Vincent A.	Y	1	2
Percy John			R War. Reg. France									9/1/20 For Vincent A.			
256			WAR GRATUITY									7 10 =			
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A. J. b. 5040 sent			Regd. Paper												
duplicate of A. J. b. 5040 sent 6/10/19			Serial No.			22910									

His father was sent £7 1 s 2 d effects plus £7 10 s War Gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 19129 304001-305500 Ref 155

National Army Museum

Percy John Morris is commemorated on the Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green Memorial

Percy John Morris is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He is also commemorated on the King Edwards Grammar School, Aston Roll of Honour

Sylvia Williams

Birmingham Pals

Percy John Morris is commemorated in the Birmingham Battalions' Roll of Honour, page 282 of Terry Carter's book, 'Birmingham Pals.'

"He was educated at King Edwards School, Aston. After school he joined the staff of Goodwin & Co (Export Merchants), Lionel Street in Birmingham.

His superior officer said of him that he was a most energetic N.C.O. especially at sniping. He was a wonderful shot."

Sutton Coldfield News 1.7.1916

Percy John Morris was the son of Vincent H Morris of “The Oaks”, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Percy John Morris was registered December 1893 Aston 6d 406

Baptism on 9 February 1894 at St Peter & St John, Aston

Of 343 Albert Road. Father was an agent.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 British Ref DRO 41 Archive Roll 646

1901 census 343 Albert Road, Aston

Vincent Morris	M	40	Colliery agent	b Kingswinford
Emily G Morris	M	43		b Birmingham
Harold Morris		16	Commercial clerk	b Aston
Sydney Morris		15	Electrical engineer apprentice	b Aston
Alfred Morris		13		b Aston
Caroline Morris		11		b Handsworth
Percy J Morris		7		b Aston
Dorothy G Morris		3		b Aston

1911 “The Oaks”, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Vincent Henry Morris	M	50	Colliery Agent	b Kingswinford
Emily Gertrude Morris	M	52	Married 28 years, 6 children, all alive	b Birmingham
Harold Vincent Morris	U	26	Jewellery Factory Hand	b Aston Manor
Sydney Solomon Morris	U	25	Electrician	b Aston Manor
Alfred Victor Morris	U	23	Litho Designer	b Aston Manor
Caroline Emily May Morris	U	21		b Handsworth
Percy John Morris		17	Foreign Merchant (export)	b Aston Manor
Dorothy Gertrude Morris		13	School	b Aston Manor

1921 census Jockey Hill, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Vincent H Morris, 61. Clothing agent for East Cannock Colliery, Corporation Street.
Emily G Morris, 62. Home duties.
Caroline Morris, 31. Home duties.
Dorothy Morris, 23. Home duties.
Gladys Robinson, 16. Domestic servant.

1939 Register 120 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

Vincent H Morris, born on 15 April 1866. Coal colliery sales agent.
Emily G Morris, born on 6 November 1858. Domestic duties.
Dorothy G Morris, born on 7 February 1898. Leather craft teacher.

Deaths

The death of Vincent H Morris was registered December 1946 Sutton Coldfield 9c 895, aged 86.

The death of Emily G Morris was registered June 1955 Sutton Coldfield 9c 941, aged 98.

ALFRED MUTLOW

Alfred Mutlow was born in 1894 at Knowle, Warwickshire. He enlisted at Burton on Trent with the North Staffordshire Regiment 1/6th Battalion – Private 241299

He was killed in action 1 July 1916. (France & Flanders).

“He was killed during an attack on Gommecourt on the first day of the Battle of the Somme.” (FDOS)

“The 1/6th Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment attacked to the north of Gommecourt at 7.20am.

A smoke screen was released but at first it was so thick that many men lost their way. Moreover, no man's land was cut up and muddy and the wire was intact or repaired.

They were met at the wire by hand grenades and fierce rifle fire. A few managed to reach the German front-line trench but were soon driven out.

Behind them the second and third waves were caught in a fierce barrage and machine gun crossfire.” (SDBD)

“Born at Knowle. Resided at Erdington. Died 1 July 1916. Son of Mrs J Mutlow of 1 Yew Tree Road, Sheffield Road, Erdington.” (Julia is down as Mudlow).

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals F/104 B21, page 2569.

Name	Regt.	Rank	Regt. No.
MUTLOW	N Staff R	Pr	4248
Alfred			241299

Medal	Ref.	Page	Remarks
Victory	F/104 B21	2569	
British	de		

Medals of War bestowed in
Date of entry service

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

483159	350345	Mutlow	6 th Bn.	1.4.16	Lichfield	1	10	5	1	10	5	1/10 2/18	5.2.18	No sole leg.	1	10	5
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		4248															
		241299.															
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			1920.		27.2.20												
			6.11.18		2/102												
			2020		16325												

A. F. W. 5070 SENT
DATE 19.6.19...

His mother was sent £1 10 s 5 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 482501-484000 Forces War Records

DEPENDANT'S PENSION. 4248.

Name *Mutlow, Alfred.* Regimental No. *241299* D.P. No. *7046*

Regiment *16th Batt. Staffs.* Rank *Pte* *16th Batt. Staffs.*

Documents received from Paymaster *28.8.17.* *38.6274*

Date and cause of death *Reported missing 1.7.16.*

Dependant *Mrs Julia Mutlow.*

Address *1, Yew Tree Rd. Edgbaston, Birmingham*

Relationship to soldier *Mother.*

Pension *6/-* a week from *2.10.17.*

Date awarded *2.10.17* If refused

Papers *1118/1179*

(1118) 10/10/17 10/10/17 10/10/17

His mother was awarded six shillings pension a week from 2 October 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 139/0679/Mus-Myl Forces War Records

Alfred Mutlow is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Alfred Mutlow was the son of Mrs Julia Mutlow of 1 Yew Tree Road (off Sheffield Road) and George Mutlow.

Baptism on 7 July 1895 at Knowle Parish Church

Born on 1 November 1894 to Julia Sweeney of Knowle.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 - 1910 ENG/0900058 DR 155/3

Marriage

The marriage between George Mutlow and Julia Sweeny was registered December 1898 Aston 6d 792

Alfred and Julia Mutlow were not found in 1891 and 1901 (also as Sweeny/Sweeney).

The only George Mutlow found in 1901 was an inmate at All Saints Asylum. He was 68 and of no occupation. His place of birth was not clear.

Margaret Sweeney was found at 4 Lichfield Road, Aston in 1901. She was single, 30 and a button maker. She was lodging with John Power and his wife Mary.

1911 census 15/185 Park Lane, Aston

Margaret Sweeny	U	40	Button sorter	b Birmingham
Beatrice Gosling		15	Press worker	b Birmingham
George A Mutlow	M	64	Gardener	b Birmingham
Julia Mutlow	M	37	Sister 13 years 4 children 1 died	b Birmingham
Eric Mutlow		9	Nephew	b Birth not stated
Alfred Mutlow		15	Nephew	b Birth not stated

Death

The death of George Arthur Mutlow was registered December 1911 Aston 6d 477, aged 62.

1921 census 1 Yewtree Road, Sutton Coldfield

Julia Mutlow, 50. Widow. Home duties.

Eric Stanley Mutlow, 19. Circling bands for solid tyres at Dunlop Rubber Co, Bromford.

Death

The death of Julia Mutlow was registered June 1932 Tamworth 6b 425, aged 61.

EDWIN JOHN NICHOLLS

Edwin John Nicholls was born in 1892 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Coldstream Guards 2nd Battalion – Private 17207

He was killed in action on 30 November 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 25.

Solders Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Coldstream Guards Diaries

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Cambrai War Memorial, Panel 2.

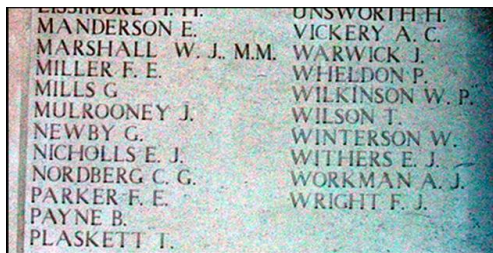


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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CG/101/B9, page 697.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
NICHOLLS.	C. Gds.	Pte	17207.
Edwin J.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	C G/101/B9	697	
BRITISH	" "	" "	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

612085	Nicholls Edwin Pte.	2 Bn., Coldstream Guards Pte. 17207	30.11.17. London. Goldstream in Action 2-8 Place.	6 8 s 7	6 8 7 m.o.b. 18. + 6.8 s 7 for London.	6 8 7
A.F.W. 5070 SENT DATE 10/10/19				WAR GRATUITY 1910 14/10/19 Amount 58/10 Bank Paper 1/3000 Serial No. 116216.47		

His father was sent £6 8 s 7 d effects. Edwin's brother Thomas was sent £8 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 611501-613000 Ref 618110

National Army Museum

Edwin John Nicholls is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

“Edwin John Nicholls was born in Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield in 1892 to Charles and Sarah Nicholls. He was baptised on December 11th, 1892, at St. James Church, Hill, Mere Green. His fathers occupation was labourer, and their given address was Four Oaks Common.

In 1901, he was 8 years old and living with his family at 3 Blackberry Lane, Four Oaks.

By 1911, he was still living in Blackberry Lane with his father (now a gardener) and one of his brothers. Edwin was 18 years old, single and a domestic gardener. At the time of the 1911 census, his mother Sarah was a patient at the Sutton Coldfield Cottage Hospital. She and Charles had been married for 41 years and had 9 children, 3 of which had died.

The 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards took part in the Battle of Cambrai which began early in the morning of 20 November 1917. Initial allied advances were remarkable. However, by 22 November, a halt was called for rest and reorganisation, allowing the Germans to reinforce. From 23 November to 28 November, the fighting was concentrated almost entirely around Bourlon Wood and by 29 November, it was clear that the Germans were ready for a major counterattack. On 30 November 1917, the Guards Division was called forward to help stem a German break through and on that same day the 2nd and 3rd Battalions counterattacked at Gouzeaucourt, without artillery support, and despite intense machine gun fire, regained the lost positions.

Edwin John Nicholls was killed in action on November 30th, 1917, in France aged 25, most likely during the above battle. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Louverval, France, Panel 2.

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal indicating he didn't go overseas until sometime after 1915.

His war gratuity was paid to his father Charles and later to his brother Thomas. It appears that Charles Nicholls died aged 73 in 1919. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website describes Edwin as the “Son of the late Charles and Sarah Nicholls”.

Paul Harrison with thanks

Edwin John Nicholls was the son of the late Charles and Sarah Nicholls

Birth

The birth of Edwin John Nicholls was registered December 1892 Aston 6d 443

1901 census 3 Blackberry Lane, Staffs (Warwickshire/Staffordshire boundary, now Four Oaks)

Charles Nicholls	M	56	General Labourer on Farm	b Sutton Coldfield
Sarah Nicholls	M	49	Laundress	b Aldridge
Bertha Nicholls	U	20		b Sutton Coldfield
George Nicholls		17		b Sutton Coldfield
Louie Nicholls		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Alfred Nicholls		12		b Sutton Coldfield
John Nicholls		8		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Blackberry Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Nicholls	M	65	Market Gardener	b Four Oaks
George Henry Nicholls	M	27	Cripple from age of 15 months	b Sutton Coldfield
Edwin John Nicholls	U	18	Jobbing Gardener	b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Cottage Hospital, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Nicholls	M	59	Patient	b Aldridge
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Sarah Nicholls had been married for 41 years. She had 9 children – 3 had died.

Deaths

The death of Sarah Nicholls was registered December 1917 Tamworth 6b 406, aged 66.

The death of Charles Nicholls was registered June 1919 Tamworth 6b 462, aged 73.

FREDERICK WILLIAM NODEN

Frederick William Noden was born about 1889 at Aston and lived in Erdington. He enlisted in Birmingham at the start of the war with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion - Lance Corporal 456

He was killed in action on 22 or 23 July 1916, (France & Flanders), aged 27.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S161

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4397759 WO 372/14/236486

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, Somme, Plot XV G.18.



Photo by Peter Moore 20 October 2015 (Brumbirder on Findagrave)

Findagrave Memorial ID 15291891 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 10 August 2006

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B24, page 5164, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 371. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
NODEN	4/R War R	Pte	456
F. W.		Lt Col	
Frederick		* Pte	
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	x 4/104 B24	5164	
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	L/1B	371	Kim A 22/23.7.16
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France		
Date of entry therein	21.11.15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders						
Held by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the roll was submitted.	NAME	In sequence Units and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regt. No. therein; the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, recorded as having been held for any period in a theatre of War, unless reverted for misconduct, being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which is to be inscribed on the medal.	Theatres of war in which served	Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations	
					REMARKS	
Regt. No.	Rank				(a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	
57568	Pte.	NODEN, William A.	27th Bn. R. War. R.			
			57568	Pte.		
456	Pte.	NODEN, Frederick W.	14th Bn. R. War. R.			
			456	Pte.		

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 Ref WO 329 Ref 751

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name *Noden Frederick William* Regimental No. *456*
 Regiment or Ship *14th Bn. R. War. R.* Rank *Lt. Col.*

Documents received from Paymaster *24.2.19*
 Date and cause of death *22.23.7.16 Killed in action*
 Dependancy *W. William Noden*
 Address *Laurels Sutton Road Erdington, Birmingham*
 Relationship *Father*

Pension *5/-* a week from *20.1.19*
 Date awarded *6.6.19* If refused {
 Papers reason {

DEAD 15-5-18
 D.G.F. 4810
 D.T. 89/N
 11/5/90903

PT 106 1814/1075 60m (15) 105 2.2 Cp. 189
 PT 102 4114/1048 100m (22) 818

His father was awarded five shillings a week pension from 20 January 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1919 Ref 144/0691/Nix-Nod Fold 3

Frederick William Noden is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Birmingham Pals

Frederick W Noden is listed on page 282 of the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, Birmingham Pals, by Terry Carter.

"Frederick William Noden was a member of the Erdington Conservative Club and also a member of the Erdington Operatic Society."

Sutton Coldfield News 19 August 1916

Frederick Noden was the son of William and Ann Noden of Erdington

Birth

A birth registration was not found.

1891 census 55 (unreadable) Lake Road, Erdington Birmingham

William Noden	M	39	Railway clerk	b Cheshire
Ann Noden	M	46		b Birmingham
Elfreda Noden		11		b Birmingham
Harry Noden		9		b Birmingham
Frederick William Noden		3		b Birmingham
George H Briscoe	U	17	Cousin – railway clerk	b Cheshire
Emily Webber		14	Domestic servant	b Northampton

The family have not been found on the 1901 census.

1911 census "The Laurels", Sutton Road, Erdington Birmingham

William Noden	M	59	Railway clerk	b Pool, Cheshire
Ann Noden	M	66	Married 34 years with 3 children	b Birmingham
Elfreda Noden	U	31	Music Teacher	b Birmingham
Harry Noden	U	29	Solicitors clerk	b Birmingham
Frederick William Noden	U	23	Insp. Factories Birmingham Council	b Birmingham

Probate

NODEN Frederick William of The Laurels Sutton road Erdington **Birmingham** lance-corporal 14th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 22 or 23 July 1916 in France in action Administration **Birmingham** 20 January to William Noden retired railway official. Effects £233 5s. 9d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census The Laurels, Sutton Road, Erdington

William Noden, 69. Widower. Retired Railway Clerk with Midland Railway Co.
Elfreda Noden, 41. Home duties.
Harry Noden, 39. Married. Stockbroker's clerk at 122 Colmore Row.
Monica Noden, 24. Married. Home duties.

Death

The death of Ann Noden was registered June 1917 Tamworth 6b 546, aged 72.

The death of William Noden was registered March 1928 Tamworth 6b 478, aged 76.

OWEN OLIVER

Oliver Owen was born in 1876 at Birmingham. He enlisted at Warwick with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Private 20306

He died of wounds on 27 December 1916, (France & Flanders), aged 41.

He probably died in hospital as Rouen was a major hospital centre.

He was buried at the St Sever Cemetery Extension, Plot O.IV.A.6.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Forces War Records

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4452761 WO 372/15/53636

“Aged 41. Resided in Sutton Coldfield. Died on wounds. Parents Thomas and Mary Agnes Oliver of Birmingham. Husband of Helen Oliver of Hill Village Road, Sutton Coldfield.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B25, page 5220.

6.	Name:	Corps:	Rank:	Regt. No.:
		R. War. R	Sgt.	20306
OLIVER				
Owen.				
Rank:	Roll:	Page:	Remarks:	
USCIB	4/10/1955	5220		
Ensign	<i>W</i>	<i>W</i>		
Brig				
Theatre of War first entered in				
Date of entry therein				

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

412113 ^E ₃₂₀₅₈	Oliver Owen.	V. Rn. R. Warwick 9th 20306.	27-12-16 Warwick Transfer 1-17. 1-17.	2 9 11. - 12 7	- 4 2 2 15 4	Thornhill 1/10 Str.	10.4.17 R.P.C. rec. 3.5.17 Wd. V. Nelson.	- 7 2 2 15 4	Sep 14	112118
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His widow was sent 7 s 2d, £2 15 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 412001 – 413500 Forces War Records

Owen Oliver worshipped at St James Church, Hill and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

"He resided at Hill Village Road and was married with one daughter.

He was employed by the Britannic Assurance Co."

Sutton Coldfield News 6.1.1917

Owen Oliver was the son of the late Thomas and Mary Agnes Oliver of Birmingham, and the husband of Helen Oliver of Hill Village Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Owen Oliver was registered June 1876 Birmingham 6d 235

1881 census 48 Soho Hill, Handsworth – visitor in this household

Walter Line	M	30	Master jeweller	b Birmingham
Mary Oliver	W	28	Visitor	b Malta
Owen Oliver		5		b Birmingham
Marion Oliver		4		b Birmingham

1891 census New Carpenters Road, Aston

Mary Oliver	W	36		b Malta
Thomas Oliver	U	18	Mercantile clerk	b Aston
Owen Oliver		16		b Birmingham
Marion Oliver		4		b Birmingham

1901 census 202 Lozells Road, Aston

Mary A Oliver	W	48	Confectionery (bakery)	b Malta, British Subject
Owen Oliver	U	25	Insurance agent	b Birmingham
Marion Oliver	U	22	Confectionery assistant	b Handsworth
Hannah Weobley	U	44	Housekeeper	b Birmingham

1911 census Hill Village Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Owen Oliver	M	34	Insurance agent	b Aston
Helen Oliver	M	30	Married 8 years – 1 child	b Sutton Coldfield
Elsie Oliver		7		b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage

The marriage between Owen Oliver and Helen Keatley was registered December 1903 Aston 6d 693

Deaths

It is not clear when Thomas Oliver died or when Mary Agnes Oliver died.

1921 census Hill Village Road, Sutton Coldfield

Helen Oliver, 40, widow. Assurance clerk at Britannia Assurance, Broad Street.
Elsie Marion Oliver, 17. Jeweller's clerk at Hepburn & Wildove, 36 Tenby Street.

No further trace of Helen or Elsie was found.

WILLIAM ERNEST OLDNALL

William Ernest Oldnall was born in 1893 at Handsworth. He enlisted with the Royal Engineers – Sapper 346699 1st Battalion.

He died on 17 November 1918 at the Military Hospital, Fort Pitt, Chatham in Kent.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Plot 601.



Photo by David Pearce

There is a comprehensive biography for William Oldnall on Findagrave by David Pearce.

“William was born in Handsworth on 29 January 1893. He helped on the family farm in New Oscott. After his mother died, his father remarried, his father bought another farm to live on and William took charge of Park Farm in New Oscott.

He met his wife to be when he visited her family shop at 94 Parade, Sutton Coldfield. This was a sweet shop.

William used to walk through Sutton Park between the farm near Longmore pool and the Parade.

He used to play football for West Bromwich Albion but declined to become a professional player.

He married Daisy on 21 February 1914. They lived in the accommodation behind the shop. They had three children there – Mary who died aged 18 months from meningitis: Joan ,born on 7 February 1916 and Olive, born on 25 October 1917.

The couple worshipped at De Street Chapel and Carrs Lane Congregational Church in Birmingham.

At the start of the war, farming was a protected occupation, especially for the oldest son. When his younger brother Percy was called up, William volunteered in his place.

After William died, Daisy married John Shepherd in 1926 in Wales. Daisy died in Wales on 30 September 1961.”

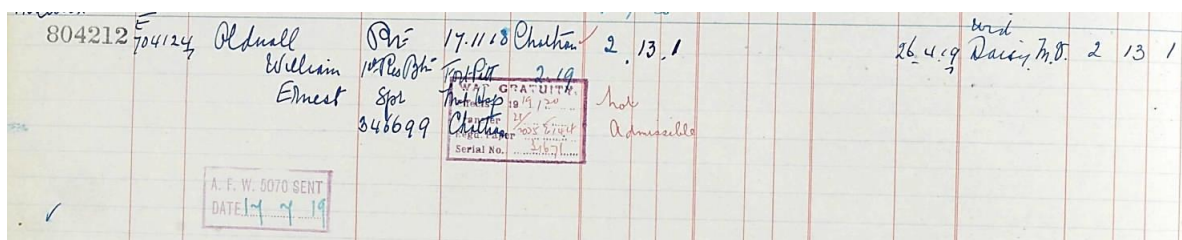
Findagrave Memorial ID 170262821 Uploaded by David Pearce on 20 September 2016

Army Service Records

These have not yet been found online.

Army Medal Roll

The card image has not been found. According to the death register he was awarded the Victory and British medals and the Memorial Death Plaque.



His widow was sent £2 13 s 1 d effects. She was not entitled to a war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 803501-805000 Fold 3

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

William Ernest Oldnall was the son of Ernest and Emily Oldnall. He was the husband of Daisy Oldnall.

Birth

The birth of William Ernest Oldnall was registered March 1893 West Bromwich 6b 833

Baptism on 26 February 1893 at St Mary, Handsworth

To Ernest and Emily of 150 Somerset Road. Ernest was a coachman.

Birmingham C of Baptism 1813 – 1922 DRO 86/20 Archive Roll M187

1901 census 152 Somerset Road, Handsworth

Ernest Oldnall	M	35	Coachman	b Chaddesley
Emily Oldnall	M	38		b Romsley
Dora E Oldnall		9		b Handsworth
William E Oldnall		8		b Handsworth
Percy G Oldnall		5		b Handsworth

1911 census Old Park Farm, New Oscott

Ernest Oldnall	M	45	Farmer	b Chaddesley Corbett
Emily Oldnall	M	48	Married 20 years, 4 children 1 died	b Alveley, Shropshire
Dora Elsie Oldnall	U	19	Dressmaker	b Handsworth
William Ernest Oldnall	U	18	Farmer's son working on farm	b Handsworth
Percy George Oldnall		16	Farmer's son working on farm	b Handsworth

Probate

OLDNALL William Ernest of Park farm New Oscott **Warwickshire** farmer a sapper in the R.E. died 17 November 1918 at the military hospital Fort Pitt Chatham Administration **Birmingham** 20 February to Daisy Mercy Victoria Oldnall widow. Effects £775.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Death

The death of William Ernest Oldnall was registered December 1918 Medway 2a 1750

Electoral Roll

William Oldnall resided at Old Park Farm, New Oscott in 1918.

Marriage

The marriage between Ernest W Oldnall and Daisy M. V. Grice was registered January 1914 Tamworth

1921 census 12 High Street, Rhyl

Harold Barr, 42. Photographer and his family.

Daisy Mercy Victoria Oldnall, 32. Widow from Tamworth. Visitor.

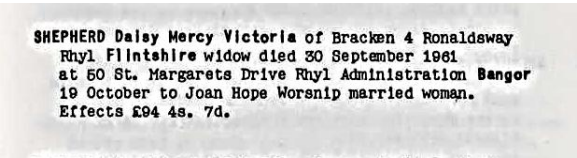
Joan Hope Oldnall, 5. Father dead.

Olive Victoria Oldnall, 3. Father dead.

Marriage

The marriage between Daisy M V Oldnall and John Shepherd was registered September 1926 St Asaph 11b 516

Probate



SHEPHERD Daisy Mercy Victoria of Bracken 4 Ronaldsway
Rhyl Flintshire widow died 30 September 1961
at 50 St. Margarets Drive Rhyl Administration Bangor
19 October to Joan Hope Worsnip married woman.
Effects £94 4s. 7d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Death

The death of Emily Oldnall was registered March 1914 Tamworth 6b 602, aged 52.

1921 census Broom Farm, Clent, Worcestershire

Ernest W Oldnall, 55. Farmer, employer.

Ann Oldnall, 37. Home duties.

Walter grove, 18. Farm labourer.

James Oldnall, 38. Married. Station master's Clerk, Sheffield. Visitor.

Mary Edith Oldnall, 33. Married. Domestic duties. Visitor.

Geoffrey Oldnall, 6.

Dennis Oldnall, 4.

Edward Oldnall, 4.

1939 Register Park Hayes, Little Hay, Staffordshire

Ernest Oldnall, born on 26 January 1866. Retired farmer.

Ann Oldnall, born on 22 March 1884. Domestic duties.

Death

The death of Ernest W Oldnall was registered December 1944 Lichfield 6b 362, aged 78.

WILLIAM LESLIE ONIONS

William Leslie Onions was born in 1894 at Aston. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Private 816

He was killed in action on 23 July 1916, (France & Flanders), aged 22, during the Battle of the Somme.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S161

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 9A 9B & 10B.

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More about the Battle of Pozieres Ridge, Somme

“Men killed in this battle included William Leslie Onions, Edward Brown, Frederick Noden and Percy Perry. They all served with the 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

23 July 1916

As a preliminary to the attack on the switch line east of High Wood, Wood Lane had to be taken.

The 14th RWR and the 1st Royal West Kent's made considerable ground before the barrage had lifted at 10.00 pm.

They were however spotted by the light of German flares while they were crossing the crest of the ridge and caught machine gun fire in enfilade from the eastern corner of High Wood, where a strongpoint defied the assaults of a platoon of the 1/4th Gordon's.

Further fire from Wood Trench brought the attack to a standstill.

The 2nd KOSB and the 15th RWR were sent to reinforce the attack, and another attempt was made at 1.30 am with the same result.

By dawn all were back in their old positions, having lost more than a thousand men.

The temperature was 68 F, and it was overcast.”

(SDBD) Royal Warwickshire Regiment War Diaries

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B25 page 5228, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 375. He entered France on 21 November 1915

ONIONS		R. War R. Pte. 816	
W. L.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	L/104 B25	5228	
BRITISH	L-1	L-1	
15 th STAR	L/1B	375	
Theatre of War first served in		K in A	
Date of entry therein		21.11.15	

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REG'T

REGIMENT OR CORPS.
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ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders

Regt. No.	Rank	NAME	In sequence Units and Corps previously served with by each individual and Part, Name, duration, nature of temporary, awarded as having been held for any period in a theatre of War, being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which he is to be inscribed on the medal.	Theatre of war in which served	Clasp awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations			REMARKS
						(a) Presented	(b) Despatched by Post	(c) Taken into Stock	
26696	Pte.	ONIONS, William J.	11th Bn. R. War. R.	France					
			26696 Pte.						
			1st Bn. R. War. R.						
			26696						
616	Pte.	ONIONS, William L.	14th Bn. R. War. R.	France					
			616 Pte.						

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1919 WO 329 Ref 752

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorized	Amount Authorized	No. in ady	
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.					d.
618696	280731	Onions, William Leslie	14 s B. R. War. R. 7th K. n. G. 816.	23.7.16 War. France. 2.18	2	7	9	2	7	9	4.18.24.18	For William J	2	7	9

W. A. G. ACTIVITY.

Effects 10 /

Transfer

Regd. Paper

Serial No.

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204/378804 16/17

His father was sent £2 7 s 9 d effects.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 617501-619000 Ref 363

National Army Museum

Onions, W. L., Pte., R. War. Reg.

The National Roll of the Great War 1914 - 1918

William Leslie Onions worshipped at St James Church and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

He is commemorated on page 282 of the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, Birmingham Pals, by Terry Carter.

"He was educated at King Edwards School, Birmingham.

On leaving school he was articled to Messrs Sharp, Parsons & Co, Chartered Accountants, 120 Colmore Row in Birmingham.

He was the Captain of the Sutton Coldfield Hockey Club second team.

He joined the City Battalion on its formation at the start of the war.

He was reported missing on 23 July 1916, and he was confirmed killed in December 1916."

Sutton Coldfield News 30.12.1916

William Leslie Onions was the son of William John and Evelyn Onions of "Hillside", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of William L Onions was registered June 1894 Aston 6d 377

1901 census 15 Oxford Road, Erdington

William J Onions	M	37	Flour miller's traveller	b Birmingham
Evelyn A Onions	M	30		b Wakefield
William L Onions		7		b Aston
Ethel Onions		5		b Erdington
John Onions	W	63	Father Traveller metal manufacturer	b Birmingham
Fanny A Smith	W	60	Mother in law	b Great Ponton, Lincs

1911 census "Hillside", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

William John Onions	M	47	Commercial traveller in flour	b Birmingham
Evelyn Alice Onions	M	40	Married 18 years, 3 children	b Wakefield, Yorks
William Leslie Onions	U	17	Chartered accountant's articled clerk	b Aston
Raymond Harry Onions		7		b Erdington
John Onions	W	73	Father – Traveller in metal	b Birmingham
Fanny Alice Smith	W	70	Mother in law Private means	b Great Ponton, Lincs
Bertha Smith	U	31	Sister in law Confectioners assistant	b Wakefield

1921 census

William and Evelyn were not found.

Death

The death of Evelyn Onions was registered June 1931 Birmingham north 6d 590. Aged 60.

No trace of William John Onions was found after 1911.

THOMAS STARR OWEN

Thomas Starr Owen was born in 1893 at Walsall. He enlisted in Rugby on 27 August 1914 with the 4th South Midland Howitzer Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery – Gunner 84012. He was attached to the 1/5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 19 February 1916, then became a Gunner Officer in the Tank Corps on 31 October 1917.

He was commissioned with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 25 June 1918 – Second Lieutenant

Thomas Starr Owen was killed in action on 8 October 1918, (France & Flanders).

He is buried at the Moulin - de - Pierre British Cemetery, France, Row B, Grave 22.

He was buried alongside another 48 soldiers who had served with Welsh Regiments.

UK WW1 WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

WW1 Wales Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Welsh Fusiliers

“Born in Walsall. On the staff of Lloyds Bank in Rugby.

Parents Harry Starr and Ellen Siderfin Owen.”

Welsh Regiments 1899 – 1942 Fold 3 Forces War Records

Wales WW1 Book of Remembrance 1914 – 1918



Haslar Naval Cenotaph, Gosport and the grave at Lytham St Anne's Cemetery

Findagrave Memorial ID 7529932 Uploaded by Shiela W, on 22 August 2011



Thomas Starr Owen photo by Nancy Wright

Findagrave Memorial ID 24180132 Uploaded by Sue Downhill on 25 January 2008

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/43, page 192, and the 1915 Star Medal RFA/31 ABTF, page 4025.

He entered France on 30 March 1915 and was commissioned to the Tank Corps on 25 October 1918.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
OWEN	RFA	CNR	2160.
	Tank Corps	2nd Lt.	848121
	R. W. Fus	2nd Lt.	

Roll	Page
R. W. 412. * OFF 43	192
15 Stan * RFA/31 AB TF 4025	

Initiated amended. men 10. NW/7/14692

Thames of War first served in 1

Date of entry therein 30. 3. 15.

2/9/3537

Correspondence.

Address. J. S. Owen Esq (Brother)

Pengarsce

Abbottsham Rd

Pideford

Devon

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Thomas Starr Owen is commemorated on his brother, Harold's gravestone at Haslar Naval Cemetery, Gosport.

Thomas Starr Owen is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (non - parochial)

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Thomas Starr Owen attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

David Phillips

The attendance at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is the geographic link to Sutton Coldfield.

Thomas Starr Owen was the son of Harry and the late Ellen Owen of “Beaconsfield”, Walsall.

Birth

The birth of Thomas Starr Owen was registered December 1893 Walsall 6b 707

1891 census 13 Digbeth, Birmingham

Harry Starr Owen	W	36	Tobacconist	b Dudley
John Starr Owen		8		b Walsall
Thomas Starr Owen		7		b Walsall
Mary E Phillips	U	34	Housekeeper	b Walsall
Annie Taylor	U	23	General servant	b Walsall

1901 census Droitwich Road, North Claines, Worcestershire

Harry Starr Owen	M	46	Farmer	b Dudley
Helen Kate Owen	M	33		b Walsall
John Starr Owen	U	18	Student	b Walsall
Harold William Owen		8		b Walsall
Anne Roper	U	26	Domestic servant	b Tipton

Thomas Starr Owen was not found on the 1901 census.

1911 census 63 Albert Street, Rugby

Thomas Starr Owen	U	27	Bank Clerk	b Walsall
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1911 census Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham

Harry Starr Owen	M	56	Retired farmer	b Dudley
Helen Kate Owen	M	43	Married 20 years – 1 child	b Walsall

Probate

OWEN Thomas Starr of Belgrave Clifton-road Rugby **Warwickshire** second-lieutenant Royal Welsh Fusiliers died 8 October 1918 in France Probate **London** 3 July to John Starr Owen officer of customs and excise.
Effects £960 12s. 1d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census

Harry and Helen Owen were not found on this census

1939 Register 9 Lockyers Marine Road, Colwyn Bay, Wales

Helen Kate Owen, born on 2 February 1868. Widow. Private means.
Marion S Owen, born on 1 January 1884. Single. Private secretary.

Deaths

The death of Harry Starr Owen was registered June 1936 Holyhead 11b 612, aged 86.

The death of Helen Kate Owen was registered June 1953 Northampton 3b 503, aged 86.

Harold William Starr Owen

In 1911, Harold William Starr Owen boarded at 92 Barbourne Road in Worcester. He was 18 and worked as a bank clerk for the United Counties Bank.

He appears to have served with the Royal Navy during the war as a paymaster Lieutenant.

He died at the Haslar Naval Hospital on 15 February 1920, most probably from the effects of influenza. He was 27.



Haslar Naval Cemetery, Gosport

Haslar Hospital, Gosport, Hampshire

This hospital treated naval personnel during and after the Great War. Between 1918 and 1920, many patients were treated for the effects of the Spanish Influenza pandemic.

To identify those who died from influenza, the gravestones had an 'admiralty cross' rather than the usual CWWG headstone.

We see that this gravestone does indeed have a cross. It suggests that Harold William Starr Owen died from influenza.

Naval Service

It appears that Harold William Starr Owen spent some time serving on 'HMS Egmont'.

This was a shore based ship stationed at Malta.

He gained his seniority as a Paymaster Lieutenant whilst serving on HMS Egmont on 22 October 1918.

Probate

Harold William Starr Owen, of "Beaconsfield", Sutton Road, Walsall died on 15 February 1920 at the Naval Hospital at Haslar, Gosport. Administration was granted at London on 1 October 1920 to Harry Starr Owen, gentleman. Effects: £466 19s 7d

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**Thomas Starr Second Lieutenant Thomas Starr Owen
13th Royal Welsh Fusiliers
Died: Tuesday 8th October 1918
Aged: 34**

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers (113th Brigade, 38th (Welsh) Division) were attacking the villages of Beaurevoir and Villers-Outreaux on 8 October 1918.

The village of Villers-Outreaux was captured after heavy fighting, especially where a stone mill was used as a German machine-gun emplacement.

2nd Lt. Owen was killed with 48 other soldiers of Welsh Regiments during the attack that day.



Thomas Owen is buried in Moulin-de-Pierre British Cemetery, Villers-Outreaux: Row B, Grave 22.

'Dearly loved son of H Starr Owen of Walsall – Until the day breaks.'

Thomas Starr Owen is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square, St Peters Church, Maney and Rugby Peace Benches, Rugby.

"Thomas Starr Owen was the son of Harry Starr (tobacconist) and Ellen Siderfin Owen of Beaconsfield, Walsall.

Thomas attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1894 and 1900.

He then became a banker's clerk in Lloyds Bank, Rugby.

He enlisted in Rugby on 27 August 1914 as Gunner 840121 in the 4th South Midland Howitzer Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery.

He joined the 1/5th Warwick Battery on 19 February 1916 and was posted abroad on 18 May 1916.

Thomas spent time in hospital in England when he contracted pleurisy on 17 January 1917.

He became a Gunnery Officer in the Tank Corps on 31 October 1917.

Thomas was commissioned into the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 25 June 1918.

In his will he left all his belongings and money to his brother John Starr Owen (also an Old Veseyan) of Pengersee, Abbotsham Road, Bideford in Devon."

His probate was not found.

David Phillips – Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

W H OWEN

W H Owen was not on the original typed list for the memorial builder. Perhaps this is an error?

All variations of W H Owen were searched on Ancestry.com. and Findmypast for military and other records.

A medal card for W H Owens was found. He served with the East Kent Regiment G29276.

Nothing further was found for him.

WW1 Daily Reports: Missing, Dead, Wounded & POW's 1914 – 1919

War Office Daily List No 5327 – 2 August 1917.

Entitled to wear a 'wound stripe' as authorised under Army Order 404 of the 67/16.

Driver 830745 Wounded. Next of Kin Redditch. Royal Field Artillery.

Archive Reference NLS 1917_WList 01.

1901 census 6 Britten Street, Redditch

Henry Owen	W	41	Public police constable	b Redditch
Constance E Owen		14		b Leigh Sinton
William H Owen		11		b Leigh Sinton
Hilda Owen		9		b Leigh Sinton
Harrie Owen		5		b Leigh Sinton
Robert Owen		3		b Redditch

1911 census 22 St Peter's Grove, Canterbury - A boarder with Levi Amos

Levi David Amos	M	30	Bricklayer	
William Henry Owen	U	22	Butcher	b Leigh Sinton

1921 census 103 Birchfield Road, Redditch

Henry Owen, 62, timekeeper at Spring factory.

Eliza Owen, 59. Home duties.

William Henry Owen, 31. Single. Motor filer at Enfield factory.

This William Henry Owen probably was injured and discharged from the army as above.

No link to Sutton Coldfield was found.

HENRY GORDON PARKES

Henry Gordon Parkes was born in 1884 at Handsworth. At the outbreak of war, he enlisted in London with the King Edwards Horse - Lance Corporal 382, and then received a commission with the Worcestershire Regiment 4th and 6th Battalions – Second Lieutenant

He was killed in action on 4 June 1915 (Achi Baba Third Battle of Krithia, Gallipoli), aged 30.

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Helles Memorial Panels 104 -113.

“British casualties amounted to 4000 on 4 June 1915.” (GCS)

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

Lance Corporal 384. King Edwards Horse.

NA Url/details/r/D4519363 WO 372/15/120239

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register – 6th Battalion att 4th Battalion

“Son of Mr W E Parkes, MD, JP, 89 Corporation Street.”

Findagrave Memorial ID 56017747 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 6 August 2010

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/165, page 234, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/165, page 36

He entered the war at Gallipoli and was commissioned to the Worcester Regiment on 2 February 1915.

Name	Rank	Regt	Service No
PARKES	Lt	Worce R	384
Henry Gordon			
Medal	Roll	Page	Date
VICTORY	OFF/165	234	Dec 4 1915
BRITISH	OFF/165	36	Nov 7 1915
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
Gallipoli			
NW/7/16505			
K. 1300			

Correspondence
Letter
Address
W E Parkes Esq MD
Highampton
Somerville Road
Sutton Coldfield
2/ 89 Corporation St
B'ham

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Henry Gordon Parkes is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

“Henry Gordon Parkes was the eldest son of Dr and Mrs Parkes of Somerville Road.

He was a native of Birmingham and his parents had resided in Sutton Coldfield for seven years.

He was educated at Beckhampton College and Colwyn Bay.

He was a keen footballer and big game hunter whilst in Africa and many of his trophies of his shooting were displayed in his parent's house.

He was in South Africa for three years serving as a trooper in the Rhodesian Mounted Police and took part in quelling the Zulu insurrection. He then spent two years in Vancouver, British Columbia Canada.

At the outbreak of war he was in London and at once joined the King Edwards Horse. He then received a commission in the Worcester Regiment.

He served in Flanders twice and was on the first day of home leave when he was ordered to the Dardanelles.

He was lost in the Battle for Achi Baba. He did not respond to roll call afterwards on 11th June.

His parents received a telegram stating he was missing and this week another stating that he was killed."

Sutton Coldfield News 19.4.1915

Henry Gordon Parkes was the son of William Edmund and Mary Parkes of "Highcroft", Somerville Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Parkes was a General Practitioner of Medicine and Justice of the Peace and had a surgery at 89 Corporation Street, Birmingham.

Birth

The birth of Henry Gordon Parkes was registered December 1884 West Bromwich 6b 753

1891 census 117 Soho Hill, Handsworth

William E Parkes	M	42	MD.	b Birmingham
Mary C Parkes	M	31		b London
Henry G Parkes		6		b Handsworth
Oscar Parkes		5		b Handsworth
Malcolm Parkes		3		b Handsworth

1901 census Hamstead Hall Road, Handsworth

William E Parkes	M	52	Doctor of Medicine	b Birmingham
Mary C Parkes	M	41		b London
Henry G Parkes		16		b Handsworth
Stella Parkes		10		b Handsworth
Plus 3 servants.				

1911 census "Highcroft", Somerville Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Edmund Parkes	M	62	Doctor of Medicine	b Birmingham
Mary Constance Parkes	M	51	Married 27 years – 5 children 2 died	b London
Henry Gordon Parkes	U	26	Manager to jewellery manufacturer	b Handsworth
Oscar Parkes	U	25	Medical Student	b Handsworth
Stella Constance Parkes	U	20		b Handsworth
Fanny Aston	U	38	Cook	b West Bromwich
Alice Grimes		14	General servant	b Birmingham

1921 census 196 Bristol Road, Edgbaston - William Henry Dashwood-Caple, 55, civil servant household.

William E Parkes, 72. Doctor of Medicine. Visitor.

Mary C Parkes, 62. Visitor.

Deaths

The death of Mary C Parkes was registered December 1922 Kings Norton 6d 119, aged 63.

The death of William Edmund Parkes was registered March 1939 Birmingham 6d 5, aged 90.

ERNEST GEORGE PARROTT (also known as George Ernest)

Ernest Parrott was born in 1888 at Smethwick. Prior to the 1911 census, he had enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Horse Artillery as a driver, but his service record was not found. He served with the Royal Horse Artillery and was attached to the 3rd Base Remount Depot, Royal Army Service Corps – Driver 38395

He died on 1 July 1918, aged 30, from Bronchitis at the 5 Stationary Hospital, Dieppe.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Army Service Corps Diaries

“G E Parrott. Aged 30, died 1 July 1918. 5th Brigade Army Service Corps attd 3rd Base Remount Depot”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Janval Cemetery, Dieppe, Plot I.N.5.



Photo by Mr Bob

“Driver 5th Brigade RHA attd 3rd Base Remount Depot, Army Service Corps. Died from bronchitis.

Son of Mr & Mrs Parrott of 388 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield, and husband of Elizabeth of 12 Mees Buildings, Boldmere.”

Findagrave Memorial ID 56794580 Uploaded by Coleman on 8 August 2010

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RHA/102B, page 365, and the 1914 Star Medal 14 RHA/157, page 32. He entered France on 5 October 1914.

Campaign		(A) Where decoration was earned.		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	Page
(A) PARROTT	RHA	DR	38395	VICTORY	RHA/102B 365
(B) Ernest	"	"	"	BRITISH	14 RHA/157 32
Action taken					
THEATRE OF WAR.					
QUALIFYING DATE. 5. 10. 14					

(6 24 46) W234-HP5590 500,000 4/19 HWY(P240) K608

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

714774	58393	Parrott	R. H. A.	1.7.18	London	16	5	3	5	10	8	22.10.18	22.10.18	And Elizabeth	5	10	8
		General	Base	5 Sta	No 1				11	1	2	27.11.18	27.11.18	Wid. Elizabeth	11	1	2
		Details	Accr.	7.18								5.12.19	5.12.19	Wid. Elizabeth	22	10	-
		Par	Dieppe	8.18													
		38395															

A. F. W. 5070 SENT
DATE 22 JUL 1919

WAR GRATUITY.
1918 20-9-19
Paid From 1918 20-9-19
22-10-18

His widow was sent £5 10 s 8 d and £11 1 s 2 d effects plus £22 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 713501-715000 Ref 427

National Army Museum

Name	Parrott Ernest	Regimental No.	58393	Case No.	383
Regiment	5. Bde R. H. A	Rank	Dr.		
Form 104-88 received	19.7.18	Date of notification of death	8.7.18	Form 104-76 received	19.8.18
Date and cause of death	1.7.18. Bronchitis whilst on Active Service				
Widow	Elizabeth	12. Meco. Bldgs	Date of birth	12.5.92.	
Children:-	Boldmere Rd: Wyde Green B'ham				
Name	Ernest Joseph	Date of birth	19.4.14	Date of expiry	19.4.30
Pension	20/5	a week from	13.1.19		
Date awarded	4.1.19.	If refused, reason			
Papers					

(9 38 108) W30343-568 25,000 9/17 HWV(P1458) G15/251

His widow was born on 12 May 1892. Her son Ernest Joseph was born on 19 April 1914.

She was paid a £6 grant and awarded a weekly pension of 20 shillings 5 pence a week.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 147/07171/Par-Par Fold 3

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wyld Green Great War Commemoration

"George Parrott was the eldest son of Ernest Joseph Parrott, a successful painter and decorator, and Sarah Ann Parrott, who lived at the Erdington end of Boldmere Road.

Born in 1888 in Harborne. George joined the Royal Horse Artillery as a Driver sometime before 1911.

'Driver' does not have the obvious meaning – a driver was a soldier who looked after the horses on which much of the army relied, for pulling guns, moving equipment etc.

George married Elizabeth Nash in 1913, and their son Ernest was born in early 1914.

George's war record has not survived. George died of bronchitis, on the 1st of July 1918, at No. 5 Stationary Hospital, Dieppe, and is buried in Janval Cemetery, Dieppe."

Thomas Henry Parrott Private 16802 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Thomas Parrott, George's brother, worked as a decorator before joining the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 11th December 1915.

Posted to the Indian Expeditionary Force, Thomas served in India and Mesopotamia from 1916 to 1919.

Thomas had several periods of illness. He was treated for 'general ICT' – a term for suppurating skin diseases; for boils; for colitis; and for amoebic dysentery.

George was invalided to the India Base Depot for seven months in 1917, having served for six months in Mesopotamia. He was sent back to Mesopotamia at the beginning of 1919, where he contracted malaria. (At any one time, malaria immobilised one quarter of the British troops in Mesopotamia).

Despite all this, Thomas, on discharge from the army, was found to have zero degree of disablement, and lived until 1957, working as a master painter and decorator.

Thomas's army record also shows that he was given extra parades for being 'improperly dressed', and two days 'confinement to barracks' for being late on parade. More seriously, he underwent 10 days' Field Punishment Number 1, after 'breaking ranks without permission'. This meant being tied at wrists and ankles to a fixed object, such as a field gun, for two hours a day."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

"Ernest Parrott was married with one child.

Prior to enlistment was a painter. He had previously served 6 years in the army."

Sutton Coldfield News 17.8.1918

Ernest Parrott was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs E J Parrott of 388 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the husband of Elizabeth Parrott of 12 Mees Building, Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of George Ernest Parrot was registered March 1888 Kings Norton 6c 460

George Ernest Parrott was born on 20 January 1888 at Smethwick. Son of Ernest and Sarah Ann.

England Selects Births 1538 – 1975 Family History Library 6085673 Ref yr 1881 – 1891 p 63

1891 census 22 Halford Lane, Harborne

Ernest J Parrott	M	25	Painter at carriage works	b Oldbury
Sarah A Parrott	M	27		b West Bromwich
George E Parrott		3		b Smethwick
Thomas H Parrott		1		b Smethwick

1901 census 69 Oxford Road, Smethwick

Ernest J Parrott	M	35	House painter	b Oldbury
Sarah A Parrott	M	37	General shopkeeper	b West Bromwich
George R Parrott		13	French polisher	b Smethwick
Thomas H Parrott		11		b Smethwick
Alfred Parrott		8 months old		b Smethwick

1911 census 4 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Ernest Joseph Parrott	M	45	Painter & decorator, shop/employer	b Oldbury, Staffs
Sarah Ann Parrott	M	47	Married 24 years, 6 children 3 died	b West Bromwich
George Ernest Parrott	U	23	Driver - Royal Horse Artillery	b Smethwick
Thomas Henry Parrott	U	21	Printer	b Smethwick
Alfred Parrott		10		b Smethwick

Marriage

The marriage between Ernest Parrott and Elizabeth Nash was registered September 1913 Tamworth 6b 884

Birth

The birth of Ernest J Parrott was registered June 1914 Tamworth 6b 934

Probate

PARROTT Ernest George of Mees Building Boldmore-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 1 July 1918 at 5 Stationary Hospital Dieppe France Administration **Birmingham** 6 February to Elizabeth Gilbert (wife of George Gilbert) and Alfred Parrott assistant sales manager. Effects £50.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census 12 Mees Buildings, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield

George Gilbert, 36. Domestic groom, out of work. Born in Birmingham.

Elizabeth Gilbert, 29. Home duties.

George Gilbert, 0, born in Sutton Coldfield.

Ernest Parrott, 7. Father dead.

Marriage

The marriage between Elizabeth Parrott and George Gilbert was registered September 1920 Tamworth 6b 1272

1921 census Belle View, Station Road, Deganwy, Llanrhos, near Llandudno

In the household of Phillip Melley, 44. Chauffeur.

Ernest Joseph Parrott, 56. Painter, employer. Visitor.

Sarah Ann Parrott, 57. Home duties. Visitor.

Deaths

The death of Ernest J Parrott was registered December 1928 Tamworth 6b 431, aged 63.

The death of Sarah Ann Parrott was registered September 1936 Sutton Coldfield 6d 507, aged 70.

SEPTIMUS ERIC PARSONS

Septimus Eric Parsons was born on 1 May 1892 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the City Battalion 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Birmingham on 9 September 1914 as Private 460. He was commissioned on 21 September 1914 – Second Lieutenant and then Captain with the 8th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

He was killed in action 14 April 1918, aged 26.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Register Diaries

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4536136 WO 372/2/137011

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Parents of 120 Colmore Row, Birmingham

He was buried at the St Venant Robecq British Cemetery, France, Plot I.E.23.

“Son of George and Jane Parsons of 120 Colmore Row, Birmingham.”

He is commemorated on the family gravestone in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery.



Septimus, Margaret and Bertram Parsons during WW1.

Images by Hockleylass

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals - Captain OFF/19C. His army number had been Private 460.

Name	Rank	Regt	Regt No.
PARSONS Septimus Eric	1st Lt. R. War. R. F.	Capt. 19C	460.
Medal	Roll	Page	
R. War. R. F.	OFF 150	190	
BEAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
14.8.22			

Doc. d. 44/4/18
VX 4417. 31.5.22. NW/7/18201
NW/7/18201 K. 1880

Correspondence
Address
G. C. T. Parsons Esq. The Moorings Tudor Hill Sutton Coldfield Warwickshire

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Emmanuel Wyld Green Great War Commemoration

"Septimus Eric Parsons was the seventh son and tenth child of George Parsons, Chartered Accountant, and Jane Pattison. The family lived at various addresses in Sutton Coldfield, including 'Highfields' in Lichfield Road, 'Marchmount' in Wyld Green, and 'The Moorings' in Tudor Hill.

George Parsons was very successful, having his own accountancy firm based at 120, Colmore Row, Birmingham. The family employed their own servants. In 1911, at Marchmount, there were three servants – the house had thirteen rooms.

Born in Sutton Coldfield on 1st May 1892, Septimus attended Newhall College, and then Bishop Vesey's School from 1902 to 1906. Septimus then went to Mill Hill School in London, where he was a Monitor and 'a prominent member of the XI'.

Septimus's cricket record is also recorded at the Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club, along with that of his brother James. Septimus was in the First XI in 1913, and about this time he was working on his accountancy examinations, which he passed, and joined his father's accountancy practice.

War intervened, and on 9th September 1914, Septimus joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 460. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on 21st September 1914.

2nd Lieutenant Parsons was wounded in the right foot on 5th July 1915 but was back at the Front by 24th August. Promoted to 1st Lieutenant and then Captain, Septimus was severely gassed in 1917 but again returned to the trenches at the beginning of 1918.

On, 14th April 1918, Captain Parsons was sitting in a farmhouse near Les Amusoires (just north of Robecq) when an enemy shell struck the house, killing him, and '2nd Lt. Winterbottom and 3 other ranks'.

Also on that day, among many casualties, Septimus's brother Second Lieutenant Bertram Kent Parsons of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment was posted as 'missing in action'. Bertram was later found to have been captured. He was repatriated on the 2nd of December 1918.

Bertram was 'exonerated' of any fault on his part for his capture – this was necessary before he could be awarded any medals.

Bertram Parsons went on to serve as a Squadron Leader in the Auxiliary Air Force Balloon Branch in WW2.

Captain Septimus Eric Parsons is buried in the St. Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery. He left effects of £123 18s 3d. Like all those who served, he was awarded the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Septimus is also commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Congregational Church Roll of Honour."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Septimus Parsons (as E Parsons) is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Roll of Honour.

Imperial War Museum WW1(WMR 38680)

"He was educated at Newhall College, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and Mill Hill School London.

Prior to the war he had passed his exams and intended to be a chartered accountant in his father's firm of Sharp, Parsons & Co, 120 Colmore Row, Birmingham.

He joined the City Battalion as a Private then 2nd Lieutenant in September 1914. On him going to the front he was promoted to Lieutenant and then Gazetted to Captain in June 1917.

He was severely gassed in 1917 and returned to the front in January 1918.

According to a letter from his Colonel he was sitting in a farmhouse about mid - day on the 14th when an enemy shell struck the house and killed him."

Sutton Coldfield News 27.4.1918

Septimus Eric Parsons was the youngest of seven sons of Mr and Mrs G C T Parsons of "The Moorings", Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Septimius E Parsons was registered June 1892 Aston 6d 450

1901 census "Highfields", Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

George Parsons	M	51	Chartered accountant – employer	b Brierley Hill
Jane Parsons	M	48		b Birmingham
Margaret J Parsons	U	26	Art student	b Birmingham
Edward Parsons	U	24	Accounts clerk	b Birmingham
Hilda Parsons	U	23		b Birmingham
James Parsons	U	20		b Birmingham
Frederick Parsons		15		b Sutton Coldfield
Rowland Parsons		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Rose Parsons		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Bertram Parsons		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Septimus Parsons		8		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Marchmount", Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

George C T Parsons	M	61	Chartered accountant – employer	b Brierley Hill
Roland Parsons	U	23	Photography assistant – studio	b Wylde Green
Rose Parsons	U	21		b Wylde Green
Bertram Kent Parsons	U	10	Insurance clerk broker	b Wylde Green
Septimus E Parsons	U	18	Student	b Wylde Green
Bertha Dijon	U	34	Cook	b Turley Gloucs
Ethel Tucker	U	26	Parlour maid	b Kingsbridge, Devon
Blanche Jackson		16	House maid	b Aston

In 1911, Jane and her daughter Margaret were on holiday at 10 Neville Crescent, Llandudno.

Probate

PARSONS Septimus Eric of The Moorings Tudor Hill Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** a captain in H.M. Army died 14 April 1918 in action in France Administration **Birmingham** 4 September to George Collison Tuting Parsons chartered accountant. Effects £123 18s. 3d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census

George and Jane were not found on this census

Deaths

The death of Jame Parsons was registered December 1920 Tamworth 6b 435, aged 68.

The death of George C T Parsons was registered March 1929 Tamworth 6b 748, aged 79.

Bertram Kent Parsons

Bertram Kent Parsons was a Second Lieutenant and then Captain with the 216th Royal Warwickshire Regiment and later with the 8th Battalion RWR.

He went to France on 22 May 1916.

He went missing on the Western Front on 14 April 1918 and was found to be a Prisoner of War.

He was repatriated on 2 December 1918.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/150, page 44c.

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Captain Septimus Eric Parsons
2nd/8th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Sunday 14th April 1918
Aged: 26**



On the Le Bassée Front, the 2nd/7th Royal Warwicks (182 Brigade, 61st Division, XI Corps) were resting to the west of Robecq with one Company manning the support trenches with the 5th Division between Robecq and L'Épinette, northwest of Béthune.

Five German Divisions faced them and there was strenuous fighting all day on 14 April (The Battle of Hazebrouck - The Defence of Hinges Ridge); but the line was held intact.

Captain Parsons was sitting in a farmhouse near les Amusoires (just north of Robecq) about midday when an enemy shell struck the house killing him, 2nd Lt. Winterbottom and 3 other ranks.



Septimus Parsons is buried in the St. Venant-Robecq Road British Cemetery, Robecq: Plot 1, Row E, Grave 23

He lived and died bravely'.

He was commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square.

"Septimus Eric Parson was born on 1st May 1892 and was the son of George Collison Tuting Parsons (Chartered Account of Sharp, Parsons & Company, 120 Colmore Row, Birmingham) and Jane Parsons of Marchmount, Birmingham Road, Wylde Green and later of "The Moorings", Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield.

Septimus attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1902 and 1906.

He was a member of School House, Mill Hill School in London between 1906 and 1910 where he was a Monitor and a prominent member of the XI.

He was later employed as an accountant, presumably in his father's firm.

He enlisted as Private 460 in the 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 9 September 1914 at the age of 22 years and 4 months. Septimus was commissioned on the 21 September 1914.

2nd Lieutenant Parsons was wounded in the right foot on 5 July 1915 but was able to rejoin on 24 August 1915.

Septimus was gazetted Lieutenant on 12 May 1916 (with precedence from 19 August 1915) and Captain on 5th July 1917 (with precedence from 1st June 1916).

He was severely gassed in 1917, returning to duty in January 1918. The 2nd/8th Warwickshire Regiment was disbanded on 22 February 1918 and amalgamated into the 2nd/7th Warwickshire Regiment.

His brother B K Parsons (also an Old Veseyan) was a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club

It looks like Septimus Parsons was a member of the 1st team in 1913.

He appeared to have been a very good batsman scoring many runs and a useful blower, his name appears in the 'All Time Records' for the Club twice in 1908 and once in 1911.

At this time young players seem to have had limited opportunities in the team due to the more seasoned members.

The records show a J S Parsons who joined in 1905 and played until 1910 then resigning from the club in 1923.

He was a very good player, bowling 8 wickets in an innings in 1907. He lived at Holland House, Upper Holland Road.

This could have been James Parsons seen on the 1901 census but in 1911 he gave his name as James Collison Parsons.

He was 30, from Birmingham and worked as a chartered accountant.

His wife was Helen aged 26.

They Lived at 'Fairholme', Somerville Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Peter Bell, Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club

With thanks

JOHN NELSON PAYNE

John Nelson Payne was born in 1885 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Garrison Artillery Cornwall (De of Cornwall's Own) 118th Siege Battery – Gunner 322888

He was killed in action on 15 August 1917 (France & Flanders).

“On the day he died the temperature was 65 F, it was overcast with rainfall of 7.8mm.” (PDD)

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919

He was buried at The Huts Cemetery, Dickebusch, Ypres, Plot II.C.17.



Photo by International War Graves Photography Project

Findagrave Memorial ID 12579756 Uploaded by LTC Stephen Russell 2 December 2005

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals (TF) RGA/111B, page 1043.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
PAYNE	RGA	Gunner	322888
John N			
Medal.	Roll.	Page	Remarks.
VICTORY	TF/RGA/111B	1047	
BRITISH	16	16	
BRUN			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Gunner Payne died when an enemy aircraft dropped a bomb. He is buried in the Huts Cemetery, Dickebusch, Ypres.

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

John Nelson Payne is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

"At the time he died John N Payne resided at "Kelvin", Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was married.

He was killed by a bomb that was dropped by a hostile aeroplane."

Sutton Coldfield News 1.9.1917

"In loving memory of my dear husband gunner Nelson Payne killed in action 15 August 1917. Gone home to rest where care and trouble cease and Christ's beloved sleep in perfect peace."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 16.8.1919

John Nelson Payne was the son of the late Mark and Jane Payne of Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of John N Payne was registered March 1885 Aston 6d 417

1891 census "Mattlock Villas", Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Mark Payne	M	61	Boot Maker	b Aston
Jane Payne	M	43		b Aston
Emma Jane Payne		15	General servant	b Sutton Coldfield
Agnes Ellen Payne		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Mark Frank Payne		11		b Sutton Coldfield
John Nelson Payne		6		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census "Mattlock Villas", Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Mark Payne	M	70	Boot and Shoe Repairer	b Stourbridge
Jane Payne	M	52		b Aston
Mark F Payne	U	22		b Sutton Coldfield
Nelson Payne		16	Gardener domestic	b Sutton Coldfield
Agnes Payne	U	24		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Highbridge Road, Wylde Green

Jane Payne	W	63	4 children born alive, 4 living	b Aston
John Nelson Payne	U	26	Warehouse Porter	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Mark Payne was registered September 1902 Aston 6d 237, aged 72.

1921 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Jane Payne, 75. Widow. Invalid.

Agnes E Payne, 44, single. Looks after care of children.

1939 Register 42 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield

Agnes E Payne, born 19 September 1876. Daily care of children.

Death

The death of Jane Payne was not found.

Marriage

The marriage between John N D Payne and Lydia J Allsop was registered September 1911 Aston 6d 700

1921 census Kelvin, Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Grice, 41. Married. Financier's manager at 66 Corporation Street.

Lydia Jane Grice. 34. Married. Home duties.

Marguerite Brenda Mary Payne, 4. Father dead.

Florence Tranter, 23. Nurse maid.

Marriage

The marriage between Lydia Payne and John Grice was registered June 1920 Tamworth 6b 1280

WILLIAM EDWARD PEAKE

William Edward Peake was born in 1883 at Aston. He enlisted in Birmingham in July 1917 with the Welsh Guards 1st Battalion, 3rd Company – Private 3210

William E Peake died of wounds on 5 December 1917 (France & Flanders).

He died in a military hospital, most probably at Le Treport (this was an important hospital centre - Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History).

Soldiers Died in the Great War Welsh Guards Diaries P133S109

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of war 1914 – 1919

NA Url.details/r/D4566805 WO 372/15/167680 Welsh Regiment 1899 – 1942

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Mont Huon Military Cemetery, Le Treport, France, Plot V.D.5A.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals WG/105 B3, page 275.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
PEAKE.	W. Gds.	Pte	3210
William. E.			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	WG/105 B3	275	
BRITISH	do	do	
BRAS			

Theatre of War first served in
date of entry therein

R. 1000

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Regiment No.	Regiment No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS				CHARGES				Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised			No. of List in which advertised
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	£	s.	d.						
606561	488164	Peake William Edward	1 st Bn Welsh Guards 3 rd Coy Pte 3210	5.12.17 London	✓	7	1	10	7	1	10	11.0.18	20.3.18	West Midlands	7	1	10	children

A. F. W. 5070 SENT
DATE 15.4.19

W. G. A. UNIT.
Effects 10/10/17
Transfer 6/11/17
Hedge Paper 20/11/17
Serial No. 1724

6.11.19 Wld Mndls B. 4 10 ~ PP

His widow was sent £7 1 s 10 d effects plus £4 10s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 605501-607000 Ref 355

National Army Museum

WED 145

Name Peake William Edward Regimental No. 8210 W.I. Case No. 145

Regiment Welsh Guards Rank P2

Form 104-88 received 21.12.14 Date of notification of death 6.12.17 Form 104-76 received 1.1.18

Date and cause of death 5.12.14. Wounds rec'd in Action

Widow Maude Beatrice Yew Tree Cottages Date of birth 1.4.83

Children:— Driffold Sutton Coldfield B'ham Warwickshire

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<u>Maud Beatrice</u>	<u>13.11.04</u>	<u>13.11.20</u>	<u>29/13.5.18</u>
<u>Edward Wm</u>	<u>6.5.13</u>	<u>6.5.29</u>	
<u>Ivan Richard</u>	<u>28.9.14</u>	<u>28.9.30</u>	

Pension 29/17 a week from 10.6.18

Date awarded 30.5.18 If refused, reason _____

Papers _____

(9 38 108) W90843-568 25,000 9/17 HWV(P1453) G15/251

His widow Maude Beatrice was born on 1 April 1883.

Maud Beatrice was born on 13 November 1904. Edward William was born on 6 May 1913. Ivan Richard was born on 28 September 1914.

A £5 grant was paid and a pension of twenty nine shillings seven pence a week was awarded from 10 June 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 149/0725/Pea-Pea Fold 3

William E Peake is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

William Edward Peake was the son of William and the late Susan Peake and the husband of Maude Beatrice Peake.

Birth

The birth of William Peake was registered June 1883 Aston 6d 390

Baptism on 5 August 1883 at St Saviour, Saltley

To William E and Susan Peake.

Family History Library Index 1545509 item 2 p5

1891 census Court Lane, Erdington

William E Peake	M	39	Wheelwright	b Shifnal
Susan Peake	M	30		b Birmingham
Ada Peake		9		b Aston
William E Peake		8		b Aston
Elizabeth Peake		6		b Stechford
Nellie Peake		4		b Stechford
Albert Peake		2		b Erdington
George F Peake		6 months old		b Erdington

Death

The death of Susan Peake was registered September 1895 Aston 6d 225, aged 35.

1901 census 4 Western Road, Erdington

William E Peake	M	49	Wheelwright	b Shifnal, Salop
Emily Peake	M	30		b Charlecote, Warks
William E Peake	U	18	Coachman	b Aston
Nellie Peake		14		b Stechford
Albert J Peake		12		b Erdington
George A Peake		10		b Erdington
Lilly J Peake		8		b Erdington
Gladys Peake		3		b Aston
Clarence Peake		1		b Aston

Marriage

A marriage between William and Emily was not found.

1911 census "Yew Tree Cottage", Driffold, Maney, Sutton Coldfield

William E Peake	M	29	Carter's salesman	b Aston
Maud B Peake	M	29	Married 7 years - 1 child	b Birmingham
Beatrice M Peake		6	School	b Erdington

Marriage on 3 April 1904 at St Saviour, Saltley

William E Peake, bachelor, 21. 20 Hartopp Road. Brewer. Father William E Peake Wheelwright.
Maude Beatrice Phipps spinster, 21. 20 Hartopp Road. Father James Phipps, Printer.

Birmingham C of Marriages 1754 – 1939 EP 42/2/3/9

The marriage between William Edward Peake and Maud Beatrice Phipps was registered June 1904
Aston 1904 6d 551

William Edward Peak was the grandfather of John Peake.

John confirms that his grandfather lived at "Driffold", Sutton Coldfield and that he was married to Maud Beatrice Phipps.

William and Maud had three children - Beatrice Maud, William and Ivan Richard Peake

Ivan Richard Peake was John's father.

Thanks go to John Peake for sharing this information via Sutton Coldfield History on Facebook.

1921 census Driffold, Sutton Coldfield

Maude B Peake, 38. Widow. Home duties.
Beatrice Peake, 16. Father dead. At home.
Edward Peake, 8. Father dead. School.
Ivan Richard Peake, 6. Father dead. School.

1939 Register 38 Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield

Maude B Peake, born on 1 April 1883. Widow. Domestic duties.
Ivan R Peake, born on 28 September 1914. Builder's Merchant lorry driver.

Death

The death of Maude B Peake was registered December 1970 Sutton Coldfield 9c 2752. Born on 1 April 1883.

ARTHUR EDGAR PERKS

Arthur Edgar Perks was born in 1878 at Bloxwich. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Field Artillery – Private 164213 and transferred to the Yorkshire Regiment 13th Battalion – Lance Corporal 42431

He was killed in action on or after 23 November 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 40.

Soldiers Died in the Great War Yorkshire Hussars

(Alexandra Princess of Wales Own) Diaries P115S122

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Cambrai Memorial, Panel 5.



The panel on the Cambrai Memorial – phot by Marvin & Samme

Findagrave Memorial ID 56029185 Uploaded by Coleman 6 August 2010

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals O/1/101 B 21, page 1896.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PERKS	York R.	Pte	42431
Arthur E.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	O/1/101 B 21	1896	
British			
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

850902	Perks	19/10/17 York 12 7 -	4-5-19/10/17 + Exec. } 12 7 -
	Arthur Edgar	1/10/17 on or about 2/19	Harriet
	Edgar	42431 off pass	
Includes War Grat 6-10 -			

His widow was sent £12 7 s effects plus £ 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 85001-851500 Ref 518

National Army Museum

Name Perks, Arthur Edgar Regimental No. 4243/6 APW/3868
 Regiment Yorkshire (135) Rank 2nd Lt
 Form 104-S8 received 26.3.18 Date of notification of death 18.1.18
 Date and cause of death 23.11.17. Wounded & missing. France.
 Widow Harriet, 111 Goleway Road, Suter, Coldfield Date of birth 1.4.82
 Children :-

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<u>Kathleen Joan</u>	<u>17.4.09</u>	<u>17.4.25</u>	<u>50.7.27.18</u> <u>No. for whom S.A. is paid</u> <u>Sent to A.P.T. Branch.</u> <u>26.11.18.</u>

 Pension 58/- a week from 19.8.18
 Date awarded 16.8.18
 Papers A.P.W. 14290
(P 38 108) W2811-8773 5000 8/16 HWY(P154/2) G15/251
490404-1 15,000 1/17

Harriet was born on 1 April 1882.

Her daughter Kathleen Joan was born on 17 April 1909. A pension of 58 shillings was awarded from 19 August 1918.

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 149/0731/Per-Per

Arthur E Perks is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

"He enlisted in Royal Field Artillery in September 1916 then was transferred to the East Yorkshire Regiment.

He went to France in January 1917. He was wounded in March 1917 and spent three weeks at Base Hospital.

When he recovered, he returned to the front and was reported wounded and missing 23 November 1917.

He was married with one daughter."

Sutton Coldfield News 26.10.1918

Arthur Edgar Perks was the son of George and Julia Perks and the husband of Harriet Perks, formerly Taylor.

Birth

The birth of Arthur Edgar Perks was registered December 1877 Walsall 6b 694

Baptism at All Saints, Bloxwich on 27 March 1878

To George Leadbetter and Julia Perks.

Family History Library 1278869 item 9 p 9

1891 census 19 Holte Road, Aston

George L Perks	M	41	Grocer's assistant	b Stourbridge
Julia Perks	M	40		b Kiddermore Green
Frederick Perks		18		b Featherstone
Arthur E Perks		13		b Bloxwich
William R Perks		12		b Bloxwich
Cyril Perks		6		b Darlaston

1901 census 42 Ettington Road, Aston

George Perks	M	51	Grocery assistant	b Stourbridge
Julia Perks	M	50		b Kiddermore Green
Edgar Perks	U	23	Barrister's clerk	b Bloxwich
William E Perks	U	22	Machine minder	b Bloxwich
Cyril Perks		16	Accounts clerk	b Bloxwich
Frances Perks		7		b Aston

1911 census "Overley", Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Edgar Perks	M	33	Law Clerk	b Bloxwich
Harriet Perks	M	31	Married 8 years – 1 child	b Bromsgrove
Joan Kathleen Perks		2		b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage on 21 March 1903 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston

Arthur Edgar Perks 22, bachelor and barrister at law of 45 Ettington Road, Aston.
His father was George Leadbetter Perks, Grocer.

Harriet Taylor, 20, spinster of Northfield. Her father was William Taylor, veterinary surgeon.

Birmingham C of E Marriages 1754 – 1937 DRO 41 Archive Roll 653

Probate

PERKS Arthur Edgar of 111 Jockey-road Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire barrister's clerk a lance-corporal in the 13th
battalion Yorkshire regiment died on or since 23 November
1917 in France or Belgium Probate **Birmingham** 17
December to Harriet Perks widow. Effects £406 15s. 8d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1918 Electoral Roll

In 1918 Harriet Perks resided at "Overley", 111 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

1921 census Royal Orphanage, Penn Road, Wolverhampton

Joan Kathleen Perks, 12. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Father dead. Inmate.

1921 census

No trace of Harriet was found.

From the Staffordshire Advertiser dated 22 February 1919, a letter had been received from friends to admit Joan Kathleen Perks.

No further information was given.

No further trace, death or marriage, was found for Harriet Perks after the granting of a pension in 1918.

JAMES FRANCIS PERKS

James Francis Perks is not on the Sutton Coldfield War Memorial and was found whilst researching Sidney/Sydney Perks.

James Francis Perks was born in Wylde Green. He enlisted in Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 17th Battalion – Private 36884

He was killed in action on 30 August 1918 (France & Flanders).

He was buried at the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval, Plot XVI. C. 38.

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4602138 WO 372/15/203013

Army Service Record

James Francis Perks joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers at his home in Sutton Coldfield on 20 November 1915. He stated he was single and lived at 3 Ryland Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was aged 31 years and worked as a labourer. He was 5' 6 ½" tall, weighed 128 pounds and his chest measured 37 ½".

He was sent to Wrexham the next day for training and then to France on 8 December 1916. He was sent on 23 December 1916 to the 2nd Army Musketry School and then was posted to the field on 24 July 1917.

He was gassed and shelled on 24 July 1917, again on 3 August 1917, and on 10 August 1917, he was sent to Boulogne and Gravesend England via the 23rd General Hospital.

He had furlough between 20 October 1917 and 29 October 1917.

He was sent back to France (Rouen) and during the period 5 January 1918 and 10 January 1918 was absent without leave and forfeited 6 days' pay.

He was injured again and was in hospital on 10 May 1918. He was then killed in action in the field on 30 August 1918.

Letters

There are several documents and letters regarding his next of kin and belongings.

His next of kin was officially taken as Randal Perks of 'Lileard Villas', Wylde Green and his siblings Harry Perks of Holland Street and sisters Annie and Nellie Perks.

His unofficial next of kin – not apparently accepted by the army – was Louisa Perks, the unmarried wife of J F Perks of "Stonehouse", Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield. This card was annotated as such on 30 January 1920.

His scroll and plaque were sent to Mrs L Perks of 3 Ryland Road, Sutton Coldfield as were his effects which comprised of a purse, pipe, watch, chain, disc, pouch, photos, letters, cards and his death certificate. These were sent from Shrewsbury on 21 April 1920.

Louisa Perks wrote a letter to the army after they had rejected her 'marital status' and were returning her child's birth certificate.

"I wish to state that when he joined up, we were living as man and wife, and I have one little girl by the soldier at home at the present time.

As the officer that (sic) came when my husband joined up already knows, I have no marriage lines to show. If you would be so kind as to ask him.

She will be 7 years of age on 4 October as you will already see by the birth certificate and when my husband joined up the officer came to my house and took full particulars of our lives which was perfectly satisfactory to the army authorities and of course I have been in receipt of my husband's pay ever since and as I do not quite know how I should get on with this matter perhaps you would be kind enough to inform me what to do in my dreadful trouble.

Mr Perks and I have been together about ten years or perhaps more. I cannot first say but I have always passed as his wife and everyone in the Seaforth Highlanders and the Warwicks know.

I am only claiming pay off one of my sons Francis William. Mr Perks was due on leave the end of this month, when matters would have been settled up between us, but he as (sic) got killed a few weeks in front of his leave.

P.S. Sir may I beg to inform you that I have two sons in the army at the present time one in action and one wounded three times and is on his way to France again this week – Francis W Oldfield and Frederick Oldfield”

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals J/2/102 B15, page 4797.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PERKS	RWFus	Plt	36884
James F.			
Name	Rank	Page	Remarks
Victory	J/2/102 B15	4797	
British	6.		
Sea			
Theatre of War distinguished in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

781090	05/02/04/11	Perks James Francis	14-01-18-30-8-18 18-18 18-18	Shrewsbury 10-18 18-18	✓ 18 16 5 ✓ 13 - - 32 - 6	15-4-20 23-6-20 15-4-20	Invested (unmarried wife) (unmarried wife)	15 10 4 15 10 4 13 - -	£15 10 - PURCHASE OF 20 15/6 N. 11 PEGS 5/14500 DATE 24-6-20	£15 10 - PURCHASE OF 20 15/6 N. 11 PEGS 5/14500 DATE 24-6-20	Soldier's father bonied his claim informing of unmarried wife to child.
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Soldier's father gave his claim to the unmarried wife. Louisa was sent £3 4 d, £15 10 s and £15 10 s plus £13 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' effects 781001-782500 Forces War Records

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS.
3 Biland Rd Sutton Coldfield Birmingham
21 APR 1928

CLAIMANT.	M.P.W. 5.
Surname PERKS.	Registered No. 73075
Christian Name Louisa	
Man's Name PERKS James Francis	
Regimental } No. 36884	Rank } Plt
Official } Rating	
Regiment } A Welch Fus.	Relationship } unmarried
Ship }	to Man } wife

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 056/0340/Per-Pet Forces War Records

DCM 3810

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		D.1
Name <i>Perks James Francis</i>	Regimental No. <i>36884</i>	Case No. <i>224/P</i>
Regiment or Ship <i>16th Royal Welch Fus</i>	Rank <i>Private</i>	
Documents received from Paymaster <i>9-1-19</i>		<i>11/0/43645</i>
Date and cause of death <i>30-8-18 Killed in action France</i>		
Dependant <i>M^{rs} Louisa Perks</i>		
Address <i>3 Reglana, Mr Sutton Cottages, Birmingham</i>		
Relationship <i>Emmanoria wife</i>		
Pension <i>6/8+10/-</i>	a week from <i>Art. 18(2) Art. 20</i>	<i>Art. 21</i>
Date awarded <i>2.9.2.19</i>	If refused	
Papers	reason	

FD 406 1814/875 50m (72) 9/18 J.P. Op. 129
FD 408 4113/1043 100m (72) 5/18

Louisa Perks, unmarried wife, was awarded 6 shillings eight pence plus ten shillings a week from 29 February 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914- 1923 Forces War Records

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"In September 1918, the army wrote to Lousia Perks, the unmarried wife of James Francis Perks, rejecting her claim to be treated as his next-of-kin and for a widow's pension. In a heart-wrenching, anguished reply, Louisa wrote:

"I wish to state that when he joined up, we were living as man and wife, and I have one little girl by the soldier at home at the present time. She will be 7 years of age on 4 October as you will already see by the birth certificate and when my husband joined up the officer came to my house and took full particulars of our lives which was perfectly satisfactory to the Army Authorities and of course I have been in receipt of my husband's pay ever since and as I do not quite know how I should get on with this matter perhaps you would be kind enough to inform me what to do in my dreadful trouble. Mr Perks and I have been together about ten years or perhaps more. I cannot first say but I have always passed as his wife and everyone in Sutton respect me as Mrs Perks wife hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

I am yours truly Mrs J Perks

P.S. As the officer that came when my husband joined up already knows, I have no marriage lines to show. If you would be so kind as to ask him.

P.S. Sir may I beg to inform you that I have two sons in the army at the present time one in action and one wounded three times and is on his way to France again this week – Francis W Oldfield and Frederick Oldfield one in the Seaforth Highlanders and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

I am only claiming pay off one of my sons Francis William. Mr Perks was due on leave the end of this month when matters would have been settled up between us, but he has got killed a few weeks in front of his leave."

James Francis Perks was born in Wylde Green in 1884, the son of Randle Perks, a domestic gardener, and Caroline Stanyard, who had worked as a servant to a farming family in Perry Lane. The family lived in Boldmere and then in Highbridge Road, at 1, Lilcar Villas. There were nine children altogether, but only four survived infancies.

James was a labourer. His mother died in 1908, and James went to board with a widow, Louisa Oldfield, and her three sons – Francis, Frederick and Joseph, in Riland Road. James worked as a carriage cleaner for LNWR, who ran the Aston to Lichfield section of what is now the cross-city line. Louisa, widowed in 1908, had been married to a quantity surveyor, who worked from home. After his death, she worked as a daily cleaner to keep her family.

Louisa was older than James – in 1911 she was 39, James 26, and the eldest boy Frederick, who worked as a golf caddy, was 15. James and Louisa lived together as man and wife. (Perhaps interestingly, there is no record of a first marriage by Louisa either). Lillian Lydia Perks, the daughter of James and Louisa, was born in 1911.

James Perks joined the Royal Welch Fusiliers at Wrexham on the 17th of November 1915. He was by then aged 31, C of E, 5' 6½" tall with a 37½" chest, and weighed 128 lbs (9 st 2 lbs). He first went to France with the 3rd Battalion on 8th December 1916.

Private Perks was severely gassed at the beginning of August 1917. He was evacuated to England, and spent a total of 74 days in hospital, including at Ingress Abbey in Gravesend. After leaving hospital, he was granted nine days' leave. James was passed fit for service, and was in England until 30th January 1918, when he was sent back to France. Before then he had gone AWOL for 6 days, and forfeited six days' pay. He was transferred to the 19th Battalion on 4th February, and then to the 17th Battalion two days later.

Private 36884 James Perks was killed in action on 30th August 1918. In the language of the army, he became ineffective because of his death. He is buried in the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery, Longueval.

It is not clear what happened about the pension. However, the army paid Louisa for James' outstanding pay and effects. The record notes that James' father Randle (by then a jobbing gardener) waived his claim in favour of the unmarried wife and child. Effects amounted to £18 16s 5d. A War Gratuity of £16 0s 4d was invested in government bonds on behalf of daughter Lillian, and Louisa received a further £13. The army also returned James' belongings on 21st April 1920, scrupulously listed:
1 pipe, 1 leather purse, 1 watch, 1 disc, 1 pouch, 1 chain, Letters, Photos, Cards, Birth Certificate.

A polite letter from Louisa acknowledging receipt of the items ends the army file.

James' stepson **Frederick Bertram Oldfield** served as Private 8174 in the Seaforth Highlanders, and had already been in France for several months before James was posted there. He survived the war and lived until 1948 in Sutton.

The other stepson who fought was **Francis William Oldfield**, who enlisted in the 10th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 13th December 1916 as Private 38687. As noted, he was wounded more than once. Francis survived the war, ending as a Sergeant, and was awarded the Silver War Badge for wounds. He lived until 1974."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

James Francis Perks was the son of Randal/Randall/Randle Perks and the late Caroline Perks. He was the 'unmarried husband' of Mrs Louisa Oldfield.

Birth

The birth of James Francis Perks was registered December 1884 Aston 6d 434

1901 census "Hollyhurst", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Randall Perks	M	48	Gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
Caroline Perks	M	49		b Short Heath
Henry Perks	U	25	Labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Annie Perks	U	19		b Sutton Coldfield
James Perks		16	Labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Ellen Perks		12		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 3 Ryland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Mrs L Oldfield	W	39	Char woman	b Birmingham
Frederick B Oldfield		15	Golf caddy	b Hockley
Francis W Oldfield		12		b Handsworth
Joseph C Oldfield		9		b Hopwas
James Francis Perks	U	26	Boarder Carriage cleaner – railway	b Wyld Green

1911 census "Lileard Villas", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Randall Perks	W	58	Jobbing gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
Annie Perks	U	28	Daughter	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Caroline Perks was registered March 1908 Aston 6d 308, aged 55.

1921 census 271 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Randle Perks, 68. Widow. Agricultural labourer at Potters Farm.
William R Stringer, 40, son in law, Agricultural Labourer at Potters Farm.
Mary Stringer, 33. Married, daughter. Home duties.

Death

The death of Randall Perks was registered December 1935 Sutton Coldfield 6d 647, aged 82.

1921 census 3 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Louisa Perks, 49, widow. Home duties.
Frederick Oldfield, 25. General labourer at vinegar works at Aston.
Joseph Oldfield, 19. Private.
Lydia Perks, 9. Father dead. At school.

1939 Register

Louisa and Lydia were not found.

Death

The death of Louisa Perks was registered March 1939 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1170, aged 77.

SIDNEY/ SYDNEY PERKS

It appears that this man could be Sidney or Sydney Perks who enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/6th Battalion – Private/ Drummer 242925.

Sidney Perks was killed in action on 17 August 1917 (France & Flanders).

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panels 23-28 and 163A.

“Sidney Perks, born in 1895, aged 22. Born and lived in Birmingham. Died on 17 August 1917.

Son of the late Elizabeth Perks.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Soldiers died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Sidney Perks resided at Boot Hill, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield at the time of his death.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B26, page 5480.

Name		Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PERKS		R.War.R.	Pte	242925
Given Name				
Sydney				
Vicinity	Serial	Page	Remarks	
	L/104 B26	5480		
Duration	- 06	06		
Start				
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry theatre				

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

It appears that Sidney Perks was the son of Elizabeth or Lizzie Perks, who had died before Sidney was killed in the war.

There was a baptism for Sydney Perks at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield.

Sydney Perks was baptised on 3 April 1898 His mother was Lizzie Perks, and no father was listed.

Lizzie Perks resided at Coleshill Street.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Eng/09000/92 DR(B) 52/1

It seems that Lizzie Perks did not have much luck in marriage or longevity.

This appears to be the correct family

1901 census Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Perks	M	72	Agricultural labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Dorothy Perks	M	65		b Sutton Coldfield
Edith Perks	U	27		b Sutton Coldfield
Sidney Perks		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Lizzie Wilkins	W	28		b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas Wilkins		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Matthews	M	58	Basket maker, employer	b Sutton Coldfield
Jane Matthews	M	51		b Sutton Coldfield
Sidney Perks		15	Nephew Basket maker	b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas Higgs	U	23	Nephew Milk dealer	b Sutton Coldfield
Harold Higgs		17	Nephew Milk dealer	b Sutton Coldfield

Birth

A birth registration was not found for Sidney/Sydney Perks or Wilkins between 1895 and 1899 in the Aston registration area.

A birth for Sidney Perks was registered September 1896 Kings Norton 6c 432.

Lizzie/Elizabeth Perks

Marriage

The marriage between Lizzie Perks and Thomas Wilkins was registered September 1898 Aston 6d 651

Marriage on 27 August 1898 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Wilkins was 32 and a bachelor of Sutton Coldfield. He was a labourer. His father was Leonard Wilkins, a labourer.

Lizzie Perks was 26 and a spinster of Sutton Coldfield. Her father was Thomas Perks, a labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Marriages

Death

The death of Thomas Wilkins was registered December 1898 Aston 6d 260, aged 32.

Probate

WILKINS Thomas of 3 New-cottages Coleshill-street Sutton Coldfield Warwickshire labourer died 27 September 1898 at the Wheatmoor-brick-works Sutton Coldfield Administration **Birmingham** 13 March to Lizzie Wilkins widow Effects £5.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Marriage

The marriage between Lizzie Wilkins and John Goode was registered December 1908 Aston 6d 624

Probate

GOODE John of Boot Hill Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** farmer died 19 July 1914 Administration **Birmingham** 5 August to Lizzie Goode widow. Effects £116 os. 5d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Death

The death of John Goode was registered September 1914 Tamworth 6b 496, aged 70.

Death

The death of Lizzie Goode was registered December 1914 Tamworth 6b 489, aged 42.

DENNIS VICTOR PERRETT

Dennis Victor Perrett was born in 1900 at Erdington. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Army Medical Corps 99th Field Ambulance – Private 66271

He died on 1 April 1916, aged 16. When he enlisted, the army had accepted his age as 19 years 7 months in 1915.

He died from appendicitis at the No 20 Service Hospital, 99th Field Ambulance at Camiels, France.

Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Army Medical Corps Diaries

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

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CEMETERY Fr.40 ETAPLES PART V U.K. GRAVES MANNS to SEMPLE

PERRETT, Pte. Dennis Victor, 66271. 99th
Field Amb. Royal Army Medical Corps. 1st
April, 1916. Age 16. Son of Edwin S. and
Edith E. Perrett, of Boldmere Rd., Erdington,
Birmingham. VI. E. 8.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves 1914 - 1921

He was buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery, Plot VI. E. 8.



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Army Service Record

Dennis V Perrett of "The Mayples" (sic) enlisted on 16 August 1915 at Birmingham. He stated he was aged 19 years and 7 months. He was single. He worked as a clerk.

He was posted on 23 August 1915 and sent to Salisbury on 27 August 1915. His pay was increased to 5th Rate Corps pay on 5 November 1915.

He was charged with not complying with an order and insolence on 19 February 1916 and served 14 days. He was sent back into the field on 17 March 1916.

He died from appendicitis at 7.15 am on 1 April 1916 at No. 20 General Hospital at Camiels.

It was noted that his parents were due to visit him the next day. His medals scroll and plaque plus personal effects were sent to his mother.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RAMC/101/B15, page 1093.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
PERRETT.	RATT C.	Plt	6627
Dennis V.			
Model.	Boll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	RATC 10/815	1093	
BARRON			
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Theatre of War first served in Date of entry theatre			

265011	Perrell Leino Victor	R. J. M. b. Pte 66271	1. 4. 16 Camiers Camiers	4/16	3	2	2	3	2	2	m. o. 7/16	30-6-16	Pro: Sold. Legated	3	2	2	
												Edith Emily	8-9-19	Pro: sold. Leg.	3	-	-
												Edith E.					96.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 265001-266500 Forces War Records

Graham Jennings

He is also commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial that was in Sutton Park .

He was commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour.

Dennis Victor Perrett was the son of Edwin and Edith Perrett of “The Maples”, 27 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Dennis V Perrett was registered March 1900 Aston 6d 405.

Baptism at St Barnabas Church, Erdington on 4 March 1900

His parents were Edwin and Edith of Station Road, Erdington. Edwin Perrett worked as a traveller.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 7514 Archive Roll reel 5

1901 census 39 Station Road, Erdington

Edwin Perrett	M	31	Commercial Traveller	b Worcester
Edith Perrett	M	29		b Cradley
Violet Perrett		3		b Birmingham
Dennis V Perrett		1		b Erdington

1911 census "The Maples", Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edwin Perrett	M	41	Commercial traveller	b Worcester
Edith Perrett	M	39	Married 15 years – 7 children	b Cradley, Hereford
Mary Ann Bullock	W	68	Mother in law – own means	b Ledbury
Elizabeth Bullock	U	44	Sister in law – Milliner	b Cradley, Hereford
Violet Gladys Perrett		13		b Aston
Dennis Victor Perrett		11		b Erdington
Irene Evelyn Perrett		9		b Erdington
Lyle Perrett		7		b Boldmere
Iris Lillian Perrett		5		b Boldmere
Doreen Edith Perrett		3		b Boldmere
Sybil May Perrett		5 months old		b Boldmere
Agnes Hawey	U	24	General servant	b Cannock

1921 census 271 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edith Perrett, 50. Married. Home duties.

Violet Perrett, 23. Shorthand typist. Father alive.

Jane Perrett, 19. Home duties. Father alive.

Lyle Perrett, 17. Learning farming with W Smart, Wheatmoor Farm, Tamworth Road. Father alive.

Iris Perrett, 15. Father alive.

Doreen Perrett, 13. Father alive.

Sybil Perrett, 10. Father alive.

Edwin Perrett was not found in 1921.

1939 Register

None of the family were found.

No further trace of Edwin and Edith was found.

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Dennis Victor Perrett
RAMC 99th Field Ambulance, Private 66271
Died Saturday 1 April 1916 Aged 16**



The 99th Field Ambulance (33rd Division) was commanded by Major T S Dudding.

They arrived in France on 15 November 1915 and during 1916 a small hospital was set up in the Ecole Jules Ferry in Bethune, behind the la Bassée battlefield.

Private Perrett contracted an illness here and was transferred to a Base Hospital where he died.

His Parents went to France to see him but arrived shortly after he died.

Dennis Perrett is buried in Etaples Military Cemetery Plot 6. Row E, Grave 8.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, and on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial in Sutton Park.

"Dennis Victor Perrett was born on 7 January 1900.

He was the son of Edwin Shadrach (commercial traveller) and Edith Ellen Perrett of "The Maples", 271 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Dennis attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1911 and 1915.

He played cricket at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School for the 2nd XI in 1914.

He also had an older sister, Violet G Perrett."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

Percy Henry Perry was born in 1898 at Small Heath, Birmingham. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Lance Sergeant 15/1401

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries

NA Url/details/r/D4607236 WO 372/15/208111

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme. Pier & Face 9A, 9B & 10B.

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B24, page 5494.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
PERRY	R. W. R.	Cpl	1401
Perry H.			
Metal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	L/104 B2	5494	
BATTLE	-10-	10	
STAR			

Perry MD Antitude Church
D. P. 338/P
R. Warwick
Wylde Green
41. Frederick Road
15/14 01. Lieut Sgt Percy Henry Perry
R. Warwick

Johnnie Harrison, Dec 18

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Registered No. **111689**

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Surname **PERRY** (Block letters) **111689**

Formerly **D.P. / 338 / P**

Christian Name **Henry James**

Man's Name **PERRY, Percy Henry**
(surname first) (in block letters)

Regimental Official No. **191401** Rank Rating **2 / 505**

Regiment Ship **WARWICK** Relationship to Man **FATHER**

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British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 Forces War Records

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920				
Royal Warwickshire Regiment > 5th Division > Piece 1556/1-2: 14 Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment (1915 Nov - 1917 Nov)				
14/R War Rgt		WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY		July 1916
Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs, Part II, and the Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages will be prepared in manuscript.		(Erase heading not required.)		Army Form G. 2118
Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Do	22.7.16	5pm	Batt Operation Order issued to all concerned.	
Do	"	10pm	At 9.50pm the attacking Cos A on the Right, B on the Left, advanced from their trenches, in two waves, under cover of the Artillery bombardment. At 9.55pm both waves were ordered to extend, from sections in file formation, into line preparatory to lying down until the Artillery lifted at 10pm. As the extension was in progress, the enemy opened an overwhelming machine gun & snail fire. Our Troops were cut to bits & although supports were thrown in they received the same treatment, & it soon became a question of organizing our original front line to meet a possible counter attack. This was executed fully done. From all reports received from survivors & judging from the intensity of the enemy fire - opened before the bombardment had lifted - it would appear that our Artillery had not ranged accurately on the enemy's trenches. A full report of the attack is contained in Appendix No 2. The 1st West Kent Regt fared no better & later on the same remark applies to the 2nd & 3rd. The casualties sustained by the Battalion in this action are as follows: Officers killed: Lieut R. Payton (Leipzig) & Lieut Lythgoe, H. Greenwood, H.L. Hodes; Wounded: 2 Lieut J. Gloster, R. Macfarlane, F.R. Wilson, Lieut S.D. Jacot, Lieut A.L. Anderson (Med Officer), Missing, believed killed, Capt H.S. Matthews, 2 Lieut S.H.R. Hewitt, R. Whitbread; Missing, believed wounded: 2 Lieut J. Macdonald, E. Braithwaite; Wounded: 2 Lieut A.E.S. Flack, P.E. Littleton. Other ranks: Killed 35; Missing 195; Wounded 238: Total 469.	See Appo. No 2. See Appendix No 2.
Do	23.7.16	9am	Work on consolidation of original position. Patrol work to recover dead & wounded.	
"	"	12pm	Batt relieved by 1st Buffs Bedford Regt. Proceed to bivouac at POM Miere Redoubt in front of N.B. M.E.T.	Ind. Col.

The 14th Battalion RWR War Diary for 22nd/23rd July 1916.

"Our Troops were cut to bits."

"Officers: Killed 4 Missing believed killed 4 Missing believed wounded 2 Wounded 7
Other ranks: Killed 36 Missing 195 Wounded 238.

This was one day for the 14th Battalion in the trenches at High Wood on the Somme. Among the missing, and later presumed dead, was Lance Sergeant Percy Perry, son of Henry Perry, a cycle works manager, and Gertrude, who lived at 41, Frederick Road.

Percy was born in 1898 and attended Bishop Vesey's school. He briefly worked as an articled pupil at an auctioneer's, before joining the RWR on 15th June 1915. He went to France on 19th March 1916. Percy was 18 years old when he died. His body was never found, and he is commemorated on the Thiepval memorial.

In his memoir *Old Soldiers Never Die*, Frank Richards, who served as a Private soldier during the whole period of the war (and won both the Distinguished Conduct Medal and the Military Medal) wrote about High Wood:

"Our trench ran from just inside the wood to the centre of it and we dumped our telephone on the fire-step in a bay by ourselves. Anyone leaving the centre of the wood would have to pass us to make their way to the communication trenches. Some parts of the parapet had been built up with dead men, and here and there arms and legs were protruding.

In one bay only the heads of two men could be seen; their teeth were showing so that they seemed to be grinning horribly down on us. Some of our chaps that had survived the attack on 20th July told me that when they were digging themselves in, the ground being hardened by the sun and difficult to dig away quickly, if a man was killed near them, he was used as head cover and earth was thrown over him. No doubt this saved the lives of many men who were digging themselves in. The troops who relieved them would immediately begin to deepen the trench and since that time the rain and shells had exposed the bodies in their different ways."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour.

Graham Jennings

He is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour.

He is commemorated on page 283, Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

"Mr and Mrs Perry have received official intimation that their only son Lance Sergeant Percy Henry Perry, Royal Warwickshire Regiment was killed on 23 July 1916.

He enlisted in one of the City Battalions on 15 June 1916 and went to France on 19th March 1916.

Lance Sergeant Perry was 18 years of age.

He was formerly a scholar at the Sutton Grammar School and finished his schooling at Lawrence's College in Birmingham.

He was an articulated pupil under Messrs Stevens & Champion, Auctioneers of 71 Temple Row in Birmingham."

Sutton Coldfield News July 1916

Percy Henry Perry was the son of Henry and Gertrude Perry of "Durley", Frederick Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Percy H Perry was registered June 1898 Aston 6d 228

Baptism on 6 April 1898 at All Saints, Small Heath

To Henry James and Gertrude Theresa of 3 Watts Road, Small Heath. Henry was a manager.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 79/2/214

1901 census 63 Heath Green Road, Birmingham

Henry J Perry	M	32	Cycle works manager	b Birmingham
Gertrude Perry	M	30		b Birmingham
Gertrude Perry		6		b Birmingham
Percy H Perry		3		b Birmingham

1911 census "Durley", Frederick Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Henry James Perry	M	42	Manager – cycle trade	b Spring Hill, Bham
Gertrude Perry	M	40	Married 18 years, 2 children	b Five Ways, Bham
Gertrude Perry		17	Typist	b Small Heath
Percy Henry Perry		13		b Small Heath

1921 census The White Lion Hotel, Upton on Severn

Henry James Perry, 52. Married. Manufacturer, employer.

1921 census Green Lane, Small Heath

Boarder with Frederick Chandler, 48. Builder.

Gertrude Perry, 26. Single. Bookkeeper and typist. Calthorpe Motor Car Manufacturers.

1921 census

Gertrude Perry senior was not found.

1939 Register 56 White Road, Birmingham

Henry J Perry, born on 27 January 1869. Retired mechanic.

Gertrude Perry, born on 28 January 1871. Domestic duties.

Gertrude Perry, born on 5 July 1894. Shorthand typist.

Deaths

The death of Gertrude T Perry was registered June 1943 Birmingham 6d 225, aged 72.

The death of Henry J Perry was registered June 1946 Birmingham 6d 236, aged 77.

**Research by David Phillips
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**Lance Sergeant 15/1401 Percy Henry Perry
14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Sunday 23rd July 1916
Aged: 18**



At 9.50pm on 22 July 1916 the 14th Warwick's, together with the men of 13th Brigade, left their trenches in Black Road and lay in No Man's Land in front of Wood Lane which was the German Front Line that was being bombarded.

What was left of High Wood lay about 100 metres to their left flank.

The artillery barrage, although dramatic, failed to destroy the German positions. At 10pm the whistles sounded, and the men stood up and charged the German line.

The 13th Brigade silhouetted under star shells was caught in the crossfire of two machine guns situated at either end of Wood Lane.

The Germans also poured rifle fire and grenades into No Man's Land, whilst a retaliatory German counter-barrage blasted the Brigade with a vengeance.

Although it is reported that some men reached their objective, they did not live to tell the tale, the attack was called off.

The 14th Warwick's suffered 485 casualties, with 194 dead, the whole attack cost over a thousand dead and wounded.

Percy Perry is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier and Face 9A, 9B and 10 B.

He is also commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square.

"Percy Perry was born in the summer of 1898. He was the only son of Henry James (cycle works manager) and Gertrude Theresa Perry of 'Durley', 41 Fredrick Road, Wylde Green.

Percy entered Bishop Vesey's Grammar school in 1909.

After leaving school in 1912 he finished his schooling at Lawrence's College, Birmingham.

He was later articled to Messrs. Stevens and Chapman, Auctioneers, Birmingham.

Percy enlisted in the 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 1401 on 15 June 1915 and went to France on 19 March 1916.

He had an older sister, Gertrude M Perry."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

WILLIAM CHARLES PERRY

William Charles Perry was born in 1895 at Leicester. He enlisted in November 1914 with the Royal Army Medical Corps and gained a commission in November 1914 with the Royal Flying Corps 22 Training Squadron – Pilot Second Lieutenant

He was accidentally killed on 30 December 1917 during training.

He was buried at the Hadra War Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria, Egypt, Plot B36.

Airmen Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919

“Accidental death of 30 December 1917 at Egypt.”

INDEX No. E. 1	PERRY, Lce. Cpl. Thomas William, 38230.
HADRA WAR	“ B ” Coy. 2nd Garrison Bn. Royal Welch Fusiliers
MEM. CEM.	Died of influenza 4th Nov., 1918. Age 30.
ALEXANDRIA	Husband of E. Perry, of 40, Walnut Square, Llanfaes, Breconshire. G. 64.
	PERRY, 2nd Lt. W. C. General List attd. Royal Flying Corps (E.E.F.). 30th Dec., 1917. B. 36.

Memorial Register Egypt The War Graves of the British Empire Published 1924, page 60.

Service Records

No service records were found.

Medal Roll

He entered Egypt on 22 March 1915.

Name	PERRY	Corps	A.S.C.	Rank	Pte	Regt. No.	112/03324
Medal	15 STAR	Roll	OFF 168	Page	136 F		
Threat of War first served in	(3) Egypt	Date of entry thereof	22-3-15				

112/25784-24-625 112/11058

112/4/14098 K 1180.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

He is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial .

Imperial War Museum WW1 (WMR 38680)

“Prior to enlisting he was employed by Mr W J Durant, Newsagents & Stationers of 12-14 Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He enlisted in November 1914 in Royal Army Service Corps and went to Egypt in the same month.

He was given a commission in November 1916 with the Royal Flying Corps.

According to a letter received by his parents, he was up in an aeroplane with an instructor preparing to go alone when his machine side slipped to the ground.”

Sutton Coldfield News 9.2.1918

William Charles Perry was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs Perry of Whittington, Lichfield

Birth

The birth of William Charles Perry was registered June 1895 Leicester 7a 274.

1911 census Whittington, near Lichfield, Staffordshire

William Perry	M	45	Builder's foreman	b Rutland
Alice Perry	M	45	Married 25 years, 13 children 1 died	b Stamford, Lincs
William Perry		15	Errand boy	b Leicester
Harry Perry		10		b Whittington
Albert Perry		8		b Whittington
Wilfred Perry		7		b Whittington
Cicely Perry		5		b Whittington
Eva Perry		4		b Whittington
Ethel Perry		1		b Whittington

Probate

PERRY William Charles of Whittington **Staffordshire** died 30
December 1917 at Aboukir Egypt Administration **Lichfield**
22 August to William Rudkin Perry carpenter.
Effects £193 16s. 9d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census Old Burton Road, Burntwood & Edial, Staffordshire

William Perry, 49. Builders Contractor, foreman. Reeves Charlesworth Ltd. Sheffield.

Working at Whittington Barracks.

Alice Perry, 48.

John Henry Perry, 21. Chauffeur & Mechanic at Swan Hotel, Whittington.

Albert Edward Perry, 10. Plumbers apprentice for Reeves Charlesworth Ltd at Whittington Barracks.

Wilfred Arthur Perry, 17. Assistant boiler attendant for Royal Engineers at Whittington Barracks.

Ethel Mary Perry, 12. School.

No further trace of the family was found after 1921.

GEORGE ANTHONY WILLIAM RAYMOND PICKERING

George Pickering was born in 1898 at Hackney, London. He enlisted with the 28th London Regiment – Private 8904/ 762909. He gained a commission on 27 March 1917 as a Second Lieutenant with the 8th Northamptonshire Regiment attached to 1/4th Battalion – Second Lieutenant

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4364388 WO 372/15/235263

Soldiers Died in the Great War

“2nd Bttn Att 1st /4th Bttn Northamptonshire Regiment.

Son of Walter Francis of 222 Arnley Road, Leeds and the late Emilie.”

He was killed in action on 2 November 1917 in Palestine.

He was buried at the Gaza War Cemetery, Palestine, Plot XV.B.

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/14,9 page 141.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PICKERING	London R.	2nd Lt	8904
	London R.	2nd Lt	762909

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
BRITISH	OFF 144	141	Decd 2.11.17
STAR			NW2034.1/16/16/12 NW/16966

George Anthony Raymond
Dis: Comm: 3/ North R. 27.3.17
Theatre of War first served in Egypt.
Date of entry therein
6-3-20
NW/4/16966
E. 1980

Correspondence
Address W.F. Pickering Esq (Father) 14 Effingham Street Pimlico Sw. 1

(425) W.L. 17.1.1917 1.000m 12.3 J.F.W. E 2281

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

“He was the eldest of two adopted nephews. He resided at “Glendower”, Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield with his aunt.

He was educated at St Thomas's School, Erdington and Saleham College, Margate.

He was employed in the City of Birmingham Treasurers Office.

He enlisted with the Artists Rifles when he was aged 18 ½.

He applied for a commission and passed the tests. He was gazetted to Northamptonshire Regiment in June 1917.

He sailed for Egypt 24 June 1917 and fell in the Battle for Gaza.”

Sutton Coldfield News 24.11.1917

"George Pickering was the nephew of Miss M Sunderland of "Glendower", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield."

Sutton Coldfield News 8.12.1917

George Pickering was the son of Walter Francis Pickering of 222 Armley Road, Leeds and the late Emily Pickering

Birth

The birth of George Pickering was registered September 1898 Hendon 3a 259

1901 census 32 Ashworth Road, Leeds

Catherine Sunderland	U	27	Cardboard box manufacturer	b Edgbaston
Walter Pickering	M	37	Wrought Iron traveller	b Balsall Heath
Emily Pickering	M	36	Servant at Register Office	b Acocks Green
George Pickering		2	Son	b London

1911 census 2 Green Field Villas, Sutton Road, Erdington

Martha Sunderland	U	62	Private means	b Birmingham
George A. Pickering		12	Nephew	b Kilburn, Hackney
James Ignatius Pickering		7	Nephew	b Hackney
Albert Bennett	U	36	General servant	b Kent

Probate

PICKERING George Anthony Raymond of 102 Victoria-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 2 November 1917 in Palestine Administration **London** 12 January to Walter Francis Pickering civil servant. Effects £88 2s. 6d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

Death

A death for Emily/Emilie Pickering was not found.

1911 census 4 Grosvenor Gardens, Muswell Hill, London

Edwin Hayes	M	50	Chartered accountant	b Wolverhampton
Kathleen Hayes	M	45		b Birmingham
Walter F Pickering	W	46	Art metal trade	b Birmingham

1921 census

Walter Francis Pickering was not found.

Death

It is not known when Walter Francis Pickering died.

1921 census 102 Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield

Martha Sunderland, 70. Single. Own means.
Albert Bennett, 47. General domestic servant.

Death

The death of Martha Sunderland was registered September 1925 Tamworth 6b 386, aged 77.

ROBERT CECIL PINFOLD

Robert Cecil Pinfold was born in 1900 in Birmingham. He enlisted at Lichfield with the Royal Field Artillery; "D" Battery, 5th Brigade – Driver 76851

He was killed in action on 11 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 17.

"On 11.10.1917 the temperature was 50 F with cloud cover and showers - rainfall 4.9 mm." (PDD)

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery Reg 76851

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

NDEX No. M.R.30 PINFOLD, Dvr. Robert Cecil, 76851. "D"
TYNE COT Bty. 5th Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 11th Oct.,
MEMORIAL 1917. Age 17. Son of William Austin Pinfold
PART XVII and Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold, of 3, Springfield
(U.K.) Place, Park Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

Tyne Cot Memorial Commonwealth War Graves Commission

"Son of William Austin and Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold of 3 Springfield Place, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield."

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 4-6 & 162.



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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt No.
PINFOLD	RFA	DR	76851
Pinfold			
Medal	Unit	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	RFA/211B	3227	Died 11-10-17
BATTION			
REGT			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army World War 1 Medals Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

76851	Driver	PINFOLD	R.F.A. 76851
		Prifold	Dvr

I certify that according to the

Place WOOLWICH

Date 18-3-1920

Medal and record cards were incorrectly stamped as P Pinfold/ Prifold

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name Pinfold Robert Cecil Regimental No 46801
 Regiment or Ship R.F.A. Rank Dvr

Documents received from Paymaster 4-2-19
 Date and cause of death 18-11-18 Missing
 Dependancy Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold
 Address 7 Springfield Place Park Rd Sutton Coldfield
 Relationship Mother
 Pension 5/- 21.10. a week from 6-11-18
 Date awarded _____ If refused _____
 Papers _____ reason _____

Form 56 1014/175 80m (1/2) 5/18 J.F. Op. 159
 F7822 4112/1048 100m (1/2) 5/18

DP 64801
Pinfold Mrs Sarah Elizabeth
Sutton Coldfield
7 Springfield Place
Park Rd
46801 Dvr Robert Cecil Pinfold

Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold was awarded five shillings pension a week from 6 November 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 – 153/0740/Pim-Pir Fold 3

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Bn., Co.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorized	Amount Authorized			No. of List in which advertised
					Amount and Date	s.	d.	Amount and Date	s.	d.			s.	d.		
747061	23090	Pinfold Robert	R.F.A. 6th or 7th Bn. No. 1	18.11.18	18	3	6	6	1	2	20.11.18	Mrs Sarah E. Pinfold	6	1	2	10
			Dvr. 1st Bn. 7th Div. 9.15				6	1	2			Mrs. Sarah E. Pinfold	6	1	2	
			76851 awarded									16.12.18	Mrs. Sarah E. Pinfold	6	1	2

His mother was sent his effects of £18 3 s 6 d plus a war gratuity of £12.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 746501- 748000 Ref 452

National Army Museum

R C Pinfold is on the War Memorials Register for Sutton Coldfield (WM 17347)

Findmypast



With thanks to Chris Owen (Sutton Coldfield History, Facebook, 18 March 2024)

road, Edgaston.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

PAGE.—Killed in action, 22nd inst., Temporary Captain John Kenneth Samuel Page, M.C., youngest son of Samuel Wells Page, of Penn House, Wolverhampton, aged 22.

PINFOLD.—Robert Cecil, Driver, R.F.A., younger and dearly-loved son of the late Austin and S. E. Pinfold, of Sutton Coldfield, reported wounded and missing October 11, 1917 (officially notified), now believed died on that date or since, aged 18 years.

IN MEMORIAM

The Birmingham Post Friday August 30th 1918 British Newspaper Archive Findmypast

"Robert Cecil Pinfold was the son of the late William Austin and Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold of 3 Springfield Place, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Town School. Prior to enlisting he was employed at Messrs Clive & Co., 4 High Street, Sutton Coldfield - Electrical Engineers.

He enlisted 9 days after his 15th birthday in March 1915, and spent twelve months in Ireland training before being sent to France.

In July 1916, a horse trod on his foot, and he was invalided home until October 1916.

He was driving in a team of wagons near St Julie, Ypres at night when a shell landed, causing much confusion. When his colleagues came to look for him, he had been carried away on a stretcher.

A friend wrote that he did not think he was wearing his identity discs despite being told to do so by an officer."

Sutton Coldfield News 31.11.1917

Robert Cecil Pinfold was the son of the late William Austin and Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold of 3 Springfield Place, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Robert C Pinfold was registered June 1900 Aston 6d 473

1901 census Coachman's Road, Aston

William A Pinfold	M	40	Railway Guard	b Coleshill
Elizabeth Pinfold	M	48		b Shenstone
Amy Pinfold		13		b Repton, Derbyshire
Elsie Pinfold		12		b Birmingham (sic)
William Pinfold		10		b Birmingham (sic)
Henry Pinfold		8	Nephew	b Birmingham
Alice Pinfold		6		b Saltley
Robert Pinfold		2		b Saltley (sic)

1911 census "Crystal Palace", Park, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold	W	55	Refreshment caterer – own account	b Shenstone
William Austin Pinfold	M	22	Gas fitter for Bham Corporation	b Sutton Coldfield
Elsie M Pinfold	U	22	Waitress at refreshment rooms	b Sutton Coldfield
Robert Cecil Pinfold		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest Philips	M	29	Visitor Motor mechanic	b Worcester

Sarah Pinfold had been married for 23 years. She had 5 children, two of whom had died.

Death

The death of William A Pinfold was registered March 1911 Aston 6d 268, aged 50.

1921 census

Sarah Elizabeth Pinfold was not found on this census.

Her son, William Austin Pinfold was living at 2 Springfield Place, Sutton Coldfield. He was 32 and married to Lizzie, 40. He was a gas fitter for City of Birmingham Gas Department, Sutton Coldfield office.

They had two daughters, Helen, 8, and Bessie, aged 5.

Death

The death of Sarah E Pinfold was registered March 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 815, aged 77.

GEORGE EDWARD PINSON

George Edward Pinson was born in 1891 at Blakenall near Bloxwich (Walsall). He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 10th Battalion – Private 15702

He was killed in action on 23 July 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

“He was killed on the opening day of the Battle for Pozieres Ridge, Somme. On the day the temperature was 68F and it was overcast.” (SDBD)

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S11

UK WW1 WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4649500 WO 372/16/114335

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier & Face 9A 9B & 10B

Findagrave Memorial ID 1255993 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 1 December 2005

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L.104 B26, page 5567.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
PINSON	R. War R.	Pte	15702
George E.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L.104 B26	5567	
BRITISH	- do -	- do -	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry thereof			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

497863 315362	Pinson George Edward	10 th Bn R. Warwick Pte 15702	23-7-16 France 6-17 Grave presumed	3 12 6	3 12 6	1/10 8/17	98-1	Thiepval Reg. Emma	3 12 6
WAR GRATUITY 14/12 4/13 20/14 1/15 2/16 3/17 4/18 5/19 6/20 7/21 8/22 9/23 10/24 11/25 12/26				3 - -	3/10/1915 no Sole Reg Emma 3 - - P15				
A4 W 5070 2nd 17 19									

His mother was sent £3 12 s 6 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 497501-499000 Ref 284

National Army Museum

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name *Pinson Geo. Edward* Regimental No. *15702* DCA. 0289
 Regiment *10th R. Warwick* Rank *Pl* D.P. 54
 Documents received from Paymaster *26.3.14.* 11/0/67608
 Date and cause of death *23.7.16 Missing*
 Dependant *Mrs. Emma Pinson*
 Address *88 Holland Rd. Sutton Coldfield B'ham*
 Relationship to soldier *Mother* Father *no*
 Pension *5/-* a week from *24.4.17*
 Date awarded *25.4.17* If refused { *No increase under P.D. 202*
 Papers *P.A.* reason
 (11238) Wt. 80720/6 20,000 1/17 H. 4.2., Ltd.

His father was awarded five shillings a week pension from 24 April 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 153/0740/Pim-Pir Fold 3



THE BRITISH AND VICTORY MEDALS AWARDED TO GEORGE EDWARD PINSON

Courtesy of Pat Knight, medal enthusiast – with thanks

George Edward Pinson is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

"In loving memory of Private George Pinson dear son of Mr and Mrs E Pinson of 88 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was reported missing on 23 July 1916 and now is presumed killed on that date whilst serving with the 10th RWR in France.

His country called and he answered. Never forgotten by his loving mother, dad and sisters."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 26.7.1919

George Edward Pinson was the only son of Edward and Emma Pinson of 88 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of George E Pinson was registered December 1891 Walsall 6b 669

Baptised on 18 November 1891 at Blakenhall Heath, Staffordshire

Parents Edward and Emma.

England Christenings 1538 – 1975 Family History Library 1278829

1901 census 5 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Pinson	M	40	Carter of coal	b Bloxwich
Emma Pinson	M	47		b Blakenall, Bloxwich
Ethel Mary Pinson		15	Apprentice dressmaker	b Blakenall
Florrie Pinson		12		b Blakenall
George Edward Pinson		9		b Blakenall

1911 census - only George's Mother, Emma Pinson was found

1911 census 19 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Harold Brooks	M	36	Overseer at press shop	b Darlaston
Marie Brooks	M	27	Married 1 year 1 child	b Edgbaston
Emma Pinson	M	57	Maternity nurse	b Bloxwich
Baby Brooks		under one month		b Sutton Coldfield
Anne Whitehouse	U	37	General servant	b Harborne

1921 census 88 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Pinson, 64. General labourer for Davenports coal merchants – out of work.

Emma Pinson, 67. Home duties.

Edith Emma Pinson, 38. Single. Private charwoman.

1939 Register 88 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Pinson, born 16 April 1857. Widowed. Jobbing gardener.

Edith Emma Pinson, born on 10 October 11881. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Emma Pinson was registered December 1926, Tamworth 6b 446, aged 72.

The death of Edward Pinson was registered December 1940 Sutton Coldfield 6d 1231, aged 83.

W PLATT – believed to be SAMUEL WILLIAM WOODGATE PLATT

Samuel Woodgate Platt is commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour and believed to be W Platt.

Samuel William Woodgate Platt was born in 1883 at Wetherby, Yorkshire. He enlisted with the 'A' Company, 104th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 126

"S W Platt, died on 23 July 1916, aged 33. He was buried at Caterpillar Valley. Birmingham Pals 14th Battalion, service number 126."

Pals Battalions Reference Pals_Battalions, Fold 3 Forces War Records

S W Platt is commemorated on page 283 of Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, 'Birmingham Pals', by Terry Carter

"Samuel Woodgate Platt, born in 1883, died aged 33 on 23 July 1916. Private 126, Royal Warwickshire Regiment 104th Battalion, A Company.

Parents: Celia E C Platt of the Rectory, Haceby, Lincolnshire and the late Thomas H P Platt."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

"WW1 Joint Organisation Enquiries: Missing, Wounded and Dead Personnel 1914 – 1918

Unofficial wounded or missing 22 July 1916. Enquiry 7 September 1916. Royal Warwickshire Regiment Battalion 14 Service 126. Date 22 July 1916."

Naval & Military Press 2017 Forces War Records

"S W Platt, Resided at Four Oaks. Incident 27 September 1916. Missing on casualty list. Royal Warwickshire Regiment."

WW1 Daily Reports: Missing, Dead & Wounded & POW's 1914 – 1919 Archive Ref DT28091816

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Caterpillar Valley Cemetery Memorial, Longueval, France.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B26, page 5588, and the 1915 Star Medal L/613, page 403. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regd. No.
PLATT	Rular R.	PO	126
S.W. Samuel			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B 26	5588	Died
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	L/613	403	
Theatre of War first served in (11 France			
Date of entry therein 21. 11. 15.			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Samuel Woodgate Platt worshipped at St James Church Hill and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Samuel William Woodgate Platt was the son of Cecilia Elizabeth Caulton Platt of The Rectory, Haceby, Folkingham in Lincolnshire and the late Thomas H P Platt.

Birth

The birth of Samuel William W Platt was registered September 1883 Wetherby 9a 108

1901 census 110 Trinity Road, Wandsworth, London

Thomas H P Platt	M	52	Clergyman in Church of England	b Hampstead, London
Cecilia E G Platt	M	44		b Notting Hill
Samuel W. W Platt		17	Clerk in brick maker's offices	b Wetherby

1911 census "Lyndhurst", Water Orton near Birmingham

Cecilia E C Platt	W	55		b Notting Hill, London
Samuel W Woodgate Platt	U	27	Traveller Messrs M... & Platt Ltd (Engineers)	b Wetherby, Yorks

Probate

PLATT Samuel William Woodgate of Lyndhurst Water Orton near **Birmingham** died on or since 23 July 1916 in France Administration **London** 18 September to Celia Eliza Caulton Platt widow. Effects £308 16s. 10d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

LITTLE HEREFORD.
CLERICAL APPOINTMENT.—The Bishop of the Diocese has licensed the Rev. Thomas H. P. Platt, B.A., of Ch. Col., Cambridge, to the Curacy of Little Hereford with Ashford Carbonel, on the nomination of the Rev. Llewellyn Jones, rector.

The Tenbury Wells Advertiser 24 January 1874

Education.
THE REV. THOMAS H. P. PLATT. M.A.
Christ's College, Cambridge, prepares non resident PUPILS for the Public Schools, &c.—
Address, 4, Crossley Street, Wetherby.

The Yorkshire News 2 February 1882

British Newspaper Archive

Death

The death of Thomas Henry P Platt was registered March 1908 Wandsworth 1d 433, aged 59.

1921 census Haceby Rectory, Falkingham, Lincolnshire

Cecilia Eliza Coulton Platt, 64. Widow. Independent.

No further trace was found for Cecilia Platt after 1921.

ARTHUR GEORGE POOLMAN

Arthur George Poolman was born in 1896 at Horley, Surrey. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 5th (Reserve) Battalion– Private 5098

He died on 23 April 1916 in England, aged 20, from heart failure. The dependents pension form says Pleurisy.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914- 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Records

Lives of the First World War Commonwealth War Graves Commission

“Died of Heart failure”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour Find War Dead, Findmypast

“Aged 20, of Wylde Green. Died at home. Son of Frederick and Bertha Poolman of 1 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. 5098 Royal Warwickshire Regiment 5th Reserve Battalion”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

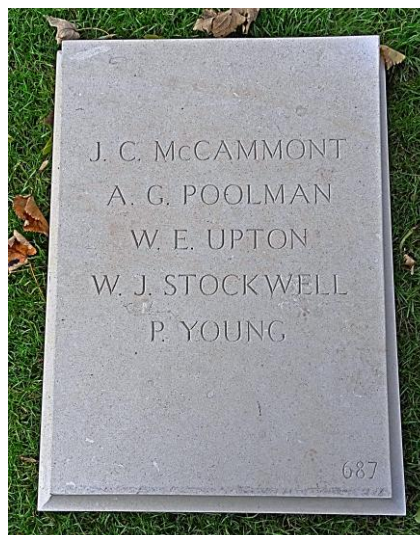
He was buried at the Arnos Vale Cemetery, Bristol, Plot 6, Grave 687.

Arnos Vale Cemetery holds over 350 soldiers who died in the Great War. 240 soldiers were buried in Soldiers Corner, in front of the Great War Memorial.

Many had died in military hospitals in and around Bristol. Some graves hold four men.

Website Arnosvale.org.

He probably died at the 2nd Southern General Hospital in Bristol.



Grave of Arthur George Poolman

Photo by Adrienne on 29 September 2010



Screen Wall Panel 2 and Memorial Stone 6.687. By John M.

Findagrave Memorial ID 59371259 Uploaded by John M. No date given.

Army Records

His medal card and service records were not found online.

Death

His death was registered June 1916 Bristol 6a 56, aged 20.

282728	9/1991129	Poolman Arthur George	5th Batt Royal War wick Reg Bn. Hosp. The Bristol 5098	23.4.16 2nd Southern 5/16	Warwick 3	9	39	1140 7/16	2.7.16	Fa Luck 10	39	-
✓	18JUN.1919	A.F.W. 50% Lens.	WAR GRATUITY. B50 Transfer Regd. Paper 245000 Serial No. 6090 En 39	Not admissible								

His father was sent £3 9 s effects. A war gratuity was not admissible.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 281501-283000 Forces War Records

Poolman
Mrs Bertha DP. P3
Birmingham
1 Shingstone Villas.
Jockey Rd
Wylde Green
Poolman no. 5098 The Arthur George
Royal Warwicks

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name *Poolman, Arthur George* Regimental No. *5098* Case No. *1 Sepals P. 1344*
 Regiment *R. Warwickshire* Rank *pr* D.P. *P. 3*
 Documents received from Paymaster *24.10.16*
 Date and cause of death *23.4.16, Died of Pleurisy* *[D.B.A. 1306] [SM 327]*
 Dependant *Mrs Bertha Poolman*
 Address *1 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Rd Wylde Green, B'ham*
 Relationship to soldier *Mother*
 Medical Certificate
 Children:—

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Expiry	Remarks

Pension *gratuity* a week from
 Date awarded *25.10.16* If refused {
 Papers *1 Deps P. 1344* reason {
(3 28 110) W1000—2778 35,000(2) 10/15 11 W V (R1894) 1110/1179
 6800—9001 30,000 30/0

This card says he died from pleurisy rather than heart failure.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1919 153/0745/Pon-Pom Fold 3

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“Arthur Poolman was born in Surrey in 1896, one of twelve children of Frederick Poolman, a domestic gardener, and Bertha Bullen, daughter of a domestic gardener.

The family moved around, living in Kent and Surrey, then in Jockey Road and Chester Road.

Arthur joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in Birmingham as Private 5098. He died of heart failure in hospital in Bristol on 23rd April 1916.

He had less than six months service, so no War Gratuity was payable.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Arthur George Poolman was the son of Frederick William and Bertha Poolman of 1 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Arthur G Poolman was registered March 1896 Reigate 2a 185

Baptism on 26 April 1896 at St Bartholomew, Horley, Reigate, Surrey

Born on 6 February 1896. Father was a cowman.

Surrey C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1921

1901 census West Wickham, Kent

Frederick Poolman	M	37	Stockman	b Chiltern
Bertha Poolman	M	35		b Guildford
Albert Poolman		14		b Croyden
Henry Poolman		12		b Croyden
Sidney Poolman		9		b Horsham
Charles Poolman		7		b Dorking
Dorothy Poolman		3		b Beckenham
Kathleen Poolman		1		b Beckenham

Arthur George Poolman was not found in 1901.

1911 census "Hill Croft", Church Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick William Poolman	M	47	Gardener	b Wiltshire
Bertha Poolman	M	46	Married 26 years, 12 children 2 died	b Surrey
A.W. Poolman	M	24	Gardener	b Surrey
C.L. Poolman		17	Farm labourer	b Surrey
A. G. Poolman		16	Nurseryman's boy	b Kent sic
B Poolman		14		b Kent
E.M. Poolman		11		b Kent
E.B. Poolman		9		b Kent
R.B. Poolman		5		b Kent
V.C. Poolman		3		b Studley, Worcs
Gertrude Poolman	M	26	Daughter in law	b Studley

1921 census 1 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Bertha Poolman, 55. Widow. Coal woman, private.
Charles L Poolman, 26. Millwright at Dunlop Rubber Co, Aston.
Elsie Poolman, 19. Home duties.
Robert Poolman, 14. Jeweller at Griffiths, Northampton Street.
Violet C Poolman, 13. School.

Death

The death of Frederick William Poolman was registered March 1918 Birmingham 6d 268, aged 53.

1939 Register 26 Warden Road, Sutton Coldfield

Bertha Poolman, born on 30 October 1864. Old age pensioner. Widow.
Robert Poolman, born on 25 July 1906. Jeweller.

Death

The death of Bertha Poolman was registered September 1949 Sutton Coldfield 9c 60, aged 83.

HENRY PORTMAN

Henry Portman was born in 1889 at Harborne on the border of Birmingham and Smethwick. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry – Private 15230 and was transferred to the Wiltshire Regiment 7th Battalion – Private 13815

He was killed in action on 16 October 1918 (France & Flanders,) aged 29.

Soldiers Died in the Great War De of Edinburgh (Wiltshire) Regiment Diaries P142S115

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4684174 WO 372/16/49009

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Quietiste Military Cemetery, Le Cateau, France, Plot B.11

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/1/102 B10, page 171, and the 1915 Star Medal C/1/1B, page 9. He entered France on 21 September 1915.

Campaign:—				(A) Where decoration was earned.	
				(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	PAGE
(A) PORTMAN	Wiltshire	Pte	13815	VICTORY	C/1/102 B10/171
(B) Henry	—	—	—	1915 STAR	C/1/1B 139
Action taken				K. in A.	
THEATRE OF WAR				(1) France	
QUALIFYING DATE				21. 9. 15.	

(G 34 16) W231—HP6390 500,000 4/19 HWV(P210) K608 [Over]

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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Including £23.10/ war gratuity														

His father was sent £28 6 s 6d including a war gratuity of £23 10 s.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 790001-791500 Ref 478

National Army Museum

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6/10 12104 Regional No. 10/4

Particulars of Man (Men).

NEW RESIDUAL No. Name 1 Portman Henry

OTHER ACTION 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

Particulars of Claimant(s).

Name 1 PORTMAN

Address 1 200 Bishopsgate Rd

Relationship 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

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UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 703/06d Fold 3, Forces War Records

Henry Portman is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Henry Portman was the son of Frederick and Elizabeth Portman

Birth

The birth of Henry Portman was registered March 1889 Kings Norton 6c 443

1891 census 9 Pope Street, Harborne, Smethwick

Frederick Portman	M	35	Painter & paper hanger	b Powick, Worcs
Elizabeth Portman	M	34		b Birmingham
Charles Shaw		16	Stepson	b Handsworth
Agnes Portman		3		b Smethwick
Henry Portman		2		b Smethwick
Elizabeth Portman		1		b Smethwick

1901 census 36 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Portman	M	40 sic	House painter	b Powick
Elizabeth Portman	M	44		b Birmingham
Henry Portman		12		b Smethwick
Elizabeth Portman		10		b Smethwick
Frederick Portman		9		b Smethwick
Fanny Portman		7		b Smethwick
Annie Portman		6		b Smethwick
George Portman		4		b Smethwick

1911 census 300 Orphanage Road, Erdington, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Portman	U	22	House painter	b Smethwick
Agnes Portman	U	23	Sister – housekeeper	b Smethwick
Frederick Portman	U	19	Brother – house painter	b Smethwick
Florrie Portman		8	Sister	b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census

Frederick and Elizabeth have not been found.

1921 census 300 Orphanage Road, Erdington

Frederick Portman, 60, widower. Retired house painter.
 Elizabeth Portman, 31. Private charring.
 Frederick Portman, 29. House painter for W M Grant Ltd. Erdington.
 Florence Portman, 18. Private charring.

Deaths

A definitive death for Elizabeth Portman was not found.

A possible death was registered June 1903 Aston 6d 238, aged 44.

The death of Frederick Portman was registered December 1931 Tamworth 6b 441, aged 70.

Frederick Portman

The Army Service Records for Frederick Porter were found.

He enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery in Birmingham on 16 July 1915, Driver 87788, No 2 Section, Erd DAC.

He lived at 300 Orphanage Road, Erdington, and was a painter by trade.

He was 23 years 11 months old.

He was discharged without any disability on 13 June 1919.

British Army Service Burnt Records.

HARRY POWIS

Harry Powis was the brother of William Henry Powis – see next entry

Harry Powis was born in 1884 at Taunton, Somerset. He enlisted at Newport, Monmouthshire with the Lincolnshire Regiment 6th Battalion – Corporal 19144

Harry Powis died of wounds on 29 July 1917 (France & Flanders).

“He probably died at a dressing station as this Cemetery was used by a dressing station.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4701256 WO 372/16/66091

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register – resided in Walmley

This was confirmed by Mrs S M Lambert, a family member.

Soldiers Died in the Great War – Lived in Walmley Fold 3

He was buried at the Essex Farm Cemetery, Boesinghe, Ypres, Plot II.H.3.



Photograph by G. Photographer

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Army Service Records

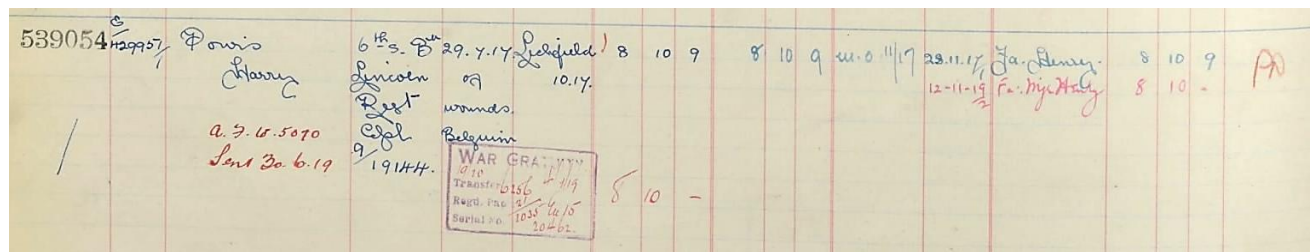
These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals F/105 B10, page 1320.

Surname	Given	Rank	Service No.
POWIS.	6 Powis R	Cpl	19144
Harry.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	F/105 B10	1320	
British			
Other			
Source of War first served in			
date of entry (date)			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920



His father was sent £8 10 s 9 d effects plus £8 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 538001-539500 Forces War Records

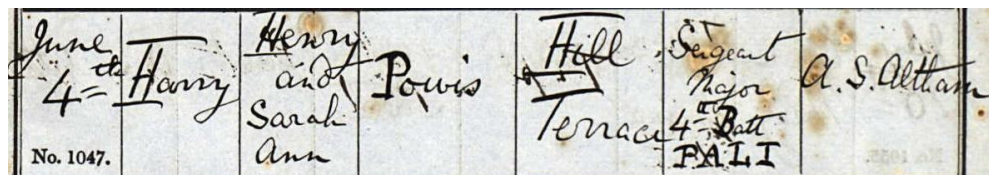
Harry Powis is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

Harry Powis was the son of Late Major Henry Powis of the Somerset Light Infantry and Sarah Ann Powis.

Birth

The birth of Harry Powis was registered June 1884 Taunton 5c 351

Baptism on 4 June 1884 at Holy Trinity, Taunton



Somerset C of E baptisms 1813 – 1914 D:\P\tau.ht/2/1/2

1881 census The Raglan Barrack, Stoke Demerel, Devon

Henry Powis	M	31	Sergeant Major	b St James, Middlesex
Sarah Ann Powis	M	28		b Clent

Marriage

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William Henry Powis		9		b Clent
Edith M Powis		8		b Ireland
Harry Powis		6		b Taunton
Ernest Powis		3		b Taunton
Arthur Powis		14 months old		b Taunton
Rose Mathewson		14	General servant	b Taunton

1901 census Carth Green, Taunton, Somerset

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Edith M Powis	U	18		b Ireland
Harry Powis		16	Draper's apprentice	b Taunton
Ernest B Powis		13		b Taunton
Arthur F Powis		10		b Taunton
Albert E Powis		7		b Taunton
Eric G Powis		2		b Taunton

1911 census 49 Devon Place, Newport, Monmouthshire

Harry Powis	U	26	Lodger. Draper's assistant	b Taunton
Herbert Lewis	U	26	Lodger. Draper's assistant	b Hereford

1911 census 57 Stockfield Road, Acocks Green near Birmingham

Henry Powis	M	59	Retired Army Captain	b Hackney, London
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WILLIAM HENRY POWIS

William Henry Powis was the brother of Harry Powis who also died during the Great War – see previous entry.

William Henry Powis was born in 1881 at Clent, Worcestershire. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 9th Lancers (Household Cavalry & Cavalry of The Line (Yeomanry & Imperial Camel Corps – Queen's Royal) - Private 4250

He was killed in action on 24 May 1915 (France & Flanders), aged 34.

Soldiers Died in the Great War Household Cavalry of the Line Diaries P001S016

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Panel 5.

Findagrave Memorial ID 12047888 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 14 October 2005

Army Service Records

His original army records were found from London 11 March 1901.

Army Form B. 265A.

SHORT SERVICE. (Cavalry of the Line.)

7 years with the Colours, and 5 years in the Reserve, or, if the man completes his 7 years' service with the Colours while beyond the seas, then for a further period, not exceeding one year, with the Colours, and the remainder of the 12 years in the Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5958 Name William Henry Powis Corps Lancers of the Line

Regiment selected 9th Lancers

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? William Henry Powis
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Clent in or near the Town of Stourbridge in the County of Worcestershire
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 19 Years 10 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Black
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? No

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following seven questions, you will be liable to a punishment of two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to No
8. Are you Married? No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
10. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy? If so, to what Corps? No
11. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy? If so, state which and cause of discharge No
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? Yes
13. Have you ever been rejected amongst for Her Majesty's Army? Yes Underweight for Army
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Lancers of the Line
16. Do you understand that at although every endeavour will be made to post you to the regiment which you have selected, you will be liable, if necessity arises, to serve with any regiment of the Corps for which you enlist? Yes
17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? Yes Name Lt. Day Corps Lancers of the Line
18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided Her Majesty should so long require your services? Yes
 - (a) For the term of twelve years, for the first seven years in Army Service and for the remaining five years in the First Class of the Army Reserve, or if at the termination of such period of Army Service, you are serving beyond the seas, then for a further period not exceeding one year in Army Service and for the remaining portion of such period of 12 years in the First Class of the Army Reserve.
 - (b) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service a state of War exists, then, if so directed by the Competent Military Authority, to serve in Army Service for a further period not exceeding 12 months.
 - (c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are so required by a Proclamation from Her Majesty in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency, then to serve in Army Service so as to complete your term of 12 years, and for a further period not exceeding 12 months.
 - (d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces—(i) beyond the seas, or (ii) while a state of war exists with a Foreign Power, or (iii) while Soldiers in the Reserves are required by proclamation to continue in, or re-enter upon Army Service, and you in accordance with such proclamation, have re-entered upon Army Service, then to serve for a further period not exceeding 12 months.

I, William Henry Powis do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

William Henry Powis SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

F. Parsons Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, William Henry Powis do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of Her Majesty, Her Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above-named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me

at London on this 11th day of March 1901.

H. P. Dawson Signature of the Justice.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 89 (6), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Service from the recruiting Staff Officer.

Description of William Henry Lewis on Enlistment.

Apparent Age 19 years 10 months.
(To be determined according to the instructions given in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.)

Height 5 feet 7/4 inches.

Weight 118 lbs.

Chest measurement { Minimum 33 inches.
Maximum expansion 35 inches.

Complexion Fair

Eyes Brown

Hair Brown

Religious denomination { Church of England Yes
Presbyterian _____
Wesleyan _____
Other Protestants _____
Roman Catholic _____
Jews _____

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Officer.)

Special
Mole by left eye

Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for Army Medical Services.

He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy: he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him * Fit for the Army.

Date 11th MAR. 1901 1901.

Place LONDON

M. J. Dawson
Lt. Col.

Medical Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me, and I consider him * Fit for service in the † LANCERS OF THE LINE and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.

Date 11th MAR. 1901 1901.

Place LONDON

J. F. Dawson Capt.

Recruiting Staff Officer

Recruiting Officer.

* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

† Insert the "Corps."

* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the † LANCERS OF THE LINE.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 13th MAR. 1901 1901.

Place LONDON

J. F. Dawson Capt for Colonel.

Chief Recruiting Staff Officer.

Approving Officer.

* The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

4684 ~~4684~~ ~~5958~~ Name *William Henry Poole*

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay.		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	years	days	
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <i>11.3.01</i>									
Joined at <i>Canterbury</i> on <i>13.3.01</i>									
LANCERS	<i>2nd</i>	POSTED	PRIVATE	<i>13.3.1901</i>					<i>H. P. Dawson</i>
<i>Selected new missing rules. para 63. 20 of 95. Lt. 1.7.02</i>									
<i>Granted 1 G. C. Pay 11-3-03</i>									
<i>Extra service to complete 8 years Lt. 31.3.04</i>									
<i>Granted service pay do 66. Class T 6 1.1.04</i>									
<i>Granted service pay at 7 11.3.06</i>									
<i>and 2 G. C. Badges 31.7.07</i>									
<i>Service pay distated 5</i>									
"		TRANSFERRED TO ARMY RESERVE.	"	<i>10.3.09</i>					<i>W. P. Dutton Col. Commandant Discharge Depot.</i>
<i>Discharged 10.3.13 4 4</i>									
<i>Term: first period 10.3.13 4 4</i>									
<i>Col. H. P. Dawson</i>									
Total Service forfeited as above					4	4			
Total Service towards Engagement to <i>10/3/13</i> (date of discharge)					13	years			
" " " Pension " (")					8	"			

MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service at Home and Abroad (including former service of re-enlisted men, when allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay or Pension).

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS
Home	4. 3. 01	19. 3. 02	1	9
India	20. 3. 02	5. 10. 06	4	200
South Africa	6. 10. 06	1. 3. 09	2	147
Home	2. 3. 09	10. 3. 09	8	147
			15	

N.B.—The Country only to be shown—it is not necessary to show separately the service in the different stations of same country. England, Scotland and Ireland to be shown under the general term "Home."
For mode of computing Service Abroad, see Queen's Regulations.

2. Whether educated at (Applies only to Boys)
* Name of School to be stated, or Local Government Board

3. Certificates of education

4. Passed classes of Instruction †
† This includes any authorized class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.

5. Campaigns (including Actions)

6. Wounded

7. Effects of wounds

8. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches

9. Medals, decorations and annuities

10. Injuries in or by the Service

11. Name and Address of next of kin

Duke of York's Royal Military School
Royal Hibernian Military School
Industrial School under Home Office
or Local Government Board

Second class. Shal Rob. 6.10.02.

Qualified in Telegraphy. Rawalpindi. 12.6.06.
as signalling linemen. Natal. 8.12.06.

Initials of Officer making the entry

W. H. A. S.

W. H. A. S.

Name of Medal

Date of Grant

Date of Forfeiture

Date of Restoration

Father Henry Powis, 4th Batt. Somersetshire Light Inftry. S. Africa
Younger Brother Harry Powis, Castle Lodge
do Ernest Powis, Castle Lodge
do Arthur Powis, Jacuiton, Somerset.

Royal Hospital Chelsea Soldiers Service Documents 1760 – 1920 Piece 5713 Fold 3

His Great War Service Records were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CC/114/B1, page 1, and the 1915 Star Medal CC 28B, page 4. His card is annotated that he died on or since 24 May 1915 in France. He first entered France on 18 May 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
POWIS	9 Lns	Pte	954250
William H.			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	CC/114/B1	1	
15 Star	CC 28B	4	
Theatre of War first served in	1		
Date of entry therein	18-5-15		

Died on or since 24-5-15.

K. 1380

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

91414000	GS/4250 ✓	"	POWLS..... WILLIAM..... HENRY.....	18-5-15(1) Died.....	24-5-15
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I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Decoration as detailed above.

Place CANTERBURY.

Date 10 MAY 1920

12-4
Thorne Lt. for Colonel.
 1/5 Cavalry Records.
 Signature and rank of Officer certifying.

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1929 Piece 2518

159283 $\frac{81}{148535}$ Powis Ga Lencos m-o-sine Canterbury 7 10 10. 7 10 10 m/o: 5/16: 28.4-16 $\frac{1}{4}$ Fa Henry 7 10 10.
 William Sta 34-5-15 3/16.
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 Transfer Regd. Paper 1946-1949
 Serial No. 1149
 O.T. 4571.124-
 1.7.19 Fa Henry 3
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His father was sent £7 10 s 10 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 158501-160000 Fold 3 Forces War Records

He is also commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

William Henry Powis was the son of the late Major Henry Powis (Somerset Light Infantry) and Sarah Ann Powis

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His father was a Sergeant Major 1/13 Regiment at Devonport.

Worcestershire C of E Baptisms 1812 – 1922 and Army Records 1730 – 1916

Piece 441C WO 68

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LAWRENCE JACK PREEDY

Lawrence Jack Preedy was born in 1898 at Aston and lived at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 4th Battalion - Second Lieutenant 764380 and was later attached to the 1st Battalion and 28th London Regiment of Royal Warwickshire Regiment

He was killed in action 31 March 1918, aged 19.

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register – 4th attd 1st

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 -1919

NA Url/details/r/D4707960 WO 372/16/72794 London Regiment

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PREEDY, 2nd Lt. Lawrence Jack. 4th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt., attd. 1st Bn. 31st March, 1918.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Faubourg – D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras Memorial, Bay 3.



Photo by Nancy Wright

Findagrave Memorial ID 124931049 Uploaded by Paul R on 11 February 2014

Army Medal Roll

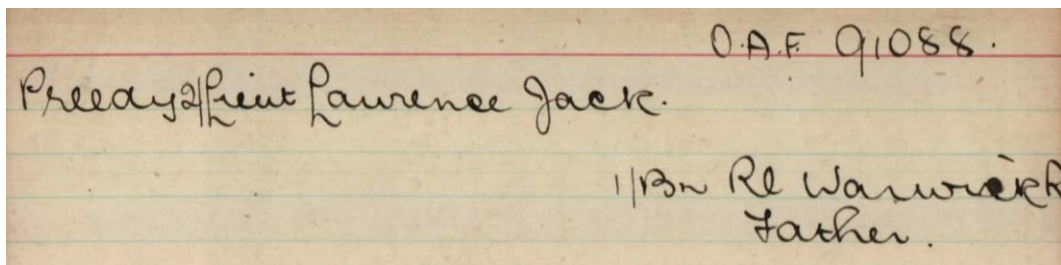
He was awarded the Victory Medal Officer/150, and the Royal Warwickshire Regiment Medal.

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
PREEDY	2nd Lt. 1st	Lt	764380
Lawrence Jack	2nd Lt. 1st	Lt	764380
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	OFF/150	202	Dec 31/18
REGIMENTAL	---	---	11th/63254/14.9.12 No 7/16844
STAR	---	---	
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	25-9-17		

Correspondence

Address J. Preedy Esq.
Inglenook
Blackrook Road.
Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920



UK WW1 Pension Ledger & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 006/0010/Poo-Sco Fold 3

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

Second Lieutenant Lawrence Jack Preedy 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Lawrence Jack Preedy was born in Aston, Birmingham in 1898 to Jonathon and Gertrude Preedy.

In 1901, he was aged 2 and living with his parents at 59 Boulton Road, Handsworth. His father was a jewellery maker. By 1911, he was 12 years old, at school and living at 3 Broughton Road, Handsworth, with his parents and younger brother. His father was a Jewellery Manufacturer. Lawrence was educated at King Edwards Grammar School. He played for Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club and was an organist at All Saints Church, Streetly. A later obituary indicates that he was an associate in Music before joining the army

He enlisted as a Private into the 2/28th (County of London) Battalion (Artist's Rifles) Officer Training Corps on his 18th birthday on June 5th, 1916. At the time he enlisted he resided at "Inglenook", Blackroot Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the 4th Special Reserve of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was later attached to their 1st Battalion. According to the London Gazette dated August 25th, 1917, he was appointed to the Special Reserve of Officers from his Officer Cadet Unit, to be a Second Lieutenant from August 1st, 1917, with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was posted to their 1st Battalion at Wolff Camp in Belgium on September 30th, 1917. He went on leave from February 20th, 1918, until March 3rd, 1918.

Lawrence Jack Preedy was killed in action during an attack on enemy positions in France on March 31st, 1918, aged 19. He has no known grave and is commemorated at the Arras Memorial, France, Bay 3.

According to a letter from his Colonel, he was killed instantly in the act of leading his men to recover lost ground. According to a letter from his Lieutenant he was shot through the head by a sniper whilst trying to rescue a wounded soldier.

Much of the above information came from the King Edward School Roll and an article in the Sutton Coldfield News dated April 13th, 1918.

His list of personal effects records his next of kin to be his father, Jonathon Preedy."

†PREEDY, L. J. (1912-13, ?)
Pte., 28 Lond. R. (Artists Rif.). 1917 Sec. Lt., 1 R. War. R.
Nov. 1917 France. Killed, nr. Feuchy, S. of R. Scarpe, Mar. 31,
1918, in attempting to bring in a wounded man.

Old Edwardians Roll of Service, King Edwards School, Edgbaston

PREEDY.—On the 31st ult., killed in action, Second Lieutenant L. J. Preedy (Associate in Music), the beloved nephew and pupil of Arthur W. Wilcox, F.I.G.C.M., 13, Charleville Road, Handsworth.
PREEDY.—On the 31st ult., killed in action, Second Lieutenant L. J. Preedy, Royal Warwicks, aged 19, eldest and dearly-beloved son of G. F. and J. Preedy, Sutton Coldfield.

From the Birmingham Daily Post dated April 9th 1918

With thanks to Paul Harrison

"At the time he enlisted he resided at "Inglenook", Blackroot Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at King Edwards Grammar School.

He played for Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club and has been an organist at All Saints Church, Streetly.

He joined the Artists Rifles O.T.C on his 18th birthday June 5th 1916 and went to the front in September 1917. He was killed in action on 31st March 1918 aged 19.

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Sutton Coldfield News 13.4.1918

Lawrence Preedy was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club

Peter Bell, Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club

Lawrence Jack Preedy was the son of Jonathan and Gertrude Preedy.

Birth

The birth of Lawrence Preedy was registered September 1898 Aston 6d 414

1901 census 59 Boulton Road, Handsworth

John Preedy	M	37	Jewellery manufacturer/ ring maker	b Birmingham
Gertrude Preedy	M	24		b Handsworth
Lawrence J Preedy		2		b Aston

1911 census 3 Broughton Road, Handsworth

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Raymond A Preedy		6		b Handsworth

1921 census Inglenook, Blackroot Road, Sutton Coldfield

Jonathan Preedy, 47. Jeweller, employer. 112 Vyse Street.
Gertrude F Preedy, 44. Home duties.

1939 Register 1 Blackroot Road, Sutton Coldfield

Jonathan Preedy, born 20 March 1874. Manufacturing goldsmith.
Gertrude F Preedy, born on 6 July 1876. Domestic duties.
Raymond A Preedy, born on 29 December 1904. Manufacturing jeweller.

Deaths

The death of Gertrude F Preedy was registered March 1951 Honiton 7a 682, aged 74

The death of Jonathan Preedy was registered December 1956 Honiton 7a 408, aged 82.

John William Price was born in 1889 in the Aldridge area. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Worcestershire Regiment 1st Battalion – Lance Corporal 9809

"Cousin of Mrs M Husband of Rye Cottage, Wishaw.

Born in 1889 at Aldridge and resided at Shenstone.

Awarded the British and Victory medals, plus the 14/15 Star and Memorial Death Plaque."

(The 14/15 Star was awarded for those serving between 5 August 1914 and 31 December 1915.)

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Soldiers Died in the Great War Worcestershire Regiment Diaries.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Le Touret Memorial Festubert.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

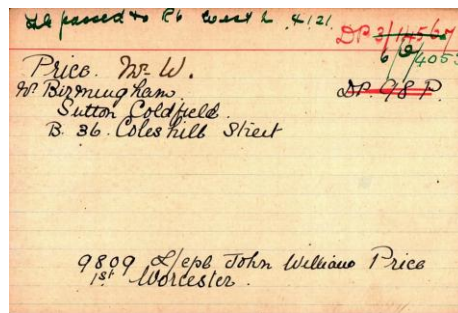
He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B23, page 5122, and the 1914 Star Medal L/2/6, page 48. He entered France on 5 November 1914 and was killed in action

Name.	Capt.	Pvt.	Sgt.	Lieut.		
<i>J.G.</i>	<u>1 Horse R</u>	<u>Sgt</u>	<u>9809</u>			
<u>PRICE</u>						
<u>John W.</u>						
Medal.	Roll.	* Page.	Remarks.			
VICTORY	<u>4/02 B23</u>	<u>5162</u>				
BRITISH	<u>2/2/16</u>	<u>do</u>				
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His cousin Mary A Huband was sent £16 5 s 6 d plus £5 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1914 – 1919 175001-176500 Fold 3



This seems to link him to 36 Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

See the 1901 census for Samuel Powis. It is not known who Mr W Price was.

WW1 Pension Ledger & Index Cards 058/0352/Pri-Pri Forces War Records

It is not entirely clear who his parents were. This couple appear to be good candidates.

John William Price was the possible son of George and Phoebe Price of Walsall Foreign, Walsall

They were not traced after the 1891 census. One son, George had been born in America, so it is possible that they returned to America and left John in the care of his grandparents.

Birth

The birth of John William Price was registered June 1889 Walsall 6b 691

1891 census Walsall Foreign, Walsall

George Price	M	27	Boiler smith	b Walsall
Phoebe Price	M	31		b Cannock
George Price		3		b America
John W Price		2		b Walsall

Aldridge and Bloxwich are on the Sutton Coldfield and Walsall boundary and were classed as 'Walsall Foreign'.

1901 census Pye Green, Cannock

John Powis	W	69	Poultry farmer	b West Bromwich
Eliza Powis	U	34		b Aldridge
Benjamin Powis	U	32	Underground miner	b Bloxwich
John Powis		16	Grandson – General Blacksmith	b Cannock
John William Price		13	Grandson	b Bloxwich

1911 census "Chase Cottage", Slitting Mill, Rugeley, Staffordshire

Boarding in the household of John Kent, Shoemaker of Stafford

John William Price	U	22	Coal mine loader	b Walsall
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Possible Powis link to Sutton Coldfield

1901 census Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Powis	U	43	School master	b West Bromwich
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1911 census Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Boarding in the household of Arthur Hall, baker and confectioner of Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Powis	U	52	Assistant school master Walsall Grammar	b West Bromwich
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Possible Huband links to Sutton Coldfield

1891 census Driffold, Sutton Coldfield

Eliza Huband	W	64		b Sutton Coldfield
Maria Huband	U	36		b Sutton Coldfield
Ellen Huband	M	45	Wife of Joseph Huband	b Stone
Albert Huband	U	20	Builder's labourer	b Cannock chase
William Huband		15	Butcher's boy	b Cannock Chase
Sarah Huband		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Kate Huband		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Clara Huband		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Huband		1		b Sutton Coldfield
Baby boy		9 days old		b Sutton Coldfield

Not found in 1901.

1911 census 2 Prospect Villa, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Joseph Huband	M	61	Labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Ellen Huband	M	67		b Stafford
Sarah Ann Huband	U	27	feeble minded	b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Highcroft Lunatic Asylum, Erdington

Maria Huband	W	55	Inmate	b Walsall
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1921 census Shepherd's Cottage, Wishaw

William Joseph Huband, 45. Shepherd. Born at Hednesford.
Mary Annie Huband, 47. Born at Walmley. Home duties.
Charles Albert Huband, 22. Born at Wishaw. Out of work.
William Joseph Huband, 22. Born at Wishaw. General farm labourer.
Phylis Huband, 20. Born at Wishaw. Home duties.
Olive Huband, 19. Born at Wishaw. Home duties.
Leslie Huband, 13. Born at Shenstone. Works at farm.
Gordon Huband, aged 1. Born in Wales.

1939 Register Denbigh, Upper Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

William J Huband, born on 11 June 1876. Manual labourer at electric works.
Mary A Huband, born on 21 December 1873. Domestic duties.
Gordon S Huband, born on 11 July 1919. Corporation highways labourer.

Death

The death of Mary A Huband was registered March 1956 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1217, aged 82.

It does seem that Mary Huband is the person that links John William Price to Sutton Coldfield.

Looking for a W Price in 1921.

1921 census 235 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Price, 41, born in Radnorshire. Motor Driver.
Florence Price, 37, born in Warwickshire.

This couple remained at this address in 1939.

THOMAS PRICE

(JOSEPH THOMAS PRICE)

Joseph Thomas Price (known as Thomas) was born in 1883 Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted on 1 September 1914 at Nuneaton with the Royal Field Artillery 'D' Battery 73rd Brigade – Bombardier 1942

He died of wounds on 30 May 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 34.

Soldiers Died in the Great War, Royal Field Artillery Royal Horse Artillery Collections

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Plot XII.B.43A.



Photo by Internation War Graves Photography Project

Findagrave Memorial ID 10776719 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 12 April 2005



Photograph of Thomas Price

With thanks to 'shirleygill_1' Family Tree in Ancestry trees

"Thomas Price resided at 16 Riland Grove, Sutton Coldfield." (WML)

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RFA/105B, page 881, and the 1915 Star Medal RFA/A1, page 196. He entered France on 8 July 1915.

Campaign 1914-15.				(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	
(A) PRICE	R.F.A.	Private	1942	MEDAL	ROLL
(B) T	"	"	"	VICTORY	RFA/105B 881
				BRITISH	RFA/A1 196
Action taken				deceased	
THEATRE OF WAR				France	
QUALIFYING DATE				8.7.15.	

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

502070	PRICE Thomas	R.F.A. 24.17.3	1/18	24.3.5	10/17/17/10/7	1/18	24.3.5
		1942					
		12.6.19					
		WAR GRATUITY					
		1920					
		13	10				

His father was sent £1 1 s 8 d plus £24 3 s 5 d effects plus £13 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldier' Effects 1901 – 1929 502001-503500 Ref 287

National Army Museum

TRANSFERRED TO—		S.B. 36.—D.		Regional No. 6/D/ 1961	
Particulars of Man.		Particulars of Claimant.		Particulars of any man in respect of whom the said Claimant has made a previous claim.	
Name PRICE Thomas	Regiment R.F.A. Regl. No. 1942	Name PRICE Thomas	Address 16 Ryeland Grove Sutton Coldfield	Name	Regl. No.
Rank 1345	Marital Status (M) (S) (W)	Address 16 Ryeland Grove Sutton Coldfield	Relationship	Rank	Marital Status (M) (S) (W)
Date and cause of death 30/5/17 died of wounds	Case No.	New Address and date of	Date of Birth	Date and cause of death	Case No.
While serving After discharge	Relationship	Relationship	Date of Birth	While serving After discharge	Case No.
Particulars of any Claimant who has preferred a previous claim in respect of the man.					
Case No.		Appeals		Special features of case, e.g. referred to S.G.C. Accidents causing under claim, etc.	
Name				Other filter bearing on the case. M.F.S., C.F., etc.	
Address					
Relationship					
Particulars of Awards					
3/6 from 6/2/15 - 30/5/19 (over 14)					
Removal 6/3/16 to 24/5/20					
By 6/3/16 to 30/5/21					
Not Removable (6/16) 6/3/16					

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 697/06d Fold 3

"He was educated at Town School.

He was employed as a groom at Higham Hall near Nuneaton for eight years prior to enlisting.

He enlisted on 1 September 1914 and was sent to the front on 8 July 1915.

He was hit by a piece of shell and died at a casualty clearing station two days later."

Sutton Coldfield News 23.6.1917

Thomas Price was the son of James and Fanny Price of Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Thomas Price was registered June 1883 Aston 6d 282

Baptism on 5 June 1887 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Born on 9 May 1883. Of Station Hill. Father was a labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1875 – 1899 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16

1891 census Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield

James Price	M	36	General labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Fanny Jane Price	M	39		b Sutton Coldfield
Harriet Price		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Charles James Price		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Thomas Price		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Edith Helen Price		5		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census 31 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

James Price	M	47	Corporation labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Fanny Price	M	50		b Sutton Coldfield
Harriet Price	U	21		b Sutton Coldfield
Charles Price	U	20	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas Price		17	Domestic groom	b Sutton Coldfield
Albert Price		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Lillian Price		8		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Higham on the Hill, Leicestershire

Employed by C H Morris

Thomas Price	U	26	Domestic groom	b Sutton Coldfield
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1911 census 12 Back Lane, Sutton Coldfield

James Price	M	56	Corporation labourer	b Little Sutton
Fanny Jane Price	M	59	Married 35 years – 8 children	b Hill
Harriet Price	U	31	At home	b Little Sutton
Albert William Price	U	19	Filing machinist	b Sutton Coldfield
Lillian Doris Price	U	18	Laundry Packer	b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 16 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Fanny Jane Price, 70. Born at Hill. Married. Home duties.

Harriet Price, 41. Born at Little Sutton. Invalid.

Edith Helen Price, 36. Born at Little Sutton. Home duties.

Albert W Price, 30. Wood machinist at Edward Puston & Sons, Aston.

No trace of James Price was found on the 1921 census or after 1911.

Death

The death of Fanny Jane Price was registered March 1925 Tamworth 6b 567, aged 73.

P PRING – identity not known

The St Michael's Church, Boldmere records show that they had a Pring who resided at Frederick Road, Boldmere. However, this man's identity has not been confirmed.

In the Boldmere churchyard is a grave for Sarah Ann Pring, born in 1854, who died in 1933.

The death of Sarah A Pring was registered September 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 489, aged 79.

In 1921, this Sarah Ann Pring lived at 200 Bankes Road, Small Heath in the household of Francis F Cassidy, 57. Sarah Ann Pring was married, aged 68 and from Staffordshire. She was a sister in law. She was a housekeeper.

She was the wife of John Pring, but no further details are known. It is not known if they were related to the man on the war memorial. A definitive John Pring was not found in 1911 or 1921.

St Michael Boldmere War Memorial names are listed on the National Inventory of War Memorials and the Imperial War Museum Memorials list WW1 St Michael's Parishioners (WMR38603)

Lives of the First World War found a Philip Pring, but he was Australian and had no connection to England.

There was also a Phillip Pring, born in 1881 in Bedminster and served in the Royal Navy, Number 293248.

Again, no connection to Sutton Coldfield was found.

Andy Coles found a Percy Pring who served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (WML), but his service records have not been found online. Nothing further was found for a Percy Pring in connection with Sutton Coldfield.

There was Percy Lionel Pring who served with the Royal Fusiliers 14th Battalion – 2381, but he survived the war and was from Surrey.

All the Pring military records were searched but nothing was found to explain who P Pring was or what his connection to Sutton Coldfield could have been.

Births registered from 1871 to 1911 for P Pring

1. Percy Lionel Pring December 1880 Cheltenham 6a 395 – this man died in 1942 in London
2. Philip Pring September 1881 Bedminster 5c 680

This man served between 4 September 1899 and 19 June 1905 in the Royal Navy as service 293248.

Royal Navy Registers NA ADM 188/473/293248.

He married in 1914 in Bristol to Mary Ann Meacham. No further trace of him was found.

3. Percival William Pring June 1883 Lambeth 1d 436. He died in the September quarter of 1883.
4. Philip Frances Pring December 1883 Cheltenham 6a 390. In 1891 he was in Croyden, but no further trace was found.
5. Percy James Pring June 1887 Sherborne 5a 368. He was born on 24 April 1887 and died on 7 May 1982 in Australia.
6. Patrick Pring September 1890 Newport Monmouth 11a 215. No further trace was found.
7. Percy John W Pring March 1901 Devon 5b 31. His death was registered in 1901.
8. Philip Reginald Pring March 1903 Chorlton 8c 816. He died in 1927 in Stockport.

9. Peter Pring March 1904 Windsor 2c 455. He died in 1904 in Windsor.
10. Percival George Pring September 1904 Newport 11a 226. He died in 1972 at Newport, Monmouthshire.
11. Philip Ivor Pring September 1904 Epsom 2a 20. He died on 30 June 1996 in Hampshire.
12. Percy Pring March 1905 Pontypridd 11b 740. No further trace.
13. Percival Charles Pring December 1905 Bristol 6a 123. He died in 1994 in Canada
14. Percival Charles Pring December 1906 Honiton 5b 17. He died on 3 March 1959 in Devon.
15. Percy Arthur Pring March 1908 Fulham 1a 232. He died in 1964 in Surrey.
16. Percy Pring September 1913 Croyden 2a 595. No further trace was found.

JOHN ERIC STIRLING PRITCHARD

John Eric Stirling Pritchard was born in 1897 at Sutton Coldfield. He gained a commission in July 1916 with the Royal Field Artillery 52nd Battery – Second Lieutenant. Service number 7943.

He died of wounds on 27 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 20.

“Born in 1897, died aged 20 on 27 October 1917. 2nd Lt. Royal Field Artillery, 52nd Battery.

Son of John Ernest and Julia Katherine of Sutton Coldfield.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War Private 7943

Regiment Inns of Court. NA Url/details/r/D4729997 WO 372/16/94832

Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery Collections

“He probably died at a casualty clearing station.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

He was buried at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Plot XXII.H.11.



The Gravestone of John Eric Stirling Pritchard by Peter Moore 2014

Findagrave Memorial ID 10776734 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 12 April 2005

Army Service Records

These have not been found online.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory Medal. Entered France in August 1916.

The left document is a British Army WW1 Medal Roll Index Card. It contains the following information:

Name	Rank	Regt. No.
PRITCHARD John Eric Stirling	2nd Lieut. R.F.A.	7943

Below this, it lists the medals awarded:

Medal	Date	Page	Remarks
VICTORY MEDAL	1.6.13	314	1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17.
D.C.M.	1.6.13	314	1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17.
D.S.M.	1.6.13	314	1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17. 1st. 1/10/17. 27.10.17.

The right document is a correspondence card from the War Office, dated 31.3.22. It is addressed to Mr. J. E. Pritchard, Esq. (father), at Anchorage Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. The card is headed "Correspondence" and contains the handwritten text: "Mr. J. E. Pritchard applies for medals due to deceased - - - - - 31.3.22".

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

“John Eric Stirling Pritchard was the son of John Ernest and the late Julia Katharine Pritchard of Sutton Coldfield

He was educated at Lindley Lodge, Higham on the Hill and Oundle College.

He left school in 1915 and worked for his father, a chartered accountant for a month.

He received a commission in July 1916 and joined his battery in France a fortnight later.

He was wounded by a shell on 24 October and died the following day.”

Sutton Coldfield News 3.11.1917

Birth

The birth of John E S Pritchard was registered June 1897 Aston 6d 456

Baptism on 9 May 1897 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

Of Anchorage Road. Father was a Chartered Accountant.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Eng/09000/92 DR(B) 52/1

1901 census “Highfield”, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield

John E Pritchard	M	36	Chartered accountant – employer	b Kingswood
Julia K Pritchard	M	31		b Bedford
John E S Pritchard		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Hilda Langley	U	19	Visitor – own means	b Bedford
Annie Wright	U	29	Cook	b Ripple, Worcs

1911 census Oundle College

John Eric Stirling Pritchard	13	Scholar	b Sutton Coldfield
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1911 census “Melrose Lodge”, Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Ernest Pritchard	W	46	Chartered accountant – employer	b Lapworth, Warks
Esther Pritchard		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Irene Roberts	U	50	Housekeeper	b Redditch
Gertrude Hussey	U	17	Housemaid	b Sutton Coldfield
Edith Hussey		15	Kitchen maid	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Julia Katherine Pritchard was registered June 1901 Aston 6d 272, aged 33.

Probate

PRITCHARD John Eric Stirling of 40 Anchorage-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** second-lieutenant R.F.A. died 27 October 1917 in France Administration **Birmingham** 23 May to John Ernest Pritchard chartered accountant. Effects £210 2s. 8d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1921 census

John Ernest Pritchard was not found.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.
WILL. — John Ernest Pritchard, of Sutton Coldfield, and Colmore Row, Birmingham, of Messrs. J. E. Pritchard, Sherwood & Co., chartered accountants, and director of Middlemore and Lamplugh Ltd., left £500 to his clerk, Samuel Leaver, and £40 annuity to his housekeeper (net personalty £25,145), gross £25,378.

Tamworth Herald 14 July 1923 British Newspaper Archive

Death

The death of John E Pritchard was registered June 1923 Wycombe 3a 881, aged 58.

Probate

PRITCHARD John Ernest of Melrose Lodge 40 Anchorage-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** and of 115 Colmore Row **Birmingham** died 3 May 1923 near High Wycombe Buckinghamshire Probate **Birmingham** 20 June to Thomas Eustace Hill M.D. and Francis Martin Tomkinson solicitor. Effects £25378 16s. 6d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

ARTHUR EUGENE MOLONEY PURDOM

Arthur E M Purdom was born about 1899 at Northampton. He first enlisted on 1 August 1917 in Birmingham with the Hampshire Regiment – Private T8/24767 and then transferred to the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion – Private 34730

He died of wounds on 13 September 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War

Service T8/24767 NA [Url/details/r/D4745486](http://details.r/D4745486) Hampshire Regiment WO 372/16/110321

“Born in 1899 at Northampton. Died on 13 September 1918, aged 19. Resident in Sutton Coldfield. Son of Robert and Emma Purdom of Blinkbonny, Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield. Service 34730 Ox & Bucks 2nd Battalion.”

Soldiers Died in the Great War, Forces War Records

Ireland Obituary Index - Died on 13 September 1918, son of Robert & Emma Purdon

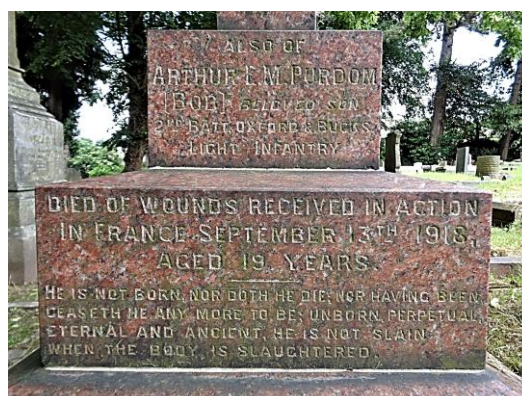
He was buried at the Sunken Road Cemetery, Boisleux St Marc, France, Plot II.A.15 (WML)



Photo by Internation War Graves Photography Project

“Buried at Boisleux Cemetery 11.A.15.

Findagrave Memorial ID 24603524 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 13 February 1015.



Family Cenotaph in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery - Images by Glenlivet

Findagrave Memorial ID 214851249 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 26 August 2020

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B21, page 4439.

Name	Corps	Rank	Medal No.
PURDOM	Hants. R. (Grad. Bn)	Pte.	TS/24767
Arthur E.M.	Oxf. & Bucks. L.I.		34730

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	L/106 B21	4439	
British	do	do	

Theatre of War in which served in
Date of entry details

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

34730	Pte.	PURDOM, Arthur E.M.	52nd (Grad) Hants Regt. 08
			7/8/24767
			2nd Oxf & Bucks L.I.
			34730 Pte.

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals as detailed above.

Place WARWICK
Date 26th JAN 1921

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. *R. D. [Signature]*

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1929 WO 329 Ref 1374

Arthur Purdom is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial.

Imperial War Museum WW1 (WMR 38680)

"Arthur Purdom was educated at Avondale Private School, Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield and St Lawrence's College, Corporation Street in Birmingham.

He enlisted on 1 August 1917 and was sent to the front at France on 2 April 1918.

He was wounded on 12 September with a bullet to the abdomen and was admitted to a casualty clearing station but died the next morning at 12.25 am.

According to a letter from a sister at the hospital he was buried at Bazells Cemetery Grave 15 Row A Plot 1."

Sutton Coldfield News 21.9.1918

Arthur Purdom was the adopted son of Robert and Emma Purdom of "Blinkbonny", Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

A birth registration was not found on FreeBMD.

Graeme Bennett sent information about Arthur Purdom via Ancestry Trees.

1901 census 43 Heathfield Road, Handsworth

Robert Purdom	M	49	Spectacle maker	b Scotland
Emma Purdom	M	34		b Northampton
Beatrice Purdom		8		b Leicestershire
Eugene Purdom		1		b Northampton
Plus, three servants				

Eugene Purdom appears to have been Arthur Eugene Maloney in 1901 and 1911. Beatrice was Beatrice Alice Maloney.

With thanks to Graeme Bennett, Ancestry Trees. See also below.

1911 census "Blinkbonny", Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Robert Purdom	M	59	Spectacle Maker	b Roxburghshire
Emma Purdom	M	44	Married 21 years – 2 children	b Northampton
Beatrice Purdom	U	18		b Handsworth
Robert Purdom		11		b Handsworth
Anna Russeler	U	26	Cook – German	b Germany

Robert Purdom, aged 11, was Arthur Eugene Maloney, later Purdom – see below.

1921 census 4 The Crescent Grove, Tweedmouth, Northumberland

Emma Purdom, 54. Wife. Home duties.

Beatrice A Purdom, 29. Born in Leicester. Single. Teacher of singing.

Tom Purdom, 2. Born in London. Adopted son, both parents dead.

1921 census Easter Wooden Farmhouse, Ekford, Roxburgh

Agnes Robson Dunn, 65. Widow. Home duties. Born in Roxburgh.

Walter Purdom, 65. Widower. Farmer. Born in Roxburgh.

Robert Purdom, 69. Managing director at Purdom & Boyne. Born in Roxburgh.

With thanks to Graeme Bennett, Ancestry trees.

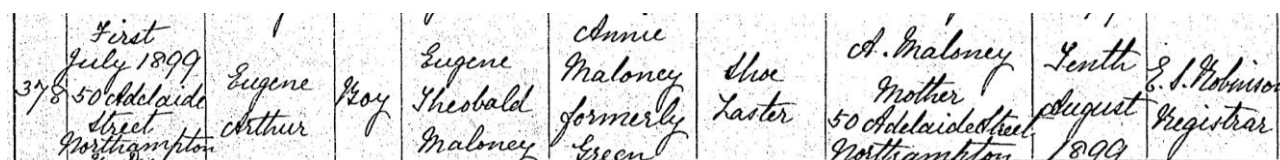
Graeme Bennett shared what he believes are the birth records for Eugene Arthur Maloney and his adopted sister Beatrice Alice. See below.

Jeremiah and Eugene Theobald Maloney were brothers. This makes Arthur Eugene and Beatrice Alice cousins and 'adopted' siblings.

Eugene Arthur Maloney was born to Eugene Theobald Maloney and Annie Green and Beatrice Alice Maloney was born to Jeremiah Maloney and Ellen Frost. This makes

Graeme rather thinks that when Arthur Eugene Maloney Purdom served in the army and when he died, that they were sensitive and honoured his birth name.

Beatrice Alice Maloney/Purdom married Aubrey Roberts in 1927 in Kent.



14 th fourteenth April 1892 100 Cranmer Sheet at Marys W.L.S.	Deabiee Alice	Jeremiah Maloney	Ellen Maloney formerly Frost	Shoe finisher	Ellen Maloney mother 100 Cranmer Sheet Leicester	thirteenth May 1892
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Birth entries shared by Graeme Bennett, Ancestry Trees, with thanks

Probate

PURDOM Robert of Blinkbonny Tudor Hill Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire died 28 April 1927 Probate Birmingham 7 July
to Emma Josephine Purdom widow.
Effects £32974 12s. 11d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

1939 Register

Emma Josephine Purdom was not found.

Probate

PURDOM Emma Josephine of 400 Chester-road-north Sutton
Coldfield Warwickshire widow died 25 August 1948 Probate
Newcastle-upon-Tyne 18 January to Lloyds Bank Limited.
Effects £28887 7s. 1d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

**Mrs Emma Josephine Purdom,
Deceased**

Pursuant to the Trustee Act, 1925
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all
persons having any claim against
the estate of Emma Josephine Purdom,
late of 400, Chester Road North, Sutton
Coldfield, Birmingham, Widow, who
died on the 25th day of August, 1948,
are hereby required to send particulars
thereof in writing to the Executor &
Trustee Department, Lloyds Bank
Limited, 35, Waterloo Street, Birming-
ham, 2, the Executor of the Will of the
said Emma Josephine Purdom, or to
the undersigned, the Solicitor to the
Executor, on or before the expiration
of two calendar months from the date
of the Publication in which this notice
appears, after which period the Executor
will proceed to distribute the said
estate, having regard only to the claims
then notified.

DATED this fourteenth day of
September, 1948.

J. M. EDNEY,
Solicitor for the said Executor.

Berwick Advertiser 16 September 1948

FREDERICK ARTHUR RANDALL

Frederick Randall was born in 1899 at Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. He served as a Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve, ordinary seaman. He served on the 'S.S. Mereddio' as Ordinary Seaman Bristol Z/10168

Fredrick Randall was lost at sea on 10 January 1918, aged 18.

"Aged 18 when he died on 10 January 1918. He was an ordinary seaman. Service number Bristol/Z/10168 Royal Navy Reserve. SS Mereddio. Born on 30 March 1899. Son of Frederick and Annie of Powells Pool, Sutton Coldfield."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

"Disappeared after sailing from Quiberon. Body was not recovered for burial."

WW1 Royal Navy Reserve Ratings Campaign Medal Rolls 1914 – 1920

Information I.C. 7177/1918 ADM 128/296

"Ordinary sailor born on 30 March 1899 at Sutton Coldfield. Royal Navy Voluntary Reserve. Killed or died as a direct result of enemy action. Body not recovered. British and Victory Medals and Memorial War Plaque."

Royal Navy & Royal Marines War Graves Roll 1914 – 1919 AM 242/10 scan 0027

INDEX No. M.R.2 PLYMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL 1918 - 1921

RANDALL, Ord. Smn. Frederick Arthur, Bristol/
Z/10168. R.N.R. S.S. "Mereddio." 10th Jan.,
1918. Age 18. Son of Frederick and Annie
Randall, of Powells Pool, Sutton Coldfield,
Warwickshire. 30.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission

Frederick Randall was lost at sea on 10 January 1918. He is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, Panel 30.



Plymouth War Memorial

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RANDALL, Frederick Arthur,	=	Ord. Smn.	Bristol Z/10168. (Dev.)	R.N.V.R.	S.S. "Mereddio".	30.3.99. Sutton Coldfield, Warwick	10.1.18	1	0	-----	Mother, Annie, Powells Pool, Sutton Coldfield, Nr. Birmingham, Warwick.
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WW1 Royal Navy Volunteer Reservice Service 1914 – 1919 Bristol Z/10168 Fold 3

Naval Service Record

R.N.V.R. Division		BRISTOL		No. Z 10168		Date of Birth 30 March 1899		Place of Birth Sutton Coldfield		Occupation Printer		Whether formerly R.M. or R.N.	
Name in full Frederick Arthur Randall													
Date and Period of Engagements		Height		Hair		Eyes		Complexion		Wounds, Scars or Marks		Clothing and Bedding	
19th Mar 1917 Hostilities		37		5 9 1/2		Light Brown		Blue		Fresh			
Ship, &c., served in		List		No.		Rating		Period of Service		If discharged, whether and for what cause		Sub-ratings and Badges	
Victory VI		Lt 6897		6 Sea		Lt 1077 25 June 1917						d. (S. 2103) 17.9.17	
President III		Lt 11269		6 Sea		Lt 1077 25 June 1917						d. (S. 2103) 17.9.17	
President III		Lt 2409		6 Sea		Lt 1077 25 June 1917						d. (S. 2103) 17.9.17	
NP 2103/18													
D. 10 January 1918													
SS Mereddio													
lost sunk													
Remarks													
NP 2103/18. Missing. SS "Mereddio" overdue. Ship lost in Oct. 10. 1918. Loss in course of her service. S.S. C. S.O. 2016/17.													

WW1 Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve Service 1914 – 1919 Bristol Z/10168 Fold 3

The Steam Ship 'S.S Mereddio' was owned by the Maclay & McIntyre shipyard, Glasgow.

It sailed from Bilbao on the 7th of January 1918 to Quiberone then was torpedoed at map reference 56.28N 03.50E by the German U Boat 34. Two people were killed, Frederick Randall and Malcolm Macloud, Leading Seaman RNR A4440. Both were lost without trace.

Maclay & McIntyre, Glasgow Archives

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"Frederick Randall was a Royal Naval Reservist who served in the Mercantile Marine.

He was born on 30th March 1899 in Wylde Green, when his family lived in Jockey Road. Frederick's father, also Frederick, ran a letterpress; his mother, Annie Maria Corbett, was from Darlaston, the daughter of a gun maker. Frederick Junior was one of six children, and the eldest boy.

Frederick joined the Royal Naval Reserve in Bristol and sailed on the SS *Mereddio*, a cargo steamer of 3,069 tons, with a crew of 27, of whom two were naval reservists.

The steamer was en route from Bilbao to Glasgow with a cargo of iron ore, part of a convoy. She sailed into Quiberon and then left for Scotland.

The ship disappeared on 10th January 1918, presumed sunk with all hands. It later emerged that she was probably torpedoed by U84, then active in those waters.

The *Mereddio* is a war grave, although it has never been located. Ordinary Seaman Randall, who died aged 18, is commemorated on the Plymouth Memorial."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Frederick Randall was the son of Frederick and Annie Randall of Powells Pool, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Frederick Randall was registered June 1899 Aston 6d 502

1901 census Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Randall	M	32	Letter press printer – employer	b Brampton,
Annie M Randall	M	28		b Darlaston
Martha A Randall		3		b Wylde Green
Frederick A Randall		2		b Wylde Green

1911 census Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Randall	M	42	Letter press printer- employer	b Brampton, Derby
Annie Randall	M	37	Married 14 years – 6 children	b Darlaston, Staffs
Martha Alice Randall		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Arthur Randall		12		b Sutton Coldfield
John Robert Randall		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Reginald Henry Randall		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Nancy May Randall		1		b Sutton Coldfield
Walter William Randall		1		b Sutton Coldfield

There is a family tree posted on Ancestry.com. that includes Frederick Randall and his parents Frederick Randall (1869 -1957) and Annie Maria Corbett (1873 – 1928).

1921 census Powells Pool Cottages, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Randall, 51. Printer Employer at 21 Lichfield Road, Aston.
Annie Maria Randall, 47. Home duties.
Martha Alice Randall, 23. Home duties.
John Robert Randall, 19. Engineer own account.
Reginald Harry Randall, 14. School.
Nancy May Randall, 11. School.
Walter William Randall, 11. School.
Dorothy Frances Randall, 8. School.
Cissy Maycock, 16. General domestic servant.

1939 Register 37 Eastern Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Randall, born on 20 June 1869. Master printer.
Caroline E Randall, born on 21 February 1877. Domestic duties.
Doris Green, born on 8 January 1920. Domestic servant.
Redacted.

Death

The death of Annie M Randall was registered March 1928 Tamworth 6b 480, aged 54.

Marriage

The marriage between Frederick Randall and Caroline E Cluff was registered June 1930 Tamworth 6b 964.

Death

The death of Frederick Randall was registered March 1957 Sutton Coldfield 9c 900, aged 86.

HERBERT JOSEPH REEVE

Herbert Joseph Reeve was born in 1895 at Kings Norton. He enlisted on 2 September 1914 with the City Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 1995. He was given a commission as Lance Corporal then Lance Sergeant and later promoted to Second Lieutenant with the Herefordshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Second Lieutenant

He died of dysentery on 24 September 1915 on board a hospital ship near Gallipoli, aged 24.

"Born in 1895, died on 24 September 1915, aged 20. Son of William James and Mary Reeve of Grasmere, Clarence Road, Four Oaks."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4813314 WO 372/16/183086

The first Battalion of the Herefordshire Regiment was involved in the Suvla campaign (GCS)

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REEVE, 2nd Lt. Herbert Joseph. 1st Bn. Herefordshire Regt. Died of dysentery 24th Sept., 1915. Age 20. Son of William James and M. A. E. Reeve, of "Grasmere," Clarence Rd., Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. Born at King's Norton, Birmingham. B. XIV. 1.

UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 - 1921

He was buried on 25 September 1915 at the Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta, Plot B, Row 15, Grave 1.



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REEVE, HERBERT JOSEPH, 2nd Lieut., 1/1st Battn. The Herefordshire Regt. (T.F.), 2nd s. of William James Reeve, of Grasmere, Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Birmingham, Music Trader, by his wife, Mary Ann Elizabeth, dau. of William Glover; b. King's Norton, co. Worcester, 25 Jan. 1895; educ. Bishop Vesey Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield, and on leaving there went to sea, into the Arctic regions, twice to the Pacific, and other voyages. After the outbreak of war he joined the Herefordshire Regt. as a Private, with his elder brother, 2 Sept. 1914; quickly gained promotion, and was given a 2nd Lieutenancy 21 Aug. 1915; went to the Dardanelles 16 July, 1915, and died on H.M. Hospital Ship Salta 24 Sept. following, from nervous prostration after dysentery, contracted while on active service. Buried in Pieta Cemetery, Malta [Grave No. 1, Row 14B]. His Colonel, Captain and comrades all wrote, saying that he did his duty well and fearlessly, and that the work on which he was engaged required plenty of pluck and intelligence under the most exhausting conditions. He was a good all-round athlete, but excelled at swimming, being a prominent member of the Sutton Coldfield Club, and won many prizes, including the Coronation Medal; *unm.*

De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919

These were not found.

He was awarded the 1914 - 1915 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He landed at Gallipoli on 9 August 1915.

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Correspondence

Address
(Father) W. J. Reeve Esq.
Grasmere
6 Larches Road
Fox's Oaks
Birmingham

To be left blank		On date of Disembarkation		NAME	Date of Disembarkation	REMARKS	Record of disposal of decoration	To be left Blank for use in War Office
		Regtl. No.	Rank					
✓	1985	Pte.	HIGLEY Percy.	9-8-15(2b)	Died 2-12-15.	✓		
✓	1995	Pte. (L/Sgt).	REEVE Herbert Joseph.	9-8-15(2b)	Discharged to Commn. Hereford R. 21-8-15.	✓	✓	1/14/2239. 25/4/21. 2no/3/59/17.

Herbert Reeve is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

“Herbert Joseph Reeve was born on 25 January 1895 in Kings Norton, the youngest son of William James and Mary Ann Elizabeth Reeve. He was baptised on May 17th, 1895, at All Saints Church, Kings Norton. His family lived at 16 Goldsmith Road, Kings Heath at the time.

In 1901, he was 7 years old and living with family at Four Oaks Villa, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School where he was considered a fine athlete and excelled at swimming.

On December 6th, 1909, he registered with the Merchant Navy in Glasgow aged 14. He was indentured as an apprentice until 1913 and bound to Dunlop & Sons. By 1911, he was living with his parents at "Grasmere", Clarence Road, Four Oaks. He was 16 years old, single and an Apprentice Sailor in the Merchant Sea Service. His father was a pianoforte tuner/teacher. After an accident, he went to work for his father in the musical profession.

He enlisted with the City Battalions of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on September 2nd, 1914, aged 19 years. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on September 25th, 1914. He transferred to the 1st Battalion, Herefordshire Regiment (Service number 1995) on November 11th, 1914, to be with his brother Robert who was a farmer in Herefordshire. However, Robert William Reeve transferred to the RAF and became a Captain, who was later awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lance Sergeant No. 1995 Herbert Reeve embarked at Devonport on S.S .Euripedes on 16 July 1915. 25 officers and 750 men landed at 'C' beach, Suvla Bay, Gallipoli (as a part of 158 Brigade, 53rd Division) on 9 August 1915. The battalion was mentioned in despatches in August 1915 (by General Sir Ian Hamilton in command of the Dardanelles Expedition) for their part in the landing: "...the 1st/1st

Herefordshire, which attacked with impetuosity and courage between Hetman Chair and Kaslar Chair about Azmak Dere on the extreme right of his line.”

He was later commissioned as an officer as recorded in the London Gazette dated August 20th, 1915, “The Herefordshire Regiment. The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants. Dated 21st August 1915: — Private Herbert Joseph Reeve (among others)”.

Whilst he was in the Dardanelles, Herbert Reeve saw a good deal of active service and was spoken of as a promising young officer. His Captain referred to him in a letter, in which he said, “When I last saw him, it was just about the time I was wounded. He was doing his duty well and fearlessly, and the work on which he was engaged required plenty of pluck and intelligence under the most exhausting conditions. With two men he made his way back to the base with an important message, and returned safely with the answer, besides doing other work on his own initiative which meant considerable exposure to the enemy’s fire.”

The conditions at Suvla Bay were very poor, there was a great shortage of water and illness was rife. Second Lieutenant Reeve became ill on September 17th, 1915, and was sent to hospital. He was evacuated to H.M. Hospital Ship which sailed for Malta.

Herbert Joseph Reeve died of illness (dysentery) aged 20 on September 24th, 1915, on HM Hospital Ship Salta, near the Dardanelles. He was buried on September 25th, 1915, at Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta, plot B. XIV. 1.”



Second Lieutenant Herbert Joseph Reeve

**SECOND LIEUTENANT H. J. REEVE, OF
FOUR OAKS.**

News has been received at Four Oaks of the death of Second Lieutenant H. J. Reeve, aged 20, the son of Mr. W. J. Reeve, of Grasmere, Clarence Road, Four Oaks. Lieutenant Reeve joined the Hereford Regiment with his elder brother in the early days of the war as a private, but quickly gained promotion. He went out with his regiment to the Dardanelles about three months ago. He saw a deal of active service there, and was given his commission as second lieutenant. He unfortunately contracted dysentery, and died on September 24.

He received his education at the Sutton Grammar School. Of fine physique, standing over 6ft. in height, and being well proportioned, he was a good all-round athlete, but excelled at swimming, being a prominent member of the Sutton Coldfield club. He won many prizes, including the Coronation medal.

From the Birmingham Daily Post, October 11th 1915

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Herbert Reeve is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School Roll of Honour.

Herbert Reeve was a member of the YMCA and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

John Day, YMCA

He is listed on the Herefordshire Regiment 1/1st Battalion Roll of Honour Forces War Records

“Herbert Joseph Reeve was the son of William and Mary Reeve of “Grasmere”, Clarence Road, Four Oaks.”

Sutton Coldfield News 16.10.1915

“Herbert Reeve was educated at Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School. He was a fine athlete at school.

After leaving school he was apprenticed in the Merchant Navy with the ‘Dunlop Line’ of Glasgow then, after an accident, he went to work for his father in the musical profession.

He enlisted for service at the same time as his brother, who was a farmer in Herefordshire.

When he left England, he was a Corporal and received his third stripe shortly after arriving in the Dardanelles and was ‘Gazetted’ on 21 August 1915.”

Sutton Coldfield News 16.10.1915

Birth

The birth of Herbert J Reeve was registered March 1895 Kings Norton 6c 456

Baptism on 17 May 1895 at All Saints, Kings Norton

To William James and Mary Ann Elizabeth of 16 Goldsmith Road, Kings Heath. Father was a piano tuner.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 85/2/2/1 Archive Roll Reel 8

1901 census “Four Oaks Villa”, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

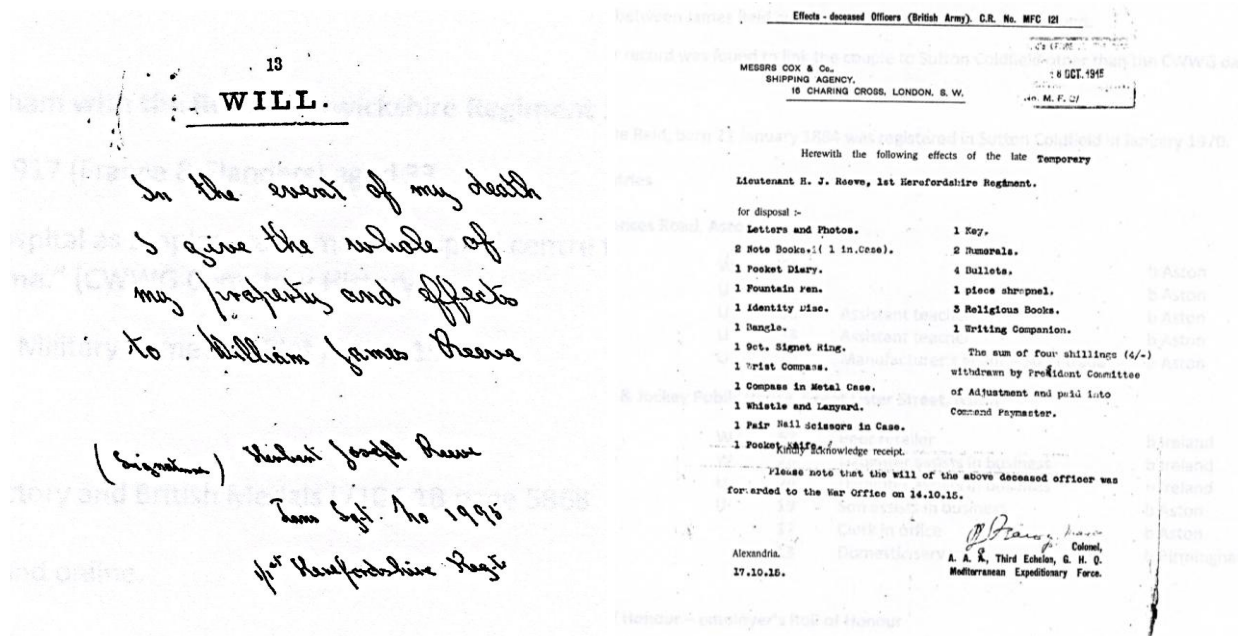
William J Reeve	M	41	Pianoforte tuner	b Aston
Mary A E Reeve	M	41		b Birmingham
Robert W Reeve		7		b Worcester
Herbert Joseph Reeve		6		b Not stated

1911 census “Grasmere”, Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

William James Reeve	M	54	Pianoforte tuner/teacher	b Aston
Mary Ann Elizabeth Reeve	M	51	Married 19 years – 2 children	b Birmingham
Herbert Joseph Reeve		16	Apprentice sailor merchant service	b Kings Norton

REGISTER OF APPRENTICES' INDENTURES.							
NAME OF APPRENTICE	Age when Bound	Port of Enrolment <i>Regd of Indenture</i> Date of Indenture	Term for which Bound	Year in which Indenture Expires	Name of Person to whom Bound	Particulars of Deaths and Cancellations, &c.	Remarks
<i>Reeve Herbert Joseph</i>	<i>11+</i>	<i>Glasgow</i> <i>6.12.09</i>	<i>4+</i>	<i>1913</i>	<i>Thos Dunlop & Sons</i>		<i>3</i>

Apprentices Indentured in Merchant Navy 1824 – 1910 Class BT 150. Piece 53.



Lieutenant Reeve's Will made whilst still a Sergeant, before he went to Gallipoli, and the list of his effects that were sent home to his parents.

Found in 2013 on Ancestry.com. Not found in 2025.

1921 census Grasmere, Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield

William James Reeve, 64. Pianoforte tuner.

Mary Ann E Reeve, 61. Home duties

1939 Register 1 Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield

William James Reeve, born on 5 March 1857. Widowed. Retired piano tuner.

Kate Freeman, single. Born on 2 July 1875. Housekeeper.

Deaths

The death of Mary Ann E Reeve was registered September 1926 Tamworth 6b 348, aged 66.

The death of William J Reeve was registered June 1941 Sutton Coldfield 6d 885, aged 84.



**Second Lieutenant Herbert Joseph Reeve
1st/1st Herefordshire Regiment
Died: Friday 24th September 1915
Aged: 20**

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On 21 August 1917 Herbert was gazetted to 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd/1st Herefords and was awaiting his transfer.

The conditions at Suvla Bay were very poor, there was a great shortage of water and illness was rife.

2nd Lt. Reeve became ill on 17 September 1915 and sent to hospital. He was evacuated to H.M. Hospital Ship 'Salta' which sailed for Malta.

He died at sea from dysentery, and was buried on Malta on 25 September, with the Reverend E.G. Wells officiating.



Herbert Reeve is buried in the Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta
Plot B, Row 15 Grave 1.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and All Saints Church Cross, Belwell Lane.

"Herbert Reeve was born on 25 January 1895. He was the youngest son of William James (Pianoforte trade) and Mary Ann Elizabeth Reeve of Grasmere, Clarence Road Four Oaks.

Herbert attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1904 and 1909. He was a member of the Sutton Swimming Club, winning the Coronation Medal.

In October 1909 he became an apprentice in the Mercantile Marine, Dunlop Shipping Line in Glasgow.

He joined the City Battalions of the Royal Warwicks on 2 September 1914 aged 19 years and 6 months.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 25 September 1914.

He transferred to the 1st Herefords (a Territorial Battalion) on 11 November 1914 to be with his brother Robert.

However, Robert William Reeve transferred to the RAF and became a Captain.

He was awarded the D.F.C

Whilst he was in the Dardanelles, Herbert Reeve saw a good deal of active service and was spoken of as a promising young officer.

His Captain referred to him in a letter, in which he said,

“When I last saw him, it was just about the time I was wounded. He was doing his duty well and fearlessly, and the work in which he was engaged required plenty of pluck and intelligence under the most exhausting conditions.

With two men he made his way back to the base with an important message, and returned safely with the answer, besides doing other work on his own initiative which meant considerable exposure to the enemy’s fire.”

The situation became increasingly desperate and between 28 December and 8 January 1916 the garrison slipped away undetected by the Turks.

The Turks lost about 300,000 men killed, wounded and missing, whilst the Allies lost 265,000 (the 29th Division lost its strength twice over).

The Gallipoli experience still touches the emotions of the nations that fought there, especially the Australians.”

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School

With thanks

JAMES REID

James Reid was born about 1884, place unknown. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Lance Corporal 1511

According to the Soldiers' Effects records, his alias was John Maxwell.

He died of wounds on 11 May 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 33.

"He probably died in military hospital as Etaples was a major hospital centre that could handle up to 22,000 wounded and sick at any one time."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

"Born in 1884. Resided in Sutton Coldfield. Died aged 33. Husband of Minnie Elizabeth of Brooks Cottage, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield. Awarded the Victory and British Medals and the Memorial Death Plaque."

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

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He was buried at the Etaples British Military Cemetery, Plot XVIII.L.19A.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 1B, page 5868.

Name	Service No.	Rank	Page No.
REID James	R War R	1st	1511
Medal	Rank	Page	Remarks
Victory	L/104 1B 5868	do - do	
British			
Other			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorized	Amount Authorized	No. of List in which advertised	
					Amount and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.					d.
479126	394531	Reid James alias Maxwell John	14/6/12 R Warw. Regt. 15/15/11 He (1/11)	11/5/17 Warwick 6/17	1	11	1	1	11	1	To Regt.	19/9/17	1	11	1
					WAR GRATUITY Effects 10/8 11/5/19 Transfer 6/10/19 Regt. 19/9/17 Serial No. 14144	6	—					11/11/19	1	11	1
					A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 4-7-19										

His widow was sent £1 11 s 1 d effects plus £6 war gratuity. It is noted he used John Maxwell as an alias.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 478001-479500 Fold 3 Forces War Records

James Reid is commemorated on the Birmingham Rolls of Honour 1914 -1920.

Birmingham City Employers 1914 – 1920 Aston Brewery Ltd. Royal Warwickshire Regiment

British Army Ancestors – submitted 16 June 2023 to Forces War Records

Also commemorated on page 288 of Birmingham City Battalions Book of Honour Edited by Sir William H Bowater, Hon. Colonel 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

James Reid is also commemorated on page 283 of 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

James Reid was the husband of Minnie Elizabeth Reid of “Brooks Cottage”, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Marriage

The marriage between James Reid and Minnie E Warrilow was registered March 1916 Tamworth 6b 674.

Birth

The birth of Minnie E Warrilow was registered March 1884 Aston 6d 456.

From family trees on Ancestry, it appears that her parents were Alfred T Warrilow 1855 – 1898 and Eliza Rickards 1848 – 1911.

1911 census 7 Church Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Eliza Warrilow	W	64		b Sutton Coldfield
Minnie E Warrilow	U	27	Dressmaker	b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Minnie E Reid, 37. Widow. Dressmaker.

1939 Register 37 Jordan Road, Sutton Coldfield

Minnie E Reid, born 21 January 1884. Dressmaker own account.
Benedict Egerton, born on 5 June 1895. Clerk in holy orders.
Reginald W Harris, born 28 May 1913. Accounts clerk.

Death

The death of Minnie Reid, born 21 January 1884, was registered in Sutton Coldfield March 1970 9b 3133, aged 86.

James Reid

Who was James Reid? A definitive birth registration was not found, or for John Maxwell.

Could this be the link through the brewery trade?

1901 census “Horse & Jockey Public House”, Great Lister Street, Aston

Robert Reid	W	62	Beer retailer	b Ireland
Helen Quartermine	W	26	Daughter assists in business	b Ireland
Mary Ann Reid	U	24	Daughter assists in business	b Ireland
James Reid	U	19	Son assists in business	b Aston
Agnes Reid		17	Clerk in office	b Aston
Elizabeth Jes		13	Domestic servant	b Birmingham

Death

The death of Robert Reid was registered June 1901 Aston 6d 200, aged 62.

This was the only James Reid in 1911- the details are not convincing.

1911 census 25 Frances Road, Aston

Hannah Reid	W	61		b Aston
Christine Reid	U	38		b Aston
Margaret Reid	U	36	Assistant teacher	b Aston
Beatrice Reid	U	33	Assistant teacher	b Aston
James Reid	U	29	Manufacturer's agent – Steel trade	b Aston

Robert Reid could have been a tenant of Ansell's Brewery, and his son worked in a public house in 1901.

Nothing further can be added at this time about James Reid.

ARTHUR LAMB RENAUD

Arthur Lamb Renaud was born in 1889 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Leamington with the Royal Army Medical Corps – Private 127988

He died on 16 November 1918, aged 30.

The death of Arthur L Renaud was registered December 1918 Fylde 8e 1232, aged 30.

It appears that he was wounded or sick and was taken to a Station Road military hospital in Blackpool, Lancashire, where he died.

He is buried in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot C.C. 1235.



Photo by Glenlivet

Findagrave Memorial ID 98210904 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 3 October 2012

Army Service Record – Burnt Records

Three pages of burnt army service records were found on Forces War Records.

His address was 59 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield and his next of kin was his father. He was a metal work designer.

Arthur Lamb Renaud was 29 years 3 months old when he enlisted at Leamington on 2 March 1916. He was called to service on 7 February 1918.

He was 5 feet one and a half inches tall and had a chest measurement of 32 inches.

He was sent to A Company on 9 February 1918 and again on 1 October 1918.

The next entry was - In Station Road Hospital Blackpool 16 November 1918 – died.

Army Medal Roll

This was not found.

No further records were found.

Arthur Lamb Renaud is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“Arthur Renaud was born into a prosperous family in 1888 - his father managed a printing works and was by profession a lithographer. The family lived in Highbridge Road and had their own servant.

Arthur Junior also worked as a draughtsman. He did not have good health: a double hernia in infancy obliged him to wear a truss for most of his life. He wore a denture in his upper teeth, and in 1913 spent six months in Hatton Asylum.

Arthur's army record notes that he was 5' 1½" tall, with a 32" chest. He weighed 6 st 12 lbs, and his speech was 'very halting'.

'Deemed to have enlisted' (conscripted) in 1916, Arthur was called to the colours and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps on 7th February 1918.

At about this time his mother Annie died. Arthur trained in Huddersfield and joined 'A' Company at the RAMC Depot in Blackpool in October 1918.

On 12th November 1918, the day after the Armistice, Arthur was admitted to hospital in Blackpool with pneumonia. After four days, on his thirtieth birthday, he died from heart failure.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Arthur Lamb Renaud was the son of Arthur and Annie Renaud of 59 Highbridge Road, Wylde Green

Birth

The birth of Arthur L Renaud was registered March 1889 Aston 6d 413

Baptism on 30 August 1891 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Born on 16 November 1888. Of Avenue Road, father was a lithographer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/15

1901 census “Maney”, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Renaud	M	44	Manager of printing works	b Birmingham
Annie M Renaud	M	40		b Handsworth
Ida A Renaud		15		b Birmingham
Norman C Renaud		13		b Birmingham
Arthur L Renaud		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Leslie C Renaud		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Kathleen A Renaud		3		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census “Melrose”, Highbridge Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Renaud	M	54	Lithographic artist	b Birmingham
Annie Maria Renaud	M	50	Married 26 years – 6 children 1 died	b Handsworth
Ida Annie Renaud	U	24	Clerk	b Birmingham
Norman Charles Renaud	U	23	Clerk	b Birmingham
Arthur Lamb Renaud	U	22	Draughtsman in art metal work	b Sutton Coldfield
Leslie Chastel Renaud		15	Clerk	b Sutton Coldfield
Kathleen Agnes Renaud		13		b Sutton Coldfield
William Henry Renaud	U	63	Brother – private means	b Leeds

1921 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Renaud, 64. Widow. Lithographic draughtsman at Silk & Terry Ltd. Great Charles Street.

Norman Charles Renaud, 32. Married. Cost clerk at J Lucas, Great King Street.

Ida Annie Renaud, 34. Clerk at Law Union, Colmore Row.

Kathleen Agnes Renaud, 24. Home duties.

Mabel Renaud, 43. Married daughter in law. Shop assistant at J H Warder Ltd, drapers, High Street, Erdington.

Leslie Chastel Renaud, 26. Clerk at Perry & Co, Ltd. Tysley.

Deaths

The death of Annie M Renaud was registered March 1918 Tamworth 6b 525, aged 58.

The death of Arthur Renaud was registered December 1928 Tamworth 6b 431, aged 73.

GEORGE HENRY REYNOLDS

George Henry Reynolds was born in possibly Worcester, year not known. He enlisted in Coventry with the Coldstream Guards 2nd Battalion – Private 5667, later Lance Corporal.

He was killed in action on 25 September 1916 (France & Flanders).

“Born in Worcester and resided in Minworth. Enlisted at Coventry. Died on 25 September 1916.”

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Coldstream Guards Collections

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier & Face 7D & 8D.



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Lives of the First World War Life Story 3709032.

Lance Corporal 5667 Coldstream Guards. WO 372/16 The National Archives

Online reference www.livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org./lifestory/3709032

Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Family History Society

“George Henry Reynolds. Husband of Mary Jane Reynolds, nee Westwood. They married in 1900 in Stourbridge. George was born in 1876 at Worcester. In 1911 he lived at Spring Street, Hawne, Halesowen. He was a grocer’s porter and assistant. He enlisted at Coventry. He is on the Minworth Memorial.”

Website nanwfhs.org.u/pte_5667_g-h-reynolds/

Minworth and Curdworth War Memorials - Sergeant G Reynolds, Coldstream Guards.

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Somme Roll of Honour. 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards

George Henry Reynolds 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards.

“In August 1916, the 2nd Battalion were in front of Beaumont-Hamel. On 12 September 1916, they went to Gincy Sector, on 15 September they attacked towards Lesboeufs. On 25 September 1916, they captured Lesboeufs in a support role. This would be when George was killed.”

Army Service Records

These have not been found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CG/101/B2, page 59, and the 1914 Star Medal CG/1, page 282, and the Clasp 2/2839. He entered France on 12 August 1914.

Campaign :- 1914				(A) Where decoration was earned.
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	(B) Present situation.
(A) REYNOLDS	CGds	1st Lt	5667	Roll on which included (if any)
(B)	CGds	1st Lt	5667	MEDAL ROLL PAGE VICTORY CG/101/B2 59 BRITISH CG/1 282 4 STAR CG/1 282
Action taken				Kin A
Clasp 2/2839.				
QUALIFYING DATE				12/8/14

(6 34 46) W234-HP5590 590,000 4/19 HWY(P240) K008 [OVER]

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

0017730934	Reynolds	2nd Bn: 25.9.16	London	8	4	5	3	7	5	110	2	14	20.1.17	Min. sole leg.	8	4	5		
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5667																			
WAR GRATUITY.																			
19/50																			
Transf. 5732																			
Regd. Paper 24.6.17																			
Serial No. 6																			
24.11.5040 sent 13.17.																			

This relates to George Henry Reynolds, 5667, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. Someone called Jenny was sent £8 7 s 5 d effects and someone called Jane was sent £12 War Gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 Forces War Records

A search of the 1921 census for a Jane or Jenny was not productive.

Possible marriage

The marriage between George Reynolds and Jenny Ashby was registered March 1909 Meriden 6d 465 Meriden covered the parishes of Castle Bromwich, Minworth and Coleshill and surrounding areas.

1911 census – no trace of George and Jenny/Jennie/Jennifer was found.

No further trace of a Jenny/Jennie/Jennifer Reynolds was found.

1921 census

One family lived at 241 Boldmere Road. Arthur Reynolds was 52, from Smethwick and was a manufacturer of Electric gear. His wife was May, 46, from Rugeley. Arthur John was 18 and from Sutton Coldfield. What looks like Jessie was 15 from Sutton Coldfield.

Nothing was found at Minworth.

Nothing definitive was found in Coventry either.

COVENTRY STANDARD 18 & 19 September 1914

Soldiers on Active Service – Coleshill and District

In a long list of men, George Henry Reynolds, Coldstream Guards, is listed.

British Newspaper Archive

George Henry Reynolds also commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

This appears to be the couple mentioned by the Nuneaton and North Warwickshire Family History Society.

Marriage

The marriage between George Henry Reynolds and Mary Jane Westwood was registered September 1900 Stourbridge 6c 203.

1911 Census Spring Street, Hawes, Halesowen

George Henry Reynolds	M	35	Grocery assistant	b Halesowen
Mary Jane Reynolds	M	30	Married 10 years 2 children	b Halesowen
Lillian Reynolds		9		b Halesowen
Marie Reynolds		3		b Halesowen

1921 census 4 Spring Street, Hawes, Halesowen.

George Henry Reynolds and Mary Jane, plus their children were still very much alive in 1921.

The information is therefore incorrect.

Possible family link to Minworth

1921 census Park Lane Bungalows, Minworth

Harry Reynolds, 32. Born at Handsworth. Rubber worker at Dunlop, Birmingham.
Amy Elizabeth Reynolds, 22. Born at Nechells. Home duties.

Possible 1911 census 68 Westbourne Road, Handsworth

James Reynolds	M	51	Iron moulder	b Kingswinford
Caroline Reynolds	M	52	Married 32 years 4 children	b Kingswinford
Alice Reynolds	U	31	Milliner's assistant	b Winson Green
Flory Reynolds	U	26	Clerk	b Handsworth
Frank Reynolds	U	24	Turner	b Handsworth
Harry Reynolds	U	21	Insurance agent	b Handsworth

No link is apparent here to George Henry Reynolds who may have had links to Worcester, Coventry and Minworth.

A definitive link to Sutton Coldfield has not been found for this man and nothing further can be added at this time.

FRED / FREDERICK RICE

Fred Rice was born in 1891 at Birmingham. He enlisted with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry at the outbreak of the war. He was later attached to the South Wales Borders 8th Battalion and then the 2nd Battalion, at the rank of Second Lieutenant.

He was killed on 1 July 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 25. Some records say it was 2 July 1916.

Battle of the Somme Roll of Honour. Website www.somme-roll-of-honour.com

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 South Wales Borderers Diaries P080S116

“He received his commission in March 1915. He was married in May 1915. He went to Gallipoli in August 1915 where he sprained the tendons in his leg, requiring hospital treatment in Malta.

Some men of the 2nd South Wales Borders Regiment situated opposite the “Y” Ravine managed to get within 100 yards of the German front line, but the majority were caught by three machine guns.” (SDBD)

He was buried at the “Y” Ravine Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, Somme, Plot A3.



Photo by Bluehaven 14 July 2019

Findagrave Memorial ID 56050450 Uploaded by Coleman on 6 August 2010



Family Cenotaph Photo by Hockley Lass

Findagrave Memorial ID 204156043 Uploaded by Hockley Lass on 26 October 2019

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

Frederick Fairfax Rice of the South Wales Borders – no regiment number is added to the card

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/47, page 109, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/47, page 18. He entered Gallipoli on 30 August 1915.

8/4/1916		Corps		Rank		Regt. No.	
RICE		S.W. Bord.		Lieut			
Frederick							
Medal		Roll		Page		Remarks	
VICTORY		OFF 47		109		died 1.7.16	
BRITISH		do		do			
15 STAR		OFF 47		18		i.v. x/7401 d/11 6 27/2491	
Theatre of War first served in		Gallipoli					
Date of entry therein		30.8.15				22/7/1991	

8/4/1916		Correspondence	
Extracted from 105496/8		1.11.20	
Pg. 9. 3.12.20			
Address		"Rosalie" The Green Culver Herefordshire	

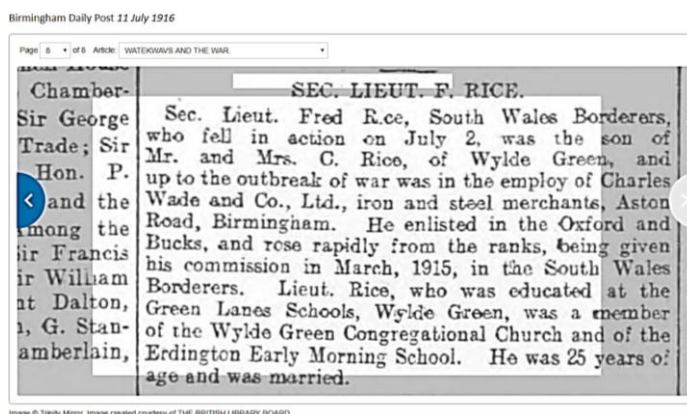
British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Effie M Rice lived at this address. It is near the Malvern Hills on the border with Worcestershire.

Frederick Rice was commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration



"Fred Rice was born on 26th January 1891, the third son of Charles Rice, a blacksmith and wheelwright, and Annie Fairfax Godfrey. The family lived at 56 Princip Street. Fred was baptised on 15th February, along with his older brother Harry.

As noted above, Fred went to Green Lanes School, the modern successor of which is Wylde Green Primary – the family having moved to Hope House in Highbridge Road.

Fred's early military career as detailed above needs to be taken on trust, as no record before 1915 seems to remain. As an experienced soldier, Fred was commissioned into the 8th South Wales Borderers in March 1915.

He was said to have married in May 1915, but no record can be found of this, and his next-of-kin, after his death, were recorded as his parents.

Fred was sent to Gallipoli on 30th August 1915, where his battalion fought against Bulgarian troops. He was injured, straining tendons, which required hospital treatment in Malta.

After this he was sent to France, attached to the 2nd Battalion of the South Wales Borderers. 2nd Lieutenant Fred Rice was killed in action on 1st or 2nd July 1916, right at the beginning of the Battle of the Somme.

He is buried in Y Ravine cemetery in Beaumont Hamel."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

"Frederick Rice was the son of Mr and Mrs Charles Rice of "Hope House", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Green Lanes School.

He was a chorister at Wylde Green Congregational Church and was also a Sunday School Teacher there.

He was employed as a clerk at Messrs. Charles Wade, Iron & Steel Merchants, Aston Road, Aston."

Sutton Coldfield News 15 July 1916

This article does not mention a wife.

Birth

The birth of Fred Rice was registered March 1891 Birmingham 6d 160

Baptism on 15 February 1891 at St George, Birmingham

Born on 26 January 1891 of 56 Princip Street. Father was a blacksmith.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1912 DRO 9 Archive Roll 695

1891 census 56 Princip Street, Birmingham

Charles Rice	M	37	Blacksmith	b Birmingham
Annie Rice	M	36		b Wantage
Florence Rice		7		b Birmingham
James Rice		5		b Birmingham
Harry Rice		4		b Birmingham
Fred Rice		10 weeks old		b Birmingham

1901 census "Hope House", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Rice	M	47	Wheelwright – employer	b Birmingham
Annie Rice	M	46		b Wantage, Berkshire
James Rice		15	Silversmith	b Birmingham
Harry Rice		13		b Birmingham
Frederick Rice		10		b Birmingham
Percy B Rice		7		b Wylde Green

1911 census "Hope House", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Rice	M	57	Wheelwright – employer	b Birmingham
Annie Fairfax Rice	M	56		b Wantage
Harry Rice	U	23	Silver spinner	b Birmingham
Frederick Rice	U	20	Iron merchant's clerk	b Birmingham
Percy Bob Rice	U	17	Wheelwright's assistant	b Birmingham

Marriages

The marriage between Fred Rice and Ethel M Hall was registered June 1915 Pembroke 11a 2507.

On 12 January 1915, they were moved to Rugby.

(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Hall Walter Head 6B & M married	Siddington Derbyshire.	Retired 1900/6	530	Lt Col W.R.Py	Birmingham	Memo
Hall Rozina E. wife 6A & F married	London	Home Duties				
Rice Effie M. Daughter 27 5' 7 Unmarried	Birmingham	Worse.				
Hall Rosci Sailor 23 11 7 Single	Sutton Coldfield	accounts Clerk	959/6	Lt Col W.R.Py	Cyrus St St Permitting- Army & Fleet <u>Birmingham</u>	17
Hall Dorothy Sailor 23 11 7 Single	D°	D°	D°	D°		
Possittes Annie Visitor 28 3 7 Single	Aldershot.	Shorthand Typist Clerk	719	Kerry Army & Air Force Institutes Government Contractors	Aldershot. 2150/01	

Rosina Hall, 60. From London. Home duties.

EFFIE M RICE, 27. Widow. Born in Birmingham. Home duties.

Rosie Hall, 23. Born in Sutton Coldfield, Accounts clerk at L & N W Railway, Curzon Street. Visitor.

Dorothy Hall, 23. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Ditto.

Annie Rossiter, 25. Born in Aldershot. Shorthand Typist Clerk, Aldershot. Visitor.

Here we see the links to both Birmingham and Sutton Coldfield.

It is not known what happened to Ethel (Effie) M Rice after 1921.

RICE.—On the 2nd inst., killed in action, Lieutenant Fred Rice, of S.W.B. Deeply mourned by all his friends at "The Pines," Bishop's Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birmingham Daily Post 13 July 1916. British Newspaper Archive

RICE Fred of Hope House Highbridge-road Wyld Green Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** 2nd lieutenant 8th South Wales Borderers died 2 July 1916 in France Probate **Birmingham** 19 August to Charles Rice wheelwright. Effects £117 15s. 8d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

[illegible]

Visiting in their son James's household. He was a farmer.

Charles Rice, 67. Wheelwright, employer.

Annie Rice, 66. Home duties.

Probate

RICE Annie Fairfax of 233 Highbridge-road Wylde Green **Warwickshire** (wife of Charles Rice) died 28 November 1921 Probate **Birmingham** 24 December to the said Charles Rice wheelwright. Effects £193.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

RICE Charles of 233 Highbridge-road Wylde Green **Warwickshire** and of Princip-street **Birmingham** died 17 April 1924 at 233 Highbridge-road Probate **Birmingham** 5 June to James Rice farmer and Florence Price (wife of Walter Price). Effects £2714 17s. 2d.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

FRANK ALEXANDER RIPPINGILLE

Frank Rippingille was born in 1893 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in 1914 with the East Yorkshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Second Lieutenant and then Lieutenant.

He was killed in action on 11 November 1914 (France & Flanders). First battle of Ypres. (DOAA)

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 East Yorkshire Regiment Collections

Died on 11 November 1914. Lieutenant De of Wellington (West Riding) Regiment, East Yorkshire Regiment att'd 2nd Battalion. Awarded the 1914 Star (Mons Star), British & Victory Medals and Memorial Death Plaque. Parent Frank S Rippingille of Winchester House, Victoria square, Birmingham.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Ireland Obituary Index

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate War Memorial, Panel 2 I.



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Army Service Records

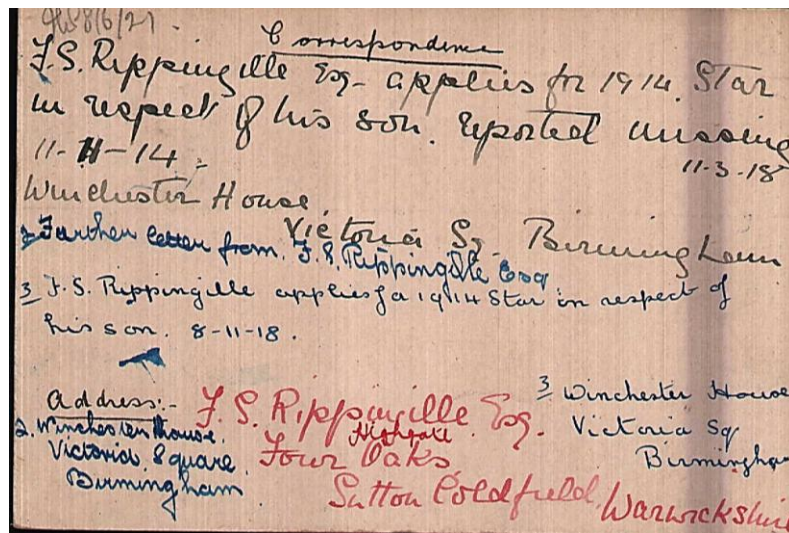
These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/125 page 59 and the 1914 Star Medal OFF 227 page 1 (East Yorks Reg).

His medal card states that his father applied for the 1914 Star on 8 November 1918 and gave his addresses as Highgate, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and Winchester House, Victoria Square, Birmingham. Frank Rippingille entered France on 8 September 1914.

Campaign: 1. 6. 1914 - 13. 7. 1914		(a) When decoration was earned		(b) Present situation	
Org.	Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal Roll Page
a) Rippingille	F. A.	East Yorks R.	2/Lt	68/125	59
b) F. A.		att'd 2nd Bn. Wellington R.	Lieut. &	BRITISH	do do
Action taken		starts he issued from Roll of E. Yorks R. auth OFF/79			
Extract from		a.m. 1.6.18.			
Routine Orders		1. V. 471/m 26.1.19 WS/4/1717.			
Staff Book		1. V. x 17527 d/11 WS/4/1717			
Disembarkation		Embarked. 68/121/501. WS/4/1717			
Return		8.9.14. WS/5/1490			
W6505-8867 20,000 9/16		HWV(P1716) H16/1434			



British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

Lieutenant Frank Alexander Rippingille, East Yorkshire Regiment attached to 2nd Battalion De of Wellington's (West Riding Regiment)

"Frank Alexander Rippingille was born on December 31st, 1893, in Sutton Coldfield to Frank and Florence Rippingille. His father, Frank Sidebotham Rippingille, was a managing director at Rippingille Albion Lamp Co. Ltd, Aston Brook Lamp Works, Aston Road North, Birmingham, makers of oil stoves and motor lamps.

In 1901 he was 7 years old and living with family at "Hillside", in Bishops Road, Sutton Coldfield. Frank joined Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in 1905 and was a good athlete. By 1911 he was 17, single and a schoolboy living with family at "The Cottage", Belwell Lane, Four Oaks. Frank left school in 1911 and spent a year at Birmingham University until on September 19th, 1912, when he went to Sandhurst for officer training.

The London Gazette dated August 7th, 1914, records that "The undermentioned Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military Academy and Royal Military College, to be Second Lieutenants: — Regular Forces, The East Yorkshire Regiment, Frank Alexander Rippingille" (among others) so he must have joined the army prior to the declaration of war (4th August 1914). His (somewhat rapid) promotion to Lieutenant appeared in the London Gazette on 9 December 1914. Sadly, by that time, it seems that he had lost his life. The General Records Office War Death Army Officers Indices (1914 to 1921) had previously recorded him as being a Temporary Lieutenant.

2nd Lt. Rippingille was regular soldier in the East Yorks but was attached to the 2nd Battalion De of Wellington's Regiment (13th Brigade, 5th Division, and II Corps) of the original BEF that landed in Le Harve on 16 August 1914.

The Medal Index Card for 2nd Lt. Rippingille indicates that he embarked on 8 September 1914, so he appears to have left Britain for France with the 1st Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment, as their war diary records that they set sail from Southampton on SS Cawdor Castle on the following day. The war diary of the 2nd Battalion Duke of Wellington's Regiment recorded him joining them with a draft of several officers on 16 September 1914.

On November 9th 1914 the Battalion was attached to the 9th Brigade in dugouts on the south side of the Menin Road about 1km East of Hooge. 'B' Company, with 2nd Lt. Rippingille, were sent to support the Lincolns holding a forward position around Heronthage Chateau, to the south of the Menin Road. By 2am on November 11th 1914, the rest of the Battalion had moved forward north of the Menin Road, beyond the Veldhoek Chateau together with 40 men of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

The Battalion War Diary recorded, "At about 7 am the enemy commenced to shell the whole position, from the firing line to the Reserves and continued a most furious bombardment till about 8am when it

abated – At this time a message came back from ‘B’ Company saying, “Am very hard pressed but will hang on as long as possible”.

The German 2nd Guard Grenadiers Fusilier Battalion (Winckler’s Composite Guard Division) led the assault and pushed the 2nd DWR back into the Veldhoek Woods and then to the chateau. However, the Germans were unsupported on their flanks and the 2nd DWR and other troops then counter-attacked and gained most of the lost ground back.

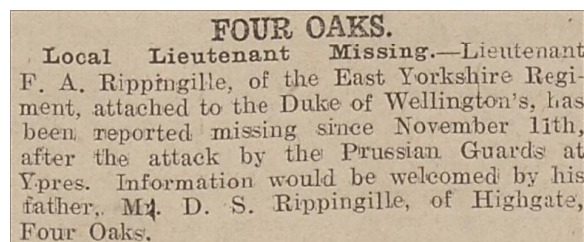
2nd Lt. Rippingille was reported as being shot in the knee and left behind as the Prussian Guard advanced; he was reported as missing on November 11th, 1914. After receiving the telegram informing them that their son was missing, Frank’s parents wrote many times to the War Office, the Battalion, the Red Cross, and the American Consul in Birmingham to help contact the Germans to find out if Frank had been captured.

He was reported as missing in several publications around 23-27 November 1914, below being a typical example.



Clipping from the Daily Express dated November 23rd, 1914

His father was still appealing for information on Frank in June and July of 1915.



Cutting from the Lichfield Mercury, June 11th, 1915.

The exact same wording was used in a piece featured in the Birmingham Daily Post on June 10th, 1915

It was later determined that Lieutenant Frank Alexander Rippingille was killed in action on November 11th, 1914, at Ypres, Belgium, aged 20. He has no known grave and is commemorated at the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, Belgium, Panel 21 and 31.

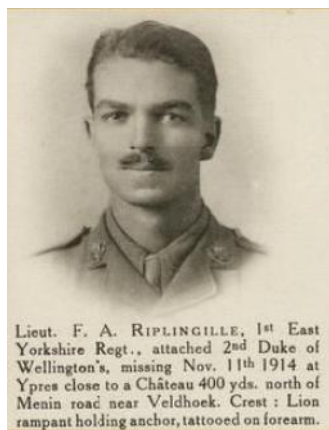
He is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School Roll of Honour and at St. Oswald’s Church, Lythe, Yorkshire.

Contemporary newspaper reports link the family to North Yorkshire, it appears they had a holiday home there. His grave registration details on The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website list him as the “Son of Frank S Rippingille of Winchester House, Victoria Square, Birmingham”.

He was awarded the 1914 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

His effects were left to his father who had two addresses, Winchester House, Victoria Square, Birmingham and “Highgate”, Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

His younger brother Second Lieutenant Eric Rippingille, also an Old Veseyan, served with the East Yorkshire Regiment and survived the war.”



Lieutenant Frank Alexander Rippingille

Image from I.W.M. website, presumably taken from a newspaper cutting appealing for information on his whereabouts.

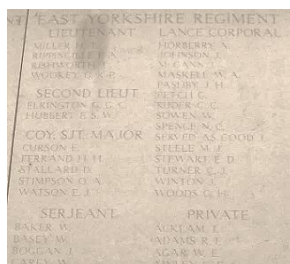


Image of panel from the Menin Gate Memorial featuring the name of Lieutenant Frank Alexander Rippingille.



Memorial plaque at St Oswald's Church, Lythe, Scarborough

With thanks to Paul Harrison

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Record No.	Registry No.	NAME AND RANK	Regt. or Corps	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS		
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UK WW1 Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 52601-53600 Ref 31

National Army Museum

2nd Lieutenants—continued.

NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	2ND LIEUTENANT.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	2ND LIEUTENANT.
Wodehouse John, Lord (A-D-C 20 May 15)	11 Nov 83	(From Terr. Force) 16 Lrs. 5 Aug 14	Cameron, Aylmer Lochiel	2 Nov 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14
Greville, George Gordon Francis	18 Mar 90	4 Hrs. 5 Aug 14	Hamber, Lancelot George Werge	23 Aug 94	Unatt. 16 Mar 15
Gascoigne, Alvary Douglas Frederick	6 Aug 93	6 Dns. 5 Aug 14	Powell, Frank	7 July 93	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. W. York. R. 8 Dec 14)
Dixon, Hugh Fitzmaurice	23 Nov 91	7 Hrs. 5 Aug 14	Churchill, Alice Palmer Fleetwood	5 Feb 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. S. Staff. R. 1 Mar 15)
Fielden, Geoffrey	4 May 93	7 Hrs. 5 Aug 14	Searle, Carleton Stuart	29 Nov 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. R. Barks. R. 10 Mar 15)
Molyneux, Edmund Geoffrey Melling William	10 Sept 94	6 D. G. 8 Aug 14	Harding, Kenneth O'Brien	23 Aug 94	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. N. Staff. R. 11 Nov 14)
Anson, Thomas George	27 July 94	7 D. G. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. 7 D. G. 15 Nov 14)	Palmer, Stephen Vaughan	15 Jan 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 Ind. Army 13 Oct 14
Baillie-Hamilton, Hon. George	18 Sept 94	2 Dns. 8 Aug 14	Thwaytes, Lancelot Lawrence	16 Aug 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 Ind. Army 21 Oct 14
Kettle, Rupert Arthur	23 Mar 95	3 Hrs. 8 Aug 14	Hewat, George Michael Fitzgerald	2 Oct 95	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. S. Staff. R. 1 Mar 15)
Baird, William James	8 Nov 93	12 Lrs. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. 12 Lrs. 15 Nov 14)	Lambert, William Robert	29 July 94	Unatt. 8 Aug 14 Ind. Army 12 Oct 14
Symondson, Vernon Francis	16 Oct 93	13 Hrs. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. 12 Hrs. Regt. of Cav. 8 July 15)			
Meredith, George William Lewin	4 Nov 94	18 Hrs. 8 Aug 14			
Rippingille, Frank Alexander	31 Dec 93	E. York. R. 8 Aug 14 (temp. Lt. E. York. R. 30 Oct 14)			

British Army Lists 1882- 1962 Military Year October 1915 East Yorkshire Regiment Fold 3

He is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour

David Phillips

Frank Alexander Rippingille was the son of Frank Sidebottom and Florence Ellen Rippingille.

Birth

The birth of Frank A Rippingille was registered March 1894 Aston 6d 4141

1901 census The Mount, Bishops Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frank Rippingille	M	33	Agent	b Middlesex
Florence E Rippingille	M	29		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank A Rippingille		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Eric O Rippingille		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Helen Rawlings	U	25	Domestic servant	b Hereford
Lily Bowen	U	19	Domestic servant	b Birmingham

1911 census "Highgate", Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Frank S Rippingille	M	45	Commission agent	b Edmonton, M'sex
Florence Ellen Rippingille	M	41	Married 18 years -3 children	b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Alex Rippingille		17		b Sutton Coldfield
Eric Owen Rippingille		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Esme Eleanor Rippingille		9		b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census Highgate, Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Frank Rippingille, 54. Merchant of Manufacture Electrical components – Albion Works, Aston Road, Birmingham.
 Florence Rippingille, 50. Home duties.
 Esme Rippingille. 19. None.

1939 Register 58 Yardley Wood Road, Birmingham

Florence M Cooney, born on 13 April 1869. Widow. Private Guest House.

Frank S Ripplingille, born on 12 December 1866. Married. Retired Hardware manufacturer.

1939 Register Bay View, Sandsend, Whitby, North Yorkshire

Florence E Ripplingille, born on 31 December 1870. Married. Domestic duties.

Esme Ripplingille, born on 15 December 1901. Nursing auxilliary St John's Ambulance, Whitby.

Probate

RIPPINGILLE Florence Ellen of Bay View Sandsend
Whitby widow died 26 September 1959 Probate York
21 June to Eric Owen Ripplingille retired lieutenant
colonel H.M. army. Effects £833.

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Bankruptcy

FRIEND'S £200.
BANKRUPTCY DISCHARGE FOR A BIRMINGHAM MAN.
Frank Sidebotham Ripplingille, of 55, Hagley-road, Birmingham, formerly in business as a stove manufacturer, was granted his bankruptcy discharge at Birmingham County Court to-day.
The Official Receiver, Mr. Clement Heult, submitted that the assets were not equal to 10s. in the £, that the debtor failed to keep proper books of account, and that he contracted debts after he was aware of his insolvency.
Mr. Churchill, for the debtor, stated that a friend had come forward and was prepared to pay the Official Receiver £200 in seven days.
Debtor was a man of considerable inventive ability, but could not use this in his present position.
Judge Dyer, K.C., granted the application subject to debtor consenting to judgment for £200.

Birmingham Evening Despatch 12 January 1928 Newspapers Ancestry

Death

The death of Frank S Ripplingille was registered June 1943 Warwick 6d 786, aged 76.

Probate was not found.

Eric Owen Ripplingille

Eric Owen Ripplingille served with the East Yorkshire Regiment as a Lieutenant.

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2nd Lieutenants—continued.					
NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	2ND LIEUTENANT.	NAME.	DATE OF BIRTH.	2ND LIEUTENANT.
Maclean, Dugald Fitzroy...	3 Dec 97	Shrops. L.I. 24 Nov 15	Ashby, Michael Adrian Elder	12 Nov 95	Bord. R. 24 Nov 15
Parke, Norman ...	2 Dec 97	Midd. R. 24 Nov 15	Grove, Philip Cranston ...	14 July 97	Sea. Hgts. 24 Nov 15
Farmer, Charles Robert Herbert	20 Feb 98	18 Hrs. 24 Nov 15 (Motor Mach. Gun Serv. 24 Nov 15)	Blackwell, Reginald ...	9 July 97	Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. 24 Nov 15
Gosnell, Harry Theodore ...	1 Jun 96	D.G. 24 Nov 15	Yapp, Charles Peter ...	16 Apr 96	Bord. R. 24 Nov 15
Kemp, Godwin Francis ...	14 May 97	Bord. R. 24 Nov 15	Giles, Leslie William ...	3 Oct 97	Oxf. & Bucks. L.I. 24 Nov 15
Grey, Reginald William Hargrave	21 Oct 97	Unatt. 24 Nov 15	Casey, Alan Stuart ...	12 Mar 98	1 Dns. 24 Nov 15
Tennant, Henry ...	9 Jun 97	2 Dns. 24 Nov 15	Windsor, John Stephen ...	22 Sept 94	S. Wales Bord. 24 Nov 15 (R.F. Corps 4 Apr 16)
Osborne, Derrick ...	9 Dec 97	Durh. L.I. 24 Nov 15	Edlin, Prove Arthur Montgomery	8 Jun 96	R. War. R. 24 Nov 15
Livsey, Harold ...	20 Feb 98	W. R. 24 Nov 15	Tokely, Reginald Cyrus ...	21 July 96	Essex R. 24 Nov 15
Johnston, Henry Wallace	9 Feb 98	R. Indus. Fus. 24 Nov 15	Brooke, Edward Humphrey	25 July 96	19 Hrs. 24 Nov 15
Machin, Basil William	13 Jun 97	R. Hgts. 24 Nov 15	Smyth, Mac ...	2 Mar 97	Bord. R. 24 Nov 15
Oliver, George D'Arcy Wallace	3 Oct 96	Wilt. R. 24 Nov 15	Morris, Jack Septimus ...	14 Mar 97	R. War. R. 24 Nov 15
Chamberlain, Hugh Frederick Whitmore	21 Dec 96	Durh. L.I. 24 Nov 15	Caesar, Julius Hildebrand	31 Mar 97	Shrops. 24 Nov 15
Winn, Hugh Pereira	13 Apr 97	R.W. Kent R. 24 Nov 15	Myers, Norman Garth ...	12 Apr 97	Lan. Fus. 24 Nov 15
Clarke, Horace Yelverton	5 Dec 97	S. Wales Bord. 24 Nov 15	Ripplingille, Eric Owen ...	17 May 97	E. York. R. 24 Nov 15
Scott, Stanley ...	27 July 97	Som. L.I. 24 Nov 15			
Rice, Richard Leo ...	3 Aug 97	R. Dub. Fus. 24 Nov 15			

Eric Owen Ripplingille born on 17 May 1897.

British Army Records & Lists 1882 – 1962 Fold 3

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals and the clasp OFF 125, page 1. He also served with the East Yorkshire Regiment 2nd Battalion after 1920 in Iraq.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
RIPPINGILLE	E. YORK. REGT.	Lieut	
E. O.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY			
BRITISH			
OFF 125		1	
THOMAS OF WAR			
DATE OF ENTRY			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

1921 census Army Infantry 2nd Battalion East Yorkshire Regiment, Mosul, Mesopotania.

Eric Owen Ripplingille, 24. Lieutenant. Whitby.



Eric Owen Ripplingille image with thanks to MarkElliotAnstrutherHeal Family Tree, Ancestry

Death

The death of Eric Owen Ripplingille was registered January 1990 Tunbridge Wells 16 2199

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Advert from The Colonies & India Newspaper 27 July 1895

British Newspaper Archive



Typical Paraffin heater made by Rippingille Works

Wikipedia

2nd Lieutenant Frank Alexander Rippingille
East Yorkshire Regiment – attached to the
2nd De of Wellington's (West Riding) Regiment
Died: Wednesday 11th November 1914
Aged: 21



2nd Lt. Rippingille was a regular soldier in the East Yorks but was attached to the 2nd Battalion De of Wellington's Regiment (13th Brigade, 5th Division, and II Corps) of the original BEF that landed in Le Harve on 16 August 1914.

On 9 November the Battalion was attached to the 9th Brigade in dugouts on the south side of the Menin Road about 1km East of Hooze.

'B' Company, with 2nd Lt. Rippingille, were sent to support the Lincolns holding a forward position around Heronthage Chateau, to the south of the Menin Road.

By 2am on the 11 November the rest of the Battalion had moved forward north of the Menin Road, beyond the Veldhoek Chateau together with 40 men of the Royal Scots Fusiliers.

From the Battalion War Diary:

"At about 7am the enemy commenced to shell the whole position, from the firing line to the Reserves and continued a most furious bombardment till about 8am when it abated – At this time a message came back from 'B' Company saying, "Am very hard pressed but will hang on as long as possible".

The German 2nd Guard Grenadiers Fusilier Battalion (Winckler's Composite Guard Division) led the assault and pushed the 2nd DWR back into the Veldhoek Woods and then to the chateau.

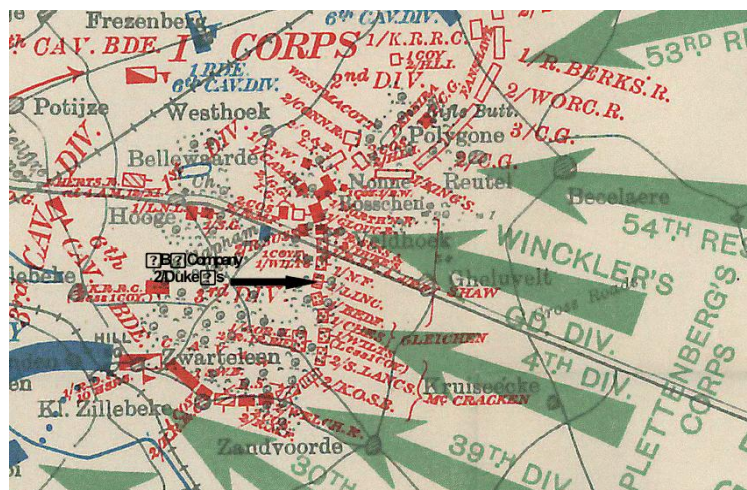
However, the Germans were unsupported on their flanks and the 2nd DWR and other troops then counter-attacked and gained most of the lost ground back.

2nd Lt. Rippingille was reported as being shot in the knee and left behind as the Prussian Guard advanced; he was reported as missing.

The Battalion losses for the day were 7 officers (1 killed, 3 wounded and 3 missing) and 380 other ranks (98 killed).

The new firing line was held by a mixed force, but a dangerous bulge had been created in the Allied line.

The assault of the Prussian Guard, Ypres – 11 November 1914



Frank Rippingille was commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Panel 21 and 31.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, Four Oaks War Memorial and St. Oswald's Church, Lythe, Yorkshire.

Frank Rippingille was born on 31 January 1893. He was the son of Frank Sidebotham (Rippingille Albion Lamp Co. Ltd, Aston Brook Lamp Works, Aston Road North, Birmingham, makers of oil stoves and motor lamps) and Florence Ellen Rippingille of Highgate, Walsall Road Four Oaks.

Frank joined the school (Bishop Vesey's Grammar School) in 1905.

He was a good athlete and was Victores Ludorum in the school for 1909, 1910 and 1911.

Upon leaving school in 1911, Frank lived at The Cottage, Four Oaks. He spent a year at Birmingham University until on 19 September 1912 Frank went to Sandhurst for officer training.

After receiving the telegram informing them that their son was missing, Frank's parents wrote many times to the War Office, the Battalion and the American Consul in Birmingham to help contact the Germans to find out if Frank had been captured.

Frank's body was never recovered as the area was subject to very heavy shelling over the next few years.

His younger brother Second Lieutenant Eric O Rippingille, also an Old Veseyan, served with the East Yorkshire Regiment and survived the war.

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

ALBERT ROBBINS (known as Bert)

Albert Robbins was born at Vauxhall, Birmingham in 1897. He was the brother of George Robbins – see next entry.

Albert Robbins enlisted in Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 24384, and transferred to the Gloucestershire Regiment 13th (Service) (Forest of Dean) Battalion – Private 38103

He was killed in action on 31 July 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

“He was killed during the Battle of Pilckem Ridge on the opening day of the Passchendaele Campaign.

His company was the ‘Pioneer Battalion’ for the 39th Division, which attacked at zero hour 3.50am.

The temperature was 69 F, and it was overcast with rainfall of 21.7mm.” (PDD)

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4880317 WO 372/17/16650

He was buried at the Duhallow A.D.S Cemetery, Ypres, Plot 1.A.36.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/101 B23, page 4012.

Name	Corps.	Rank	Regtl No.
ROBBINS Albert	R. War. R. Glouc. R.	Pte	24384 38103

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/101 B23	4012	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

No further military information was found.

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Bert Robbins Private 38103 Gloucestershire Regiment

“Bert Robbins worked as a porter at Wylde Green station before enlisting in February 1917 – he joined the 15th Royal Warwicks (2nd Birmingham Pals) as Private 24384. His family, including seven children, lived in Coleshill Road.

Bert transferred to the Gloucestershire Regiment, where he was part of a Pioneer battalion. The Pioneers were generally skilled men, trained as infantry, who could use their civilian skills in warfare. The main role of the Pioneers was to build and repair roads and trenches in the forward areas. Trench repairs were never ending - wear and tear, enemy bombardments and the weather all took their toll and after some bombardments they could be damaged out of all recognition. The Pioneers tidied up old battlefields, made tramways, dugouts, breastworks and shelters; they went on wiring parties, built huts and drained camps.

During trench raids and major attacks, the Pioneer Battalions, along with their colleagues in the Royal Engineers, were initially kept back in reserve, then at night they moved up and constructed strongpoints and communication trenches between the old British front line and the captured German lines. Private Bert Robbins was killed in action on 31st July 1917 - the first day of the Battle of Passchendaele.

He is buried in the Duhallow ADS cemetery, Ypres.

Bert's elder brother **George Robbins** served with the Warwickshire Yeomanry and then as Private 307585 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 22nd March 1918. George has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

"Albert Robbins was the son of George Robbins of Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Prior to enlisting, he was a porter at Wylde Green Railway Station.

He joined the army in February 1917 and was sent to the front in May 1917."

Sutton Coldfield News 18.8.1917

Baptism on 3 May 1897 at St Catherine, Nechells, Birmingham

Of 3 Portland Place, Scholefield Street, Birmingham. Father was a coach worker.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 68/2/2/2

1901 census 10 Lapley Road, Ladywood, Birmingham

Susannah Robbins	W	60		b Salop
John Robbins	U	20	Railway clerk	b Birmingham
Caroline Robbins		15	Warehouse work	b Aston
Albert Robbins		4	Grandson	b Aston

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George Robbins	U	22		b Vauxhall
Richard James Robbins	U	20	Railway officer	b Vauxhall
Percy Robbins		15	Railway officer	b Vauxhall
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Nellie Robbins		11	School	b Vauxhall
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Deaths

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He was the brother of Albert Robbins – see previous entry.

He was killed in action on 22 March 1918 (France & Flanders).

He has no known grave and was possibly commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial.

It was not possible to find a records for Pozieres memorial with his name on.

It is not clear where the 2/7 Battalion were on 22 March 1918.

UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

NA Url/details/r/D4880697 WO 372/17/17030

Soldiers Died in the Great War – Forces War Records

Army Service Records

His records were found as burnt records on Forces War Records.

George Robbins was born in Birmingham and resided in Sutton Coldfield. He lived at Glenmaye, Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield. His occupation looks to be that of a butcher. He signed up on 15 November 1915 at Birmingham.

The entries on this page only require to be made from time to time as they occur.

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 100 Name Robinson George

Showing preliminary training, other special courses of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from						
		18-11-15				
		Private	Private	18-11-15		Robinson
				18-11-15		No Records
R. Ward	6	Transferred unit - 4th Bn. (Rifles) 2nd Div. 4th Bn. (Rifles)	"	30-12-16		Ward
Howard	9	Private				No Records
	28	App'td unpaid	Lie Corp'l	11-9-17		Ward
	41	App'td paid	Lie Corp'l	24-1-18		No Records
	41	Appointed paid	Lie Corp'l	24-1-18		No Records
	41	Transfered to regular	Lie Corp'l	14-2-18		No Records
		Posting to 4th	Sgt	14-2-18		No Records
		POSTED				No Records
WARWICK.						
		KILLED IN ACTION	Pvt	22-3-18		Warwick
		France				Records

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 22-3-18 (date of days years 123 days.

CHARACTER

Army Form B. 103. 507 294 411 Regimental Number 305585

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 27th Bn. R. WAR. RGT.

Rank etc. Surname Jobbins Christian Name George

Religion Worship Age on Enlistment 27 years one months

Enlisted (a) 15.11.15 Terms of Service (a) Duration of Service reckons from (a) 15.11.15

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____

Extended () Re-engaged () Qualification (b) _____ or Corps Trade and Rate _____

Signature of Officer _____

Report		Record of promotion, reduction, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
20 JAN 1917	66 99 9.43 H	Posted to 218 W War R	Enlisted <u>15.11.15</u> Disembarked <u>15.11.15</u>	30 DEC 1916 31 DEC 1916	
		Auth: - A.O. 204/1916 & A.C.I. 1499/16.			
		W War R 218 W War R		19 JAN 1917	
		JOINED UNIT	IN THE FIELD	21.1.17	
		Alotted to Reg (Regimental) Number <u>305585</u> (A.C.I. 218/17)			
11.9.17	O.C. Unit	Appointed <u>11.9.17</u>	In the field	11.9.17	
24.1.18	O.C. Unit	Appointed <u>24.1.18</u> Wounded in action <u>24.1.18</u> Assumed duties of higher rank <u>24.1.18</u>		24.1.18	

27 Bn. R. WAR, RGT,

Report		Record of promotion, reduction, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place of Casualty	Date of Casualty	Remarks Taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents
Date	From whom received				
14.2.18	O.C. Unit	Reverted to unpaid <u>14.2.18</u> his own request		14.2.18	
22.2.18	O.C. Unit	Reverted to private in posting to <u>27 R War R</u>		14.2.18	
		Posted to <u>27 R War R</u>		14 FEB 1918	
		Auth. D.A.G. C.R. No 5/7074/4C. & 29.1.18			
	O.C. BN	JOINED BATTN.	IN FIELD	11.2.18	
30 MAR 1918	O.C. BN	Wounded in action <u>21.3.18</u>		21.3.18	
22.3.18	O.C. BN	Killed in action <u>22.3.18</u>		22.3.18	

For approval of 1/10.2.18 action
G.H.Q. 3rd Echelon B.E.F.

It appears that he was wounded in action on 21 March 1918 and died on 22 March 1918. It not clear where he died.

Any further correspondence should be addressed to—
The Secretary,
War Office,
27, Whitehall,
London, W.C.2.
and the following number quoted.

6/15016/1. (Medal Branch, A.G. 10.)

WAR OFFICE, N.6.
27, WHITEHALL STREET,
LONDON, W.C.2.
REGISTRY
LONDON, W.C.2.

8 May 1919.

MEMORANDUM.

With reference to the disposal of any medals which have been, or may eventually be awarded in respect of the services of the soldier described in the margin, now deceased, I am directed to inform you that any such medals should be despatched by Registered Post to:—
the deceased soldier's Father, Mr. George Jobbins, 11, Ashwell Road, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

Director of Personal Services.

The Officer in Charge of,
Infantry Award Office,
Warwick.

His effects were sent to Albert Taylor, clerk, via Solicitors Pepper, Tongue & Co. 3 Waterloo Street, Birmingham. These included his identity disc and medals.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B28, page 5962.

Name	Service	Medal	Remarks
ROBBINS George	R. War R No 504585	L/104 B28 5962 de de	

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No further records were found.

George Robbins was the son of George and Ellen Robbins

Birth

A definitive birth was not found.

1891 and 1901 censuses – George Robbins has not been found.

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Probate

George Robbins of "Glenmaye", Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield, Private 2/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment died 22 March 1918 in action in France. Administration was granted at Birmingham on 4 January 1919 to Albert Taylor, manufacturer's clerk. Effects: £280 1s.

England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 – 1995

JOHN ROBERTS

John Roberts was born in 1889 at Birmingham. It seems possible that he was serving with the South Staffordshire Regiment 1st Battalion in 1911. He enlisted in Birmingham with the South Staffordshire Regiment 1st Battalion – Private 7849

He was killed in action 7 November 1914 (France & Flanders), aged 26.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate.

"Born in Birmingham, resided in Sutton Coldfield. Next of kin Mrs S A Roberts of 26 Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield. Awarded the 14 Star (Mons), British and Victory Medals and Plaque."

Soldiers Died in the Great War South Staffordshire Regiment Diaries P1255109

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He disembarked in France on 4 October 1914 and was missing presumed dead on 7 November 1914. He was awarded the Victory and British Medals F/101 B1, page 173.

Campaign :- B E F 1914		(A) Where decoration was earned.		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	
(A) ROBERTS	1 st Bn	Private	7849	F/2/4/54	
(B) John	1 st Bn			1 st Bn S. Staffs	
Action taken		Missing Pres. Dead 7.11.14			
Clasps/2693					
Disembarkation Date		4.10.14			
(6 34 46) W231-HF5590 500,000 4/19 HWV(P240) K608					

MEDAL	ROLL	PAGE
VICTORY	F/101 B1	173
BRIT.	no	no
STAR		

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Transferred to -		S.B.36.-D. (41881) Wt. 11699/2562 450 Bks 7/19 H & J, Ld		Regional No. 14/D/45	
Particulars of Man.		Particulars of Claimant.		Particulars of any man in respect of whom the said Claimant has made a previous claim.	
Name	ROBERTS, John	Name	ROBERTS, Sarah Ann	Name	
Regiment	1 st Bn S. Staffs	Address	26 Mill St, Sutton Coldfield	Regiment	
Rank	Private			Rank	
Marital Status	(M) S			Marital Status	(M) S
Date and cause of death	7.11.14 P. A.	New Address and date of		Date and cause of death	
While serving		Relationship	Wife	While serving	
After discharge		Birth	5.8.61	After discharge	
Particulars of any Claimant who has preferred a previous claim in respect of the man.					
Case No.					
Name	DAVIS, Mrs Florence				
Address	18 Florence Street, Birmingham				
Relationship	Guardian				
Particulars of Awards.		Appeals.	Special features of case, e.g., referred to S.G.C. Accidents coming under Rules, etc.	Other Files bearing on the case, M.F.S., C.R., etc.	
5/11/14 4.4.14 7.11.14 30.4.1915					
6/8/14 11/5/15 21/1/17					

Sarah Ann Roberts, born on 5 August 1861, was the claimant of 26 Mill Street. Mrs Florence Davis of 18 Florence Street, Birmingham was listed as his guardian.

An award of 5 shillings a week was made from 30 April 1918 and 6 shillings eight pence from 1 May 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 700/06d Fold 3

233755	Roberts John	1/5. Staff Rgt	7.11.16	Sutton Coldfield	10	7	5	10	7	5	10/6 2/6 4.2.16	7a-Edward	10	7	5
		7849	11.15.	Sutton Coldfield	7	15	2	7	15	2	10/6 2/6 4.2.16	7a-Edward	7	15	2
			1.16												
					5	-	-								

His father was sent £10 7 s 5 d, £7 15 s 2d effects plus £5 war gratuity.

UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 233501-235000 Ref 108

National Army Museum

John Roberts was the son of the late Edward Roberts and Sarah Roberts of 26 Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of John Roberts was registered December 1889 Birmingham 6d 79.

Baptism on 8 November 1889 at St Gabirel, Deritend

Born on 11 October 1889. Of 7 court, 9 house Digbeth. Father was a porter.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 2/2/2/4 Archive Roll M 155

1901 census Factory, 57 Allison Street, Birmingham

Edward Roberts	M	41	Horse keeper	b Oakengates, Salop
Sarah A Roberts	M	41		b Birmingham
Edward Roberts		14	Errand boy	b Birmingham
John Roberts		11		b Birmingham
Alfred Roberts		7		b Birmingham
Ernest Roberts		11 months old		b Birmingham

1911 census 26 Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Edward Roberts	M	50	Chauffeur	b Oakengates, Salop
Sarah Ann Roberts	M	50	Married 26 years, 12 children 3 died	b Harborne, Bham
George Roberts		11		b Edgbaston

1911 census "Arabia, Cyprus and Gibraltar" – Army Barracks but exact location not stated 1st Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment Infantry

John Roberts	U	21	Infantry Private	b Birmingham
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WW1 Worldwide Army Census 1911, Forces War Records

1921 census 26 Mill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Ann Roberts, 60. Widow. Confectionary shop and general store – own account.
Mary Roberts, 21. Married. Born in Aston. Daughter in law. Home duties.
John James Roberts, 1. Grandson. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

Death

The death of Edward Roberts was registered June 1912 Tamworth 6b 445, aged 52.

No further trace of Sarah Ann Roberts was made after 1921.

Frederick William Robertson was born in 1888 at Water Orton (part of Erdington). He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry – Private 24239 and transferred to the Machine Gun Corps 17th Battalion – Private 57531

He was buried at the Maily Wood Cemetery, near Albert, Plot II.O.6.

"Parents William and Margaret Robertson of New Oscott and husband of Elizabeth Birch, formerly Robertson, of 75 Court Lane, Erdington."

Soldiers Died in the Great War - Forces War Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MGC/101 B38, page 3410.

Name.	Capt.	Rank.	Regt. No.
ROBERTSON	M. G. C.	Pfc	54531
SHAWNEK NO.			
Medal.	Hall.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY M.G.C./O. B.S.F.	B.I.F.	3-10	
BATTLES			
STARS			
Theater of War first served in			
Date of entry theater			

[illegible]

His widow, now Elizabeth Birch, was sent £18 16 s 3d effects plus £9 war gratuity.

Frederick William Robertson lived at “Hawne Cottage”, College Road, New Oscott. He was the son of William and Margaret Robertson of New Oscott and the husband of Elizabeth Robertson of 75 Court Lane, Erdington.

The birth of Frederick William Robertson was registered March 1888 Aston 6d 555

1891 census Aston Hall – workers cottages

William A Robertson	M	28	Gardener	b Scotland
Margaret Robertson	M	32		b Scotland
Frederick W Robertson		3		b Erdington
Maggie Robertson		3		b Erdington

1901 census 16 Coton Lane, Erdington

William A Robertson	M	40	Gardener	b Scotland
Margaret Robertson	M	42		b Scotland
Frederick William Robertson		13		b Erdington
Maggie Robertson		13		b Erdington

1911 census 26 Spring Hill, Trafalgar Road, Erdington

William Albert Robertson	M	47	Jobbing gardener	b Inverness, Scotland
Margaret Robertson	M	51	Married 24 years – 2 children	b Haddington “
Frederick William Robertson	U	23	Compositor	b Water Orton, Warks
Maggie Robertson	U	23	Manufacturer's clerk	b Water Orton, Warks

Marriage

The marriage between Frederick William Robertson and Elizabeth Roberts was registered September 1915 Aston 6d 1099

Marriage on 5 July 1915 at St Barnabas, Erdington

Frederick William Robertson, 28. Bachelor of 73 Court Lane. Father William was a gardener.
Elizabeth Roberts, 23, spinster of Queens Head Hotel. Father was Thomas Roberts, cutler.

Birmingham C of E Marriage & Banns 1754 – 1939 EP 75/2/3/5

1921 census 75 Court Lane, Erdington

Amos Birch, 32. Clerk at Midland Vinegar Co. Aston.
Elizabeth Birch, 28. Born in Sheffield. Home duties.
Joyce Robertson, born in 1916 in Erdington. Father dead.
Bernard Birch, 1. Born in Erdington.
Frank Roberts, 25. Born in Sheffield. Tool turner out of work. Brother in Law.

Marriage

The marriage between Elizabeth Robertson and Amos B Birch was registered September 1919 Aston 6d 1086.

Birth

A birth registration was not found for Joyce Robertson.

1921 census Cecil Street, Birmingham – a large male only lodging house.

William Roberts, 60. Widowed. Born in Scotland. Gardener.

Deaths

The death of Margaret P Robertson was registered December 1917 Tamworth 6b 391, aged 59.

The death of William A Robertson was registered December 1940 Birmingham 6d 237, aged 79.

JAMES ROBINSON

James Robinson was born in 1887 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Lance Corporal 1173

He died of wounds on 27 September 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 27. (Possibly died in Cardiff).

The exact circumstances of his death were not found online.

Research suggests that the 14th Battalion were attached to the 13th Brigade, 5th Division during the 1916 Somme battles. Between 25 and 28 September 1916, they were near the Battle of Morval, at Fricourt, near Albert and on 27 September 1916 they were at Fricourt. It is possible that he was injured and moved to a hospital and died there but no information was found to confirm this. However, see below.

Lives of the First World War - Somme Roll of Honour.

“Lance Corporal James Robinson 1173 died of wounds on 27 September 1916”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

“Born in Sutton Coldfield, resided in Sutton Coldfield. Died of wounds 27 September 1916.”

Soldiers Died in the Great War - Forces War Records

He was buried at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot C.1196.

Ancestry trees – ‘gzemla tree’ - This tree has James Robinson dying at Cardiff.

A death registration for James Robinson September 1916 Cardiff 11a, 325, aged 28, was found.

There were six military hospitals in Cardiff in 1916. Glamorgan Archives records suggest that during the period July to September 1916 many soldiers arrived in Cardiff from the Somme.

The death certificate would be required to prove if James died in Cardiff or not, but it seems a reasonable explanation as to why he is buried in Sutton Coldfield.



Image of the grave by Glenlivet and image of James Robinson by Imperial War Museum

Findagrave Memorial ID 98210907 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 3 October 2012

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B28, page 6006, and the 1915 Star Medal L/6b, page 431. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name: ROBINSON		Corps: RWARK	Regt. No.: 1173
Rank: Private		Remarks: Desert	
Medal:	Roll:	Page:	Remarks:
VICTORY	L/104 B28	6006	
BRITISH	L/6B	431	
Theatre of War first served in: (11 France)			
Date of entry therein: 21.11.15			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Record No.	Registry No.	Soldier's Name	Regiment, Rank, No.	Date and Place of Death	CREDITS			CHARGES			Date of Authority	To whom Authorised	Amount Authorised			No. of List in which advertised
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	£			s.	d.	Account and Date	
377736	252730	Robinson James	14 Bn. R. Warwick	27.9.16. Warwick	2	3	7	8	9	m.0.77	4.4.17	Pro. Latham J	-	8	9	
				11.16.				8	9	m.2.7.17.		" Herbert	-	8	9	
				11.73				8	9	m.0.77		" Charles	-	8	9	
								8	8	" "		Sir Elsie E	-	8	8	
								8	8	m.0.57.17.	29.5.17	Sir Elsie	-	8	8	at his private request
												30.4.20	Pro. Arthur	1	10	
												19.5.20	Pro. Joseph H.	1	10	
												"	Pro. Elsie	1	10	
												"	Pro Vincent	1	10	
												"	" Charles	1	10	

His effects and war gratuity were divided between his five siblings.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 Forces War Records

Robinson
Ann Elsie

112 Birmingham
Joy Cottage, Wyde Green

1173 James Robinson
R. Warwicks.

D.P. 11.13

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1913 – 1923 061/0369/Rob-Rob Fold 3

No further records were found online.

James Robinson is commemorated in 'Birmingham Pals' Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, by Terry Carter, page 283.

James Robinson was the son of the late William and Mary Robinson of Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of James Robinson was registered December 1887 Aston 7d 414

Baptism on 25 December 1887 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

Of Maney. Father was a labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16

1901 census Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield

William Robinson	M	60	Hay trusser	b Wiggington, Staffs
Mary Robinson	M	50		b Broseley, Salop
Arthur Robinson	U	22	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Robinson	U	19	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Charles Robinson		15	Groom & gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
James Robinson		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Elsie Robinson		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Robinson		9		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Mary Robinson	W	60		b Broseley, Salop
Charles Robinson	U	27	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
James Robinson	U	24	Farm labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Robinson	U	19	Farm labourer	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of William Robinson was registered September 1908 Aston 7d 22, aged 68.

Mary Robinson was not found in 1921.

Possible death

The death of Mary Robinson was registered December 1914 Tamworth 6b 482, aged 61 sic.

Elsie Robinson.

An army service record was found with Elsie Robinson as the wife of Albert Wood of Ivy Cottage, Wylde Green.

They married on 9 April 1917 at the Congregational Church in Wylde Green.

Albert Wood enlisted on 9 April 1917 with what looks like 9b Sq Res 7/18591, as a Corporal. He was aged 22. It could have been Army Service Corps, but these are burnt records and not much survives.

He was transferred to Worcester Regiment 2nd Battalion 68990. He did not serve abroad and was discharged from the army on 29 October 1919.

George Henry Rogers is not commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial. His name has been put forward by Margaret Cross (Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project). George Henry Rogers was the cousin of Margaret's father.

George Henry Rogers was born in 1899 on the Curdworth/Minworth boundary of Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Regiment – Private 57378. He possibly spent some time with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 39466 and was transferred to the De of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment) 19th (London) Battalion – Private G/63806

George Henry Rogers was killed in action on 22 August 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 18.

"Born in Minworth and resided in Erdington. Died 22 August 1918, aged 18. Son of George and Louie of 123 Trafalgar Road, Erdington. Private G/63806."

Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1918, formerly 3946 Warwickshire Regiment

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis - en - Artois Memorial, Panels 8-9.

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals E/1/102 B 32, page 5298.

Name.		Rank.		Brevet No.	
<i>20XF Bucherger</i> <i>John A. Bucherger, Lt.</i> <i>Inf. adx. - B.</i>		<i>Plc.</i>		<i>573 78.</i> <i>8/163856.</i>	
<i>ROGERS.</i> <i>George H.</i>					
Metal.		Roll.		Page.	
<i>Victory</i> <i>8/1/02 B32</i> <i>BRITISH</i> <i>- do -</i> <i>STAR</i>		<i>5049</i> <i>do.</i>		Remarks.	
Theatre of War first served in					
Date of entry therein					
K 1200.					
Correspondence.					
<i>Memoirs of General Bucherger, 1800-1806, 260</i>					

777469	Rogues George Henry	1/19 th Jan. 22-8-15 H/O John ✓ from India France 10/18 Rq/- on e/pk action e/p 28006	2 // 4	177479	Fai George	2 // 4
		WAR GRATUITY. 19-20 1863 25/9/19. Transfer 1863 25/9/19. Bgd paper 1st - E/21. Serial no. 29417.	3 " "		a/r 19 To George B = -	(C)
	A. F. W. 0500 SENT DATE 18 JUL 1919	see also 584/950282/19 20				

His father was sent £2 11 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 776501-778000 Ref 469

National Army Museum

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DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

D. 1
1310/2247
D.P. 14312
Chief & Regt.

Name *Rogers Geo. Henry* Regimental No. *63866*

Regiment or Ship *Co. of London Regt.* Rank *Sgt.*

Documents received from Paymaster

Date and cause of death *22-8-18 K. in. A.*

Dependant *Mrs Louie Rogers*

Address *123 Trafalgar Rd. Erdington, Birmingham*

Relationship *Wife*

Pension *a week from*

Date awarded If refused

Papers reason

F12929 47401/2558 100m (25) 3 19 J.P. Gp. 100
18211 7180/2595 200m (12) 5/19

*(Copied in Misch. Register soldiers' details
whilst serving in (or before))*

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 162/0798/Rog-Rop Fold 3

George Henry Rogers was born on 15 September 1899 at Minworth. He was the son of George and Louie Rogers.

Birth

The birth of George Henry Rogers was registered December 1899 Aston 6d 459

1901 census Tamworth Road, Curdworth (Minworth)

George Rogers	M	29	General labourer	b Framsdon, Suffolk
Louie Rogers	M	21		b Erdington
George Henry Rogers		1		b Minworth
Ethel Rogers		1 month old		b Minworth

1911 census 123 Trafalgar Road, Erdington

George Rogers	M	41	Construction labourer - excavations	b Framsdon, Suffolk
Louie Rogers	M	31	Married 12 years – 6 children	b Erdington
Ethel Rogers		11		b Minworth
George Henry Rogers		10	School & news boy	b Minworth
Mary Rogers		9		b Bloxwich
Frederick Rogers		6		b Minworth
William Rogers		4		b Bedworth, Warks
Florence Rogers		2		b Erdington

1921 census 123 Trafalgar Road, Erdington

George Rogers, 51. General labour for city council.
 Louie Rogers, 41. Home duties.
 Ethel Rogers, 20. Press work ammunitions.
 Mary Rogers, 18. Out of work.
 Fred Rogers, 17. General labourer.
 William Rogers, 14. Errand boy.
 Florence Rogers, 12. School.
 Walter Rogers, 2.

1939 Register 123 Trafalgar Road, Erdington

George Rogers, born on 20 October 1872. Retired Navy.
 Louie Roger, born on 12 February 1879. Domestic duties.

Deaths

It is not clear when George Rogers died.

The death of Louie Rogers was registered March 1960 Birmingham 9c 58, aged 80.

HARRY ROPER

Harry Roper was born in 1891 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/5th Battalion – Private 241586

He was killed in action on 4 October 1917 (France & Flanders) aged 26 ,during the Battle of Broodseinde.

“The 1/5th Royal Warwicks captured Vale House and Winzig. They came under heavy fire from a machine gun post and the left company took severe casualties then moved on to the Stroombeek. The temperature was 60F and it was overcast with rainfall of 4.6mm.” (PDD)

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NA Url/details/r/D4942457 WO 372/17/83345

Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S808

Harry Roper was buried at the Dochy Farm New British Cemetery, Langemarck, Ypres, Plot IX.B.3.



Photograph by Peter Moore 2014

Findagrave Memorial ID 1892412 Uploaded by Teresa L Watson on 5 October 2005

Amry Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B28, page 6063.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
ROPER	R. War. R.	PR	241586
Harry			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B	28	6063
BRITISH			
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Hannah Roper	W	44	Own means	b Sutton Coldfield
Edward C Roper	U	20	Plumber	b Sutton Coldfield
Samuel W Roper	U	18	Bricklayer's apprentice	b Sutton Coldfield
John Roper		16	Bricklayer's apprentice	b Sutton Coldfield
Harry Roper		9		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 47 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Hannah Roper	W	54	Charwoman	b Sutton Coldfield
Samuel W Roper	U	28	Coal porter	b Sutton Coldfield
John Joseph Roper	U	26	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Harry Roper	U	19	Van man for laundry	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Charles Roper was registered December 1898 Aston 6d 266, aged 43.

1921 census 11 The Blabbs, Sutton Coldfield

Hannah Roper, 64. Widow. Home duties.

Samuel Roper, 38. Bricklayer for Streather & Sons. Four Oaks.

Death

The death of Hannah Roper was registered December 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 555, aged 76.

Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921

323582	<u>E</u> 323149-1702	Charles Ernest	1/8 Bn. R.	1.7.16	Warwick	3	12	4	2	12	1/2	11/5/17	9.10.16	Wid: Jenny	3	12	4	Separation
✓			WAR GRATUITY	1920 11.7.19	Transfer 1146/2	8							19.9.17	Wid: Jenny	8			N.D.
			Regd. Paper 1000582	Serial No. 7973														
		0.7.16.5040 sent																
		17 JUN 1918																

His widow Jenny Bickerstaff was sent £3 12 s 4 d Effects plus £8 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 323501-325000 Fold 3

Name	Rose Charles Ernest			Regimental No.	2526	Rank	Pte
Regiment	1/8 Bn. Royal Warwickshire			Form 104-88 received	4.9.16	Date of notification of death	25.7.17
Form 104-88 received	4.9.16			Form 104-76 received	4.9.16	Date of death	1.7.17
Guardian of child	Mrs E. McCrahan			Widow	Jenny	14 Pilburt Grove	28.2.88
Widow	Jenny			14 Pilburt Grove	28.2.88	Date of birth	28.2.88
Children	Lilian Matilda Florence			6.6.15	6.6.31	Date of birth	6.6.15
Children	Lilian Matilda Florence			6.6.15	6.6.31	Date of birth	6.6.15
Pension	15/-			a week from	29.1.17	Date awarded	24.1.17
Date awarded	24.1.17			If refused, reason			
Papers							

His widow was born on 28 February 1888. Her daughter Lilian Matilda Florence was born on 6 June 1915. They were awarded a pension of 15 shillings a week from 29 January 1917. A grant was paid. Mrs E McCrahan was the guardian of the child.

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 162/0801/Ros-Row Fold 3.

BICKERSTAFF -	Elizabeth
Rose Charles Ernest -	2526 - Warwick
	op. 5.7.16

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS.	15 MAY 1931
5 Jardine Road	
Aston Birmingham	

CLAIMANT.	969	M.P.W. 5.
Surname	McCRAHAN	Registered No.
Christian Name	E.	11/W/ 51709
Man's Name	ROSE Charles Ernest	
Regimental	No. 2526	Rank
Official		Rating
Regiment	Royal Warwick	Relationship
Ship		to Man
		Guardian of Child

Three cards for Claimants. Elizabeth Bickerstaff, 5 Jardine Road, Aston and E McCrahan, guardian of child,

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 045/0264/Mcc-Mcc Forces War Records

No further records were found for him online.

He is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"Charles Rose was born in 1889 in Erdington, and baptised at St. Barnabas on 7th April that year, when his family lived in Moor End Lane. Charles was the eldest son of George Rose, a painter and decorator, and Matilda Minnie Burton. By 1911, Minnie had given birth to twelve children, of whom ten survived. The family moved to 8, Penns Lane, with Charles as a young man also working as a house decorator.

Charles joined the 1/8th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 2526. He married Jenny Martin, who had worked as a servant to a doctor's family in Chester Road, in early 1915. Charles was sent to France on 22nd March 1915. His daughter Lilian M F Rose was born about this time.

Private Charles Rose was killed in action on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1st July 1916. On that day the battalion suffered 588 casualties, probably three-quarters of its strength.

It is not clear what the family situation was. Jenny in August 1916 was known as Jenny Bickerstaffe and living in Lozells. She married Frank Bickerstaffe in 1918.

Charles has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

"Charles Rose was the son of George and Minnie Rose of 8 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield. He was the husband of Jenny Bickerstaff, formerly Rose of 47 Roland Road, Lozells, Handsworth and the brother of Mark Rose.

He was married with one child."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 5.8.1916

Birth

The birth of Charles E Rose was registered March 1889 Aston 6d 362

Baptism on 7 April 1889 at St Barnabas, Erdington

Of Moor End Lane. Father was a painter.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1912 EP75/2/2/4

1891 census Shortheath Road, Aston

George Rose	M	28	Painter	b Erdington
Matilda Rose	M	24	Charwoman	b Birmingham
Charles Rose		2		b Erdington
George Rose		1		b Erdington

1901 census 145 High Street, Erdington

George Rose	M	40 sic	Painter & Decorator	b Erdington
Matilda M Rose	M	35		b Birmingham
Charles E Rose		12		b Erdington
Mark Rose		10		b Erdington
Thomas Rose		8		b Erdington
Ellen Rose		6		b Erdington
Florence Rose		4		b Erdington
Ina Rose		2		b Erdington
Violet Rose		4 months old		b Erdington

1911 census 8 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

George Rose	M	48	House painter	b Erdington
Minnie Matilda Rose	M	44	Married 23 years, 12 children 2 died	b Birmingham
Charles Ernest Rose	U	22	House painter	b Birmingham
Mark Rose	U	20	Rubber worker at Dunlop's	b Birmingham
Thomas Rose	U	19	House painter	b Erdington
Ellen Elizabeth Rose		16	General servant	b Erdington
Ina Matilda Rose		12		b Erdington
Violet Mary Rose		10		b Erdington
Claire Annie Rose		8		b Erdington
Howard William Rose		4		b Wylde Green
Lillian Jane Rose		2		b Wylde Green

1921 census 8 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

George Rose, 62. Painter & decorator at Stephens & Son, Wylde Green.
Matilda M Rose, 54. Home duties.
Thomas Rose, 29. Painter with C Cockerill.
Violet Mary Rose, 20. Rubber worker, Dunlop.
Clara Annie Rose, 18. Lacquerer at Stephens & Bulliant, 25 Sutton Road, Erdington.
Howard Rose, 14. School.
Lilian Jane Rose, 12. School.

1939 Register 8 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Matilda M Rose, born on 5 February 1860. Widow.
Thomas Rose, born on 11 January 1892. Painter & Decorator.

Deaths

The death of George Rose was registered June 1921 Aston 6d 432, aged 62.

The death of Matilda M Rose was registered December 1944 Birmingham 6d 66, aged 76.

Marriage

The marriage between Charles Ernest Rose and Jenny Martin was registered March 1915 Tamworth 6b 557

Birth

The birth of Lillian M F Rose was registered March 1915 Tamworth 6b 881

Marriage

The marriage between Jenny Rose and Frank Bickerstaffe was registered December 1918 6b 1306

1921 census

There was no trace of Jenny Bickerstaffe or of Lillian Matilda Rose.

1939 Register 47 Roland Road, Handsworth

Thomas W McCrahan, born on 20 January 1885. House painter & Decorator.
Elizabeth McCrahan, born on 31 May 1886. Domestic duties.
Lillian M F Rose, born on 6 June 1915. Dressmaker.

Nothing further can be added at this time.

Mark Rose was the brother of Charles Ernest Rose – see previous entry.

He was killed in action on 27 April 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 26.

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Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Berkshire Regiment Diaries P136S110

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial.

These were not found.

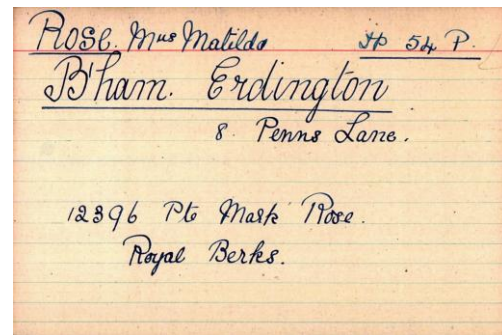
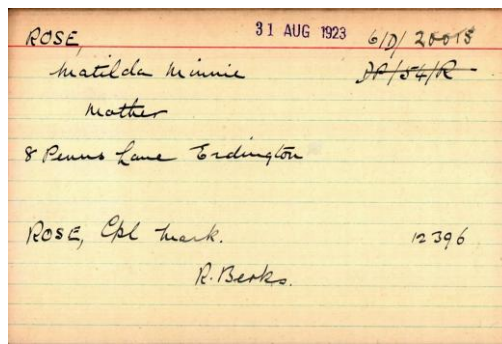
He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/105 B16, page 2725, and the 1915 Star Medal L/3B, page 384. He entered France on 25 July 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
ROSE	R. Berber	Pte	1239
Mark		Xi Cpl	
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	* L/105 B/16	2725	
BRITISH	do	do	
15 th STAR	L/13 B	384	121 in A
Theatre of War first served in	117 France		
Date of entry therein	25. 7. 15		

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His father was sent £6 5 s 8 d Effects plus £18 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 709001-705000 Fold 3



UK Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 060/0373/Roo-Ros Fold 3

No further records were found online.

He is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"Mark Rose was a brother of Charles Rose (see previous piece). Born in late 1891, he was baptised on 3rd July 1892 at St. Barnabas. Mark worked for Dunlop in the rubber industry.

In 1912, he married Alice Winifred Bird, daughter of a joiner, who was seventeen at the time. Alice had three children: Mark 1914; Beatrice 1916, died in infancy; and George 1917.

Mark enlisted in Birmingham and was sent to France on 25th July 1915. He became a Corporal in 'D' Company of the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Berkshire (Princess Charlotte of Wales) Regiment.

Mark Rose was killed in action sometime between 20th and 27th August 1918 – the records cannot be specific. * His widow Alice received £6 5s 8d from his outstanding pay and effects, and a later War Gratuity of £10.

Corporal Rose has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozières Memorial.

*This marriage relates to another Mark Rose who was born on 19 April 1914 and died in 1995 in Birmingham. Alice Bird was born on 30 January 1895 and died on 5 January 1955 in Birmingham.

The Soldiers' Effects record shows the effects going to his Father George Rose with no sign of a widow.

Thomas Rose, brother of Charles and Mark, joined the 10th Battalion of the Royal Warwicks on 6th September 1914, when aged 22.

His record shows that he was 5' 5½" tall, with a 34" chest. He weighed 119 lbs (8 st 7 lbs) and gave his occupation as 'painter'.

Thomas was discharged from the army after one month, when a further medical found that he had a disordered heart action and was unfit for service.

In the army's language, he was discharged under King's Regulation 392 (iii) c as "not likely to become an effective soldier".

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Mark Rose was the son of George and Matilda Minnie Rose of 8 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

A birth for Mark Rose was registered December 1891 Aston 6d 355

Baptism on 3 July 1892 at St Barnabas, Erdington

Of High Street. Father was a painter.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 66/2/2/2 Archive Roll Reel 5

1901 census 145 High Street, Erdington

George Rose	M	40 sic	Painter & Decorator	b Erdington
Matilda M Rose	M	35		b Birmingham
Charles E Rose		12		b Erdington
Mark Rose		10		b Erdington
Thomas Rose		8		b Erdington
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Ina Matilda Rose		12		b Erdington
Violet Mary Rose		10		b Erdington
Claire Annie Rose		8		b Erdington
Howard William Rose		4		b Wylde Green
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WALTER WILLIAM RUSSELL

Walter William Russell was born in 1889 at Aston. He enlisted on 8 October 1916 at The Citadel, Plymouth with the Royal Garrison Artillery 320th Siege Battery – Gunner 121353

He died on 21 December 1918 (Salonika), aged 30 from the effects of Malaria contracted on active service and erysipelas, a streptococcal skin infection that can be serious. He died at the 49 General Hospital, Greece.

Commonwealth War Graves Death Register Forces War Records

Walter Russell was buried at the Mikra British Cemetery, Salonika, Greece, Plot 1074.



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RUSSELL, Gnr. Walter William, 121353. 320th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Died of malaria 21st Dec., 1918. Age 30. Son of Richard and Elizabeth Russell, of 119, Chester Rd., New Oscott, Erdington, Birmingham. 1074.

Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921

Army Service Record

Walter Russell of "The Woodruffs", 119 Chester Road was aged 27 years and 7 months when he joined up at the Citadel, Plymouth on 8 October 1916. He was single and worked as a printer. He was 5' 9" tall, weighed 136 pounds and had a chest measurement of 34 ½".

His next of kin were Richard and Elizabeth Russell and his siblings Edwin Russell 33 of 40 Eagle Road, Coventry; Jane Lake, 39 of 119 Chester Road; Rose Cooknall, 35, of Aston, and Lilian M Bussell, 23, of 119 Chester Road.

He was posted to RGA, Queenstown on 28 October 1916, then to 320 Siege Battery on 3 January 1917.

He was sent to France on 15 April 1917 and to Salonika on 17 May 1918.

He contracted malaria and was admitted to a field hospital on 7 November 1918 (infections ward).

The malaria affected his face and right lung and for a time he improved but on 19 December 1918 it spread to his left lung, and he rapidly deteriorated and died on 21 December 1918. The disease was contracted whilst he was on active service.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/170 B, page 7005.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 283

His mother was sent £20 3 s 3 d and £2 0 11 d effects plus £12 10 s war gratuity.

His mother was paid eight shillings a week pension from 1 July 1919.

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Reg 165/0810/Res-Rut Fold 3

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Walter William Russell was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Russell of “The Woodruffs”, 119 Chester Road, New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Walter W Russell was registered March 1889 Aston 6d 333

1891 census 76 Church Road, Aston

Richard Russell	M	34	Police constable	b Warwick
Elizabeth Russell	M	31		b Foleshill
Jane E Russell		10		b Bedworth
Henry J Russell		9		b Ansty
Rose Russell		7		b Ansty
Edwin Russell		5		b Ansty
Walter W Russell		2		b Aston
Sidney Russell		5 months old		b Aston

1901 census 6 Leamington Road, Erdington

Richard Russell	M	44	Police Constable	b Warwick
Elizabeth Russell	M	41		b Foleshill
Hane E Russell	U	20	Armaments	b Bedworth
Rose Russell		17	Clerk in electric store	b Ansty
Edwin Richard Russell		15	assistant storekeeper	b Ansty
Lilian Maud Russell		4		b Erdington

1911 census 76 Sycamore Road, Erdington

Richard Russell	M	54	Police pensioner	b Warwick
Elizabeth Russell	M	51	Married 31 years, 9 children 4 died	b Foleshill, Warks
William Walter Russell	U	22	Printer – letterpress	b Aston
Lilian Maud Russell		14	Laundress	b Erdington

1921 census 119 Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield

Richard Russell, 64. Retired police constable.
Elizabeth Russell, 61. Home duties.

They were not found in 1939.

It is not known where or when Richard and Elizabeth died.

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Genealogy

The censuses available in England and Wales are from 1941 to 1921. The 1931 census was destroyed in fire. There was no 1941 census due to the war.

Abbreviations

U = Unmarried. M = Married. W = Widow or widower. b = born at

Sometimes comments are made in the far right, such as blindness, deafness, infirm etc.

The 1921 census does give more detail about work and workplaces.

1939 Register

The National Registration Acts 1939 was enacted in Parliament and passed on 5 September 1939, at the start of World War Two. It was introduced as an emergency measure for the issue and identity cards. For the first time, dates of birth were recorded.

The records were used at the start of the NHS and women who married after 1939 often have married names added.

The register is covered by the 100 year rule of privacy. People still alive or possibly still alive are redacted. Some people known to have died but are still redacted can have the information released on proof of identity and death.

Births, Marriages and Deaths – FreeBMD

Official registration began in September 1837. Each quarter local records were sent to Somerset House in London for collation – March, June, September and December quarters.

Each area had a registration district for example Aston or Birmingham. Aston 6d 355 for example shows the district, the volume and page number of the entry. Tamworth covered Sutton Coldfield for a time.