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Salmon to Wright

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SMITH	GERALD SYDNEY
SMITH	HARRY CARTER
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TUFFLEY	DAVID WILLIAM
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VAUGHTON	GUY EGLINGTON
VYSE	SAMUEL JOHN
WADEY	WALTER
WAGSTAFF	EUSTACE BERTRAM
WAKEFIELD	ALBERT EDWARD
WALDRON	ROBERT WILLIAM
WALKER	ERIC ARTHUR
WARD	FRANCIS BERNARD
WARMINGTON	CYRIL
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WATSON	OSWALD
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WEBB	GEORGE THOMAS

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WILSON – BROWNE
WINKLEY
WOODWARD
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WRIGHT
WRIGHT

JOHN
JOSEPH WILLIAM
JAMES GORDON
STANLEY BENJAMIN
WILFRED HENRY (also known as Wilfrid)
ERNEST
ERNEST ARTHUR GORDON
FRED
ALBAN LESLIE
JOHN MORRIS
WILLIAM ALFRED
ROWLAND MURRAY
SYDNEY JOSEPH
HARRY IVINS
RAYMOND LEWIS
FRANK
JAMES

STANLEY FRANCIS SALMON

Stanley Francis Salmon was born in 1885 at Kingston on Thames, Surrey. He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, probably in Birmingham, as Corporal 488. He then gained a commission on 19 July 1917 with the Welsh Regiment 9th Battalion – Second Lieutenant (TP)

Stanley Salmon was killed in action on 19 July 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 31.

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

Corporal 488 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

NA Url/detail/r/D5008479 WO 372/17/149367

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Welsh Regiment P090S117

Wales WW1 Book of Remembrance 1914 – 1919 Welsh Officers National Library of Wales

He was buried at the Voormeze Enclosure Cemetery, No 3. Ypres, Plot XVI.C24.



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SALMON, STANLEY, 2nd Lieut., 9th (Service) Battn. The Welsh Regt., s. of David Salmon, Principal of Swansea Training College, by his wife, Mary, dau. of Frederick Wiedhofft; b. Kingston-on-Thames, co. Surrey, 17 Oct. 1885; educ. Swansea Grammar School, where he gained a scholarship to Llandovery College, whence he went with an Exhibition to Jesus College, Oxford; after graduating with Honours in History, was appointed Assistant Master at the George Dixon School, Birmingham; volunteered for active service on the outbreak of war, and was twice rejected on account of defective eyesight; was subsequently accepted, and enlisted as a Private in the Royal Warwickshire Regt. in Sept. 1914; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from Nov. 1915; at the end of six months' service there, was recommended by his Commanding Officer for a commission, and after training at Gales, co. Ayr, was gazetted 2nd Lieut. 9th Battn. The Welsh Regt. in Nov. 1916; returned to France; took part in the fighting at Messines, and was killed in action near Ypres 19 Aug. 1917. Buried where he fell. When engaged in teaching at Birmingham, finding the need of such a book with his own pupils, he wrote a very useful "Introductory Economic History of England." He m. at Sutton Coldfield, 30 Nov. 1916, Margaret, dau. of Henry Dawes, and had a son, Stanley Francis, b. (posthumous) 23 Aug. 1917.

UK De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals Welsh R OFF/138, page 113, and the 1915 Star Medal L/6 B, page 445. He entered France on 21 November 1915 and gained his commission on 19 July 1917.

Name		Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SALMON		Welsh R.	Lt.	488
STANLEY		Welsh R.	2nd Lieut.	
STANLEY FRANCIS		Page 1002 L/6 B/1165 No. 19.7.17		
VICTORY	Welsh R. Off 138	113	1. 10.4.1915/10.4.16 2. 1.5.17/4.11.16	
BRITISH	do.	do.	Comm'd.	
15 STAR	L/6 B	445	14.10.1919/10.10.20 2. 4/4/1624	
Theatre of War first served in		(1) France		
Date of entry thereto		21-11-15		
		Notified by Enlist. in 2. 4/4/1624 K. 1380.		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

SALMON	MRS	OFF. 22746
		MARGARET LUCY
	Widow of	
SALMON	2/LT	STANLEY FRANCIS
		WELSH REGT.
Byfleet Maney Sutton Coldfield		

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 006/0010/Poo-Sco Fold 3

OFF. 22746	
* NOWERS	No. 2. M.
Remained widow of	
SALMON	2/Lt Stanley Francis
of Welsh Regt.	
30 Clarendon Rd Egremont Cheshire.	* Name changed to Salmon by deed poll 14.7.20

UK WW2 British Army Medal Cards 005/0009/Mos-Poo

This card appears to relate to Stanley junior. It seems he served during the Second World War. No further war records were found for him. It is not clear who changed the name to Salmon by deed poll.

Possibly Stanley junior had taken the name of Nowers when his mother married Archibald Nowers in 1921 and wished to revert to his birth name. Did Margaret change her name back to Salmon? She was known as Salmon in 1939.

Stanley F Salmon is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Stanley Francis Salmon was the son of David and Mary Salmon of Swansea.

He was the husband of Margaret Lucy Salmon of "Byfleet", Maney, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Stanley F Salmon was registered December 1885 Kingston 2a 325

Baptism on 26 April 1886 at St John, Kingston.

Along with siblings Amelia, Mary, David and Dorothy. Father was a schoolmaster.

Surrey C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1921 Ref 2806/1/2

1891 census Kings Road, Kingston on Thames

David Salmon	M	39	School master	b Newport
Mary Salmon	M	39	Matron	b Islington
Amelia Salmon		13		b London
Mary Salmon		11		b London
David Salmon		10		b London
Dorothy Salmon		8		b London
Stanley Salmon		5		b Surrey

1901 census “College at Llandingat”, Carmarthenshire

Stanley Salmon		15	Student	b Kingston on Thames
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1911 census 31 Stanmore Road, Edgbaston

Stanley Salmon	U	25	Assistant school master	b Kingston on Thames
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1911 census “Training College”, Swansea

David Salmon	M	59	Principle of college	b Newport, Monmouth
Mary Salmon	M	59	Married 34 years – 5 children	b Islington, London

Mary was the Matron of the college.

Marriage

The marriage between Stanley F Salmon and Margaret L M Dawes was registered December 1916 Tamworth 6b 755

1921 census 11 Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Henry William Dawes, 73, born at Byfleet, Surrey. Domestic gardener.
Elizabeth Mary Dawes, 70, born at Chard, Somerset. Home duties.
Margaret Lucy Salmon, 33. Widow. Born at Grimley, Worcestershire. Home duties.
Stanley Francis Salmon, 3. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Stanley Francis Salmon was registered September 1917 Tamworth 6b 666 – Mother Dawes

He was born on 23 August 1917, so never met his father.

Marriage

The marriage between Margaret L Salmon and Archibald Nowers was registered December 1921 Tamworth 6b 973

See the index card above,

1939 Register 2 Kington Cottage Gravel Pit, Claverdon, Stratford on Avon

Margaret L Salmon, born on 1 September 1887. Widow.

Stanley F Salmon, born on 23 August 1917. Single. Skilled automatic telephone engineer.

1921 census Swansea Training College for Women Teacher, Swansea

David Salmon, 69. Principle of college.

Mary Salmon, 69.

Mary Salmon, 41, single. Lecturer in History.

1939 Register Bryn Hyfrud Nabeth, Princes Gate, Narbeth, Pembrokeshire

Davis Salmon, born on 30 January 1852. Retired college principal. Widower.

Mary Salmon, born on 3 September 1879. Single. Retired college lecturer.

Deaths

The death of Mary Salmon was registered December 1925 Narbeth 11a 1315, aged 74.

The death of David Salmon was registered December 1944 Narbeth 11a 1144, aged 92.

Alfred Salt was born in 1890 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion – Private 16680

“He was killed in the Battle of Guillemont, Somme.” (SDBD)

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

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

These were not found.

Alfred Salt (listed as Edward) was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B29, page 6166.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
SALT	P-War P.	Pt	16650
Edward			
Model.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	Z/10h B29	5166	
BURNIN	-do-	-do-	
BRAN			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

[illegible]

His widow was sent £1 16 s 10 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

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

National Army Museum

Name *Salt, Edward or Alfred* Regimental No. *16680* WCA-1161.
 Regiment *15th Bⁿ Royal Warwickshire* Rank *plc* *1204*
 Form 104-88 received *31.10.16* Date of notification of death *25.9.16* Form 104-76 received *4.12.16*
 Date and cause of death *3.9.16 Killed in action*
 Widow *Mary Jane Salt* Date of birth *13.12.88*
 Children: *Brooklands, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick*

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
			<i>50/6.3.17 8/9</i>
			<i>No. for whom S.A. is paid</i>
			<i>* Pension increasing 8</i>
			<i>13/9 from 4.4.17.</i>

 Pension *13/9* a week from *2.4.17*
 Date awarded *21.3.17* If refused, reason
 Papers
(P 33 108) W5811-5773 25,000(4) S/16 HWV(P1369/2) G. 16/261

Widow Mary Jane Salt was born on 13 December 1888. Her address was Brooklands, Manor Road. She was awarded what looks like 18 shillings a week, but this was crossed out, from 2 April 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 164/0813/Sag-Sal Fold 3

No further military records were found online.

Alfred Salt is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, (non - parochial) Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Alfred Salt was the son of the late Joseph Salt and Sarah Dyde (formerly Salt) and the husband of Mary Jane Salt of "The Clunes", Wentworth Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Alfred Salt was registered March 1890 Aston 6d 433

Baptism on 2 February 1890 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Of Maney. Father was a labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16

1891 census Birmingham Road, Maney, Sutton Coldfield

Joseph Salt	M	34	Farm servant	b Walmley
Sarah Salt	M	33		b Perry Barr
Sarah Salt		10		b New Oscott
Joseph Salt		9		b New Oscott
Bertie Salt		8		b New Oscott
Jane Salt		3		b New Oscott
Alfred Salt		1		b Maney
Charles Dyde	U	18	Boarder - Farm servant	b Warwickshire

1901 census 49 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Salt	W	41	Laundress	b Perry Barr
Joseph Salt	U	19	Corporation horse groom	b Sutton Coldfield
Bertie Salt	U	17	Horse driver	b Sutton Coldfield
Jane Salt		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Alfred Salt		11		b Sutton Coldfield
George Salt		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Florrie Salt		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Kate Salt		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Charles W Dyde	U	39	Boarder – Corporation labourer	b Warwickshire

Death

The death of Joseph Salt was registered June 1899 Aston 6d 259, aged 41.

1911 census 49 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Dyde	M	40	Corporation lamp lighter	b Whitchurch, Warks
Sarah Dyde	M	52	Married 8 years, 1 child	b Perry Barr, Staffs
Alfred Salt	U	21	Stepson Gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
George Salt	U	19	Stepson Chemist's shop porter	b Sutton Coldfield
Lizzie Salt		16	Stepdaughter Laundry hand	b Sutton Coldfield
Willie Shorland		10	Grandson	b Wales
Edward Moore	U	17	Lodger Bricklayer's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 49 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Dyde, 50. Out of work.
Sara Dyde, 60. Home duties.
Frederick Taylor, son in law, 31. Out of work.
Ethel Taylor, 26. Home duties. Adopted daughter.

Deaths

The death of Sarah Dyde was registered March 1924 Tamworth 6b 582, aged 64.

The death of Charles Dyde was registered September 1936 Sutton Coldfield 6b 508

Marriage

The marriage between Alfred Salt and Mary J Baugh was registered June 1916 Tamworth 6b 714

They were married in March 1916, just before Alfred went off to the Somme (**Maureen Crowley**)

Alfred and Mary Salt did not have any children (**Maureen Crowley**).

1921 census near College Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Sampson, 55. Bullion dealer. Employer.
Hilda Sampson, 29. Wife. Home duties.
Hilda Sampson, 6, daughter.
Mary Jane Salt, widow. 32. Cook.

1939 Register

Mary Jane Salt was not found.

Nothing further can be added.



Mary and Albert Salt in 1916

Maureen Crowley

Maureen Crowley was the daughter of Lizzie Salt.

Maureen kindly shared the photograph of Mary and Albert that was taken in 1916.

Maureen confirms that the couple did not have any children and that Mary did not remarry after Albert died.

Maureen can add no further information about the Salt family, other than the fact that Willie Shorland, who is seen on the 1911 census above, went on to serve in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment between 1919 and 1931.

With thanks to Maureen Crowley.

Contact was via Sutton Coldfield History Group on Facebook.

GEORGE GOODWIN SALT

George Goodwin Salt was the older brother of John Salt – see the next entry.

George Goodwin Salt was born in 1893 at Moseley. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion– Private, and then Lance Corporal 1271.

He was killed in action on 3 September 1916, aged 23.

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

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers Lance Corporal 14/1271

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

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B29, page 6167, and the 1915 Star Medal L/6 B, page 445. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SALT	R. War. R.	PC	1271
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B29	6167	K. in A.
BRITISH	L/6 B	445	
1915 STAR	L/6 B	445	
Theatre of War first served in	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 Authorized	Amount Authorized		
					Account and Date	£	s.	d.	Account and Date	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
378511	265/65	Salt, George Goodwin	14. Bn. R. War. R. 1271	3-9-16 Hendrick. France. 11-16	1/14/9	1	14	9	no 4/7	11-4/17	11-4/17	Mrs. Sarah	1	14	9
											22-9-19	Mrs. Sarah	5		

His mother Sarah was sent £1 14 s 9 d effects plus £5 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 Forces War Records 377501-379000

“He was educated at Town School. He was the brother of J Salt who also is serving as a soldier.

He was employed as a gardener, having learnt his trade at Moor Hall.

He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield on 29 May 1915.”

Sutton Coldfield News 21.10.1916

“George Dickenson Salt committed suicide on 23 January 1919.”

Sutton Coldfield News 1.2.1919

George Goodison Salt is commemorated on the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, page 282, – 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

George Goodwin Salt was the eldest son of George Dickenson & Sarah Salt of Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of George G Salt was registered March 1893 Aston 6d 221

1901 census "Lilly's Cottage", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George D Salt	M	34	Railway Signalman	b Aston
Sarah Salt	M	31		b Colveston, Notts
Beatrice Salt		9		b Hucknall Torkard
George G Salt		8		b Birmingham
Charles E Salt		6		b Minworth
John Salt		5		b Minworth
Mabel Salt		3		b Minworth
Florence Salt		1		b Minworth

1911 census, "Hillside", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Working for Leah Compton, widow, 44 from Oxford

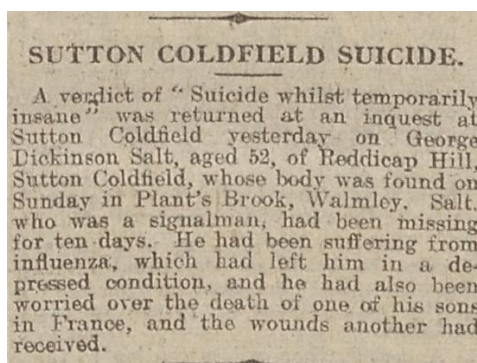
George G Salt	U	18	Domestic gardener	b Birmingham
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1911 census "Lilly's Cottage", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George Dickenson Salt	M	45	Railway Signalman	b Aston
Sarah Salt	M	41		b Colveston, Notts
Beatrice Hind Salt	U	19		b Hucknall Torkard
John Salt	U	15		b Minworth
Mabel Ethel Salt		13		b Minworth
Florence Maud Salt		11		b Minworth
Gladys Margery Salt		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Percival Salt		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Harold Salt		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Cyril Salt		4		b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of George Dickenson Salt was registered March 1919 Tamworth 6b 798, aged 52.



Birmingham Gazette 5 February 1919 British Newspaper Archive

On 9 July 1884, aged 18, George Dickinson Salt enlisted with the Grenadier Guards, service number 9274.

Chelsea Pensioners Army Service Records 1760 – 1913 WO 97 Box 3799 Findmypast

In 1915, George Dickenson Salt, then aged 47, signed up with the National Union of Railway Men at the Sutton Coldfield Branch.

Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick MSS.127.NU/OR/2/44 Findmypast

1921 census Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Salt, 52, widow. Home duties.

Mabel Ethel Salt, 23. Private daily help.

Florence Maud Salt, 21. Solderer for Four Oaks Spraying Machine Company, Belwell Lane.

Gladys Salt, 19. Home duties.

Percival Salt, 17. General labourer for Tarmac Co, road repairs.

Frederick Salt, 15. Gardeners assistant for Colonel Green, Driffold.

Cyril Edward Salt, 14. Milk boy at Bonell & Son, Drayton Dairy, Sutton Coldfield.

1939 Register The Dill, Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Salt, born on 15 March 1869. Widow. Domestic duties.

Gladys Salt, born on 27 September 1901. Theatre cleaner.

Death

The death of Sarah Salt was registered June 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6b 577.

JOHN SALT

John Salt was the brother of George Goodwin Salt – see the previous entry.

John Salt was born in 1896 at Minworth. He enlisted at Suffolk Street, Birmingham on 24 August 1914 with the Kings Royal Rifles - Private 1971.

John Salt died of wounds on 25 October 1921, in a hospital in Birmingham, after being sick for over a year.

There were numerous military hospitals set up in Birmingham, including those at Birmingham University, Dudley Road Infirmary, and various other sites at schools or large houses. By May 1917, some 8827 military beds were available in Birmingham. It is not yet known which hospital looked after John Salt.

Death

His death was registered December 1921 Kings Norton 6d 19 – age 25.

He is buried in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery.

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Army Service Records

John Salt, born in the parish of Minworth, enlisted on 25 August 1914 at Suffolk Street, Birmingham. He was aged 19 years 195 days. He was a labourer.

No. <u>a/1971</u>	Army Rank <u>Rifleman</u>
Name <u>John Salt</u> (The name must agree strictly with that on enlistment, unless changed subsequently by authority.)	
Corps of Regular Forces <u>THE KING'S ROYAL RIFLE CORPS</u>	
Battalion, Battery, Company, Depot, &c. <u>"H"</u> (If attached to the Regular Establishment of the Special Reserve or Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force, &c. or to General Staff of the Army, it should be so stated.)	
Date of Discharge <u>23-4-1916</u>	
Place of Discharge <u>WINCHESTER</u>	
1. Description at the time of Discharge.	
Age <u>21</u> years <u>2</u> months	Descriptive Marks. <u>Scars above each knee.</u> <u>2 front R thigh</u> <u>9/1 L arm</u>
Height <u>5</u> feet <u>9</u> inches	
Chest Measure- ment { Girth when fully expanded <u>35</u> ins. Range of expansion <u>2</u> ins.	
Complexion <u>Fair</u>	
Eyes <u>Greyish</u>	
Hair <u>Brown</u>	
Trade <u>Labourer</u>	
Intended place of Residence (To be given as fully as practicable) <u>Sutton Coldfield</u> <u>Warwick</u>	
(This description should be carefully taken on the day the man leaves his Unit, but in the case of men sent home from abroad for discharge, the age and intended place of residence should be filled in by the Officer who confirms the discharge at home.)	
2. The above-named man is discharged in consequence of <u>DISCHARGED</u> <u>on account of wounds received in action.</u> <u>Para 392 (XVI) HR</u> (The cause of discharge must be worded as prescribed in the King's Regulations and be identical with that on the Discharge certificate. If discharged by superior authority, the No. and date of the letter by which quoted.)	
3. Military Character:— <u>Very Good</u>	
4. Character awarded in accordance with King's Regulations:— <u>a very good man, sober & hard</u> <u>working. Is recommended for</u> <u>special light work on account</u> <u>of wounds received in action.</u>	
Certified that the above is an accurate copy of the character given by me on duty. <u>15/10/16</u> Initials of Commanding Officer.	

5. He is in possession of the following number of G.C. Badges (if the man is a N. C. O. and enlisted prior to 1st July, 1881, the number he would have been entitled to had he not been promoted should be stated).
 Is it probable that he will be entitled to another good conduct badge before the confirmation of these proceedings?
 Classification for Service, or Proficiency Pay.. .. Class

6. Campaigns, Medals and Decorations
 Certificate of Education

7. His accounts are correctly balanced, and I have impartially inquired into all matters brought before me in accordance with Regulations.
 (Place) WINCHESTER.
 (Date) 11-4-1916
 Commanding Officer John Salt Robert B. Ireland

8. Certificate to be signed by the Soldier on Discharge.
 I hereby acknowledge that I have received all my Pay and Allowances (including Clothing allowance), and all just demands up to the present date, subject to the reservations of the claims noted on the 3rd page.
 (Place) Sutton Coldfield
 (Date) April 9th 1916
 (Signature of Soldier) John Salt
 (Signature of Witness) Robert B. Ireland
 (When a Soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for him to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)

9. Additional Certificate in the case of a Soldier who takes his discharge at his own request.
 I hereby declare that I do of my own free will request to be discharged from his Majesty's Service.
 (Signature of Soldier)

10. Statement of Service.
 Service towards Engagement to 13/4/16 (the date to which the Record of Service is completed) 1 years 232 days.
 Further Service " 23/4/16 (the date of confirmation of discharge) " 12 "
 Total .. 1 " 242 "

11. Confirmation of Discharge.
 The discharge of the above-named man is hereby confirmed for 23-4-16 (date)
 (Place) WINCHESTER.
 (Date) 11-4-1916
 Commanding Officer John Salt Robert B. Ireland
 (When a Soldier is absent through illness or any other cause, and it is not desirable to forward these proceedings to him for signature, a manuscript copy should be sent for him to sign, and when returned should be attached here.)

There are only three pages. The places he served at, and the cause of his death are not logged in these records.

SUTTON COLDFIELD NEWS - 24th JULY 1915

WAR FATALITIES

TWO SUTTON MEN KILLED

In the "News" of July 10 we published a few extracts from a letter from the front. The writer was Rifleman Tom Stonehouse, of the 9th King's Royal Rifles and among other things he said was "You know John Salt, who came down for me once; he was very badly hit one night on that job. That's another score to wipe off." Salt, a Whitehouse Common lad, is apparently still in hospital, but his old comrade has done his best - and his last - to revenge him. He now lies in a soldiers' grave, somewhere in France and many sore hearts in Sutton find a grain of comfort in the reflection that he died doing his duty. The story, despite the glory that is behind it has a considerable element of sadness about it, which applies equally to the end of two Sutton men. Rifleman Stonehouse and Mercer, the former being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stonehouse of 41, Tamworth Road and the latter the son of parents living at 14, Newhall Street. They both enlisted at the same time and were in the same platoon which was under Second Lieutenant G. B. D. Ireland. Writing to Mrs. Stonehouse about her son, Lieutenant Ireland says: "He was one of the Battalion grenade throwers, and they had just come back from a successful reconnaissance in the German lines and they were 'standing to' when suddenly a shell came over, hitting one of his comrades' bandoliers of bombs they have to carry. These bombs exploded, thus killing instantaneously four of them. His friend Rifleman Mercer, of 14 Newhall Street, Sutton was killed also. They were all in this company, and we have felt it very much. War brings with it its joys and sorrows and those who lose their dear ones must try and feel comforted that it is all for their King and country, and that it is all a part of the heavy price that we shall pay and keep on paying until a lasting peace is restored."

See Thomas Harold Stonehouse below. Extract from the Sutton Coldfield News

It appears that Thomas Stonehouse believed John Salt had died rather than be sent to hospital in England.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101 B3, page 387, and the 1915 Star Medal M/2B, page 75. He entered France on 21 May 1915.

Campaign :-		1914-15.		(A) Where decoration was earned.	
				(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal on which included (if any)	
(A) SALT	K.R.R.C.	Pte. A.M.T.		VICTORY	M/101 B3
(B) John				BRITISH	M/2B
Action taken				15 STAR M/2B 75	
				Discharged	
THEATRE OF WAR				1) France	
QUALIFYING DATE.				31. 5. 15.	

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

John Salt was awarded the Silver War Badge & Particulars furnished at Winchester on 7 February 1917.

Surname	Salt	Died 25. 10. 21.
Christian Name	John	FILE DESTROYED
Regiment	King's Royal Rifle Corps.	Date 23. 10. 28.
Regtl. No.	a/1971.	Signature
Identity Number	76380/D	894698
		6/10/2508
		7/10/4436

W9460—8626/1 200,000 11/18 HWV(P) H16/1705

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 204/0743/Sal-Sat Fold 3

“John Salt was the son of the late George Dickenson Salt and Sarah Salt.

He was wounded on the front on 25 June 1915.

It appears that a shell exploded causing a severe head wound, blindness in his left eye, deafness in his left ear and a badly injured right hand.

He had forty different wounds.

He was in a hospital for a year.”

Sutton Coldfield News 21.10.1916

“George Dickenson Salt committed suicide on 23 January 1919.”

Sutton Coldfield News 1.2.1919

Birth

The birth of John Salt was registered March 1896 Aston 6d 434

Baptism on 20 March 1896 at Curdworth Parish Church

Born on 11 February 1896. Of Minworth.

Father George Dickenson Salt and mother was Sarah Salt. George was a railway signalman.

Warwickshire Baptisms 1844 – 1919 page 234, DR(B) 0256/1

1901 census "Lilly's Cottage", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George D Salt	M	34	Railway Signaller	b Aston
Sarah Salt	M	31		b Colveston, Notts
Beatrice Salt		9		b Hucknall Torkard
George G Salt		8		b Birmingham
Charles E Salt		6		b Minworth
John Salt		5		b Minworth
Mabel Salt		3		b Minworth
Florence Salt		1		b Minworth

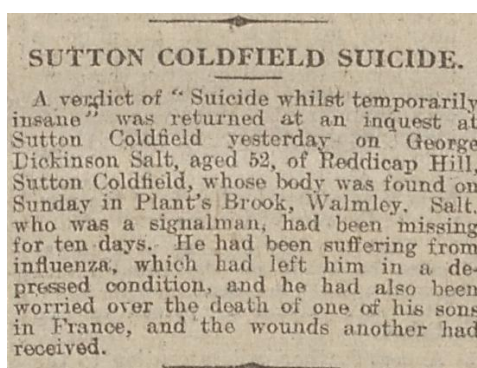
Hucknall Torkard is in Nottinghamshire.

1911 census "Lilly's Cottage", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George Dickenson Salt	M	45	Railway Signaller	b Aston
Sarah Salt	M	41		b Colveston, Notts
Beatrice Hind Salt	U	19		b Hucknall Torkard
John Salt	U	15		b Minworth
Mabel Ethel Salt		13		b Minworth
Florence Maud Salt		11		b Minworth
Gladys Margery Salt		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Percival Salt		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Harold Salt		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Cyril Salt		4		b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of George Dickenson Salt was registered March 1919 Tamworth 6b 798, aged 52.



Birmingham Gazette 5 February 1919 British Newspaper Archive

On 9 July 1884, aged 18, George Dickinson Salt enlisted with the Grenadier Guards, service number 9274.

Chelsea Pensioners Army Service Records 1760 – 1913 WO 97 Box 3799 Findmypast

In 1915, George Dickenson Salt, then aged 47, signed up with the National Union of Railway Men at the Sutton Coldfield Branch.

Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick MSS.127.NU/OR/2/44 Findmypast

1921 census Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Salt, 52, widow. Home duties.
Mabel Ethel Salt, 23. Private daily help.
Florence Maud Salt, 21. Solderer for Four Oaks Spraying Machine Company, Belwell Lane.
Gladys Salt, 19. Home duties.
Percival Salt, 17. General labourer for Tarmac Co, road repairs.
Frederick Salt, 15. Gardeners assistant for Colonel Green, Driffold.
Cyril Edward Salt, 14. Milk boy at Bonell & Son, Drayton Dairy, Sutton Coldfield.

1939 Register The Dill, Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah Salt, born on 15 March 1869. Widow. Domestic duties.
Gladys Salt, born on 27 September 1901. Theatre cleaner.

Death

The death of Sarah Salt was registered June 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6b 577.

WALTER BLADEN SAMPSON

Walter Bladen Sampson was born in 1890 at Sutton Coldfield. He had been a Colour Sergeant at Birmingham University with the OTC. He enlisted at the outbreak of war and gained a commission with the Special Reserve of Officers on 17 August 1914.

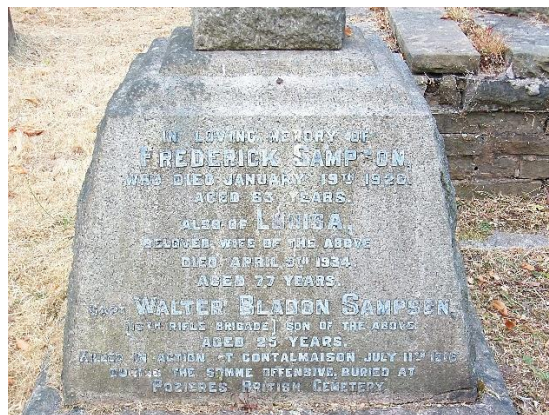
He became a full Lieutenant on 19 November 1915, a temporary Captain, and then a full Captain in May 1916 - Captain (TP) in the Rifle Brigade 13th Battalion (The Prince Consort's Own) – his number was not found.

UK WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War 13th Battalion Rifle Brigade P160S122

He was killed in action on 10 July 1916, aged 25.

He was buried at the Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers La Boisselle Plot III. J. 28.

He is commemorated on the family cenotaph at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery.



Sutton Coldfield Cemetery photos by Hockley Lass

Findagrave Memorial ID 203962576 Uploaded by Hockley Lass on 19 October 2019



Photograph by Peter Moore 20 October 2015

Army Service Records

So far, this is all that has been found. Uploaded to the above Findagrave entry by Andrew Pay.

Army Form B. 201.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COMMISSION IN THE SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

The candidate will carefully complete the following particulars, obtain the certificates on page 3 and then forward the application (through the Officer Commanding his unit if a member of the Militia or Territorial Force, the Adjutant of his Contingent if a member of the Senior Division, or the Officer Commanding his Contingent if a member of the Junior Division, Officers Training Corps), as follows:—

If desirous of appointment to	A Cavalry Regiment The Foot Guards The Irish Horse A reserve unit of the Royal Garrison Artillery A reserve unit of the Royal Engineers (see note (c) on p. 2) A reserve unit of Infantry The Royal Field Artillery The Royal Garrison Artillery, but not to a reserve unit The Royal Engineers, but not to a reserve unit An Infantry Regiment, but not to a reserve unit The Royal Flying Corps The Army Service Corps The Royal Army Medical Corps The Army Veterinary Corps	To the Officer Commanding the Regiment he wishes to join To the Officer Commanding the Reserve unit he wishes to join The officer commanding any brigade of Horse or Field Artillery The Officer Commanding the Royal Garrison Artillery at the station nearest to his place of residence (see note (b) on page 2) The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 61, George Street, Westminster, London, S.W., (unless the applicant be a member of the Senior Division of the Officers Training Corps, in which case the application will be forwarded direct to the War Office by the Adjutant of his Contingent.) The Officer Commanding a Regular battalion of the Regiment he wishes to join The Secretary, War Office, London, S.W.
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1. Unit or branch in which the candidate desires to serve	Any Special Reserve Infantry Unit.
2. Name of Candidate (in full) Surname ... (See note (a) on page 2) Christian Names...	Sampson Walter Gladon
3. Date of birth (A birth certificate or a baptismal certificate containing the date of birth to be attached.)	1890. 19 th October.
4. Whether married	No.
5. Whether of pure European descent	Yes
6. Whether a British born or a naturalized British subject	British born
7. Whether the candidate has:— (a) Obtained a leaving or qualifying certificate as required of a candidate for admission to the Royal Military College under the regulations in force up to 1st April, 1912. (Certificate to be attached). (b) Qualified at an Army Entrance Examination. (State date of examination). (c) Passed the matriculation examination of a university, or a test accepted in lieu thereof. (Certificate to be attached). Or failing one of the above:— (d) Can produce a statement from the headmaster of a secondary school, or other competent educational authority, as to his educational attainments. (Statement to be attached.)	No. — — Yes! (attached hereto)
8. Permanent address	Ferndale, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick
9. Present address for correspondence	(as above)
10. Profession or occupation	Chain manufacturer
11. Schools and Colleges at which educated	Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield
12. Whether now serving, or previously served, in any branch of His Majesty's Naval or Military Forces. If so, state:— (a) Regiment or Corps. ... (b) Date of appointment ... (c) Rank ... (d) Date of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (e) Circumstances of retirement, resignation or discharge ... (A Candidate who has served in the ranks should attach a discharge certificate.)	No.

Born on 19 October 1890. Chain manufacturer.

Original source is not given.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded Victory Medal and British Medal – OFF / 51, page 38, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/116, page 1.

Campaign :-		1914-15.		(A) Where decoration was earned.		(B) Present situation.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)	MEDAL	ROLL	PAGE
(A) SAMPSON	HR Staff	Lt.		Ref. Bde.	VICTORY	68851	38
(B) Walter Bladen	15th Bn. Rifle Bde.	T/Capt.		15 STAR	BRITISH	do	do
Action taken				From Roll 698/N. W. 3.			
				K. in A. 11-7-16.			
				1914-15 Star IV 153/0 d 9-11-20			
				* Bwrm 1-V. 1626 W. d 27-4-21. EF 8/165-7. 24/8/1684.			
THEATRE OF WAR.				FRANCE.			
				Aug. 1915.			
QUALIFYING DATE				8/3/1687.			

(6 34 46) W234—H25590 500,000 4/19 HWV(P240) K008 [OVER]

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

His parents presented the church with a stained glass window and a brass plaque in his honour. The plaque is beside the window.



Brass Plaque at St Peter's Church, Maney. Photograph by Pat Gumbley.

A memorial service was held in his honour at St Peter's Church, Maney, Sutton Coldfield.

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

Walter Bladen Sampson was the son of Frederick and Louisa Sampson.

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

He worked in the 'Jewellery Quarter' in Birmingham for Allison Chains Ltd.

He was a member of Sutton Coldfield Swimming Club."

Sutton Coldfield News 22 July 1916

Birth

The birth of Walter Bladen Sampson was registered December 1890 Aston 6d 386

Baptism on 16 November 1890 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Born to Frederick and Louisa of Avenue Road. Father was a corn merchant.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16

1901 census "Ferndale", Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Sampson	M	45	Grain merchant – employer	b Handsworth
Louisa Sampson	M	44		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick H Sampson		15		b Sutton Coldfield
Herbert H Sampson		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Walter B Sampson		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Margery Sampson		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Unreadable Sampson		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Louisa Showell	U	27	Cook	b Walmley
Alice Hobbes		14	House maid	b Coleshill

1911 census "Ferndale", Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick Sampson	M	55	Corn merchant – employer	b Handsworth
Louisa Sampson	M	54	Married 26 years, 10 children 5 died	b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Harold Sampson	U	25	Clerk at Bullion dealer	b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Bladen Sampson	U	20	Insurance Co. clerk	b Sutton Coldfield
Margery Sampson		15		b Sutton Coldfield
Mary Jane Browne	U	29	Cook	b Madeley, Salop
Justina Walker	U	18	House maid	b Barking, London

Probate

SAMPSON Walter Bladen of Ferndale Manor-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** a temporary captain in H.M. Army died 10 July 1916 in France in action Probate **Birmingham** 21 September to Fredric Harold Sampson a lieutenant in H.M. Army. Effects £2002 12s. 7d.

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

CAPT. W. B. SAMPSON (KILLED).
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sampson, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield, have received a telegram from the War Office stating that their son, Capt. Walter B. Sampson, Rifle Brigade, was killed in action on the 11th inst. Prior to the outbreak of war he was colour-sergt. of the Birmingham University O.T.C., and he obtained his commission immediately. Capt. Sampson served as aide-de-camp to both Gen. Hutton and Gen. Forestier-Walker, but was in command of his own company at the time of his death. He was in his 26th year.

Birmingham Daily Post 18 July 1916 British Newspaper Archive

1921 census Ferndale, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

Louisa Sampson, 64. Widow.

Herbert Henry Sampson, 34. Surgeon, own account at 47 Newhall Street, Birmingham.

Marjorie Sampson, 25.

Frank Sampson, 24. Manufacturing jeweller Allison Chains, 16 Regent Street, Birmingham

Plus, four visitors.

Deaths

The death of Frederick Sampson was registered March 1920 Tamworth 6d 470, aged 63.

The death of Louisa Sampson was registered June 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 645, aged 77.

Frederick Harold Sampson

The only military record for Frederick Harold Sampson was found on the Army Medal Rolls Index.

Frederick H Sampson served as Private 17566 with the 14th Hussars.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CY/121 B, p 2003.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
SAMPSON.	14 th H ^{rs}	Pa	17566.
Frederick H.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victory	CY/121 B	2003	Rel'd (743 KR) 7941 Fdls
British	— 16 —	—	
Star			
Thanks of War first served in			7941 Fdls.
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Frederick Sampson appears to have survived the war.

He lived at "The Hill", College Road, Sutton Coldfield in 1921 and at "The Clunes", Wentworth Road, Sutton Coldfield between 1928 and 1948 (Electoral Rolls).



**Captain Walter Bladen Sampson
13th Battalion Rifle Brigade
Died: Monday 10th July 1916
Aged: 25**

The Germans had abandoned the village of La Boisselle on 1 July and set up their new line in front of Contalmaison, through Mametz Wood and Trones Wood. The failure of the British to follow up the success here on the 1 July had allowed the Germans to reinforce this southern flank.

At 10pm on 9 July 1916 the 13th Rifle Brigade (111 Brigade, 37th Division) moved up to La Boisselle to attack this new line, relieving the 8th South Staffordshire Battalion. The dead of the Tyneside Scottish (who had attacked on the 1 July) lay all around, many with bolt-covers on their rifles.

The night of 9/10 July 1916 was wet and the trenches ran with mud, but next morning the land steamed under the hot sun. Between 3.30am and 7.30am the Battalion was subject to heavy shelling.

At 8.45am 'A' and 'D' Companies of the 13th Rifles led the attack followed by 'B' and 'C' Companies at a distance of 130 yards. The 25th Division was due to attack on the left and 23rd Division on the right, with a heavy barrage to support them.

A runner from the 10th Royal Fusiliers arrived to deliver a message cancelling the attack. However, the Battalion had already covered 200 yards to reach the enemy's third line.

They inflicted heavy casualties amongst the Germans and captured over 200 prisoners. Without support from artillery and flanking divisions they had many casualties, but they had still succeeded in taking their objectives.

The belated cancellation order finally reached the troops, but as they lay in holes and trenches for evening and the long crawl back, the British artillery started to bombard their position. Their presence had been mistaken for massing German troops; the slaughter was terrible.

Corporal Horace Smith MM - 13th Rifle Brigade, remembers seeing all four Company Commanders conferring in a shell-hole, after the order to retire had reached them, when an explosion wiped them out. The Commanding Officer, Adjutant and over 400 men were casualties. Captain Sampson was amongst them.

The remains of the Battalion withdrew to the original German second line (just beyond the Lochnagar Crater); they had 10 officers and 380 other ranks killed and many wounded.

Walter Sampson is buried in Pozieres British Cemetery, Ovillers-La Boisselle Plot III, Row J, Grave 28.



Walter Bladen Sampson

Walter B Sampson was commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and St Peter's Church, Maney.

“Walter B Sampson was born on 19 October 1890. He was the son of Frederick Harold (chain manufacturer) and Louisa Sampson of Ferndale, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Walter attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1899 and 1907. He was a keen athlete and footballer, being awarded Victores Ludorum in 1902.

He continued to win the trophy in the Old Boys' Race every year until 1915, when his long record of success was broken. Walter was one of the founder members of the Vesey's Old Boys' Club started by Mr. H Jerrard (Head teacher) just before the war.

He was also a member of Sutton Swimming Club, winning several prizes at the annual sports at Blackroot Pool.

Upon leaving school he was employed by the Royal Insurance Company, but left for business in the firm of Allison Chains Ltd. in the Jewellery district.

At the outbreak of war he was captain of the Heathercourt Football Club and of the team that played in 1913 - 14 all but one went into war service.

He was also a Colours-Sergeant in the Birmingham University O.T.C., with which he had been connected for six years, during which he declined an offer of a commission.

Upon enlisting in the army Walter received a commission on 17 August 1914 in the Special Reserve of Officers.

He was made full Lieutenant on 19th January 1915, on his appointment as aide-de-camp to General Hutton and held the same office in the Head Quarters Staff under General Forester Walker.

In July 1915 he went to the Front and fought in the Battle of Loos (September 1915) and remained in the trenches for most of the year before his death.

He was gazetted Temporary Captain on 1st February 1916 and Captain in May 1916.

He was mentioned in dispatches on June 30 1916, which prompted the Major -General in charge of the 37th Division to write to him:

“Your Commanding Officer and Brigade Commander have informed me that you have distinguished yourself by your conduct in the field. I have read their report with much pleasure.”

It was noted after his death that “his military career was one of much promise, and by his death a capable officer has been lost.”

His body was found, brought in and buried after the Armistice.

He left £2002.12s 7d in his Will to his father, Fredrick Harold Sampson.

Walter had three brothers who served in the war.

Captain Herbert Henry Sampson FRCS MC was an Old Veseyan who served with the Royal Army Medical Corps and survived the war.

Second Lieutenant Frederick Harold Sampson (Old Veseyan) was a Corporal in the Inns of Court O.T.C. based in London. They were an important officer-training organization. Fred was later commissioned as Second Lieutenant and survived the war.

His brother Frank Sampson was an army cadet. He also had a sister Marjory.

A Miss D G Everitt of Herne Bay, Kent wrote to the War Office on 27 July 1916 inquiring after Walter when two of her letters to him went unanswered. They replied informing her that he had been killed in action.”

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

HAROLD ERNEST SANBY

Harold Ernest Sanby was the brother of William Worthington Sanby – see the next entry.

Harold Ernest Sanby was born in 1884 at Newcastle upon Tyne. He enlisted on 28 August 1914 in Manchester with the Rifle Brigade 9th Battalion (Prince Consort's Own) – Sergeant B/1626.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

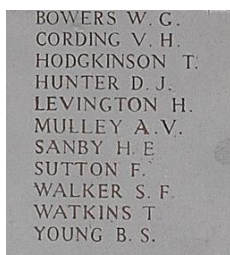
UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1919

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UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Rifle Brigade Diaries P160S117

He was killed in action on 9 August 1915 (France & Flanders).

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Panel 46.



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Army Service Record

Harold Ernest Sanby enlisted in Manchester when he was 29 years old. He was 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed 144 pounds and his chest measurement was 37 inches.

He had black hair, grey eyes, a fresh complexion, and a scar on his chin. His religion was Church of England.

He was single and worked as a buyer.

He has previously served with the Worcestershire Yeomanry Reserve.

He was sent to Winchester on 29 August 1914 and posted on 1 September 1914.

He was promoted to acting corporal on 6 April 1915 and to corporal on 6 July 1915.

He embarked to the Western Front on 20 May, 1915, arriving the following day.

He was promoted to sergeant on 6 August 1915 three days before he was killed.

His next of kin were Arthur Hill Sanby, father; Ellen Sanby, mother of "The Gables", Stratford on Avon; Arthur Auberge Sanby, brother 31 of "The Gables", Stratford on Avon; Leslie Ockleston Sanby, brother 28 of "Glen Gowan", Willow Avenue, Edgbaston; Gertrude Sanby sister 40 of "The Gables"; Maud Sanby sister 39 of "Hill Crest", Field Avenue, Stratford on Avon and Mrs Duncan Mathieson, sister 29 of "The Gables".

His possessions – fountain pen, disc, photos, letter, metal watch and a coin were sent to his mother at 'The Gables' on 21 June 1920.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medals M/102 B/8. page 1166.

Harold Ernest Sanby was the son of Mr and Mrs A H Sanby of “Wellfield”, Sutton Coldfield and the brother of William Worthington Sanby

He gave up a good position with a Manchester firm (T H Rigby) to enlist as a private with a number of his friends. He had repeatedly refused a commission.

Whilst in the trenches, the senior sergeant was wounded and Sanby was placed in charge of the platoon.

Whilst engaged in leading an attack in which the Germans used burning liquid.

He was struck on the head by a piece of shell and expired soon after.”

Sutton Coldfield News 21.8.1915

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Birth

The birth of Harold Ernest Sanby was registered September 1884 Castle W 10b 304

1891 census “Riversdale”, Blackfield Lane, Broughton, Manchester

James Sanby	M	66	Fine art dealer	b Sutton St Mary, Lanc
Hannah Sanby	M	60		b Gedway, Lancs
Herbert Sanby	U	36	Cashier	b Broughton
Harold E Sanby		7	Grandson – at school	b Newcastle
Helen Sanby		2	Grand -daughter	b Chorlton cum Hardy

1901 census

In 1901 he was aged 16, and living with his family at "Ivanhoe", St Agnes Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

His occupation was Assistant at a Lace Warehouse.

1911 census 23 Brundretts Road, Chorlton, South Manchester

Annie Johnson	U	44	Householder	b Bridlington, Yorks
Harold Ernest Sanby	U	27	Boarder – Waterproof goods buyer	b Newcastle on Tyne

1915 Electoral Roll Manchester

Harold was recorded as a boarder at the same address in Manchester on the 1915 Electoral Register.

With thanks to Paul Harrison

1911 census "Hazelwell Hall", Kings Heath, Birmingham

Arthur Hill Sanby	M	56	Commercial traveller, cotton manu.	b Manchester
Ellen Sanby	M	55	Married 33 years, 9 children 1 died	b Manchester
Helen Sanby	U	21		b Manchester
Leslie O Sanby	U	20	Commercial traveller – sauce maker	b Manchester
William W Sanby		15		b Birmingham
Eleanor Leatham	U	29	Cook	b Dudley
Eveline Moseley	U	18	Housemaid	b Rotherham

Probate

SANBY Harold Ernest of Brundretts-road Chorlton-cum-Hardy near **Manchester** died 9 August 1915 in Flanders killed in action Probate **London** 3 March to Thomas Wilson cigar manufacturer. Effects £736 11s. 10d.

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

1921 census The Gables, St George's Road, Stratford on Avon

Arthur Sanby, 67. Representative of Central Agency Ltd, Glasgow.
Ellen Sanby, 65. Home duties.
Maud Sanby, 41. Home duties.
Violet Hemming, 20. General domestic servant.

No further trace of Arthur and Ellen was found after 1921.

Leslie O Sanby

Leslie O Sanby joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in August 1914 – Private 15/813

He was discharged on medical grounds on 24 November 1914 .

WILLIAM WORTHINGTON SANBY

William Worthington Sanby was the brother of Harold Ernest Sanby – see the previous entry.

William Worthington Sanby was born in Kings Norton on August 9th, 1895, the youngest of nine children born to Arthur Hill Sanby and Ellen Sanby William Worthington Sanby was born in Birmingham.

He enlisted with the City Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment on its formation in August 1914 – Lance Corporal 764. He gained a commission on 16 April 1915 with the Northumberland Fusiliers 20th Battalion (1st Tyneside Scottish) as a Second Lieutenant as reported on May 11th, 1915, in the London Gazette, "20th Battalion (1st Tyneside Scottish) - William Worthington Sanby to be temporary Second Lieutenant. Dated 27th April, 1915". He went to France for active service in January 1916.

"He was killed in action 1 on July 1916 (France & Flanders) aged 20, whilst attacking La Boisselle on the first day of the Battle of the Somme." (FDOS)

"A sap mine was exploded at 7.28. am and the 20th battalion Northumberland Fusiliers attacked down Mash Valley across 800 yards of no man's land.

The attack was cut down by machine gun fire. A few isolated parties made the front line but were all killed. The total battalion losses for the day were 584 officers and men." (SDBD)

Soldiers Died in the Great War Northumberland Fusiliers

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register. Brother Harold also fell.

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

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He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B.

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Commemorated on the Scotland National War Memorial Index Roll of Honour for Scots

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

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal NF/OFF 112, page 241.

Name	Sanby, William Worthington		Regt. No.
Service	14/R. War. F.	2/06	764
Rank	* 2nd Lt		
Unit	* Northd Fus		
Medal	Roll	Page	
VICTORY	NF/OFF 112	241	
BRITISH	—	—	
STAR	—	—	
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	10/2/22		
		NW/7/4/33	

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

Alison Wheatley

William W Sanby is also commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

Second Lieutenant William Worthington Sanby 20th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (1st Tyneside Scottish)

"William Worthington Sanby was born in Kings Norton in 1895, the youngest son of Arthur Hill Sanby and Ellen Sanby. In 1901, he was 5 years old and living with his family at "Ivanhoe", St Agnes Road, Moseley, Birmingham. By 1911, he was living with family at Hazelwell Hall in Stirchley, Birmingham. He was 15 years old and a schoolboy. He was educated at King Edwards Grammar School, New Street, Birmingham.

He joined the 14th (Service) Battalion (1st Birmingham) of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on its formation in September 1914 and became a Lance Corporal (service number 764). He was granted a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers as a Second Lieutenant as reported on May 11th, 1915, in the London Gazette, "20th Battalion (1st Tyneside Scottish) - William Worthington Sanby to be temporary Second Lieutenant. Dated 27th April, 1915". He went to France for active service in January 1916.

Second Lieutenant William Worthington Sanby was killed in action July 1st, 1916, on the first day of the Battle of The Somme, France. He was 20 years old. His battalion were attacking La Boisselle. A sap mine was exploded at 7.28.am and the 20th Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers attacked down Mash Valley across 800 yards of no man's land. The attack was cut down by machine gun fire. A few isolated parties made the front line but were all killed. The total battalion losses for the day were 584 officers and men.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, France, Pier and Face 10 B 11 B and 12 B. He is also commemorated on the King Edwards Grammar School Roll of Honour (Alison Wheatley).

Probate records state his address as "Wellfield", Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield. He left his effects to his father. His parents moved to "The Gables", Stratford-on-Avon apparently soon after his death.

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

His brother Harold Ernest Sanby also fell in the war (see above entry)."

Second Lieutenant William W. Sanby, Northumberland Fusiliers, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanby, Neilfield, Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, is officially reported killed in action. Lieutenant Sanby, who was at years of age, was educated at King Edward's School, New Street, and joined the 1st City Battalion on its formation. In the spring of 1915 he was granted a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and went abroad on active service in January last. One of Sec.-Lieutenant Sanby's brothers, Harold E. Sanby, Rifle Brigade, was killed in action in August last. Another brother, Private Arthur A. Sanby, Westminster Dragoons, is on active service, and a fourth brother, Lealie O. Sanby, also joined the 2nd City Battalion.



[Photo: Osborn.]

2ND LIEUT. W. W. SANBY.

Extract from the Birmingham Mail, Monday 10th July 1916

SECOND-LIEUTENANT WILLIAM W. SANBY.
 Second-Lieutenant William W. Sanby, Northumberland Fusiliers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Sanby, Four Oaks, Warwickshire (formerly of Manchester), and nephew of Mr Bernard J. Sanby, The Homestead, Sandiway, Cheshire, was 20 years of age. In the spring of 1915 he was granted a commission, and went on active service in January last. One brother, Harold E. Sanby, Rifle Brigade, was killed in action in August last; another brother, Private Arthur A. Sanby, Westminster Dragoons, is on active service; and a fourth brother, Leslie O. Sanby, is also in the army.

Extract from the Newcastle Journal, Monday July 17th 1916

KILLED.
SEC. LIEUT. W. W. SANBY.
 Sec. Lieut. William W. Sanby, Northumberland Fusiliers, who has been killed in action, was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sanby, Nellfield, Hartopp Road, Four Oaks. The deceased officer, who was twenty years of age, was educated at King Edward's School, New Street, and joined one of the Birmingham City Battalions on their formation. In the spring of 1915 he was granted a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers, and went abroad in January last. Sec. Lieut. Sanby's eldest brother, Harold E. Sanby, Rifle Brigade, was killed in action in August last. Another brother, Pte. Arthur A. Sanby, Westminster Dragoons, is on active service, and a fourth brother, Leslie O. Sanby, also joined one of the Birmingham Battalions.

Extract from the Birmingham Daily Post, Tuesday July 11th 1916

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/102 B/8, page 1166.

Name		Rank		Regt. No.
SANBY		14/R. War B.		764
William Worthington		* Hon'd Fus		* T of R.
Medal	Roll	Page	Dis: Comm 20/Nov/15. Fus. 16/4/16	
VICTORY	10234 OFF 112	241	(K. 1/11/16) Dead	
BRITISH	11	1	} 1/11 x 4955 24/31.10.22 NW/6/7/33	
STAR				
Theatre of War first served in		France		
Date of entry therein		10/3/22		
		NW/7/14/33		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

“William Worthington Sanby was the son of Arthur and Ellen Sanby of “The Gables”, Stratford upon Avon and previously of Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.

His brother Harold Ernest also fell during the war.

He was educated at King Edwards Grammar School, New Street, Birmingham.

He joined the 1st City Battalion on its formation and was granted a commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers in spring 1915. He went to France in January 1916.”

Sutton Coldfield News 16.7.1916

Birth

The birth of William Worthington Sanby was registered September 1895 Kings Norton 6c 439

1901 census

In 1901 he was aged 5 and living with his family at "Ivanhoe", St Agnes Road, Moseley, Birmingham.

1911 census "Hazelwell Hall", Kings Heath, near Birmingham

Arthur Hill Sanby	M	56	Commercial traveller – cotton manu.	b Manchester
Ellen Sanby	M	55	Married 33 years, 9 children 1 died	b Manchester
Helen Sanby	U	21		b Manchester
Leslie O Sanby	U	20	Commercial traveller – sauce maker	b Manchester
William W Sanby		15		b Birmingham
Eleanor Leatham	U	29	Cook	b Dudley
Eveline Moseley	U	18	Housemaid	b Rotherham

Probate

SANBY William Worthington of Wellfield Hartopp-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** second-lieutenant 20th battalion Northumberland Fusiliers died 1 July 1916 in action in France Administration **Birmingham** 29 December to Arthur Hill Sanby commission agent.
Effects £67 9s. 9d.

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

1921 census The Gables, St George's Road, Stratford on Avon

Arthur Sanby, 67. Representative of Central Agency Ltd, Glasgow.

Ellen Sanby, 65. Home duties.

Maud Sanby, 41. Home duties.

Violet Hemming, 20. General domestic servant.

No further trace of Arthur and Ellen was found after 1921.

Walter Scott was born in 1893 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 3rd City Battalion in 1914 (WML) and transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 16th Battalion – Private 448

“The 16th Battalion RWR was involved in action at Delville Wood on 27 July. The temperature was 81 F and it was hazy but becoming clearer in the afternoon. There was 8 mm of rain.” **(SDBD)**

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment 16th Battalion

NA Url/details/r/D5063861 WO 372/17/204749

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B29, page 6236, and the 1915 Star Medal L/6B, page 450. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name.	Corp.	Rank.	Regt. No.
<i>P. War. R.</i>	<i>Pte.</i>	<i>448</i>	
<i>S C O T T</i>			
<i>Waller</i>			
Metal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks:
VICTORY	<i>L/104 B29</i>	<i>6236</i>	<i>K in A.</i>
BRITISH	<i>20</i>		
<i>'15 STAR</i>	<i>46.B</i>	<i>450</i>	
Theatre of War first served in	<i>(1) France</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>21/11/15</i>		

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British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 341501-343000 Forces War Records

Walter Scott is commemorated on page 283 of the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

"Walter Scott was the son of Herbert and Clara Scott of "Alderwin Place", Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

He attended Green Lanes School and was a member of St Michaels Football Club.

He was also a member of St Michael's Church Bible Class.

Before the war he was employed as a piano tuner and repairer for Messrs Shaw & Bland, Lozells Road in Birmingham.

He was attached to the Machine Gun section and went to the front in November 1915. He was killed instantaneously by shrapnel."

Sutton Coldfield News 26.8.1916

"In loving memory of Walter, the only son of Mr and Mrs Scott who was killed in action 27 July 1916. Greatly missed."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 26.7.1919

Birth

The birth of Walter Scott was registered March 1893 Aston 6d 453

Baptism on 19 February 11893 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Of Wylde Green. Father was a gardener.

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

1901 census 4 Bleak Cottages, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Herbert Scott	M	36	Coachman, domestic	b Wrenbury
Clara Scott	M	38		b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Scott		8		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Alderwin Place", Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Herbert Scott	M	46	Gardener	b Wrenbury, Cheshire
Clara Scott	M	47	Married 19 years – 1 child	b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Scott	U	18	Piano tuner	b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census Birmingham Road. Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Herbert Scott, 54. Auxiliary Postman at Wylde Green.

Clara Scott, 58. Home duties.

Sarah Webb, 55. Married. Visitor.

Death

The death of Clara Scott was registered March 1922 Tamworth 6b 629, aged 59.

No further trace of Herbert Scott was found after 1921.

Walter John Seaton was possibly born in 1879 at Kings Lynn, Norfolk. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield when he was called up on 13 June 1916 with the Essex Regiment 66th (Provisional) and later with the 5th Battalion – Private 5118.

He probably died at one of four military hospitals in Ipswich from blood poisoning following an injection.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

The death of Walter John Seaton was registered September 1916 Ipswich 4a 597, aged 37.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WALTER JOHN,
THE DEARER HUSBAND OF
ELIZA SEATON
WHO DIED AT BRUSH MILITARY HOSPITAL,
ABOUT 17th 1918,
AGED 37 YEARS.
PLEASE ASSESS PUBLIC AUTHORITY CORING.

ELIZA
THE DELOVED WIFE OF THE ABOVE
WHO PASSED AWAY DEC. 27th 1918
AGED 36.
AT REST.

ELIZ
FRANCES HILDA
DEARER DAUGHTER
WHO DIED NOV. 3rd 1918
HEAVY 13
REUNITED.

Findagrave Memorial ID 189960482 Uploaded by David Pearce on 22 May 2018

These were not found.

His widow was sent £1 19 s 3 d effects. She was not entitled to a war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 326501-328000 Fold 3

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Walter John Seaton Private 5118 Essex Regiment

“Walter Seaton was one of eight children of Harry Seaton, a tailor who eventually became a master tailor and employed ten men, and Maria Frances Scott. Walter was born in 1879 in King’s Lynn, and the family moved around a lot, eventually settling in the Midlands.

Walter was employed as a button polisher at Buttons Ltd., in Portland St., Aston. In 1900 Walter married Eliza Janes, and they lived in Highbridge Road, a few doors away from Robert Howell. Daughter Eliza was born in 1901, and daughter Frances in 1907. Walter was a bellringer at St. Michael’s, Boldmere.

Walter was called up on 13th June 1916 and joined the Essex Regiment as Private 5118. He was stationed at Dunwich. After being compulsorily vaccinated, he became ill, and was admitted to the Military Hospital in Ipswich, where he died from septicaemia on the 17th of August, aged 37.

A civilian inquest was held into his death. The jury, after an adjournment, declared that Private Seaton had died of septicaemia. They did not give a cause but stated that it was not due to vaccination.

Walter had served for only a couple of months and had not served overseas. His widow Eliza was thus not entitled to a War Gratuity. Walter is buried in St. Michael’s, and a muffled peal of bells was rung in his memory.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

“He was married and had two daughters. He was employed as a button burnisher at Buttons Ltd, Portland Street in Aston.

He was a campanologist at St Michaels Church in Boldmere.

He was called up on 13 June 1916. He died of blood poisoning following an injection.

A muffled peal of bells was rung in his memory at the church.”

Sutton Coldfield News 26.8.1916

Walter John Seaton was the son of Henry and Mary Seaton of Kings Lynn, and the husband of Eliza Seaton of 262 Highbridge Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The only birth for a Walter John Seaton was registered September 1879 Holborn 1b 706.

This covered Lindon and parts of Essex. His father was from Essex.

1881 census High Street, Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Henry Seaton	M	46	Master tailor – employs 10 men	b Chelmsford, Essex
Mary Seaton	M	41		b Stourbridge
Henry Seaton		14	Tailor’s apprentice	b Ross, Herefordshire
Edith Seaton		9		b Ross
Fitzgerald Seaton		8		b Ross
Alice Seaton		6		b St Neots, Huntingdon
Lucy Seaton		5		b Birmingham
Walter Seaton		2		b Kings Lynn
Claude Seaton		8 months old		b Kings Lyn

1891 census – not found

1901 census Alfred Street, Aston

Walter Seaton	M	22	Button burnisher	b Kings Lynn
Eliza Seaton	M	22		b Wolverhampton
Eliza Seaton		3 months old		b Aston

The marriage of Walter John Seaton and Eliza James was registered June 1900 Aston 6d 44

1900 Marriage solemnized at <u>St Peter & Paul Church</u> in the Parish of <u>Aston</u> in the County of <u>Birmingham</u>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
290	June 10	Walter John Seaton	22	Bachelor	Burnisher	2 Adelaide Place, Victoria Road	Henry Seaton	Sailor
	1900	Eliza James	21	Spinster		189 Park Road	James James	Gun Maker
Married in the <u>Parish Church of St Peter & Paul</u> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the <u>Established Church</u> by <u>Mr. J. Goodrich</u> or other Minister by me, <u>Walter John Seaton</u> in the presence of us, <u>Claude Hamilton Seaton</u> and <u>Eliza James</u>								

Marriage on 10 June 1900 at St Peter & St Paul Aston.

Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1939 DR) 41 Archive Roll 653

1911 census "Linden Villa", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Seaton	M	32	Button burnisher	b Kings Lynn
Eliza Seaton	M	32	Married 11 years – 2 children	b Heath Town, Staffs
Eliza Seaton		10		b Aston
Frances Seaton		8		b Aston

1921 census 261 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Eliza Seaton, 42. Widow. Home duties.
 Eliza Seaton, 20. Railway rates clerk at Dunlop Rubber Co.
 F Hilda Seaton, 13. School.
 William H Seaton, 24, single. Nephew. Born at Hockley. Tailor at Hudson & Co. 189 Soho Road, Handsworth.

1939 Register 261 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Eliza Seaton, born on 3 November 1877. Widow. Domestic duties.
 Frances Seaton, born on 27 November 1907. Dressmaker, own account.

Death

The death of Eliza Seaton was registered December 1964 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1074, aged 86.

SOLDIER'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH.—The Borough Coroner held an inquest on Friday as to the death of Walter John Seaton, a private in the 56th Provisional Battalion. The Coroner informed the Jury that the deceased had been stationed at Dunwich. He was vaccinated there on July 6th by a civilian doctor, and on the previous Saturday was brought to the Military Hospital at Ipswich, where he was received by Col. Cadge, medical officer in charge of the hospital. He gradually got worse and died on Thursday from septicæmia. The question was whether the septicæmia was caused or accelerated by the vaccination or whether it was due to any subsequent treatment he had received.—The widow stated that after he was vaccinated deceased complained of his arm being painful. He was not a strong man and had undergone two operations for varicose veins.—Colonel Cadge said that deceased was received into the Military Hospital at Ipswich on the previous Saturday night. He was then in a drowsy state and complained of pain in the calves of his legs and his left arm. His temperature was 102. On the left arm was an ulcer slightly depressed below the skin; the tongue was coated and deceased complained of nausea. All the symptoms gradually got worse until death occurred. Death was due to septicæmia caused by the introduction of microbes, probably through the ulcer but possibly through other sources as a scratch or an abrasion. The poison might have been introduced through the use of impure calf lymph, neglect, or some accidental or unavoidable conditions. All regular soldiers were compelled to be vaccinated. The cause of the septicæmia had nothing to do with the lymph or the performance of the operation, because the microbes must have been introduced at a later date; they took only a few days to develop. If the arm had been uncovered, so that dirt from the shirt sleeve had touched it that might have been the cause. The enquiry was adjourned till Thursday, when the jury returned a verdict that the death of the deceased was due to septicæmia, but how caused there was no evidence to show. In their opinion it was not caused by vaccination.

Diss Express, 25 August 1916

SOLDIER'S DEATH IN HOSPITAL

WAS VACCINATION THE CAUSE?

The Borough Coroner held an inquest at the Military Hospital, Ipswich, on Friday afternoon, concerning the death of Walter John Seaton, 37 years of age, a private in the 66th Provisional Battalion.

In opening the inquiry the Coroner informed the Jury that the deceased had enlisted at Norwich on June 13th last, and had been stationed at Dunwich. He was vaccinated there on July 8th by a civilian doctor, and on Saturday last was brought to the Medical Hospital at Ipswich, where he was received by Colonel Cadge, the medical officer in charge of the Hospital. He gradually got worse, and died on Thursday from septicæmia. The question was whether that septicæmia was caused or accelerated by the vaccination, or whether it was due to any subsequent treatment he had received. He believed the medical officer would be able to satisfy them that, as far as the lymph was concerned, it had nothing to do with the septicæmia.

The widow, in giving evidence, said she was married to the deceased seven years ago. He was in business in Birmingham before enlisting, and had recently been stationed at Dunwich. He was vaccinated there by a civilian doctor, and had since complained of his arm being painful. He was not a strong, healthy man, and had been in a sanatorium. He had also undergone two operations for varicose veins. Since leaving the sanatorium the deceased had been specially fed, always having plenty of hot milk and new-laid eggs.

William Hobson Cadge said he was in charge as medical officer of the Ipswich Military Hospital. Deceased was received into the Hospital on Saturday night between 8 and 9 o'clock. He was then in a drowsy state, and not inclined to impart much information about himself. He complained of pains in the calves of his legs and his left arm. His temperature was 102. On the left arm was an ulcer slightly depressed below the skin; the tongue was coated, and deceased complained of nausea. All the symptoms gradually got worse, until death occurred. Death was due to septicæmia, caused by the introduction of microbes, probably through the ulcer previously described, but possibly of course through other sources, as a scratch or an abrasion. He could give no evidence as to the state of the deceased when he was vaccinated, but should presume he was all right. The poison might have been introduced through the use of impure calf lymph, neglect, or some accidental or unavoidable conditions. All regular soldiers were compelled to be vaccinated, but whether the deceased was compelled he could not say. The cause of the septicæmia had nothing to do with the lymph or the performance of the operation, because the microbe must have been introduced at a later date; they took only a few days to develop. If the arm had been uncovered, so that dirt from the shirt sleeve had touched it, that might have been the cause.

The Court was formally adjourned, the jury being bound over in recognisances of £10 each to appear at the Town Hall on Thursday.

It was stated that Col. Monckton Copeman, a recognised expert on vaccination, had seen the case, and was of opinion that death was due to septicæmia; he hoped to be present, if his engagements permitted, at the adjourned inquest.

Evening Star, Ipswich 19 August 1916

HERBERT REGINALD SEELEY

Herbert Reginald Seeley is the correct name on the printed list for the memorial stone mason and the Roll of Honour for the unveiling of the memorial in 1922 (**Sutton Coldfield Library**).

His name is typed in full on the list.

It is not clear who Herbert Reginald Seeley is at this time and no one of that name has been linked to Sutton Coldfield. Various spellings of the name were researched, to no avail.

There was Herbert Seeley who served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment- Private 40573 then the Royal Irish Rifles – Private 16/52705.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals B/104 B22, page 3792,

This Herbert Seeley has not been linked to Sutton Coldfield.

There was Frederick Herbert Seeley (Sealey) who was born at Alvechurch. He lived at Sutton Coldfield at the time he was serving in the army.

He enlisted with the 5th Battalion, Essex Regiment – Private 251733

He died on 2 November 1917 at Palestine.

He was 32 and the husband of Gertrude Seeley of Newton Regis, Tamworth. He was commemorated on the Jerusalem Memorial.

1911 census 27 School Lane, Kenilworth

Frederick Herbert Sealey	M	25	Gardener	b Alvechurch
Gertrude Sealey	M	30	Married 2 years – 1 child	b Hixon, Staffs
Winifred Jean Sealey		1		b Chiddingfold, Kent

On the 1914/1915, Electoral Roll, Frederick Herbert Seeley was living at 67 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield.

This man was not found in 1921.

In 1921, a Frederick Seeley, 22, born in 1899 in Birmingham, lived at 351 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was out of work. His wife was Isabella, aged 23 from Wolverhampton.

This man was checked on the 1911 and 1901 censuses and does not seem to have had a brother called Herbert or Reginald.

This was the only Herbert Seeley found on the 1911 census with a local connection

1911 census 16 Dugdale Street, Ladywood, Birmingham

William Seeley	M	38	General labourer	b Smethwick
Jane Seeley	M	38		b Birmingham
Matilda Seeley		16		b Birmingham
Herbert Seeley		12		b Birmingham
Samuel Seeley		11		b Smethwick
Nellie Seeley		8		b Smethwick
Albert Seeley		7		b Smethwick
Lizzie Seeley		6		b Smethwick
William Seeley		4		b Smethwick

This Herbert Seeley was alive and married on the 1921 census at Dugdale Street. There is no obvious link for this Herbert Seeley to Sutton Coldfield currently.

The Findmypast Britain First World War Campaign Medals lists these Herbert Seeley men:-

Herbert Seeley. 2630 London Regiment 1st (City of London) Battalion (Royal Fusiliers), previously 1 London Regiment Private 2630. Died on 16 July 1916. WO 329.1904.

Herbert Seeley, Sapper WR/125856 Royal Engineers 25/868, Subunit driver, railways RAMC Private 6961. WO 329/0523.

Herbert Seeley, Driver 179915, Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery, WO 329/0155.

Herbert Seeley, Private 26954 Norfolk Regiment, Military foot police 11743. WO 329/848.

Herbert Seeley, Sapper 601917 Corps of Royal Engineers, previously Royal Field Artillery 74604 Driver, Royal Engineers 301594, WO 329/0488

Herbert Seeley, Rifleman, Royal Irish Rifles, 16/52705. Previously 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment Private 40573. WO 329/1681.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SEELEY Herbert	R.I.R.	Rifle	40573 16/52705
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	B/104 322	3792	
BRITISH			
DEAN			
Theatre of War first served in			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

No further details were found for these men indicating a link to Sutton Coldfield.

Bert Seeley and Reginald Seeley were also searched.

Lives of the first world war found Bert Seeley Royal Army Medical Corps 395492.

No further records were found.

Records searched were Ancestry.co.uk; Findmypast; Forces War Records.

Nothing further can be added at this time about Herbert Reginald Seeley.

CHARLES JOHN SHEARS

Charles John Shears was born in 1892 at Hodstone, Leicestershire. He enlisted on 7 September 1914 at Birmingham with the Dorsetshire Regiment 6th Battalion – Private 11870

He spent time with the Royal Engineers and then transferred back to the Dorsetshire Regiment.

He died on 24 July 1918 at Union House, Bueruase (sic), Germany, whilst he was a prisoner of war. He had influenza and pneumonia.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History and Army Records

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Dorset Regiment P127S114

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register.

He was buried at the Cologne Southern Cemetery, Germany, Plot XV.A.29.

Army Service Record

These are very hard to make out in parts. He lived at Walmley Ash, Minworth, when he signed up on 7 September 1914. He was single and worked as a railway navvy.

He was 5' 7" tall, weighed 139 pounds and had a chest measurement of 37".

He was at Warwick between 7 September 1914 and 18 September 1914. He then went to Dorchester until the 21 September 1914, then to Wareham.

He was transferred to the Royal Engineers as a third rate railway engineer on 27 September 1916. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 4 October 1916.

He went back to the Dorset Regiment on 15 September 1917. He was reported missing on 21 November 1917, but this was rescinded as a mistake.

He was captured at Hermies by the Germans on 22 March 1918, and taken to a prisoner of war camp in Germany.

His death was posted at 10.30 pm on 28 July 1918 on the official German list, and he died from influenza and pneumonia. The death certificate stated he was 26 and his father was William Henry Shears, a farm labourer of Moor End Farm in Erdington.

On 10 December 1921, the army were trying to find his next of kin and his mother was tracked down as living at Hut 28, Minworth Aerodrome. The Chief Constable of Birmingham was trying to find her on behalf of the army to give her a letter. The letter is annotated 'dead'.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/2/101 B12, page 768, and the 1915 Star Medal C/2/2/B2, page 97. He entered France on 13 July 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SHEARS Charles J.	Dorset R R E	Private	11870 190463
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	C/2/101 B12	768	
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	C/2/2 B2 97	24	24.7.18
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	13.7.15		

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 11870. Name <i>Charles John Snow</i>						Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Service in Reserve not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay		Signature of Officer certifying correct of Entry
Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	years	day	years	days		
Service towards limited engagement reckons from <i>7.9.14</i>										
Joined at _____ on _____										
<i>Dorset Regt Depot</i>	<i>6th Bde 18th</i>	<i>Posted</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>20.9.14</i>	<i>T.S. Rudell</i> 8TH SERVICE BATT.					
				<i>21.9.14</i>						
<i>Royal Engineers</i>	<i>24th Coy</i>	<i>Transferred</i>		<i>27.3.16</i>						
		<i>Promoted</i>	<i>Sgt</i>	<i>10.10.16</i>						
<i>Reported Missing</i>										
<i>Reported Prisoner</i>										
<i>Report states captured</i>										
<i>Died of Influenza & Pneumonia at Union Ho. Puerresca (Whist at 10)</i>										
<i>Officer i/c No. 2 Infantry Records, Exeter.</i>										
Total Service forfeited as above										
Total Service towards Engagement to _____ (date of discharge)					3 years 32 days					
Pension										

German Prisoner of War Camps - Prisoners of War

There were about 300,000 prisoners of war taken by the Germans. About one third were sent to camps in Germany. The conditions were very poor and harsh despite being monitored by the Red Cross.

In June 1917 and July 1918, the Allies and the Germans exchanged hundreds of prisoners who were deemed unable to fight again. They were exchanged in the Netherlands.

The birth of Charles John Shears was registered December 1892 Market Bosworth 7a 76.

1901 census 78 Smithy Lane, Wilnecote, Warwickshire

William H Shears	M	31	Coachman, domestic	b Northants
Emily Kate Shears	M	31		b Warwick
Charles John Shears		8		b Leicester
Jane Elizabeth Shears		6		b Leicester
Thomas Henry Shears		2		b Wilnecote

1911 census Curdworth Village (near Sutton Coldfield)

William Henry Shears	M	40	Labourer at sewage farm	b Middleton, Northants
Emily Kate Shears	M	42	Married 20 years, 7 children 2 died	b Warwick
Charles John Shears	U	19	Labourer – railway	b Leicestershire
Jane Elizabeth Shears		17		b Leicestershire
Thomas Henry Shears		13		b Wilnecote
William Alfred Shears		7		b Curdworth
Ethel Margaret Shears		1		b Curdworth

1918 Absent Voters List for Birmingham

1138	Bloomer, Harold Edwin	Oaks Do.	do.	190940, Gr., 124 H.B., R.G.A.	1138
1139	Brown, Thomas	Do.	do.	306082, 11 Plat., D. Co., 1 R.W.R	1139
1140	Shears, Charles John	Moor End farm		11870, 12 Plat., C. Co., 6 Dorsets	1140
1141	Shears, Thomas Henry	Do.	do.	31592, Pte., 8 (Ser.) Bn. Dev. R.	1141
1142	Guest, Victor Norman	21		T4/248887, Dr., att. 2/2 S.M.F.A.,	1142

Note: Thomas Henry Shears was also absent. He was serving with 8 (Service) Battalion, Devon Regiment, Private 31592.

1921 census The Aerodrome, Minworth

William Henry Shears, 51. Market gardener for J Norris, Erdington.
Emily Kate Shears, 51. Home duties.
William Alfred Shears, 17. Horse driver.
Ethel Margaret Shears, 12. School.

1921 census 85 Johnson Road, Erdington

Thomas Henry Shears, 22, married. Labourer.
Rose L Shears, 21. Married. Home duties.

Death

The death of Emily Kate Shears was registered March 1922 Meriden 6d 816, aged 52. Meriden covered Minworth.

1939 Register 24 Sorrel Grove, Erdington

William H Shears, born on 26 March 1869. Jobbing gardener. Married
Redacted
Redacted.

Marriage

The marriage between William H Shears and Emily M Taylor was registered September 1930 Meriden 6d 1622.

It is not known what happened to William Henry Shears after the 1939 Register.

HORACE EDGAR SHENTON

Horace Edgar Shenton was born in 1879 at Hints near Tamworth. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Lance Sergeant 799

He died of wounds on 27 August 1917 at Chisleden Military Camp (France & Flanders), aged 38.

“Born in 1879. Died on 27 August 1917, aged 38. Son of Mrs Mary Shenton of 6 Manor Hill.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S161

He was buried at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot B.C. 33.



Photograph by Peter Moore 16 March 2025

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission records say that the plot number for this grave is correct. Birmingham City Council Cemetery Department looked into this, as this grave belongs to Ernest Arthur Shenton, brother of Horace. He died in 1898.

It seems that Horace was put into this plot but there was not a new engraving to show he was there.

Findagrave Memorial ID 98210909 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 B, page 30, and the 1915 Star Medal L/6B, page 457.

He entered France on 21 November 1915, and his medal card shows him as Lance Corporal and Corporal.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SHENTON	R. War. R.	L/Cpl.	799
	"	"	"
	"	"	"

Medal	Ref.	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	2/100030	6224	D. of Wds.
BETTER	do	do	
'15	4/63	457	
Theatre of War first served in (1) France			
Date of entry therein 21-11-15			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

No.	Rank	Name	Regt.	Corps	Remarks
799	Cpl.	SHENTON, Horace E	14th Bn. R. War. R.	X	
			799	Cpl.	

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 16 DEC 1920

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. Capt. J. H. H. H. 1/o Infantry Records, WARWICK

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920

No.	Name	Rank	Regt.	Corps	Remarks
566843	Shenton	3rd Bn.	27.8.17	War. R.	6 - 3 - 6 - 3
	Horace Edgar	R. War. R.	10.17		
		L/Sgt.			
		799			

1. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 24.6.19

WAR. R. 14.10.19

15 -

1.2.19 No. 1000000 15 - 1000000

6 - 3 Distribution

His mother was sent £6 3 d effects plus £15 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 566501-568000

National Army Museum

DEPENDANT'S PENSION	
Name	Shenton Horace Edgar
Regimental No.	499
Regiment or Ship	Royal Warwick
Rank	L/Sgt.
Documents received from Paymaster	4.2.18
Date and cause of death	24.8.17 Died of Wounds.
Dependant	Mrs Mary Shenton
Address	6 Manor Hill, Sutton Coldfield, Warwick.
Relationship	Mother
Pension	Refusal Class I a week from
Date awarded	
If refused	
Reason	

DEAD 2477

DEAD 2018

DEAD 2700

11/17

His mother was refused a pension.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 062/0388/She – She Fold 3

Name	Rank	Regt.	Corps	Remarks
Shenton Mrs Mary				
Warwick				
Sutton Coldfield				
6 Manor Hill				
No. 499	L/Sgt.	Horace Edgar Shenton		
		2nd Royal Warwick		

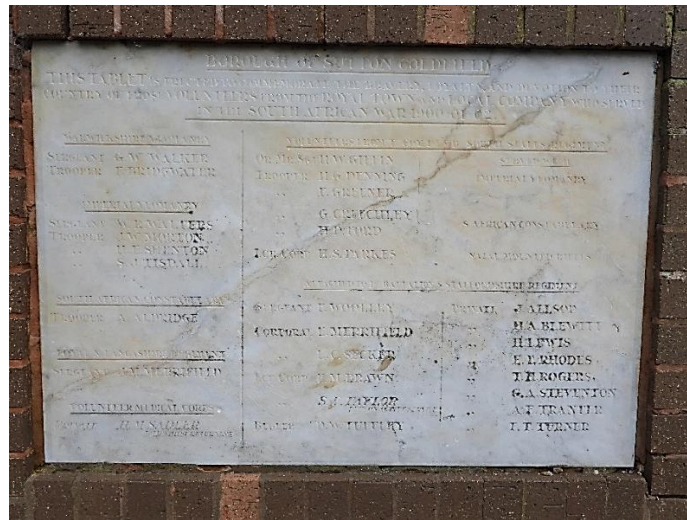
UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 168/0384/She-She Fold 3

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

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Horace Edgar Shenton is commemorated on the Boer War Roll of Honour at Holy Trinity Church

Anglo Boer War Memorials



Holy Trinity Boer War Memorial photo by Peter Moore 16 March 2025

He is commemorated on page 283 of the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour in 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

"Horace Edgar Shenton was the youngest son of the late Isaac and Mrs Mary Shenton of Sutton Coldfield.

He died at Chiseldon Military Camp. He was educated at New Hall College.

He played cricket for Old Maney and Sutton Town Cricket Clubs.

Before the war, he was employed in the Automotive Machine Trade. He served eighteen months in the Boer War with the Worcestershire Yeomanry.

He enlisted with the City Battalion on its formation in 1914. He was wounded 31 August 1916 with shrapnel in his back. He was in a hospital in Leeds.”

Sutton Coldfield News 7.10.1916

"He became the head of the Battalion Police prior to being wounded.

After his operation to try to remove the shrapnel he was put on light duties.

His shrapnel could not be removed after several operations and he died of his wounds.

He was given a full military funeral.”

Sutton Coldfield News 1.9.1917 and 8.9.1917

Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club Member

Horace Edgar Shenton last played in the 2nd XI on 4 July 1914 against Wolverhampton away.

He batted at No 6 and scored 18 runs. He bowled 6 overs- 1 maiden, 1 wicket for 27 runs

Peter Bell, Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club

Birth

The birth of Horace Edgar Shenton was registered March 1879 Tamworth 6b 455

Baptism on 6 April 1879 at St Bartholomew, Hints

To Isaac and Mary.

Staffordshire C of E baptisms 1813 – 1900 page 55

1881 census "The Home Farm", Hints, Staffordshire

Isaac Shenton	M	36	Farmer of 380 acres	b Staffs
Mary Shenton	M	39		b Staffs
Ellen Elizabeth Shenton	U	18		b Staffs
Ernest Arthur Shenton		7		b Staffs
Horace Edgar Shenton		2		b Staffs

1901 and 1891 censuses

The family were not found

1911 census Manor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Mary Shenton	W	69		b Hill
Horace Edgar Shenton	U	33	Motor engineer	b Hints

Death

The death of Horace Edgar Shenton was registered September 1917 Swindon 5a 27, aged 38.

Probate

SHENTON Horace Edgar of Manor Hill Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire died 27 August 1917 at Chisledon Wiltshire
Probate **London** 3 May to Mary Shenton widow.
Effects £184 os. 3d.

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

Probate

Ernest Arthur Shenton of Ash Villa, Maney, Sutton Coldfield died 17 October 1898. Administration London 24 July 1918 to Mary Shenton, widow. Effects £130 12s 6d.

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

1921 census 6 Manor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Mary Shenton, 77, widow. Domestic duties.
Helen Shenton, 57. Single. Private professional nurse.
Lucy Panton, 57. Single. School mistress in Sutton Coldfield. Boarder.

Death

The death of Mary Shenton was registered September 1926 Tamworth 6b 350, aged 82.



THE BRITISH MEDAL AWARDED TO HORACE SHENTON

Courtesy of Pat Knight, medal enthusiast – with thanks

EDWARD SHINE *Distinguished Service Medal*

Edward Shine was born about 1888 at Middlesbrough. He enlisted on 15 July 1904 with the South Staffordshire Regiment 2nd Battalion – Sergeant 6847. He briefly served with the North Staffordshire Regiment (Medal Card), and gained a commission with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and during the Great War he served with the 15th Battalion – Second Lieutenant 23519.

By looking at various posts about Edward Shine, it seems that the 15th Battalion disbanded at Ytres, 20 miles southeast from Arras and close to Canal Du Nord just before Edward died, on 30 September 1918, and that he was posted to the 16th Battalion.

He was killed in action on 20 October 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 30.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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NA Url/details/r/D5138805 WO 372/18/147323

“Edward Shine, born in 1888, died on 20 October 1918. 2nd Lt Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Service numbers 6847, 23519, serjeant, 2nd Lieutenant. South Staffordshire Regiment, North Staffordshire Regiment, Royal Warwickshire Regiment. WO 372/18.”

Lives of the First World War – Findmypast

“Aged 30. Awarded DCM. Buried in Viesly Communal Grave A. 1. Son of Cornelius and Elizabeth Shine of Middlesbrough. Husband of Charlotte A Shine of Sutton Coldfield. 15th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.”

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour – Findmypast

Lives of the First World War

Great War Forum – various contributors

He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal (WML)

6849 Sjt. E. SHINE 2nd Bn.

For gallant conduct on 10th September 1914, at Villiers-Cotterets, in assisting a wounded man across open ground for a distance of 800 yards, under a heavy fire. (1.4.15)

He was buried at the Viesly Communal Cemetery, Plot A1. No image was found.

Great War Forum - Posted by ‘Old Sweats’ and ‘Alan Tucker’ in 2011.

It seems that Cornelius Shine died in 1897, leaving the family in destitution. Edward was sent to the St Paul's Children's Home in Coleshill. He left the home when he was old enough and joined the South Staffordshire Regiment.

It was also discussed that he transferred from the 15th Battalion to the 16th Battalion during September 1918 after the 15th were disbanded. The 15th had been at Ytres, 20 miles SE of Arras and close to the Canal du Nord. The last entry in the 15th diary was on 30 September 1918.

With thanks

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RWR OFF/150, page 112, and the 1914 Star Medal F/2/5, page 90.

His card is annotated that he was a Sergeant in the South Staffordshire Regiment – 6849, and briefly with the North Staffordshire Regiment but no service number is given.

He then served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as a Second Lieutenant 23519.

He entered France on 1 November 1914. His service records were not found.

His medal card states that C A Shine makes an application for the 1914 Star in respect of the services of her late husband E Shine. This was dated 30 June 1919.

Campaign: B.E.F. 1914				(A) Where decoration was earned.	
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal	Page
(A) SHINE, Edward	South Staffordshire	Sgt.	6849	VICTORY	OFF/150 112
(B) Edward	R. Warwickshire	23519	1/STAN	BRITISH	F/2/5 90
Action taken: dup deleted from 1914 Star Roll F-67 (Comm. RWR 1. V. 28.6.19. WS/2/6885) 1. V. 28.6.19. WS/2/6885 (B.W.R. m. 1. V. 5.000/W. d. 2. 3. 21. (19/2/6885))					
Disembarkation Date: 1-11-14.				WS/2/6885.	
Correspondence: C.A. Shine makes application for 1914 Star in respect of the services of her late husband E. Shine 28.6.19. 1914 Star CRV 4814-30.6.19. WS/2/6885					
Address: Where Wilson Tockley Road Sutton Coldfield					

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Edward Shine was commemorated on the St Paul's Church Memorial, Coleshill.



Edward Shine is commemorated on page 283 of Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour 'Birmingham Pals', by Terry Carter. Listed as 16th Battalion.

"Edward Shine was serving with the 2nd Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment at the outbreak of war."

Sutton Coldfield News 13.2.1915

"He was wounded in the fleshy part of his left arm on 22 May 1915 and taken to hospital in Bristol."

Sutton Coldfield News 29.5.1915

"Edward Shine was an original member of the British Expeditionary Force and fought at Mons and after seeing much action, he was wounded in the right arm at Villers-Cotterets.

He received the Distinguished Service Medal for carrying a wounded comrade for 800 yards whilst he was also wounded. This was thought to be the first such medal awarded to a Sutton Coldfield man.

Once recovered from his wounds he returned to France and was wounded again.

Whilst back home in Sutton Coldfield recovering from his wounds, he attached himself to the City Battalion as a drill instructor.

He saw much heavy fighting at Givenchy, Festubert, Richelbough and Neuve Chappelle.

He was granted a commission in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and returned to France in May 1918.

He was killed in the early morning of 20 October 1918 whilst leading a company.

He was hit with shrapnel and killed instantaneously.

He was married with three children."

Sutton Coldfield News 2.11.1918

Edward Shine was the son of the late Cornelius and Elizabeth Shine of Middlesbrough, and the husband of Charlotte A Shine of Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

A registration was not found.

In 1881, Cornelius and Lizzie, plus sons Cornelius, George and another Edward were living at Danby Place, 7 Richmond Street, Middlesbrough.

1891 census 4 Danby Place, Richmond Street, Huddleston, Middlesbrough

Cornelius Shine	M	44	Iron worker – puddler	b Cork, Ireland
Lizzie Shine	M	36		b Bradford, Yorks
Cornelius Shine		8		b Middlesbrough
George Shine		6		b Middlesbrough
Edward Shine		4		b Middlesbrough
John Shine		1		b Middlesbrough

Death

The death of Cornelius Shine was registered September 1897 Middlesboro' 9d 406, aged 51.

1901 census "Children's Home", Coleshill, Warwickshire

Edward Shine	14	Tailor	b Middlesbrough
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1901 census

The family were not traced

No further trace of Lizzie/Elizabeth was found.

1911 census “Whittington Barracks”, Staffordshire Regiment, near Lichfield, Staffordshire

Edward Shine U 23 Soldier b Middlesborough

Children’s Home in Coleshill

Edward was most likely sent to St Paul’s Home and School in Coleshill. This was set up by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Birmingham in 1884. It was situated on the Lower High Street.

It originally took Catholic boys from the children’s cottage homes at Marston Green operated by the Birmingham Board of Guardians. This was a protestant set up. The Catholic authorities worried that the children might lose their faith. St Pauls was set up for children to be sent to. It was accredited as a Certified School on 4 November 1884.

Once establish, the intake of boys came not only from Birmingham but also from other Poor Law Authorities in the Midlands and North of England.

The boys were sent to workplaces or the army when they reached working age.

Taken from Peter Higginbotham website about Children’s Homes.

Marriage

The marriage between Edward Shine and Charlotte Agnes Purcell - Ellery was registered March 1913 Tamworth 6b 756

1921 census 208 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charlotte Shine, 37. Widow. Home duties.

Edward Shine, 6. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

Norah Shine, 7. Born in Lichfield.

Mary Shine, 4. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

John Ellery, 68. Father, born in Dublin. Licensed victualler own account.

Louis Ellery, 35. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Brother. Chauffeur Birmingham Corporation.

Malachi Ellery, 24. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Brother. Gas fitter Birmingham Corporation.

Philip Ellery, 22. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Brother. Out of work.

Death

The death of Charlotte Agnes Shine was registered March 1925 Tamworth 6b 574, aged 41.

Charlotte Agnes Purcell - Ellery

She was the daughter of John Purcell and Jane Ellery.

In 1891, the family were living with Jane’s grandmother, Mary Ellery, a widow and inn keeper at “The Cup Public House” in Sutton Coldfield.

Charlotte was 7 and born in Birmingham.

Charlotte Shine lived at 208 Jockey Road Sutton Coldfield in 1918. **(Electoral Roll)**

Harold Reginald Short was born in 1895 at Handsworth. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Scots Guards – Lance Corporal 8524

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UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate, panel 11.

Findagrave Memorial ID 12027532 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 14 October 2005

Scotland National War Memorial Index 1914 – 1945 <https://www.snwm.org/roll-search/>

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals SG/104 B8, page 1076, and the 1914 Star Medal SG/1, page 233. He entered France on 13 August 1914.

Campaign :—	1914	(A) Where decoration was earned.	(B) Present situation.
Name	Corps	Rank	Erg. No.
(A) SHORT	Sgt.	760 88-4	MEDAL
(B) Harold Rignall	"	Rt	VII 28 Jan 1914 VI 28 Dec 1914 USIAH VI 28 Dec 1914
Action taken	Pres dead		
<i>Glaap/2/268</i>			
QUALIFYING DATE.	10.8.14.	K008	

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

✓	8887	PTE	SHORT	GEORGE	22/9/14	PARA 332 (XVI) K.R. 13th Bn. 1st "DIED" (ASSUMED) ON C 14-5-19
✓	8884	L/CPL	SHORT	Harold Reginald	13/8/14	SINGE 13/11/14 OR A 17-5-19
✓	8181	PTE	SHORT	James Osborne	7/10/14	PRISONER OF WAR. A 5-3-19
✓	3424	PTE	SHORT	James	18/9/14	DISCHARGED ON APPOINTMENT TO 2/LT. & posted to END BR "BOOTS FUSILLERS". N X 12/6 1.1.10. N.5.3/10504
	8831	SGT	SIBARY	GEORGE Vincent	13/9/14	

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 2422

967254 ^F60mg ₃ Short Leo. Sls. 11. 11. 14 London ✓ - 10 10
Harold H/Pl Death 4. 20
Reginald 8524 Resumed

29.5.20 ^S mo: Fanny E. - 10 10
Barter

✓ See also 122/255045 ¹⁵₇₆

His mother was sent 10 shillings ten pence effects.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 967001-968500 Fold 3

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

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He was a member of Sutton Coldfield Y.M.C.A and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

John Day Y.M.C.A.

Harold Reginald Short was the son of the late James Short and Fanny Carter, formerly Short.

Birth

The birth of Harold R Short was registered December 1895 West Bromwich 6b 770

1901 census 10 Aston Terrace, Aston Lane

James Short	M	61	Licenced victualler	b Birmingham
Fanny E Short	M	46		b Birmingham
Charlotte Short	U	41	Daughter – barmaid	b Birmingham
Albert Short	U	25	Musician	b Birmingham
Ernest Short	U	20	Clerk for corporation	b Birmingham
Percival Short	U	18	Railway clerk	b Birmingham
Ethel Short		11		b Birmingham
Harold Short		6		b Birmingham
Victor Short		3		b Birmingham
Howard Short		2		b Birmingham

1911 census College Road, Sutton Coldfield

Joseph Carter	M	69	Die maker – employer	b Aston
Fanny Elizabeth Carter	M	55	Not entered	b Birmingham
Charles Henry Carter	U	31	Die maker	b Aston
Joseph Walter Carter	U	23	Motor tester	b Handsworth
Ethel Short	U	21	Stepdaughter	b Birmingham
Harold Short		15	Stepson Toolmaker	b Handsworth
Howard Short		12		b Handsworth

Death

The death of James Dempster Short was registered June 1905 Birmingham 6d 60, aged 67.

Marriage

The marriage between Fanny Short and Joseph Carter was registered September 1909 Aston 6d 647

1921 census Albert Road, Folkestone

Albert Short, 44, born in Birmingham. Disabled due to injuries. Plus, his large household.

Fanny Elizabeth Short, 66. Visitor. Widow. Home duties.

1939 Register

No definitive trace was found for Fanny Elizabeth Carter.

Possible deaths

The death of Joseph Carter was registered March 1919 Tamworth 6b 794, aged 76.

The death of Fanny E Carter was registered December 1939 Birmingham 6d 643, aged 79.

JAMES SHOWELL

James Showell was born in 1888 at Walmley. He enlisted in November 1914 in Birmingham with the Royal Garrison Artillery X 48th T.M. Battery – Gunner 53404

He was killed in action on 26 May 1917 (France & Flanders) aged 29 – killed by a shell (SDBD)

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

NA Url/details/r/D5147796 WO 372/18/56314

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Garrison Artillery

He was buried at the Beaumetz Crossroads Cemetery, near Cambrai, Plot D.13.

Army Service Record

He enlisted at the age of 26 years 3 months from 77 Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield. He worked as a labourer.

He was sent to Gosport on 18 November 1914. He went to Rouen on 20 May 1915 then on to the 25th Trench Battery on 28 May 1915.

He next went to the 2nd army school on 14 August 1915, and the 3rd army school on 17 August 1915.

He was posted to 100 Trench Battery on 24 October 1915, then to the 45th Trench Battery.

He had leave in the UK between 13 December and 21 December 1915.

He was posted to the 48th Trench Battery on 10 October 1916 and was in hospital on 11 December 1916. He was at RGA in the Havre on 11 January 1917.

His next of kin were Ernest Showell 42 of Grove End, Wishaw; John Showell 38 of Hatton Asylum near Warwick and Mrs Louisa Garth 45 of 77 Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/123B, page 2232, and the 1915 Star Medal RGA/1B7, page 576. He entered France on 20 May 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
SHOWELL	RGA	Gnr	53404
James.			

Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	RGA. 123B.	2232	
BRITISH	— Co. —	— Co. —	
15 STAR	RGA/1B7	576	
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	20-5-15		

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

James Showell was the son of James and Eliza Showell of Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of James Showell was registered September 1888 Aston 6d 418

1901 census Walmley Village, Sutton Coldfield

James Anderton Showell	M	53	Bricklayer	b Walmley
Eliza Showell	M	51		b Lindridge, Kent
Ernest Anderton Showell	U	24	Bricklayer's labourer	b Walmley
John Showell	U	20	Carter on farm	b Walmley
James Showell		12		b Curdworth, Walmley

1911 census 77 Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield

Louisa Showell	U	39	Sister to brothers	b Walmley
Ernest Showell	U	34	Builder's labourer	b Walmley
John Showell	U	30	Corporation labourer	b Walmley
James Showell	U	22	Coal dealer's labourer	b Walmley

Deaths

The death of James Showell was registered March 1907 Aston 6d 301, aged 59.

The death of Eliza Showell was registered March 1911 Aston 6d 269, aged 61.

Ernest Showell

Ernest Showell served with the Royal Army Service Corps – Private 290088

He survived the war and was awarded the Victory and British Medals RASC/101 B203, page 20795.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SHOWELL	A.S.C.	Private	7-290088
Ernest			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	RASC 101 B203	20795	
BRITISH	100	20	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

GEORGE SIMPSON

George Simpson was born in 1880 at Coleshill. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Warwickshire Yeomanry – Private 3567 and then transferred to the Prince of Wales (West Yorkshire) Regiment 1/8th Battalion – Private 52469

He died of wounds on 26 May 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 36 (as given).

He was buried at the Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, France, Plot II.A.28.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals 0/2/104 B23, page 2836.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SIMPSON. George.	W. York. R.	Pte	52469
Medal:	Roll:	Page:	Remarks:
VICTORY	0/2/104 B23	2836	W of W.
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

52469 Rifleman George Simpson 8th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

“George Simpson was born in 1880 in Coleshill to William and Mary Ann Simpson, of Coleshill, Warwickshire. He was baptised on July 4th, 1880, in Coleshill. In 1881, he was 11 months old and living with his parents and older sister at Lower High Street in Coleshill. His father was a Farm Labourer and his mother a Dressmaker. He was still residing at Lower High Street in Coleshill in 1891. He was then 11 years old and a scholar and living his family. He was at the same address in 1901, by which time he was 20 years old and working as a domestic gardener. He was living with his parents and five younger siblings.

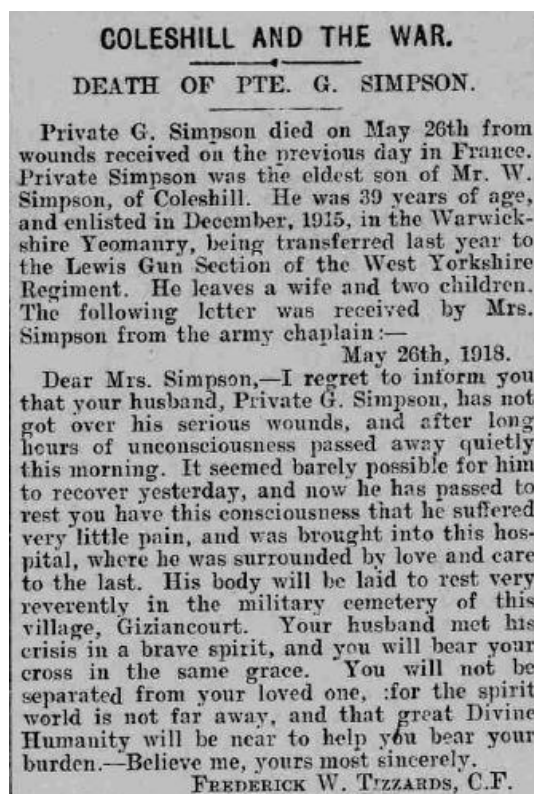
He married Beatrice Clough on October 27th, 1906, at All Saints Church, Hockley in Birmingham. He was 26, a gardener and living at 26 Goode Street, nearby. They had a daughter named Josephine on December 17th, 1907, who was born in Sutton Coldfield.

In 1911, he was 30 and living at Four Oaks Farm, Clarence Road. He was a domestic gardener and living with his wife Beatrice, who was 27 years old, daughter Josephine, aged 3, and his younger brother Thomas. The home had 4 rooms. They had another daughter named Beatrice on May 3rd, 1911, who was also born in Sutton Coldfield.

He enlisted into the Warwickshire Yeomanry at Sutton Coldfield on December 3rd, 1915. He was 35 years and 216 days old. His address was Four Oaks Farm, Clarence Road, Four Oaks, and his occupation was Gardener. He was 5 feet 7” tall and had a chest measurement of 36½”. He was in Britain from December 29th, 1915, until he arrived in France on October 17th, 1917. He had been in hospital with influenza from April 24th to 26th 1916. In January 1918, he was treated for Trench Foot.

At some point in 1917, he was transferred to the Lewis Gun Section of the 8th Battalion West Yorkshire Regiment and given the service number 52469.

Rifleman George Simpson died of wounds on 26th May 1918 in France. He was officially recorded as being 36 years old and the above article states he was 39, but I believe he was actually 38. He was buried a Bagneux British Cemetery, Gezaincourt, Somme, France, Plot II. A. 28.



Extract from the Coleshill Chronicle Saturday June 8th, 1918

He was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal, which were received by his widow at 5 Hill Village Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, in December 1920 and March 1921 respectively. His widow also received a military pension, and his memorial plaque and scroll were delivered to her in February 1920 at 5, Hill Village Road."

With thanks to Paul Harrison

George Simpson was the son of William and Mary Ann Simpson of Coleshill and the husband of Beatrice Simpson of 5 Hill Village Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of George Simpson was registered June 1880 Meriden 6d 484 (covered Coleshill)

Baptism at Coleshill Parish Church on 4 July 1880.

Parents William and Mary Ann of Coleshill. Labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 3347

1881 census Lower High Street, Coleshill

William Simpson	M	24	Farm Labourer	b Berkswell
Mary Ann Simpson	M	28		b Fillongley
Sarah Ann Simpson		3		b Gilson
George Simpson		11 months old		b Coleshill

1891 census High Street, Coleshill

William Simpson	M	34	General labourer	b Warks
Mary Ann Simpson	M	39		b Warks
George Simpson		11		b Coleshill
William Simpson		8		b Coleshill
Thomas Simpson		5		b Coleshill

1901 census Lower High Street, Coleshill

William Simpson	M	44	Gardener	b Berkswell, Warks
Mary Simpson	M	49		b Fillongley, Warks
George Simpson	U	20	Gardener	b Coleshill
William Simpson	U	18	Groom	b Coleshill
Thomas Simpson		15	Errand boy	b Coleshill
Minnie Simpson		8		b Coleshill
Florrie Simpson		5		b Coleshill

1911 census Four Oaks – no road or dwelling listed, Sutton Coldfield

George Simpson	M	30	Gardener	b Coleshill
Beatrice Simpson	M	27	Married 4 years – 1 child	b Hockley, Birmingham
Thomas Simpson	U	24	Brother Groom & gardener	b Coleshill
Josephine Simpson		3		b Four Oaks

Death

It is not known when or where William and Mary Simpson died.

Marriage

The marriage between George Simpson and Beatrice Clough was registered December 1906 Aston 6d 13

Marriage on 27 October 1906 All Saints, Hockley, Birmingham

George Simpson, 26. Bachelor of 26 Goode Street. Gardener. Father William Simpson, gardener.
Beatrice Clough, 22. Spinster of 26 Goode Street. Father Joseph Clough, clerk.

Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns DRO 30 Archive Roll 535

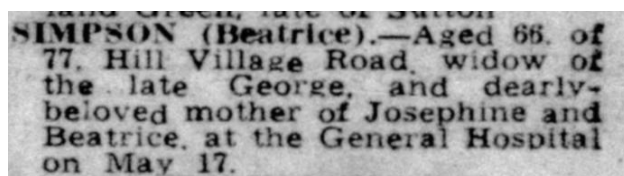
1921 census 5 Hill Village Road, Sutton Coldfield

Beatrice Simpson, 37. Widow. Home duties.
Josephine Simpson, 13. Father dead. School.
Beatrice Simpson, 10. Father dead. School.

1939 Register 77 Hill Village Road, Sutton Coldfield

Beatrice Simpson, born on 24 November 1883. Widow. Domestic duties.

Death announcement



Erdington News 20 May 1950 British Newspaper Archive.

Death

The death of Beatrice Simpson was registered June 1950 Birmingham 9c 128, aged 66.

Walter Ernest Simpson was born in 1894 at Bromsgrove. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Worcestershire Regiment 14th Battalion – Private 29667

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

NA Url/details/r/D5173169 WO 372/18/81687

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Worcestershire Regiment

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Bay 6.

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B26, page 5707.

Rank	Company	Branch	Regt. No.
SIMPSON	Worc. R	Plt	29664
Waller, E.			
Address	Batt.	Comp.	Remarks.
Vacant	L/102 B26	5404	
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Notes			
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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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His father was sent £3 12 s 2 d effects plus £4 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 478001-479500 Fold 3

Name Simpson, Walter Ernest Regimental No. 29667.
 Regiment or Ship 14 Worcester Rank Pfc
 Documents received from Paymaster: 11-10-17
 Date and cause of death 29-4-17 Killed in Action B.E.F.
 Dependents Mrs Mary Jane Simpson
 Address 43 Oak Village Redoubt Heath, Sutton, Bedford.
 Relationship Mother
 Pension a week from
 Date awarded if refused
 Papers RE-1179
 (1179) WINSTON MORGAN LTD. H.A. & L.
 GROUP, 10 WHITE LANE, WATFORD, MIDS.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 170/0844/Sim-Sim

Walter Ernest Simpson was the son of Walter and Mary Jane Simpson of 73 Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Walter Simpson was registered December 1894 Bromsgrove 6c 371

Baptism on 4 November 1894 at Bromsgrove

Family History Library 321133 Ref 209

1901 census Cottages (Cofton Hall), Cofton Hacket, Worcestershire

Walter Simpson	M	38	Stockman cattle	b Inkberrow
Mary Jane Simpson	M	45		b Tamworth
George Henry Simpson		17	Under stockman	b Birmingham?
Maud May Simpson		10		b Inkberrow
Walter Ernest Simpson		6		b Bromsgrove
Albert Edward Simpson		2		b Alvechurch

1911 census "Retlaw House", Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Simpson	M	48	Waggoner	b Inkberrow, Worcs
Mary Jane Simpson	M	55	Married 28 years – 6 children	b Tamworth
Annie Elizabeth Simpson	U	23	Dressmaker	b Nechells, Bham
Walter Ernest Simpson		16	Works on farm	b Bromsgrove
Albert Edward Simpson		12		b Cofton Richards Wor

Probate

SIMPSON Walter Ernest of 73 Oak Villas Reddicap Heath-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** private 14th battalion Worcestershire regiment died 29 April 1917 in action in France Administration **Birmingham** 2 July to Walter Simpson farm labourer. Effects £104 16s. 4d.

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

1921 census 73 Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Simpson, 59. Cowman for J D Clifford.
Mary Jane Simpson, 66. Home duties.

1939 Register 73 Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Simpson, born on 7 June 1862. Retired cowman.

Deaths

The death of Mary Jane Simpson was registered March 1930 Tamworth 6b 486, aged 76.

The death of Walter Simpson was registered December 1941 Sutton Coldfield 6d 668, aged 79.

J H SLATER

Possibly JAMES HENRY SLATER

According to the original researcher, Andy Coles, this could have been James Henry Slater who was born in Dudley Wood. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Worcestershire Regiment 2nd Battalion – Private 35905

This man was killed in action on 29 September 1918 (France & Flanders).

He was buried at the Pigeon Ravine Cemetery, Epehy, Somme, Plot II.A.7.

It is proving hard to track down a positive link to Sutton Coldfield.

“Entitled to wear a “Wound Stripe” as authorised under Army Order 404 of 6 July 1916. Private 35905 wounded. Next of kin address Walmley, Sutton Coldfield. Worcestershire Regiment.”

UK WW1 Daily Report. Missing, dead, wounded or POW 1914 – 1918

War Office Daily List No 5666, 10 September 1918.

This appears to be the only official document linking him to Sutton Coldfield.

“Born in Dudley Wood, lived in Llandovery, Carmarthen. Died on 29 September 1918, killed in action.”

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1918 Worcestershire Regiment

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/102 B26, page 5738.

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	£				
797781	669702	Slater, James Henry	2 nd Bn. Worcester's 9th 35905	29.9.18 France 11.18	WAR GRATUITY. 14-20 1/18 24/235 Regd. Paper 24/235 Serial No. 212656/140	25	2	5			25.4.17 8/12/19	Bro: Sole leg: 26-2-5 By: Cyril Slater By: Cyril Slater	9 - -	910

His brother Cyril was sent £12 2 s 5 d effects plus £9 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 797501-799000

National Army Museum

James Henry Slater is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

The only link with Sutton Coldfield appears to be that a James Henry Slater was living at Walmley Ash according to the 1918 Electoral Roll.

He was not found on the Absent Voters List at Walmley.

The only Slater family found in Sutton Coldfield in 1911 lived at 77 Coles Lane.

James Slater	W	41	Cow man on farm	b Clent
Harry Slater	U	18	Farm labourer	b Stoke, Worcs
Cyril Slater		10	School	b Clent
Emily Weake	W	53	Housekeeper	b Leamington
Hector Weake		10		b Selly Oak

No further trace of James Slater senior was found. He was not living in Sutton Coldfield in 1921.

Cyril Slayer

In 1921, Cyril Slater was a boarder at 101 Overend, Cradley. He was 19, born at Stoke Prior and was an out of work coal miner.

Other Slater families

1901 census Field Lane, Clent, Worcestershire

James Salter	M	35	Carter on farm	b Cradley
Mary A Slater	M	34		b Clent
James H Slater		8		b Dudley Wood

This family were not found in 1911.

1921 census 8 School Street, Sedgley

James Henry Slater, 49. Born in Sedgley. Steel worker.

Mary Slater, 45. Born in Sedgley. Home duties.

James Henry Slater, 22. Born in Sedgley. Furnace bricklayer.

Dudley

This was the only Slater family found from the Dudley area in 1911

1911 census Chapel Street, Hartshill, Dudley

Moses Slater	M	58	Miner	b Dudley
Charlotte Slater	M	59	Married 40 years, 3 children	b Dudley
Moses Slater		16	Toolmaker – unemployed	b Dudley
Tom Slater		11		b Hartshill, Dudley
Jim Slater	U	23	Glass Blower	b Hartshill, Dudley

There appears to be no obvious link with the above family to our James Slater or with Dudley Wood or Llandoverly.

Conclusions

Since the personal effects of James Henry Slater were sent to his sole legatee, his brother Cyril, it appears that the Harry Slater seen at Coles Lane in 1911 is the correct man.

BENJAMIN SMITH

Benjamin Smith was born in 1893 at Erdington. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion "B" Company- Private 15/460

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

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/D5279477 WO 372/18/123700

"Born in 1893 at Erdington. Resided in Smethwick. Died on 4 June 1916.

Son of Benjamin Marion Smith and Fanny Smith of 187 Cheshire Road, Smethwick."

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 15/460 "B" Company.

He was buried at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Plot I.D.8

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B30, page 6478, and 15 Star Medal L/6B, page 470.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SMITH	R. War. R.	Pte.	460

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B30	6478	K. in A.
BRITISH	L/104 B30	6478	
'15 STAR	L/6 B	470	

Theatre of War first served in	Date of entry therein
① France	21-11-15

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Smith
Mrs Fanny

DR / S. 92

Smethwick (Staffs.)
187 Cheshire Rd. Victoria Park.

15/460 Benjamin Smith
R. Warwick.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 0655/0399/Smi-Smi

No further military records were found for him online.

Benjamin Smith 15/460 Royal Warwickshire Regiment was listed on the Cheshire Roll of Honour

Benjamin Smith is commemorated on page 283 Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour in 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

Benjamin Smith resided at 3 Tintern Villas, 187 Cheshire Road, Smethwick when he enlisted. **(SDBD)**

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

“Benjamin Smith Private 15/460 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

Benjamin Smith was the eldest son of Benjamin Smith, a railway clerk, and Fanny Morris, who was also a railway clerk and was the daughter of George Morris, stationmaster at Wylde Green Station.

Benjamin was born in 1893, and baptised at St Barnabas on 29th November, when his parents lived at 4 Clarence Road. The family were living at Jubilee Villas in Green Lanes in 1901, and moved to 17, Holifast Road. The second son Joseph was born in 1903. Benjamin did not follow his parents into the railway industry but worked at a meat company.

Benjamin enlisted in the 15th Royal Warwicks (2nd Birmingham Pals) and was sent to France on 21st November 1915.

He was killed in action at Arras on 4th June 1916. Benjamin was a member of ‘B’ Company, which suffered terrible losses on that day (see the piece on John Colin Larkin).

Private Benjamin Smith is buried in the Faubourg D’Amiens cemetery.

His gravestone has the inscription: Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God (Matthew 5:8)”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Benjamin Smith was the son of Benjamin and Marion Smith and the husband of Fanny Smith of 187 Cheshire Road, Smethwick, and later of 17 Holifast Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Benjamin Smith was registered December 1893 Aston 6d 340

Baptism on 29 November 1893 at St Barnabas, Erdington

To Benjamin Marion and Fanny Smith of 4 Clarence Road. Railway clerk.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 66/2/2/1 Archive Roll Reel 5

1901 census Green Lanes, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Benjamin Smith	M	33	Railway clerk	b Salop
Fanny Smith	M	28		b Burton on Trent
Benjamin Smith		7		b Erdington

1911 census 17 Holifast Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Benjamin Marion Smith	M	43	Railway Clerk	b Shropshire
Fanny Smith	M	38	Married 18 years with two children	b Burton on Trent
Benjamin Smith	U	17	Clerk at meat company	b Erdington
Joseph Morris Smith		8		b Erdington

1921 census 187 Cheshire Road, Smethwick, Staffordshire

Benjamin Marion Smith, 53. Goods agent at London and Northwest Railway Co. Tipton.

Fanny Smith, 48. Home duties.

Joseph Morris Smith, 18. Goods clerk at London and Northwest Railway, Soho, Handsworth.

No further trace of the family was found after the 1921 census.

CHARLES CYRIL SMITH

Charles Cyril Smith was the brother of Gerald Sidney Smith – see the next entry.

Charles Cyril Smith was born in 1892 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted first with the Warwickshire Regiment as Private C88 (medal card index) and then transferred to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, 5th Battalion – Second Lieutenant.

He was killed in action on 25 September 1915 (France & Flanders).

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Shropshire Light Infantry Diaries P104S113

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Menin Gate, panel 47 & 49.

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

RWR Private C88, and Shropshire Light Infantry Second Lieutenant. He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/16, page 153, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/16, page 23.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SMITH, Charles Cyril	Shropshire Light Infantry	2nd Lt	C88
Medal, Roll, Page, Remarks			
5th Bn. 1st Div. 1915	OFF/16	53	
1st Bn. 1915	"	23	
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
E. 1350			

Correspondence
Mocha - Mr. Smith. 96 Harman Rd. Ludington, B'ham.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

He is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wyld Green Great War Commemoration

"Charles Smith, born 1892, was the middle son of Frederick Thomas Smith, a merchant's clerk, and his second wife Ada Sophia Pearson, a housemaid from Amblecote.

Ada had worked at the grammar school looking after boarders, along with several of her relatives.

The new family lived at Westonville in Four Oaks.

Charles Smith worked as an audit clerk. By 1911, his now-widowed mother and her children had moved to 32 Harman Road.

Charles enlisted in the 11th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 988 and was then commissioned into the Shropshire Light Infantry.

He was one of the officers killed in action on 25th September 1915, as shown above.

Charles Smith has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate."

UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914-1920
King's Shropshire Light Infantry > 14th Division > Piece 1902/1:5 Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry (1915 May - 1918 Feb)

Summary of Events and Information

24/9/15 The Battalion proceeded to the Trenches in Fighting order on the night 23rd/24th September. Strength 14 Officers, 1780 O.R. The Battalion disposition as follows:- A & D Coy. H 13 to H 16, and supporting Trenches B Coy. F. 13. C Coy. Ramparts YPRES. Battalion H.Q. H. 16. At 3.50 a.m. an intense Bombardment by our own Guns took place lasting till 4.20 a.m. This was immediately replied to by the Germans. A Heavy Bombardment continued throughout the day. Casualties CAPT. S. G. BEAUMONT killed 3. O.R. killed, wounded 8. O.R.

25/9 At 1 A.M. the Battalion was in position in the Trenches as follows:- A Coy. H. 13 & 14. D Coy. H. 15a. and H. 16a. B & S. 15. C Coy. diagonal. At 3.50 a.m. intense Bombardment replied to by Germans immediately. At 4.5 a.m. Battalion in position for Assault A & D Coys, and 2 platoons of B with 2 Machine Guns and Signallers in Coy Column in front of our own lines. 2 platoons of B & C Coys in support in the Trenches. At 4.20 a.m. assault took place and we penetrated to Germans second line, but owing to the attack on the position on our right not getting home, and the Counter attack enveloping our left flank the position became untenable and the Battalion was forced to re-occupy our original line of Trenches at about 8.15 a.m. The Germans bombarded heavily up till 1 P.M. and again from 9 P.M. till midnight. During the day the Battalion was reinforced by 2 platoons of the 16th Somerset L.I. and were relieved in the Trenches at 11.30 P.M. by the 6th D.C.L.I.

Casualties:- Officers killed 3. wounded 250. Missing wounded & missing 7.
O.R. killed 3. wounded 250. Missing wounded & missing 7.

1577 Wt. W 1079411773 500000 1715 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Form C. 2118

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The War Diary of the Shropshire Light Infantry for 24th/25th September 1915.

On 25th September the Battalion had over 400 casualties.

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Charles Cyril Smith was the son of the late Frederick Thomas Smith and Ada Sophia Smith.

Birth

The birth of Charles Cyril Smith was registered June 1892 Aston 6d 450

Baptism on 23 July 1892 at St Peter, Little Aston, Staffordshire

Born on 13 May 1892 to Frederick Thomas and Ada Sophia.

Staffordshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1900 page 23.

1901 census "Westonville", Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick T Smith	M	50	Merchant's clerk	b Birmingham
Ada S Smith	M	44		b Amblecote
Frederick J Smith		14		b Moseley
Charles C Smith		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Gerald S Smith		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Hannah Higgs	U	56	General servant	b Halesowen

1911 census 32 Harman Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Ada Sophia Smith	W	55		b Amblecote, Staffs
Frederick John Smith	U	24	Time keeper for gas department	b Moseley
Charles Cyril Smith	U	18	Chartered accountant's audit clerk	b Sutton Coldfield
Gerald Sydney Smith		17	Metal merchant's clerk	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of Frederick Thomas Smith was registered December 1907 Aston 6d 242, aged 57.

1921 census 26 Harman Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Frederick John Smith, 34. Married. Wages clerk at Gas department, Birmingham Corporation, Waterloo Street.

Evelyn Emily Smith, 35. Married. Home duties.

Nina Smith, 3. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

John Smith, 2. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

Ada Sophia Smith, 65. Widow. Home duties.

Death

The death of Ada Sophia Smith was registered December 1934 Birmingham 6d 455, aged 78.

GERALD SYDNEY SMITH

Gerald Sydney Smith was the brother of Charles Cyril Smith – see the previous entry.

Gerald Sydney Smith was born in 1894 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Machine Gun Corps 153rd Company (Infantry) – Second Lieutenant

He was killed in action on 13 November 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Machine Gun Collections

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

NA Url/details/r/D5228328 WO 372/18/1142799

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Hunters Cemetery, Beaumont Hamel, Somme, Plot 2.

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“Due to the fact that he died on 13 November 1916, and that this cemetery is for soldiers of the 51st Highland Division (who captured Beaumont Hamel), it appears that he was attached to that division.”

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/22T, page 165. He entered France on 14 May 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
SMITH			
Gerald Sydney	M.G.C.	2 nd Lt.	
<i>M.G.C.</i>			
VICTORY	2	OFF-22T	165
BRITISH	"	"	"
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	14/5/15		

14/5/15 14/5/15 14/5/15

Correspondence
Address (Mother) Mrs A. L. Smith 26 Harman Rd Birmingham

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Gerald Sydney Smith is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wyld Green Great War Commemoration

T/ Lieutenant Gerald Sydney Smith Machine Gun Corps

“Gerald Smith, born 1892, was the youngest son of Frederick Thomas Smith, a merchant's clerk, and his second wife Ada Sophia Pearson, a housemaid from Amblecote, and was the brother of Charles Cyril Smith, who is commemorated on the Emmanuel Church Memorial (see previous piece).

Born on 16th December 1893, Gerald was baptised on 13th February 1894 at St. Peter, Little Aston. He lived with his brothers and widowed mother in Harman Street in 1911. Gerald worked as a metal merchant's clerk.

Gerald was sent to France on 14th May 1916. He was commissioned into the Machine Gun Corps, which had been formed in October 1915. Temporary Lieutenant Smith seems to have been attached to the 51st Highland Division.

The final large British attack of the Battle of the Somme was the Battle of the Ancre, which took place 13th - 18th November 1916. The distance between the trenches of the armies ('no man's land') was about 250 yards. The British attack plan involved a preliminary artillery bombardment for seven days, for an hour each day at the same time – the intention was to mislead the Germans into thinking that the bombardment on the actual day of the attack was routine.

The objective was to take the German strongpoints around Beaumont Hamel. On 12th November, the British fired gas shells into the village of Beaumont Hamel to wear out the respirators of the German garrison – followed by phosgene gas that evening to kill them.

The first infantry attack took place on 13th November. Artillery fire had destroyed much of the German barbed wire, but weather conditions were appalling – snow and thick fog caused further chaos on both sides.

The 51st Highland Division took the village of Beaumont Hamel. In the five days of the battle, the British sustained 22 000 casualties, the Germans twice as many. Among those killed on 13th November was Lieutenant Gerald Smith, aged 21.

He is buried in the Hunter's Beaumont-Hamel, the cemetery of the 51st Highlanders at the Ancre. Gerald's gravestone has the inscription "*Thy will be done.*"

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Gerald Sydney Smith was the son of the late Frederick Thomas Smith and Ada Sophia Smith of Harman Road, Wylde Green.

Birth

The birth of Gerald S Smith was registered March 1894 Aston 6d 440

Baptism on 13 February 11894 at St Peter, Little Aston

Born on 16 December 1893.

Staffordshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1900 page 24

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Ada Sophia Smith, 65. Widow. Home duties.

Death

The death of Ada Sophia Smith was registered December 1934 Birmingham 6d 455, aged 78.

Harry Carter Smith was born at Bath in 1898. He enlisted at Kensington with the London Regiment, 13th (County of London, Islington) (Princess Louise's Kensington) Battalion – Private 492891

"Born at Holborn. Resided at Holborn Circus. Son of Henry Joseph and Alice Ellen Smith of The Bungalow, Kenelm Road, Sutton Coldfield. 1st/13th Kensington Battalion, London Regiment."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Panel 10.

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SMITH, Pte. Harry Carter, 492891. 1st/13th Kensington Bn. London Regt. Killed in action near Boyelles 23rd Aug., 1918. Age 20. Son of Henry Joseph and Alice Ellen Smith, of The Bungalow, Kenelm Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

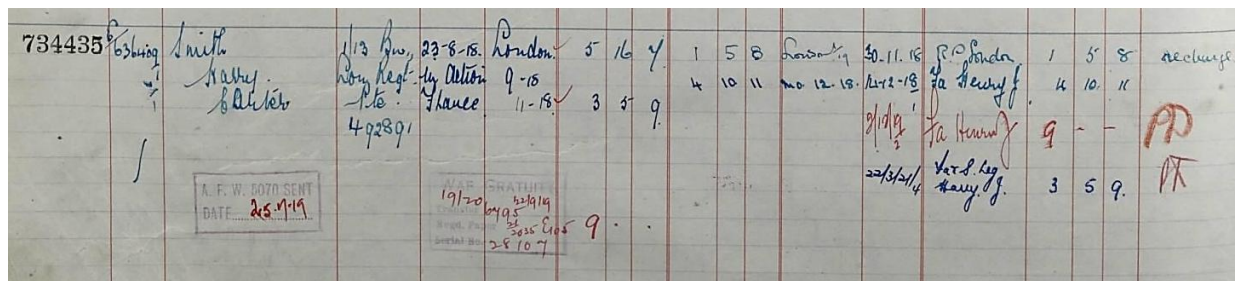
He was awarded the Victory and British Medals TP/13/101 B3, page 285 A.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
S. SMITH	13 <u>Land</u> C	1st	492891
Henry G.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	11/13/101	33	2854
BATTLES	do	do	
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1929 WO 329 Ref 1926



His father was sent £1 5 s 8 d, £4 10 s 11 d and £9 war gratuity plus £3 5 s 9 d.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 733001-734500

National Army Museum

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

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Harry Carter Smith was the son of Henry Joseph and Alice Ellen Smith of "The Bungalow", Kenelm Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Harry C Smith was registered September 1898 Bath 5c 549

Baptism on 15 September 1898 at St Like, Victoria Docks, Essex

Born on 15 June 1898 to Henry Joseph and Alice Ellen.

Essex C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1918

1901 census Sheffield Road, Wylde Green, Erdington

James Godfrey	M	57	Gardener	b Warks
Hannah Godfrey	M	53	Newsagent own account	b Sutton Coldfield
Phyllis Godfrey		17	Assists in shop	b Sutton Coldfield
Harry C Smith		3	Grandson	b Birmingham

1901 census 1 Cedar Villas, Bath

Henry J Smith	M	35	Commercial traveller drapery	b Downham
Alice Ellen Smith	M	24		b Tidal Basin

1911 census "The Bungalow", Kenelm Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Joseph Smith	M	44	Commercial traveller in drapery	b Downham, Essex
Alice Ellen Smith	M	33	Married 13 years, 4 children 1 died	b East Ham, Essex
Harry Carter Smith		12		b Bath, Somerset
Leslie William Smith		9		b Bath, Somerset
Kenneth Frederick Smith		1		b Sutton Coldfield
Nellie Norris	U	23	Domestic servant	b Market Drayton
May Bakeley	U	18	Nursemaid	b West Bromwich

1921 census Bungalow, Kenelm Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Joseph Smith, 54. Commercial trader in drapery for Dobenham & Co. 91 Wimpole Street, London.
Alice Ellen Smith, 44. Home duties.

1939 Register The Bungalow, Kenelm Road, Sutton Coldfield

Henry Joseph Smith, born on 17 January 1867. Retired commercial traveller.

Alice E Smith, born on 8 October 1876. Domestic duties.

Gertrude Smith, born on 28 June 1900. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Henry Joseph Smith was registered December 1939 Sutton Coldfield 6d 889, aged 72.

The death of Alice Ellen Smith was registered December 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 606, aged 66.

Thomas Smith was born in 1883 at Ross, Herefordshire. He enlisted at Warwick with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/8th Battalion – Private 5935.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment

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/D5291658 WO 372/18/173024

“The 1.8th Battalion RWR bombed forward just south of the Ovillers – Courcelette track.

The temperature was 81 F and it was hazy, becoming clearer in the afternoon.” (SDBD)

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

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B31, page 6573.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt., No.
SMITH Thomas	R. War R	Pfc	5935
Medal.	Bell.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	R/104 B31	6573	
HARRIS	- do -	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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1 Thomas
J
15th at 9/18 27-7.6 Warwood
B. R. W. P. J. h. i. a. c. i. o. n 9/16
P. o.
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3 - -
2.9.41, 5070. alt 12. 6. 19.
19.2.17 Aunt - Emma
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1/10 6.
1/10 6.
1/10 6.
27/9/19 2 Aunt.
Mc Emma Welden 3 - - 0
Welden

His aunt Emma Wilden was sent £1 10 s 6 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 341501-343000

National Army Museum

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

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Thomas Smith was the son of Thomas John and Martha Smith of Ross in Herefordshire.

Birth

The birth of Thomas Smith was registered December 1883 Ross 6a 447

1881 census Clean Hill, Ross, Herefordshire

Thomas J Smith	M	36	Stone mason	b Ross
Martha Smith	M	28		b Ross
Emily Smith		2		b Ross

1891 census Clean Hill, Ross, Herefordshire

John Smith	M	56	Stone mason	b Ross
Martha Smith	M	45		b Ross
William Wilden	M	37	Stone cutter	b Malvern Link
Emma Wilden	M	36		b Ross
George Smith	U	18	Iron monger's porter	b Ross
Emily Smith		12		b Ross
Thomas Smith		7		b Ross

1901 census 40 St James Street, Cheltenham

William G Wilden	M	47	Inn keeper	b Malvern Link, Worcs
Emma Wilden	M	46		b Ross
Lizzie Robinson	U	33	Niece Assists in business	b Ross
Kate Robinson		3	Niece's daughter	b Cheltenham, Gloucs
Thomas Smith		17	Nephew Assists in business	b Ross

1911 census Church Lane, Hill (Mere Green), Sutton Coldfield

Emma Wilden	W	56		b Ross, Herefordshire
Thomas Smith	U	27	Nephew Cab driver	b Ross

1921 census 10 Tower Road, Sutton Coldfield

Emma Wilden, 67, widow. Home duties.

No further trace of Emma Wilden was found.

There was no trace of Thomas John and Martha Smith after 1891.

GORDON SPENCER

Military Medal

Gordon Spencer was born in 1897 at Stratford on Avon. He enlisted on 7 April 1915 at Moseley with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (City Battalion) – Private 20410 and 2033291. He was transferred on 6 April 1916 to the Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment) 1st Battalion – Private 50642 and 16/1351

He was killed in action on 3 August 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

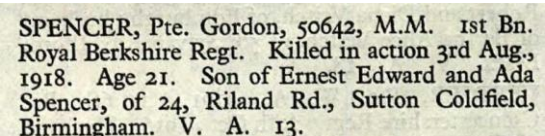
UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Berkshire Regiment Diaries P135S109

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/D5328581 WO 372/18/2/215821

INDEX No. Fr. 014. ST AMAND BRIT. CEM



SPENCER, Pte. Gordon, 50642, M.M. 1st Bn.
Royal Berkshire Regt. Killed in action 3rd Aug.,
1918. Age 21. Son of Ernest Edward and Ada
Spencer, of 24, Riland Rd., Sutton Coldfield,
Birmingham. V. A. 13.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921

He was buried at the St Amand British Cemetery, France, Plot V.A.13.

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Army Service Record

He joined up on 7 October 1915 at Moseley. He was 19 years old and single.

He lived at 24 Riland Road and worked as an electrician. He was 5' 3 ½" tall, weighed 117 pounds and had a chest measurement of 35 ½ inches.

He was posted to France on 21 November 1915.

He was transferred to the Berkshire Regiment on 6 April 1916.

He was wounded in the field on 27 July 1916 with a gun - shot wound to his right forearm plus shock. He was sent to No 14 Field Hospital and Wimereux on 30 July 1916.

He was then sent to St John's Hospital in Hastings on 31 July 1916.

He suffered a contusion to his face on 15 August 1917.

He suffered a shell wound to his right wrist and was in hospital in Hastings between 18 December 1917 and 12 February 1918.

He was back with his regiment on 14 April 1918 and was killed in action on 3 August 1918.

His medals plus effects which included disc, letters, postcards, photos and a mirror were sent to his father on 20 December 1920.

His Military Medal had been sent to his father on 18 November 1918.

In addition to his Military Medal, he was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/105 B17, page 2989, and the 1915 Star Medal L/3C, page 59.

<i>V</i>	Name.	Captcy.	Rank.	Inglit. No.
		<i>Pillar R. R.Baird R.</i>	<i>Rt Lt</i>	<i>x-6/1351 20410 20729 20722</i>
<i>SPENCER</i>				
<i>Gordon</i>				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
<i>VICTORY</i>	* <i>H105 9/7</i>	<i>2988</i>	<i>A.m. d. 3. 8.15.</i>	
<i>BRITISH</i>	<i>do</i>	<i>a</i>		
<i>15 STAR</i>	<i>£32</i>	<i>59</i>		
Theatre of War first served in	<i>W.France</i>			
Date of entry therein	<i>d. 11.15.</i>			
	<i>forwarded Enqy to Mr. H.1951. Daily Post No action under Admiralty Regs.</i>			
				<i>K.1300.</i>

UK Recipients of the Military Medal 1914 – 1920 Ancestry (no further details)

7386395	^E 0410 1	Spencer Gordon	1 st Bn 3-8-18 War 2	✓ 11 11 - 11 11 - 8 Mo. 11-18	21-4-18 ₁	7a Ernest	11 11 -	<u>B</u>
			R Bnk France 9-18 7th Kna 50662.			51219 M. Bunt. E.	15 - -	
			WAR GRATUITY. 19/20 27/4/18 Transfer 60p Next Pay 1/12/18 Serial no. 28651/11	15 - -				
		A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 26.11.19						

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 708001 – 709500 Ref 119

DCE-2078	
DEPENDANT'S PENSION. 59-4207	
Name	<i>Spencer Gordon</i> <i>for R. Burns</i>
Residence or Ship	<i>57642.</i> <i>Ni.</i>
Documents received from Paymaster	<i>16-12-18</i> <i>11/11/1927</i> <i>John W.</i>
Date and cause of death	<i>2. 3. 5. 18. Killed in action.</i> <i>SS. 4/2</i> <i>no other</i>
Dependant	<i>168. Receiving all</i> <i>for father</i> <i>Spencer</i>
Address	<i>114 Heland St</i> <i>Sutton Colchester Essex</i>
Relationship	<i>father</i> <i>FATHER</i> <i>31/1/2</i>
Pension	<i>1/2 week from</i>
Date awarded	<i>if refused</i> <i>reason</i>
FORM 181 (REVISED) 5/10/22. S.D. 13. C. 139 FORM 181 (REVISED) 1/10/22. S.D. 13. C. 139	

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 173/0874/Spe-Spe Fold 3

“Gordon Spencer was the son of Ernest Edward and Ada Spencer of 24 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Town School. Prior to the war he was employed by the Electricity Department of Sutton Coldfield Borough.

He enlisted with the City Battalion April 1915.

He had been serving in France for two years and had been wounded three times.

According to a letter from his officer he was killed instantaneously and had a military funeral.”

Sutton Coldfield News 31.8.1918

"In loving memory of Private Gordon Spencer, M.M. aged 21 killed in action at Monchy on 3 August 1918.

Only son of Mr and Mrs Spencer 24 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 2.11.1919

Birth

The birth of Gordon Spencer was registered March 1897 Stratford on Avon 6d 689

1901 census Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Ernest Spencer	M	30	Carpenter	b Adderbury
Ada Spencer	M	35		b Wakefield
Gordon Spencer		4		b Stratford on Avon
Ada Spencer		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 24 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Ernest Edward Spencer	M	37	Carpenter	b Adderbury, Oxon
Ada Spencer	M	46	Married 15 years – 4 children	b Wakefield, Yorks
Gordon Spencer		14	Office boy at coal merchant's	b Stratford on Avon
Edith Annie Spencer		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Ada Norah Spencer		9 months old		b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 24 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Ernest Edward Spencer, 51. Carpenter own account.
Ada Spencer, 57. Home duties.
Gladys A Spencer, 21. Shorthand typist for Ministry of Labour, Corporation Street.
Alice M Spencer, 11. School.

1939 Register 24 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Ernest E Spencer, born on 1 December 1871. Jobbing gardener.
Ada Spencer, born on 21 September 1866. Domestic duties.
Alice M Spencer, born on 8 June 1910. Clerk and bookkeeper.

Deaths

The death of Ada Spencer was registered December 1952 Sutton Coldfield 9c 999, aged 86.

The death of Ernest E Spencer was registered June 1956 Sutton Coldfield 9c 62, aged 84.

Albert Henry Spokes was born in 1883 in Birmingham. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps – Private 033975

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Army Service Corps Collections

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Registers

SPOKES, Pte. Albert Henry, 033975. 69th Coy. Royal Army Ordnance Corps (Le Havre). Died of pneumonia 1st Nov., 1918. Age 35. Son of William and Emily Spokes, of Birmingham; husband of C. Spokes, of "Poplars," Avenue Rd., Sutton Coldfield, nr. Birmingham. Div. 62. II. G. 3.

He was buried at the Ste Marie Cemetery, Le Havre, France, Plot DIV.62.II.G.3.

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RAOC/1C1 B26, page 2875.

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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		Alfred	Pte.	France.	"18				28-4-20	Wid. Caroline	5	7	9	16
		Sammy	039976		2-19	5	7	9	3					
									12-12-19	Wid. Caroline	5	-	-	21
WAR GRATUITY. 1/20 Traveller 604 Recd. Paper 2/2095 Serial No. 26305 L85														
A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 12 1/19														

His widow was sent £3 15 s and £5 7 s 9d effects plus £5 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 808001-809500 Ref 490

National Army Museum

330 M.P.W. 1.
Registered No. 6/ARM/540
6/11/1970

Surname SPOKES

Christian Name Caroline

Address The Poplars Avenue Rd Sutton Coldfield

Man's Name SPOKES Albert Henry

Regiment or Ship R.O.C.

Rank or Rating Plt Official No. 023975

[M223] 30830/2323 50m 4/23 2443 G & E 151

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1924 065/047/Spe-Spu Fold 3

Name Spokes Albert Henry WFF 332 W.1. Case No. 330
Regimental No. 033975 Rank pa

Form 104-88 received 22.11.18 Date of notification of death 5.11.18 Form 104-76 received 10.2.19

Date and cause of death 1.11.18 Lobar Pneumonia cont on A.S.

Widow Caroline The Poplars Date of birth 7.1.81

Children: Avenue Rd: Sutton Coldfield

Name	Date of birth	Date of Expiry	Remarks
<u>Muriel Ethel</u>	<u>6.5.07</u>	<u>6.5.23</u>	<u>17 Grant paid 24.11.18</u>
<u>Margery Irene</u>	<u>15.7.11</u>	<u>15.7.24</u>	<u>No. for whom S.A. is paid 2</u>

Pension 25/5 a week from 12.5.19

Date awarded 29.4.19 If refused, reason

Papers 0.24.34693

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Caroline Spoke was born on 7 January 1881. Muriel Ethel was born on 6 May 1907. Margery Irene was born on 15 July 1911. Caroline was awarded a £7 grant and a pension of twenty-five shillings five pence a week from 12 May 1919.

Albert Henry Spokes died from Lobar Pneumonia.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index cards 1914 – 1923 172/08761/Spo-Spr Fold 3

Albert Henry Spokes was the son of John William and Emily Spokes of Birmingham and the husband of Caroline Spokes of "Poplars", Avenue Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Albert H Spokes was registered June 1883 Birmingham 6d 126

Baptism on 25 February 1883 at St George's Church, Newtown, Birmingham

Albert Henry Spokes was born on 9 February 1883. His parents were John William and Emily Spokes of 81 Newtown Row. His father was a telegraph clerk.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1912 DRO 9 Archive Roll 605

1891 census 167 Newtown Row, Birmingham

John William Spokes	M	36	Pawnbroker	b Birmingham
Emily Spokes	M	34		b Birmingham
Albert H Spokes		8		b Birmingham
Harold A Spokes		4		b Birmingham
Eliza Horton		14	Nursemaid	b Birmingham

1901 census 167 Newtown Row, Birmingham

Boarding in the household of Hannah Easthope, 23, pawnbroker's manageress from Burton on Trent.

Albert H Spokes	U	18	Commercial clerk	b Birmingham
Harold A Spokes		14		b Birmingham

1911 census 167 Newtown Row, Birmingham

Albert Henry Spokes	M	28	Pawnbroker, jewellery/clothing	b Birmingham
Caroline Spokes	M	30	Married 5 years – 1 child	b Birmingham
Muriel Ethel Spokes		3		b Birmingham
Alice Stokes		16	General servant	b Hill Top, Staffs

Marriage

The marriage between Albert H Spokes and Caroline Hadland was registered December 1905 Birmingham 6d 330

Caroline Spokes resided at Avenue Road, Sutton Coldfield in 1918 and 1921 **(Electoral Rolls)**

1921 census

Caroline, Muriel and Margery were not found on this census.

1939 Register 63 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Caroline Spokes, born on 7 January 1881. Widow. Domestic duties.
Muriel E Spoke, born on 6 May 1907. Sorting clerk at Civil Service.
Margery Spokes, born on 15 July 1911. Sorting clerk at Civil Service.

Death

The death of Caroline Spokes was registered March 1974 Sutton Coldfield 9c 2949, aged 93.

JOHN STARKEY

John Starkey was born in 1883 at Erdington. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Gloucestershire Regiment 12th (Service) (Bristol) Battalion – Private 16706

He died of wounds on 17 October 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 34.

“Born in Erdington. Husband of Ellen Starkey of Brickyard Lane, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire.”

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Gloucestershire Regiment Diaries P117S536

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

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

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He was buried at the Abbeville Communal Cemetery Extension, Plot I.F.13.

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He probably died in hospital as Abbeville was a major hospital base.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/107 B25, page 4479.

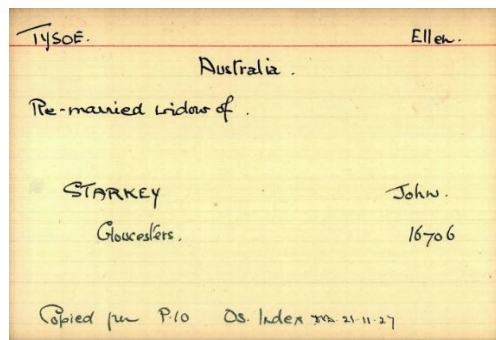
28		Name		Rank	Regt. No.
STARKEY		John		Pte	16706
Medal		Roll		Page	
VICTORY		L/107 B25 4479		15	
BRITISH		L/23 617		15	
Theatre of War first served in		1. France		Remarks	
Date of entry therein		24.12.15		Dow	

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Name		Starkey John		Regimental No.		16706		Page No.		806	
Regiment		Gloucestershire		Rank		Pte		Form 104-88 received		25.10.16	
Form 104-88 received		25.10.16		Date of notification of death		19.10.16		Form 104-76 received		3.11.16	
Date and cause of death		7.10.16 Wounds		Date of birth		29.6.82		Date of birth		29.6.82	
Widow		Ellen		Address		9, Station Road, Winchcombe, Glos.		Date of birth		29.6.82	
Children		Albert Henry		Date of birth		2.4.09		Date of entry		2.4.17	
		Mary Winifred		Date of birth		7.4.13		Date of entry		7.4.17	
Pension		22/1		a week from		23.4.17		Date awarded		17.4.17	
If refused, reason				Papers				No for whom S.A. is paid		Noted for pay.	

Ellen was born on 23 June 1882. Albert Henry was born on 2 April 1909. Mary Winifred was born on 7 April 1913. A grant was paid plus a pension of twenty two shillings eleven pence a week from 23 April 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1924 175/0881/Sta-Ste Fold 3



Ellen Tysoe remarried and possibly living in Australia. No Australian records were found.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 069/0439/Tym-Val Fold 3

John Starkey worshipped at St James Church, Hill and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

John Starkey was the stepson of John William and Francis Starkey and the husband of Ellen Starkey of Brickyard Lane, Greet, Winchcombe in Gloucestershire.

It is not clear who exactly were the parents of John Starkey.

Possible birth

A birth for John Starkey was registered March 1883 Aston 6d 428

1881 census

John Starkey was not found. John Fisher was not found.

1891 census Shustoke, Warwickshire

John Fisher	M	38	Gardener	b Winchcombe
Frances Fisher	M	38		b Perry Barr
Ethel Fisher		1		b Shustoke

1901 census "Reservoir" (Lodge), Nether Whitaker, Shustoke, Warwickshire

William John Fisher	M	44 (sic)	Reservoir keeper	b Winchcombe
Fanny Fisher	M	44 (sic)		b Perry Barr
John Starkey	U	19	Woodwork labourer	b Erdington
Ethel Fisher		11		b Shustoke, Warks
Gertrude Fisher		9		b Shustoke

1911 census 55 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Fisher	M	59	Gardener	b Winchcombe, Gloucs
Fanny Fisher	M	59		b Perry Barr
Gertrude Fisher	U	19	Daughter	b Shustoke, Warks
John Starkey	M	28	Son of late wife – gardener	b Erdington
Ellen Starkey	M	28	Married 2 years – 1 child	b Winchcombe
Albert Starkey		2		b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage

The marriage between John Starkey and Ellen Blandford was registered June 1908 Aston 6d 550

1921 census

Ellen Starkey was not found in 1921.

Marriage on 19 April 1919 at Winchcombe, Gloucestershire

Percy George Tysoe, 37, bachelor. Labourer. Father William Tysoe, labourer.
Ellen Starkey, 36. Widow. Father Thomas Blandford, labourer.

Both were of Great Winchcombe.

Gloucestershire C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1938

1939 Register 25 Waterway Street, Nottingham

Percy G Tysoe, born on 18 December 1882. General labourer.
Ellen Tysoe, born on 23 June 1882. Domestic duties.

Death

The death of Ellen Tysoe was registered March 1946 Nottingham 7b 431, aged 63.

1921 census 23 Farthing Lane, Sutton Coldfield

John Fisher, 68. Born in Gloucestershire. Domestic gardener.
Ellen Elizabeth Fisher, 49. Born in Birmingham. Home duties.

Death

The death of Fanny Fisher was registered June 1911 Aston 6d 230, aged 59.

Marriage

The marriage between John Fisher and Emma E Carter was registered September 1915 Tamworth 6b 997

Death

The death of John Fisher was registered September 1928 Tamworth 6b 361, aged 71.

MARK JOHN STEELEY

Mark John Steeley was born in 1891 at Erdington. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 5th Battalion – Private 22594

He was killed in action on 30 September 1917 (France & Flanders).

“The temperature was 67 F and rainfall nil.” (PDD)

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Regiment P062S113

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Bethlehem Farm West Cemetery, Messines, Ypres, Plot E.5.



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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B18, page 3583.

Name	Service No.	Regt. No.
STEELEY	Oxfordshire L.I.	22594
Mark J.		
Medal		
Victory	L/106 B18	3583
British	- do -	- do -
Grav		
Theatre of War first served in		
Date of entry theatre		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

To John and Sarah Ann. John was a coachman.

1901 census Cheston Road, Aston

John Steeley	M	37	Coachman	b Corley
Sarah A Steeley	M	35		b Fillongley
Ada Steeley		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Steeley		1		b Erdington
Mark J Steeley		3 months old		b Erdington

John Steely	M	52	Gardener	b Corley, Warks
Sarah Ann Steely	M	54	Married 27 years, 6 children	b Fillongley, Warks
Arthur Steely	U	24	Clerk on railway	b Walmley
Mark John Steely	U	20	Clerk on railway	b Erdington
Harry Steely	U	18	Assistant butcher	b Erdington
Fanny Steely		16	Nurse	b Erdington

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UK Railway Employment Records 1833 – 1956 L.N.W.R Co Class RAIL 410 Piece 1804

The marriage of Mark John Steeley and Bertha Tomlinson was registered June 1916 Aston 6d 842

Mark John Steeley, 25. Bachelor. Private Ox & Bucks Infantry. 1 Yew Tree Villas, Sheffield Road, Boldmere. Father John Steeley, gardener.

Bertha Tomlinson, 25. Spinster of 13 Mason Road. Father Thomas Tomlinson, butcher.

Probate

STEELEY Mark John of 13 Mason-road Erdington **Birmingham** private in the 5th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry died 30 September 1917 in action in France Administration **Birmingham** 18 January to Bertha Steeley widow. Effects £79 18s.

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

1921 census

Bertha was not found.

1939 Register 21 Mason Road, Erdington

Bertha Steeley, born 28 January 1891. Telephonist on railway.

Death

The death of Bertha Steeley was registered December 1953 Birmingham 9b 51, aged 61.

Burial on 23 October 1953 at Harborne.

England Select Deaths & Burials 1538 – 1991 Family History Library 1520004, Ref 87

1921 census High House Road, Corley

John Steeley, 62. Gardener.

Sarah Ann Steeley, 65. Home duties.

Deaths

The death of John Steeley was registered September 1935 Meriden 6d 546, aged 76.

The death of Sarah A Steeley was registered March 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6d 793, aged 88.

ALFRED STEVENS

Military Medal

Alfred Steven was born in 1889 at Shirley, Solihull, Warwickshire. He enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps 99th Field Ambulance – Private 74412

He died at Keighley Military Hospital on 30 April 1918 from wounds.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Army Medical Corps Collections

"Born in 1889 at Shirley. Resided in Birmingham. Husband of Edey Winifred Baugham Stevens of Mullion, Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield. Military Medal."

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Lives of the First World War – Military Medal – Imperial War Museum ID 7065132

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Caring for the Fallen – Military Medal

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

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Death

The death of Alfred Stevens was registered Jun 1918 Keighley 9a 230, aged 29.

He was buried at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot A.C.307 – this is not a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.



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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Military Medal in 1917. He was also awarded the Victory and British Medals RAMC/101 B100, page 7742, and the 1915 Star Medal RAMC/7B, page 530. He entered France on 16 November 1915.

Name.		Corp.		Rank.	Regt. No.
STEVENS		RA 166	16	74412	
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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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			Regd. Paper 46055															
			Serial No 24797810															
			A.F.W. 5070 SENT															
			DATE 11 JUL 1918															

His widow was sent £6 8 s 8 d effects plus £11 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 668501-67000 Ref 387

National Army Museum

Name <u>Stevens Alfred</u>		Regimental No. <u>14412</u>	Case No. <u>75-70</u>
Regiment <u>Royal Army Medical Corps</u>		Rank <u>925</u>	
Form 104-88 received <u>24.5.18</u>	Date of notification of death <u>14.6.18</u>	Form 104-76 received <u>10.5.18</u>	
Date and cause of death <u>30.4.18</u> <u>Died of wounds</u>			
Widow <u>Edey Winifred Baugham</u>		Date of birth <u>20.9.90</u>	
Children: <u>Mullion Holland Road Sutton Coldfield Birmingham</u>			
Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
			<u>Spent 24.5.18</u>
			<u>Sent to A.F. Branch</u>
			<u>Art. 13</u>
			<u>30.12.18</u>
Pension <u>14/9 22/-</u> a week from <u>4.11.18</u>			
Date awarded <u>21.10.18</u> If refused, reason			
Papers <u>ADW 15043</u>			

Edey Winifred Baugham Stevens was born on 20 September 1890. She was awarded a £5 grant, plus 22 shillings a week pension from 4 November 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 174/0885/Ste-Ste Fold 2

Alfred Stevens is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Solihull Life – Heritage & Local Studies, Solihull Library (heritage@solihull.gov.uk)

Alfred Stevens is commemorated in their Great War Commemoration.

"In the London Gazette of 6 January 1917, Alfred Stevens was mentioned as having been awarded the Military Medal for bravery, relating to his service on the Somme. He has worked continuously for 72 hours, rescuing the wounded, despite having been wounded himself at the beginning of the action. He was granted home leave in August 1917 and was presented with a gold watch and chain by his employer, Britannic assurance, for his bravery and being awarded the Military Medal.

Having returned to the front, he was wounded in the chest on 5 April 1918 and after being transferred to a base hospital, he was shipped to England on 18 April."

With thanks

"Alfred Stevens was married but had no children.

Before the war he was employed at the Britannic Assurance Head Office.

He was awarded the Military Medal for carrying wounded soldiers whilst under shell fire continuously for 72 hours after having been hit himself.

Whilst at home on leave in August 1917, the Britannic Assurance awarded him a gold watch and chain for his bravery and for winning his military medal.

He was wounded in the chest on 5 April 1917 and went to a Base hospital then was shipped to England on 18 April. He died at the Keighley War Hospital in Yorkshire 30 April 1918.

A funeral service was held at St Peter's Church, Maney followed by a full military funeral at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery."

Sutton Coldfield News 11.5.1918

Alfred Stevens was the son of John and Kate Stevens of Shirley, Warwickshire and the husband of Edey Winifred Baugham Stevens of "Mullion", Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Alfred Stevens was registered March 1889 Solihull 6d 540

1891 census Shirley Street, Solihull

John R Steven	M	46	Cashier	b Berkshire
Kate Stevens	M	40		b Birmingham
Edward Stevens		10		b Banbury
Frances Steves		6		b Shirley
Alfred Stevens		2		b Shirley
May Bailey	W	50	Sister in law	b Handsworth
Agnes Batt	U	17	General domestic servant	b Berkshire

1901 census 48 Gladstone Road, Aston

John R Stevens	M	56	Cashier in a foundry	b Berkshire
Kate Stevens	M	50		b Birmingham
Edward Stevens	U	20	Feeble minded	b Banbury
Frances Stevens		17		b Shirley
Alfred Stevens		12		b Shirley
George Stevens		10		b Shirley
John Stevens		7		b Shirley
Percival Stevens		6		b Shirley

1911 census Balsall Heath Road, Shirley, Warwickshire

Kate Stevens	W	60		b Birmingham
Edward Stevens	U	30		b Banbury, Oxford
Alfred Stevens	U	22	Assurance clerk	b Shirley, Warks
George Stevens	U	20	Merchant's clerk	b Shirley
Hannah Jones		16	Account's clerk	b Shirley

Death

The death of John Robert Stevens was registered September 1909 Aston 6d 126, aged 64.

1921 census 15 The Avenue, Acocks Green, Worcestershire

Edith Jones, Single, 77. Born in Handsworth.
Kate Stevens, widow, 70. Sister.

Death

The death of Kate Stevens was registered March 1922 Kings Norton 6d 152, aged 71.

Probate

STEVENS Alfred of Mullion Holland-road Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire private 99th Field Ambulance R.A.M.C. died
30 April 1913 at War Hospital Keighley Yorkshire Probate
Birmingham 27 July to Edey Winifred Baughan Stevens
widow. Effects £782 17s. 9d.

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

Marriage

The marriage between Alfred Stevens and Edey Winifred B Cooper was registered September 1914
Tamworth 6b 896

Edey Cooper was the daughter of Alfred W Cooper. She was born in 1891 in Warwick.

Her father was Alfred William B Cooper of "Mullion", Holland Road. He was a house decorator.

1921 census Mullion, Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred W B Cooper, 58. Born in Birmingham. House decorator - own account.

Clara B Cooper, 59. Born in Enfield. Home duties.

Edey W B Stevens, 30, born at Warwick. Widow. Music teacher at Miss Hill's Private school, Maney Hill Road.

Frank W M Cooper, 21, born in Erdington. Cost clerk for London Aluminium Co. Witton.

1939 Register Crafnart, Wrexham Road, Rhostyllen, Wrexham

Alfred C T Cooper, born on 13 June 1895. Accountant.

Catherine J Cooper, born on 3 October 1897. Domestic duties.

Alfred D Cooper, born on 28 October 1926. School.

Clara B Cooper, born on 15 December 1861. Widow. Incapacitated.

Edey W B Stevens, born on 20 September 1890. Widow. Domestic duties.

Death

The death of Edey W B Stevens was registered June 1974 Lichfield 30 0763

THOMAS HAROLD STONEHOUSE also known as Harold Thomas

Thomas Harold Stonehouse was the Great Uncle of Peter Moore (Researcher and photographer for the Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project).

Thomas Harold Stonehouse was born in 1895 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at The Technical School, Suffolk Street, Birmingham on 26 August 1914 (WML) with the Kings Royal Rifle Corps 9th Battalion – Rifleman A/1967



The Birmingham Technical School, Suffolk Street, Birmingham in 1914

“Born in 1895 at Sutton Coldfield. Son of Thomas and May Stonehouse of 41 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War King's Royal Rifles Corps Collections

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Menin Gate, Panels 51 & 53.

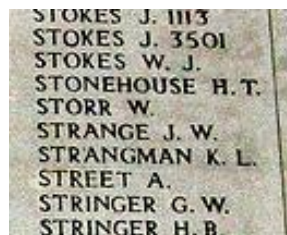


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Army Service Record

(Harold) Thomas Stonehouse enlisted on 26 August 1914 at the Birmingham Technical School with the Kings Royal Rifle Corps. He lived at 41 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was single, aged 19. His occupation was that of silversmith.

He was 5' 4 ½ inches tall and weighed 130 pounds. His chest measurement was 34". He had a fresh complexion with grey eyes and brown hair.

He had scars on both sides of his neck and on the right side of his face. He was Church of England.

He was sent to Winchester on 27 August 1914 and was posted on 30 August 1914 to the 9th Battalion.

He remained in England until 19 May 1915, and he was killed in action on 16 July 1915 at Ypres, aged 20.

His father was sent his medals on 25 February 1920.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
1915 Star
granted in respect of the service of A/1964
Ref. H. P. Stonehouse K.R.R.F.6
Date 7 Feb 25 1949
Signature *Thomas Harold Stonehouse*

British Army Service Record – burnt records WO 363

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WAR DIARY OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.				Army Form C. 211
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Trenches D and E	12 th		12 th passed quietly. Orders received to relieve 9 th Rif Bn's Battalion moved from G.H.P. line and dug-outs starting at 9 pm in order B.D.C.A and took over trenches as follows - B. 4.5 + 6 D. 1, 2 + 3 C. 6a + 53. A support trenches - Hopes at 51. Relief completed 2.10 a.m. (13 th) Situation during relief quiet. A Coy in touch with 4 th Gordon on right. Casualties	B 3
	13 th	4 + 10 pm	Message received from 30E of information indicating hostile concentration on considerable scale about POELCAPELLE and HOUTHULST. NNE of YPRES and requiring special vigilance. Intermittent shelling by our guns & enemies. Some shelling N of MENIN RD causing 1 casualty killed. Parapet in firing line destroyed in two places by whizbangs. Enemy aeroplane flew low over our lines between 3 + 4 pm.	
	14 th	6 + 10 am	A quiet night. Companies improved trenches. Wire knife work. Enemy bombarded assembly trenches N of MENIN RD bet 10 + 11 pm last night. Enemy also shelled with shrapnel and HE. Western end of UNION ST. C.T. bet 10 pm + midnight. Trench 53 sniped and dead poured in torrents. Trenches 1/2 full of water. Machine gun in 5 trench knocked out + 5 men in B Coy wounded. Sounds of enemy drilling towards fire trench.	B 4
	15 th		A lot of intermittent shelling from both sides. Trenches had a good drying from wind + sun. Capt. A.T. Tangueray and bombers went out + discovered an enemy working party pulling up wire. When they dispersed throwing + bombs into them at 20 yds. Bombs also reconnected a sap but found no one in it. Capt. Young reports on GERMAN trenches in Y wood.	B 5
	16 th		1 man in D Coy wounded by whizbang. Rain in p.m. + filthy night. Trenches very bad whizbangs very much in evidence during night. 4 bombers killed by splinter of whizbang.	
	1577 Wt. W 10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Form/C. 2118.			

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BASE ROYAL	16 th		Exploding bombs on bomber. a number of enemy shells on unoccupied trenches. 52 + 74 where fire lit to create impression of occupation.	
	17 th		More rain. Trenches very bad. Trench Howitzer fixed up and fired at night. a fairly quiet day + men wounded. 1 accidentally.	
	18 th		8 men wounded slightly at forward working place by whizbang. a good deal of shelling of advanced trenches by H.V. light gun which could not be located. German aeroplane flew low along line of trenches. Battalion relieved by K.A.V.L. completed 1.45 a.m.	
			Noti from 13 th . 18 th every man in trenches worked strenuously improving + repairing trenches and sapping. Work + R.E. work in front of trenches intensified with offensive action.	
	19 th		Marched to BASSEBOOM. Troops rather uncomfortable. arrived about 6 a.m.	
	20 th		Regd. in Corps reserve at one hour notice. Ball provided working parties. 2 reliefs of 100 each to construct road at H. 10. d. 5:6 (ref map 28) 7 a.m. - 12. and 12. - 4 p.m.	
	21 st		Working parties as on 20 th . 4 th draft of 113 arrived (composed partly of men of 1 st 2 nd 3 rd + 4 th Battalions).	
22 nd		Battalion went 1/2 half companies to battle at PEPERINE. No working parties.		
1577 Wt. W 10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Form/C. 2118.				

From the war diaries for the King's Royal Rifles for the 16 July 1915, it seems that one man in D Company was wounded by a whiz bang.

It was raining and a filthy night. The trenches were very bad, and whiz bangs were very much in evidence. Four bombers were killed by a splinter of a whizbang exploding on a bomber. This would appear to have been Thomas Harold Stonehouse.

With thanks to Paul Harrison

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101 B 13, page 387, and 1915 Star Medal M/JB, page 75. Qualifying date 21 May 1915.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

His father was sent £3 18 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

Name *Stinchcomb Thos Harold* Regimental No. *2/1967*
 Regiment *Kemp Royal Rifles (9th)* Rank *Rpr.*
 Documents received from Paymaster *5- 6- 17*
 Date and cause of death *16. 4. 15*
 Dependant *Wife deceased*
 Address *41 Tamworth Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire*
 Relationship to soldier *Wife*
 Pension *3/-* A week from *10. 7. 17.*
 Date awarded *9. 7. 17.* If refused
 Pages *reduced*
 (112N) W95720-6 30000 2/17 H.2.2.10

His mother May Emily and later his father Thomas was awarded a pension of 3 shillings from 10 July 1917.

Reference 176/0892/Sto - Sto, Fold 3.

May Emily deceased
CLAIMANT.

DP/5/79 M.P.W. 5.

Registered No.
11D 91393

Surname _____
(Block Letters)

Christian Name _____

Man's Name STONEHOUSE Thomas Harold
(Surname first: in block letters)

Regimental } No. a/1967. Rank } Pfmr
Official } Rating }

Regiment } K. R. I. R. C. Relationship }
Ship } to Man }

G227 WL 130/10 18m G3 10/32 Cp.818 C88L2d

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 067/0415/Sto-Sto Fold 3

Thomas H Stonehouse is also commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church, Sutton Coldfield Roll of Honour.

Imperial War Museum Memorials WW1 (WMR 38680)

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Thomas Harold Stonehouse Rifleman A/1967 King's Royal Rifle Regiment

"Thomas Harold Stonehouse was a cousin of Thomas Stonehouse (see previous piece). His family lived in Tamworth Road. Serving with the 9th Battalion King's Royal Rifle Regiment at the Battle of Ypres,

Thomas was killed on 16th July 1915 during appalling rainy weather. Thomas was among a group of 'bombers', who threw early forms of grenade into enemy trenches, when they were hit by a 'whizzbang' explosion.

Thomas has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate."

Jack Reginald Stonehouse Private 1855 Royal Army Medical Corps

"Jack Stonehouse, brother of Thomas Harold and cousin to Thomas, served with the Royal Army Medical Corps as Private 1855.

Jack went to France on 27th May 1915 and was discharged from the army on 26 May 1919. Jack survived the war and married Florence Oakey in 1920 at Sutton Coldfield .

They had five children – Kathleen, Douglas, Reginald, Irene and Dorothy. Jack experienced ill health after being gassed during the war and died on 13 March 1933, aged 39."



Menin Gate

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Thomas Harold Stonehouse was the son of Thomas and May E Stonehouse of 41 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Private Tom Stonehouse of the King's Royal Rifles, writes to his parents in Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield.

"We are just having a few days rest after a rough time last week. It wasn't half an experience that shell fire. I don't want to experience it like that again anyway.

Last week we had to take rations and water up to the trenches every night; it is the worst job in the war, and they have guns and snipers set on the trench we have to go up.

You know John Salt, who came down for me once. He was very badly hit one night on that job. A shell burst right in front of him. He is hospital now... that's another score to wipe off, when we get the chance. Ypres is all a mass of ruin just as though an earthquake had shook the lot down. The sights I have seen – it's too horrible to think about. I shouldn't like to tell you all I have seen.

I shall be glad when we get the chance to get at them. They run like the devil when our soldiers make a charge.

The John Salt referred to in the letter is, we understand, a Whitehouse Common man. Rifleman Stonehouse enlisted in August last."

SUTTON COLDFIELD NEWS - 24th JULY 1915

WAR FATALITIES

TWO SUTTON MEN KILLED

In the "News" of July 10 we published a few extracts from a letter from the front. The writer was Rifleman Tom Stonehouse, of the 9th King's Royal Rifles and among other things he said was "You know John Salt, who came down for me once; he was very badly hit one night on that job. That's another score to wipe off." Salt, a Whitehouse Common lad, is apparently still in hospital, but his old comrade has done his best - and his last - to revenge him. He now lies in a soldiers' grave, somewhere in France and many sore hearts in Sutton find a grain of comfort in the reflection that he died doing his duty. The story, despite the glory that is behind it has a considerable element of sadness about it, which applies equally to the end of two Sutton men. Rifleman Stonehouse and Mercer, the former being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stonehouse of 41, Tamworth Road and the latter the son of parents living at 14, Newhall Street. They both enlisted at the same time and were in the same platoon which was under Second Lieutenant G. B. D. Ireland. Writing to Mrs. Stonehouse about her son, Lieutenant Ireland says: "He was one of the Battalion grenade throwers, and they had just come back from a successful reconnaissance in the German lines and they were 'standing to' when suddenly a shell came over, hitting one of his comrades' bandoliers of bombs they have to carry. These bombs exploded, thus killing instantaneously four of them. His friend Rifleman Mercer, of 14 Newhall Street, Sutton was killed also. They were all in this company, and we have felt it very much. War brings with it its joys and sorrows and those who lose their dear ones must try and feel comforted that it is all for their King and country, and that it is all a part of the heavy price that we shall pay and keep on paying until a lasting peace is restored."

Sutton Coldfield News 10 July 1915



THOMAS HAROLD STONEHOUSE – family archive



THE PLAQUE AWARDED TO THE FAMILY OF THOMAS HAROLD STONEHOUSE

Moore family archive

Birth

The birth of Thomas Harold Stonehouse was registered June 1895 Aston 6d 450

Baptism on 16 June 1895 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Harold Stonehouse to Thomas and May Emily of Four Oaks. Thomas was a silversmith.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1893 – 1901 DR(B) 0052/1 page 25

1901 census Sunnyside, Walsall Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Stonehouse	M	34	Braszier gold silversmith	b Sutton Coldfield
May Emily	M	25		b Sutton Coldfield
Jack R Stonehouse		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas H Stonehouse		6		b Sutton Coldfield
William E Stonehouse		1		b Sutton Coldfield
Norman J Stonehouse		1 month old		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 41 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Stonehouse	M	44	Brazier silversmith	b Sutton Coldfield
May Emily Stonehouse	M	35	Married 18 years – 8 children	b Sutton Coldfield
Jack Reginald Stonehouse		17	Brazier silversmith	b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas Harold Stonehouse		16	Gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
Norman James Stonehouse		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Vera Ann May Stonehouse		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Winifred Mary Stonehouse		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Leonard Stonehouse		2		b Sutton Coldfield
Ida Elizabeth Stonehouse		10 months old		b Sutton Coldfield

The eighth child was William Ernest Stonehouse, 11.

He was staying with his Aunt and Uncle William and Sarah Baker at Sherifoot Lane, Hill, Sutton Coldfield.

1913 – 1914 Electoral Roll

Thomas Harold Stonehouse was listed at 41 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Thomas Stonehouse, 53. Brazier silversmith at Smith & Co, Jewellers, 57 Cambridge Street, B'ham
May Emily Stonehouse, 46. Home duties.
William Ernest Stonehouse, 21, single. Plasterer's labourer for G Michael, builder.
Norman James Stonehouse, 20, single. Assembler electric at British Lighting & Ignition Co, Cheston Road, Aston
Vera Ann May Stonehouse, 16. Unemployed.
Winifred Mary Stonehouse, 13. School.
Frank Leslie Stonehouse, 12. School.
Ida Elizabeth Stonehouse, 11. School.
Sidney George Stonehouse, 9. School.
Leslie Arthur Stonehouse, 7. School.

Thomas Stonehouse, born on 20 July 1866. Brazier and silversmith – out of work.
Winifred M Stonehouse, born on 2 September 1907. Domestic charwoman.
Redacted.

May Emily Stonehouse died on 23 April 1933 in Sutton Coldfield.

A black and white photograph of a family of ten people, including a man, a woman, and eight children, posed outdoors in front of a building. The man is seated on the left, wearing a dark suit and a mustache. The woman is seated on the right, wearing a dark dress with a white collar. They are surrounded by eight children of various ages, some standing and some sitting. The background shows a building with a chimney and some foliage.

Tom is on the back row furthest right and his brother Jack is next to him

Jack Stonehouse served with the Royal Army Medical Corps as Private 1855.

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The record above is poor quality. Royal Army Service Corps Record 2312 1922 Service 7256679

British Army Service Records 1914 - 1919

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RAMC/ 101/ B47, page 3358, and the 1915 Star Medal RAMC 13B, page 1056.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
STONEHOUSE	R.A.M.C.	Pte.	1855
J.R.			
Medals	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	RAMC/101/B47	3358	Accum. 26. 5. 19
BRITISH	do	do	
15	STAR	R.A.M.C. 13B	1056
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
J.R.			
24. 5. 18			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Jack survived the war but experienced ill health after being gassed and he died on 13 March 1933, aged 39.

Jack Stonehouse married Florence Oakey in 1920 at Sutton Coldfield.

They had five children – Kathleen, Douglas, Reginald, Irene, and Dorothy.

Thanks to the late Brenda Moore, formerly Stonehouse.



Jack Reginald Stonehouse – family archive

Stonehouse family tree – Yvonne Moore

THOMAS STONEHOUSE

Thomas Stonehouse was a first paternal cousin to Thomas Harold Stonehouse.

(Stonehouse family tree - Yvonne Moore)

Thomas Stonehouse was born in 1894 at Prescott in Lancashire. He enlisted at Birmingham on 3 June 1912 with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1st Battalion – Private 19. He was re - attested in 1914 with the Royal Welsh Fusiliers 1st and then 2nd Battalion, 'A' Company as a Private. He was promoted to Lance Corporal 4715

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Welsh Fusiliers Collection P056S110

“Son of William and Emily Stonehouse of 6 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. 2nd Battalion, A Company.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Lives of the First World War

Imperial War Museum A street near you

Royal Welch Fusiliers Regiment Museum

Everyone Remembered - Royal British Legion

He was killed in action on 6 July 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

He was buried originally at the Force Chateaux Cemetery which was 2 ½ miles East of Bethune and reinterred in 1920 at the Gorre British Cemetery, Beuvry, France, Plot II.A.21 (Service Record)



Photograph by Peter Moore 20 October 2015

Army Service Record

These are badly burnt in many places. Thomas Stonehouse joined the Royal Welsh Fusiliers on 3 June 1912 in Birmingham. He was 17 years old and lived at Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. He worked as a town labourer (presumably for the Corporation).

He had previously worked as a railway porter at Wylde Green Railway Station (LNWR) for five months and had been made redundant (a reference was obtained by the army).

He was 5' 4 and 3/8" tall, weighed 122 pounds, had a chest measurement of 33 inches. He had grey eyes and brown hair and was Church of England. He was declared fit to serve in the army reserve at Birmingham.

He was sent to Wrexham and drilled between 3 June 1912 and 2 November 1912. He then went for musketry training. He was in the UK on 19 March 1914 and mobilised on 5 August 1914.

He was posted again on 1 November 1914 to France with the 1st Battalion then re - joined the 2nd Battalion on 22 April 1915.

He was posted again on 3 May 1915. He was in the field on 15 July 1915 then sent to the Field Ambulance at St Omar on 6 October 1915.

He was on a charge for two days on 2 August 1915 for being discourteous on parade.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 6 October 1915. He had leave between 6 January 1916 and 13 January 1916.

He was killed in action on 6 July 1916.

His next of kin was his mother Emily Stonehouse of 6 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

His mother was sent his personal possessions, his medals and memorial scrolls.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals J/2/102 B, page 74, and the 1914 Star Medal J/2/4/, page 258. He entered France on 6 October 1914.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
STONEHOUSE Thomas x	1. R. W. Fus	Pte	44715
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	* J/2/102 B	76	See A. 6-4-16
BRITISH	-do-	-do-	
14 STAR	J/2/4	258	
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
6-10-14			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920



Thomas Stonehouse Royal Welch Fusiliers

Faces of the Fallen

Thomas Stonehouse is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Thomas Stonehouse Lance Corporal 4715 Royal Welch Fusiliers

"On the 7th of July 1916, General de Wignacourt, in command of the 33rd Division, wrote to the troops in the trenches at Givenchy:

"I have just received your communiqué of the 6th instant, and I am glad to see that the 33rd Division is continuing its brilliant success in vigorous raids on the enemy trenches. The Royal Welch Fusiliers have distinguished themselves once more. The "Bosches" opposite you have neither pleasure nor rest and I am exceedingly glad to shout "Bravo". Please accept my best congratulations and ever friendly compliments."

Thomas Stonehouse never received these congratulations – he had been killed the day before.

Thomas was born in Prescott, Lancashire in late 1894, one of at least seven children of William Stonehouse and Emily Bolton.

Thomas's father William, born in Sutton Coldfield, was orphaned at the age of six, and brought up in Sir Josiah Mason's Orphanage in Erdington. Aged 16, but giving his age as 18, William joined the Liverpool Regiment in 1886 and served overseas for at least nine months. William married Emily, who was from Dublin, in 1889, probably when stationed at Aldershot.

After leaving the army, William became a silversmith, and the family settled in Birmingham by 1897, living in Ladywood and then in Coles Lane, and later in Shenstone Villas in Jockey Road.

Thomas Stonehouse, the third child, worked as an assistant land surveyor at age 16. He then worked as a railway porter at Wylde Green station for five months before being made redundant. In 1912, aged 17½, Thomas enlisted as a special reservist in the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The damaged army record notes that he was 5' 4¾" tall, weighed 122 lbs (8 st 10 lbs), with a 33" chest. Thomas had grey eyes, brown hair, was C of E, and had a pulse rate of 72.

Thomas undertook several periods of training, and was mobilised for war, getting the immediate call-up for special reservists, on 8th August 1914.

Thomas served in France for a month in November 1914, then was back in England for a while, before being sent back to France.

In August 1915, Thomas was awarded two days "confined to barracks" (extra duties and drills) for "being discontented on parade" but was promoted to Lance Corporal in October.

Thomas was killed at Givenchy on the 6th of July 1916, aged 21.

British Army WWI Service Records, 1914-1920
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MEMORANDUM FOR
The Officer in charge of Myantty Records,
Shrewsbury

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to:-
The Secretary,
War Office,
Park Buildings,
St. James's Park,
London, S.W.
Add the following number 4715 (Accounts 4.)

WAR OFFICE,
PARK BUILDINGS,
ST. JAMES'S PARK,
LONDON, S.W.,
5th December 1916.

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late
no 4715 Lance Corporal Thomas
Stonehouse 2nd Bn. Royal Welch
Fusiliers
should be despatched to:-
Mrs Emily Stonehouse
6 Shenstone Villas
Jockey Road
Wylde Green
Shropshire

Any mangle granted to the deceased that he owned in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be forwarded to:-
the same person

Chambers
Assistant Financial Secretary.

Letter from the army returning Thomas's personal possessions.

This is one of the least damaged papers in the file.

According to the *Sutton Coldfield News* in August 1919, Thomas's mother Emily was presented with Thomas's 1914 Star by the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

"He is reported to have been killed by a shell. He had been at the front since August 1914.

His mother was presented with his 1914 Star Medal by the Mayor of Sutton Coldfield."

Sutton Coldfield News 2.8.1919

Thomas Stonehouse was the son of William and Emily Stonehouse of 6 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Thomas Stonehouse was registered December 1894 Prescott 8b 698

1901 census 42 King Edward Road, Ladywood, Birmingham

William Stonehouse	M	30	Silversmith	b Sutton Coldfield
Emily Stonehouse	M	30		b Ireland
William John Stonehouse		9		b Shorncliffe
Thomas Stonehouse		6		b Prescott
Annie Elizabeth Stonehouse		3		b Birmingham
Ernest Stonehouse		1		b Birmingham

1911 census 22 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

William Stonehouse	M	41	Silversmith	b Sutton Coldfield
Emily Stonehouse	M	40	Married 22 years - 6 children 1 died	b Dublin
William John Stonehouse	U	19	Rubber tester	b Shorncliffe, Kent
Thomas Stonehouse		16	Assistant land surveyor	b Prescott Lincs
Annie Stonehouse		13		b Birmingham
Ernest Stonehouse		11		b Birmingham
James Stonehouse		1	died	b Birmingham
Ethel Stonehouse		7		b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 6 Shenstone Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Emily Stonehouse, 49. Married. Home duties.

Ethel Mary Stonehouse, 17. Tyre fitter at Dunlop Rubber Co. Bromford.

Edward James Stonehouse, 8. Born in Sutton Coldfield. School. Both parents alive.

No trace of William Stonehouse was found in 1921.

1939 Register

No trace of William or Emily was found.

Death

The death of Emma Stonehouse was registered September 1946 Sutton Coldfield 9c 746, aged 77.

No further trace of William Stonehouse was found.

ERNEST STORER

Ernest Storer was born in 1897 at Erdington. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Private 28438

He was killed in action on 7 May 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

“Son of Arthur and Jane Storer of 375 Boldmere Road.”

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S161

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

NA Url/details/r/D5414560 WO 372/19/76600

WW1 Joint War Organisation Enquiries: Missing, Wounded & Dead Personnel 1914 – 1918

Enquiry date 20 July 1917 Battalion 14 Platoon XIV – missing or wounded 7 May 1917

UK British Red Cross & Order of St John Enquiry List 1917: Fate wounded & missing.

UK Nurses Records 1904 – 1955 Incident 715/1917 BEF

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Bay 3.

Findagrave Memorial ID 124943716 Uploaded by Paul R on 11 February 1914



Pte. F. Kimberley.



Pte. A. T. Fincham.



Pte. E. Storer.

(1) Private Frank Kimberley, R. War. Regt., missing since 1 July, 1916. Any information welcomed by M. Saul, 102, Upper Highgate-street, Highgate, Birmingham. (2) Private A. T. Fincham (16922), R. War. Regt., missing since 3 May last. His mother, Mrs. Fincham, 74, New Summer-street, Birmingham, would be glad to receive news. (3) Private Ernest Storer, R. War. Regt., wounded and missing since 7 May last. Any information would be gratefully received by his parents, who reside at 375, Boldmere-road, Erdington, Birmingham.

Birmingham Gazette 29 June 1917 Newspapers.com

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STORER, Pte. Ernest, 28438. 14th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 7th May, 1917. Age 19. Only son of Arthur and Jane Storer, of 375, Boldmere Rd., Erdington, Birmingham.

UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 - 1921

Army Service Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals, page 6783.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

His father was sent 32 19 s 10 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

National Army Museum

Ernest Storer is commemorated on page 284 of Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, 'Birmingham Pals', by Terry Carter.

Ernest Storer was the only son of Arthur and Jane Storer of 375 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Ernest Storer was registered December 1897 Aston 6d 361

Baptised on 22 September 1897 at St Barnabas, Erdington

To Arthur and Jane of Rose Cottages, Short Heath.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 75/2/2/4

1901 census 288 Gravelly Lane, Erdington

Arthur Storer	M	30	Plasterer	b Sutton Coldfield
Jane Storer	M	30		b Aldershot
Elsie Storer		6		b Erdington
Ernest Storer		3		b Erdington

1911 census 19 Sheffield Road, Erdington

Arthur Storer	M	40	Plasterer	b Sutton Coldfield
Jane Storer	M	40	Married 18 years, 3 children 1 died	b Aldershot
Elsie Storer		16	Dressmaker	b Erdington
Ernest Storer		13		b Erdington

1921 census 375 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Storer, 50. Journeyman plasterer for J Langley, Builder.

Jane Storer, 50. Home duties.

Elsie Storer, 26. Dressmaker for J H Wardell, London House, High Street, Erdington.

1939 Register 375 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Storer, born on 14 December 1870. Builder & plasterer.

Jane Storer, born on 31 July 1870. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Jane Storer was registered March 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 865, aged 71.

The death of Arthur Storer was registered December 1951 Sutton Coldfield 9c 925, aged 80.

FREDERICK STREATHER

Frederick Streather was born at Brigstock, Northampton. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield on 2 March 1916 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 41272. He was transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles – Private 52632 then he served with the Royal Irish Fusiliers 9th Battalion (North Irish Horse) – Private 43501

He was killed in action on 1 October 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Irish Fusiliers

“Son of Charles Herbert and Elizabeth Streather of Heathfield Cottage, Walsall Road, Four Oaks.”

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

NA [Url/details/r/D542149](#) WO 372/19/86555

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

Killed in Action 1 October 1918

He was buried firstly at a small unspecified burial ground, then exhumed and reinterred in 1920, at the Dadizeele New British Cemetery, near Menin, Plot II.C.18.



International War Graves Photography

Frederick Streather by Nancy Wright

Findagrave Memorial ID 12519639 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 26 November 2005

Army Service Record

In places this is hard to read and follow. It seems that he signed up at Sutton Coldfield on 2 March 1916 and had a medical examination on 27 March 1916 at Curzon Hall in Birmingham. He was 18 and worked as a builder's labourer. He was single. He lived at "Mauntley", Mere Green Road and his next of kin was his father Charles Herbert Streather.

It seems that he was sent to Rouen on 8 April 1916 and transferred to the Royal Irish Rifles 10th Battalion. He was in England on 9 October 1917 and sent to France on 2 April 1918 with the Royal Irish Fusiliers.

His father was sent a letter in 1920 explaining that his son's body would be exhumed from the small unspecified burial ground where he was originally buried and reinterred at the Dadizeele Cemetery.

His father was sent his medals and scroll on 19 September 1920.

His next of kin were listed as Charles and Elizabeth Streather of Mere Green Road; Herbert Garfield Streather 31 and Harry Streather 28 of Mere Green Road; Lizzie Tidmas 27 of 48 High Street, Sutton

Coldfield; Isabella Streather 25 of Mere Green Road and Gertrude Gaunt 22 of 44 High Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Note: Lizzie Tidmas (Streather) was the wife of George James Tidmas who died on 16 December 1918

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals B/103 B13, page 1698.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
STREATHER Frederick	R. Irish Rif.	Pte.	52632 43501
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	B/103 B13	1698	
BRITISH	do.	do.	
STAR			
Theatre of War first awarded			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

(To be rendered in duplicate)						Sheet No. 1698. (b).
ROYAL IRISH RIFLES						REGIMENT OR CORPS.
ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders						301 and 266 of 19 19
Regt. No.	Rank	NAME	To 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 (a) Presented (b) Dispatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock
43501	Pte.	STREATHER Frederick	16 R. Ir. Rif. 52632			
			Pte.			
			9 R. Ir. Rif. 43501			

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1929 WO 329 Ref 1687

56660	685505	Streather	9 R. Ir. Rif. 11-10-18	Dublin	12 9 6	1334	La. Charles	12 9 6
		Frederick	Pte	In Action	12-18			
			43501	France				
				Belgium				

Including War Grat. £5-10-

His father was sent £12 9 s 6 d including £5 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901-1929 755501-757000 Fold 3

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		TA 0802	046-1521
Name	Streather, Frederick	Regimental No.	43501
Regiment	R. Irish Rif.	Rank	Pte
Documents received from Paymaster	29-1-19		
Date and cause of death	11-10-18 Killed in Action		
Dependant	Mrs. Elizabeth Streather		
Address	Hauntings, Mere Green Rd Four Oaks, Birmingham		
Relationship	Widow		
Pension	£2 11s	a week from	
Date awarded	Reg 29.5.19	If refused	
Papers		reason	

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 175/0894/Sto-Str Fold 3

Frederick Streather was the son of Charles Herbert and Elizabeth Streather of “Heathfield Cottage”, Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Frederick Streather was registered September 1899 Thrapston 3b 212

1901 census Lyvedon Road, Brigstock, Northants

Charles Herbert Streather	M	35	Builder – employer	b Brigstock
Elizabeth A Streather	M	33		b Oundle
Herbert G Streather		12		b Brigstock
Harry Streather		10		b Brigstock
Lizzie Streather		8		b Brigstock
Helena Streather		6		b Brigstock
Gertrude Streather		4		b Brigstock
Frederick Streather		1		b Brigstock

1911 census “The Poplars”, Whitehouse Common, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Herbert Streather	M	45	Bricklayer	b Brigstock, Northants
Elizabeth Ann Streather	M	43	Married 24 years, 6 children	b Oundle, Northants
Herbert Garfield Streather	U	22	Bricklayer	b Brigstock
Harry Streather	U	20	House painter	b Brigstock
Gertrude Streather		14		b Brigstock
Frederick Streather		11		b Brigstock

1919 Dependants Pension Card

Elizabeth Streather was living at ‘Mauntley’, Mere Green Road.

1921 census Mauntley, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Henry Streather, 55. Poultry farmer, own account.
Elizabeth Streather, 53. Home duties.
Harry Streather, 30. Painter for Robert Streather & Sons, Builders of Four Oaks.

1939 Register 2 Banwell Cottages, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Elizabeth Streather, born on 14 July 1867. Widow. Home duties.

Deaths

The death of Charles H Streather was registered March 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 819, aged 66.

The death of Elizabeth Streather was registered March 1954 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1132, aged 86.

Harry Streather

Harry Streather joined the Royal Engineers – Sapper 51523.

He enlisted at Birmingham on 10 September 1914.

He was demobilised on 25 May 1919 to “Chatham”, Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RE/101 B23, page 4955.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
STREATHER	RE	Spr.	51523
Harry			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	RE/101 B23	4955	
BRITISH	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Frederick and Harry Streather were cousins of George Streather.

The Streather family became well known house builders in the area.

George Streather was born in 1887 at Thrapston, near Brigstock in Northamptonshire. He enlisted at Birmingham firstly with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry – Private 49321 and was transferred to the Royal Engineers 78th Field Company – Sapper 179307

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register 78th Field Company

UK WW1 Soldiers Died in the Great War died of wounds 78th Field Company

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

NA Url/details/r/D5424152 WO 372/19/186558

He was buried at the Doullens Communal Cemetery, Extension No 1, France, Plot V.D.27.

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CEMETERY Fr. 62 DOULLENS FRANCE EXTENSION 1

STREATHER, Spr. G., 179307. 78th Field Coy. Royal Engineers. 28th March, 1918. V. D. 27.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 - 1920

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RE/101 B215, page 52943, indicating he didn't go overseas until sometime after 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
<i>STREATHER</i>	<i>K.D.Y.L.I.</i>	<i>Pfc</i>	<i>49321</i>
<i>George.</i>	<i>R.E.</i>		<i>149304</i>
Memo.	Bail.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	<i>RE/1018265</i>	<i>52942</i>	
BATTION	<i>---</i>		
SIRAN			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

691558 679934 Breather
George
R E 29.3.15 Chatham ✓ 9 2 1
Y8² 1st Coy. 5718
Sapper of Action
179307
WAGG A. L. T. 10/20 23.7
Encls 6608 2.101
Transfer 2/1035
Regd. P. 2/1035
Serial No 2752

His widow was sent £1 2 s 1 d, 3 s 8 d, £7 16 s 5 d effects plus £8 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901- 1929 691001-692500 Fold 3

Name Streather, Geo Regd 28.4.23 6/11/19/2602 W.I.
 Regimental No. 179304 Case No. 5158
 Regiment R.E. Rank 3/pt
 Form 104-88 received 10.4.18 Date of notification of death 3.4.18 Form 104-76 received 2.5.18
 Date and cause of death 29.3.18 Wounds recd. in action **DEAD**
 Widow Lily May Blance Date of birth 14.7.88
 Children:— Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield Bham.

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<u>Neville Streather</u>	<u>1.9.12</u>	<u>1.9.28</u>	<u>50th Bn 10.4.18</u>
<u>Raymond Louis Streather</u>	<u>21.4.14</u>	<u>21.4.30</u>	<u>Sent to 2nd Bn 20.12.18</u>

 Pension 25/6-33/11 a week from 7.10.18
 Date awarded 1.10.18 If refused, reason _____
 Papers Q PW 16256
(9 88 108) W90343-566 25,000 9/17 HWV(P1453) G15/251

His widow, Lily May, was born on 14 July 1888. Neville was born on 1 September 1912, and Raymond Louis was born on 21 April 1914. She was awarded a grant of £5 and a pension of 33 shillings and eleven pence a week from 7 October 1918

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 175/08941. Sto-Str Fold 3

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

"It appears from his medal index card that he enlisted as a Private in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (service number 49321) and later transferred to the 78th Field Company Royal Engineers who were part of the 17th (Northern) Division.

According to the Great War Forum, on 21 March 1918, the 78th Field Company Royal Engineers working on defences between Hermies and Havrincourt, this would have included improving trenches and wiring.

The relevant war diary listed that during the above action, 1 sapper was killed and 9 were wounded, George Streather was included in that list. Later that day he was transferred by the 53rd Field Ambulance and admitted to No 3 Casualty Clearing Station with "Gunshot wound of the upper extremities (arm)".

Sapper George Streather died of wounds aged 31 on 28 March 1918. He was buried at Doullens Communal Cemetery Extension No. 1, Somme, France, Plot V. D. 27. From February 1916 to April 1918, medical units based at Doullens continued to bury in the French extension (No 1) of the communal cemetery.

In March and April 1918, the German advance and the desperate fighting on this front threw a severe strain on the Canadian Stationary Hospital. The extension was filled, and a second extension begun on the opposite side of the communal cemetery."

With thanks to Paul Harrison

George Streather was the son of John and Ann Streather of Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of George Streather was registered March 1887 Thrappton 3d 198

Baptism on 18 May 1890 at Thrapston, Northamptonshire

George and his sister Rose were baptised on the same day. Of Brigstock, father was a stone mason.

Northamptonshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1912 Ref 48/2

1891 census Brigstock, Northamptonshire

John G Streather	M	31	Mason	b Brigstock
Ann R Streather	M	28		b Brigstock
Annie Streather		9		b Brigstock
George Streather		4		b Brigstock
Rose Streather		1		b Brigstock

1901 census 43 Langley Road, Aston

John G Streather	M	41	Foreman bricklayer	b Brigstock
Ann R Streather	U	19	Daughter Tailoress	b Brigstock
George Streather		14	Lad at brass tube factory	b Brigstock
Rose Streather		11		b Brigstock

1911 census "Garden Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

John George Streather	M	51	Brick layer	b Brigstock, Northants
Ann Rebecca Streather	M	48	Married 30 years 5 children 2 died	b Brigstock
George Streather	U	24	Brick layer	b Brigstock
Annie Bickley	M	29	Daughter Married 1 year, 1 child	b Brigstock
John Bickley	M	28	Son in law Labourer on estate	b Sutton Coldfield
Irene Mary Bickley		1		b Sutton Coldfield

John Bickley served in the army with the 358 Corps, 38th Siege battery, Royal Gun Artillery as Gunner 91996. He survived the war and died in 1955. He married Annie Streather in 1910.

Marriage

The marriage between George Streather and Lily M Bishton was registered September 1911 Aston 6d 789

1921 census Aetna, Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield

Lily May Streather, 32, widow. Born in Cradley Heath. Home duties.
Neville Streather, 8. Born in Four Oaks. Father dead. School.
Raymond Louis Streather, 7. Born in Four Oaks. Father dead. School.
Edward William Pryce, 23. Single. Born in Anglesey. Lodger. Speciality Salesman for The British & Colonial Ind. As. London, out of work.

Marriage

The marriage between Lily May Streather & Edward W Price was registered June 1927 Kingston 2a 1255

1939 Register 156 Tudor Drive, Kingston on Thames

Lily M Price, born on 14 July 1888. Married Domestic duties.
Raymond L Streather, born on 21 April 1914. Married. Soldier in M Gun.... Hard to read.
Vera T Streather, born on 6 September 1919. Married. Domestic duties.

Death

The death of Lily May Price was registered March 1983 Kingston on Thames 13 2371, aged 95.

Deaths

The death of John G Streather was registered December 1920 Kettering 3b 171, aged 60

The death of Ann R Streather was registered September 1929 Thrapston 3b 160. Aged 66.

ALBERT G SYLVESTER

Albert Sylvester was born in 1889 in Birmingham. It seems that he was a career soldier. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Field Artillery 4th Brigade– Gunner /Acting Bombardier 56700

He died on 4 July 1917 (Mesopotamia) aged 27, from diahorrea (**Army Medal Card Index**).

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Field Artillery 7th Battery Royal Field Artillery

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

NA Url/details/r/D5467928 WO 372/19/135604

He was buried at the Baghdad (North Gate) Cemetery, Iraq, Plot VI.G.6.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RFA/187 B, page 17411, and the 1914 Star Medal RFA/37, page 42. He was awarded a Clasp 2/3027.

He entered France on 14 October 1914 and died on 4 July 1917 from diahorrea.

Campaign :- 1914				(A) Where decoration was earned.		
				(B) Present situation.		
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Medal	Roll	Page
(A) SYLVESTER	4 th Bde R.F.A.	Gunner	56700	VICTORY BRITISH	RFA/187 B RFA/37	17411 42
(B) ALBERT	"	Gunner	56700	1914 STAR	RFA/37	42
Action taken				Died from diahorrea 4-7-17		
Clasp 2/3027						
14-10-14.						

(G 34 1/2) W231-HP500 500,000 4/19 HWV(P240) K608 [OVER]

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Albert Sylvester was the son of Thomas and Sarah Annie Sylvester

Baptism on 20 January 1889 at St James the Less, Ashted, Birmingham

Born on 1 January 1889. Thomas and Sarah Ann of Price Street. Licensed victualler.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 10 Archive Roll 638

1891 census 12 Penn Street, Aston

Thomas Sylvester	M	33	Licensed Victualler	b Birmingham
Sarah Ann Sylvester	M	31		b Birmingham
Gertrude Sylvester		4		b Birmingham
Maud Sylvester		3		b Birmingham
Albert Sylvester		2		b Birmingham
Sarah Swift	U	32	Domestic servant	b Birmingham

1901 census 177 Nechells Park Road, Birmingham

Thomas Sylvester	M	43	Cycle maker	b Birmingham
Sarah Sylvester	M	42		b Birmingham
Maud Sylvester		13		b Birmingham
Albert Sylvester		12		b Birmingham
Nellie Sylvester		8		b Birmingham
Horace Sylvester		3		b Birmingham

1911 census Royal Field Artillery, India – place not stated

Albert Sylvester	U	22	Gunner- absent en route to Ranikes, India	b Birmingham
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UK Worldwide Army Census 1911

1911 census “Railway Inn”, Station Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Sylvester	W	53	Publican	b Birmingham
Maud Sylvester	U	23	Assists in business	b Birmingham
Nellie Sylvester	U	18		b Birmingham
Horace Sylvester		13		b Birmingham

Deaths

The death of Sarah Ann Sylvester was registered March 1905 Birmingham 6d 52, aged 45.

The death of Thomas Sylvester was registered September 1917 Tamworth 6b 383, aged 60.

Probate

SYLVESTER Albert of The King's Arms Coleshill-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 4 July 1917 at Basra Mesopotamia Administration **Birmingham** 13 April to Maud Sylvester spinster. Effects £247 5s. 7d.

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

SIDNEY ARNOLD TURNER TAYLOR

Sidney Taylor was born in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the outbreak of the war. He then gained his commission with the Worcestershire Regiment 12th Battalion – Second Lieutenant. He was attached to the Machine Gun Corps 218th Company

He died of wounds on 17 April 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 25.

He was injured at Gouzeaucourt on 3 April 1917.

“Born in 1892. Son of Sidney Middleton Taylor and Mary Elizabeth of Four oaks. Educated at Lickey Hills Schools and Uppingham. Assistant Director at Heaton & Taylor Ltd. Birmingham. Joined Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1914 and was gazetted to Worcestershire Regiment in January 1915.

Previously wounded in the autumn of 1915 at Hohenzolle Redoubt. Worcestershire Regiment 12th Battalion. Machine Gun Corps attached to 218th Company.”

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the St Sever Cemetery, Rouen, Plot: Officers B.5.30.



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TAYLOR, 2nd Lt. Sidney Arnold Turner. 12th Bn. Worcestershire Regt., attd. 218th Coy. Machine Gun Corps. Died, 17th April, 1917, of wounds received at Gouzeaucourt on 3rd April. Age 25. Elder son of Sidney Middleton Taylor and Mary Elizabeth Taylor, of Four Oaks, Warwickshire. Educated at Lickey Hills Schools and Uppingham. A director of Messrs. Heaton and Taylor, Ltd., of Birmingham. He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regt. at the outbreak of war and was gazetted to the Worcestershire Regt. in Jan., 1915. Previously wounded in the Autumn of that year at the Hohenzollern Redoubt. Officers, B. 5. 30.

Army Medal Roll

Campaign :- 1914-15 STAR						(B) Present situation.		
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg.	No.	Roll on which included (any)			
					MEDAL	ROLL	PAGE	
(A) TAYLOR	* WORCESTER *	2.			VICTORY	OFF 160	110	
(B) SIDNEY ARMAND TURNER	RBT	KENT			BRITISH	- 90 -	90	
					15 STAR	OFF 165	18	
Action taken	1915 Star 1st Lt. } 1st + 586 d/10/12/1918. E7 15/1/1936							
THEATRE OF WAR.	AUG 1915							
QUARRYING DATE:								
(6 34 46) W234--HP5590 500,000 4/19 HWV(P240) K608								
							EF 8/1836 [OVER]	

10164 Jan

Correspondence.

Mrs M. E. Taylor makes application for 1914 star in respect of the services of the late Al. J. Taylor

b. 10. 19

White Hall.

Address. 109 Henley, in. Arden
Warwick

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Sidney Taylor is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

“He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the outbreak of war and was commissioned into the Worcestershire Regiment in January 1915 as reported in The London Gazette dated 8 January 1915, "The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenants. Dated 7th January 1915: — Sidney Arnold Turner Taylor (among others)". His medal card indicates that he went overseas August 1915. He was wounded in the Autumn of 1915 at the Hohenzollern Redoubt during the Battle of Loos. He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in Autumn 1916 and was sent back to the UK for training.

He was assigned to 218th Company Machine Gun Corps and arrived with them at Le Havre on 17 March 1917. 218th MGC joined the 8th Division on 23 March 1917.

By March 29th, they'd arrived at Moislains from which the German forces had made a strategic withdrawal earlier in the month. They'd moved away from the Somme area, evacuating Moislains before going further eastwards to the prepared defensive system known as the Hindenburg Line.

As they withdrew, British forces cautiously advanced in their wake, but the going was difficult as the Germans had undertaken a “scorched earth” policy. Much of the village was badly damaged, the war diary records them moving into ruined houses.

On 1 April 1917, they moved into the line. The war diary is difficult to read but it appears that some of their guns and men were used to support an attack on Gouzeaucourt Wood on 4 April. By nighttime, the wood was occupied by the Royal Berkshire and Lincolnshire Regiments.

According to the battalion war diary, Second Lieutenant S A Taylor and Sgt. Jacques were wounded during the attack at Gouzeaucourt. It is believed that Sidney was hit by a bullet whilst trying to aid his wounded section sergeant.

Second Lieutenant Sidney Arnold Turner -Taylor died of his wounds on April 17th, 1917. He was 25 years old.”

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Sidney Taylor was the eldest son of Sidney Middleton Taylor and Mary Elizabeth Taylor of Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

“He was educated at Lickey Hills School and Uppingham School.

He was a director of Messrs Heaton & Taylor Ltd of Birmingham, Wholesale Shoe Mercers based in Crooked Lane, Birmingham.

He was a member of Sutton Coldfield Swimming Club and a member of Handsworth Rugby Club.

He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the outbreak of war and was gazetted to the Worcestershire Regiment in January 1915.

He was previously wounded in the autumn of 1915 at the Hohenzollern Redoubt (Battle of Loos).

He transferred to the Machine Gun Corps in autumn 1916 and was sent back to the UK for training.

He returned to the front in March 1917 and was hit by a bullet whilst trying to aid his wounded section sergeant.

His parents were able to visit him before he died.”

Sutton Coldfield News 28.4.1917

“Sidney Taylor has been commemorated on the glass memorial window at All Saints Church, Belwell Lane, Four Oaks.”

Sutton Coldfield news 17.5.1919

Birth

The birth of Sidney Arnold T Taylor was registered September 1891 Aston 6d 435

Baptism on 10 October 1891 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Of Wylde Green. Father was a Factor.

England Select Births 1538 – 1975 Family History Library 198734 p 305

1891 census “Holly Cottage”, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks

Sidney M Taylor	M	31	Haberdasher – employer	b Birmingham
Mary E Taylor	M	30		b Erdington
Emily Yates	U	19	Domestic servant	b Oxford

1901 census “Luttrell House”, Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Mary E Taylor	M	40		b Erdington
Sidney E Taylor		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Cecil M Taylor		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Eliza Cooper	U	26	Cook	b Coleshill
Winifred Cox	U	19	Housemaid	b Edgbaston

1901 census 5 Queen Street, Glasgow

Sidney M Taylor	M	41	Visitor - Button manufacturer	b Aston
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1911 census Luttrell House, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield

Sidney M Taylor	M	51	Wholesale ? Dealer	b Birmingham
Mary E Taylor	M	50		b hard to read
Sidney A T Taylor	U	10	? dealer hard to read	b Sutton Coldfield
Eliza Cooke	U	37	Cook	b Coleshill
Elizabeth Cole	U	22	Housemaid	b Smethwick

1921 census Whitehall Farm, Henley in Arden

Sidney M Taylor, 61. Company Director at Crooked Lane, Birmingham.
Mary Elizabeth Taylor, 60. Home duties.
Cecil M Taylor, 26. Farmer, Whitehall Farm.
Catherine Sadler, 25. General domestic servant.
Ellen Sadler, 22. General domestic servant.

1939 Register Whitehall Farm, Henley in Arden

Sidney M Taylor, born on 16 October 1859. Company director.
Mary E Taylor, born on 9 November 1860. Domestic duties.
Ivy Smith, born on 18 April 1909. Parlour maid.
Elsie Castle, born on 20 January 1908. Cook.
Violet Clarkson, born on 24 December 1899. Professional nurse State Registered.

Deaths

The death of Sidney M Taylor was registered June 1940 Stratford on Avon 6a 1460, aged 80

A possible death for Mary E Taylor was registered September 1944 Warwick 6d 732.

BERTIE LEONARD TEASDALE

Bertie Leonard Teasdale was born 1895 at in Walmley. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2/6th Battalion – Private 3578

He was killed in action on 19 July 1916 (France & Flanders) aged 21.

“Resided in Erdington. Son of T Teasdale of 6 Walmley Cottage, Erdington.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment P184S166

He was buried at the Royal Irish Rifles Graveyard, Laventie, France, Plot VI.1.11



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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals I/104 B33, page 6970.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
TEASDALE. Bertie. L.	2/6. R. War. R.	PTE	3578.
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victory	A756.	4/104 B.33.	6970.
British	do.	do.	18/1/22
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

324873 ⁵ 22/78 Teasdale 2/6 B.R. 19.7.16 Warwick 3 14 7 3. 14. 4. 11/10/1916, 25.10.16 for: Thomas J. 3. 14. 7
Bertie War. Rpt in action 9/16 20.9.17/18 to: Thomas J. 7 10 -
Leonard Pte 3578

WAR GRATUITY
Transferred 1928 5/1 15/8/17
Regd. Paper 2070 Dec 46
Serial No. 11444

A. F. W. 3070 SER 7
DATE 2.4.19

His father was sent £3 14 s 7 d effects plus £7 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 323501-325000 Fold 3

DEPENDANT'S PENSION. D.C.A 5610 D.1

Name Teasdale, Bertie Leonard Regimental No. 3579 Case No. 3/21495
Regiment Royal Warwick Rank Pte
sp. 11 + P. 4
Documents received from Dependant 24.1.20

Date and cause of death 19.7.16 Killed in action

Dependant Mrs Thomas Joseph Teasdale

Address 6 Walmley Cottage, Walmley, Edinglton, Birmingham

Relationship Father

Pension 1 week from

Date awarded

Papers

If refused {
reason

F12393 47101/2553 100m (2) 3 19 J.P. Gp. 154
18211 7180/2395 200m (14) 5/19

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 179/0916/Tea-Ten Fold 3

He is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial

“Bertie Leonard Teasdale was the son of Thomas Teasdale of 6 Walmley Cottages, Penns Lane, Walmley.”

Sutton Coldfield News 2.9.1916

Birth

The birth of Bertie L Teasdale was registered June 1895 Aston 6d 449

1901 census Walmley Village, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Teasdale	M	44	Platelayer on railway	b Four Oaks
Hannah Teasdale	M	49		b Evesham, Worcs
Thomas Teasdale	U	20	Labourer	b Walmley
Walter Teasdale		14		b Walmley
Albert Teasdale		11		b Walmley
Amelia Harris	U	20	Niece Domestic servant	b Evesham, Worcs

1911 census 6 Walmley Cottages, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Joseph Teasdale	M	57 (sic)	Railway platelayer	b Four Oaks
Mary Ann Teasdale	M	68	Married 4 years – no children	b Birmingham
Bertie Leonard Teasdale		16	Assistant milk seller	b Walmley
Norman Frank Teasdale		8	Grandson	b Walmley

Death

The death of Hannah Teasdale was registered December 1906 Aston 6d 260, aged 56.

Marriage

The marriage between Thomas H Teasdale and Mary Ann Mason was registered September 1908 Aston 6d 395

1921 census Walmley Village, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Joseph Teasdale, 65. Plate layer.
Mary Ann Teasdale, 74. Home duties.

Death

The death of Thomas Joseph Teasdale was registered June 1937 Sutton Coldfield 6d 627, aged 80.

Percy Horace Thacker was born in 1897 at Wall, near Shenstone. He enlisted in August 1915 at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion – Private 16/1498

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

NA Url/details/r/D5518627 WO 372/19/195974

Army Service Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B33, page 6982.

Name.	Cups.	Bank.	Regt. No.
THACKER. Percy H.	R. War. R.	PTE	1498.
Medal.	Bell.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	4/104. B.33.	6982.	
BERRAN	do	do	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

1498	Pte.	THACKER, Percy H.	15th Bn.R.War.R.
		1498	Pte.

[illegible]

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 406001-407500 Ref 223 Fold 3

DEPENDANT'S PENSION. D.C.A. 968

Name *Thacker, Percy Harold* Regimental No. *1498* Case No. 77.26.

Regiment *15th Warwick* Rank *Pvt* DEAD

Documents received from Paymaster *16 3.17* TM. 9313

Date and cause of death *3. 9. 16* R. u. Q.

Dependant *M^r Emma Etta Thacker*

Address *12 Reddicap Hill Sutton Coldfield N^o 13th haw.*

Relationship to soldier *Mother*

Pension *5/-* a week from *6.11.18*

Date awarded *13.1.19* If refused {

Payers { reason {

(11288) Wt. 50720/6 50,000 1/17 H. & J., Ltd.

Record is incorrect as it says Harold not Horace.

His mother was awarded a pension of five shillings a week from 6 November 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 180/0917/Ten-Tha Fold 3

He is commemorated on the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, Birmingham Pals, page 283, by Terry Carter.

Percy Horace Thacker was the son of Frances William and Emma Etta Thacker of 12 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

“Percy H Thacker was a member of the congregation of the Reddicap Hill Mission.” (WML)

“The family moved to Sutton Coldfield in 1914.

Percy Thacker was a member of the Church of England Brotherhood.

He had belonged to a ‘boy scout’ troop that was connected to the Kingsbury Colliery.

Before the war he had worked as a blacksmith for Mr Oldenhall of Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He enlisted in the City Battalion in August 1915 and was sent to the front in March 1916.

He had been treated for shell shock at the end of July 1916.”

Sutton Coldfield News 28.10.1916

Birth

The birth of Percy H Thacker was registered December 1897 Lichfield 6b 449

1901 census Wall Lane, Shenstone, Staffordshire

Frank Thacker	M	30	Carpenter & joiner	b Brownhills
Emma Thacker	M	32		b Hammerwich
Alfred Thacker		7		b Wall
Alice Thacker		5		b Wall
Percy Thacker		3		b Wall
Evelyn Thacker		1		b Wall

1911 census 19 Piccadilly, Kingsbury, Warwickshire

Francis William Thacker	M	40	Colliery carpenter	b Brownhills
Emma Etta Thacker	M	42	Married 20 years, 9 children 1 died	b Hammerwich
Rose Alice Thacker		15	Domestic servant	b Wall, Staffs
Percy Horace Thacker		13		b Wall
Evelyn Thacker		11		b Wall
Victoria Thacker		9		b Wall
Gladys Thacker		7		b Wall
William Henry Thacker		4		b Wall

1921 census 12 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Frances W Thacker, 50 Carpenter & Joiner for Sapcote & Son, Birmingham.

Emma Etta Thacker, 52. Home duties.

William H Thacker, 14. School.

Daisy O Thacker, 9. School. Born at Kingsbury.

Death

The death of Francis W Thacker was registered December 1931 Warwick 6b 797, aged 61.

Probate

THACKER Francis William of 12 Reddicap Hill Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire died 25 October 1931 at the County Mental
Hospital Hatton Warwickshire Administration **Birmingham**
23 September to William Henry Augustus Thacker carpenter
and Gladys Muriel Bennett (wife of Archibald Bennett).
Effects £60.

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

Death

The death of Emma Etta Thacker was registered September 1932 Sutton Coldfield 6d 490, aged 63.

SYDNEY/ SIDNEY HERBERT THORNTON

Sidney Herbert Thornton was born in 1898 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 10th Battalion – Private 202201

He died of wounds on 9 June 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

He probably died at a casualty clearing hospital – Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery History

“Son of Charles and Mary Jane Thornton of 55 Holland Street.”

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919

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

NA Url/detail/r/D5561866 WO 372/20/19836

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Poperinge, Plot XIV.H.2.



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Army Service Records

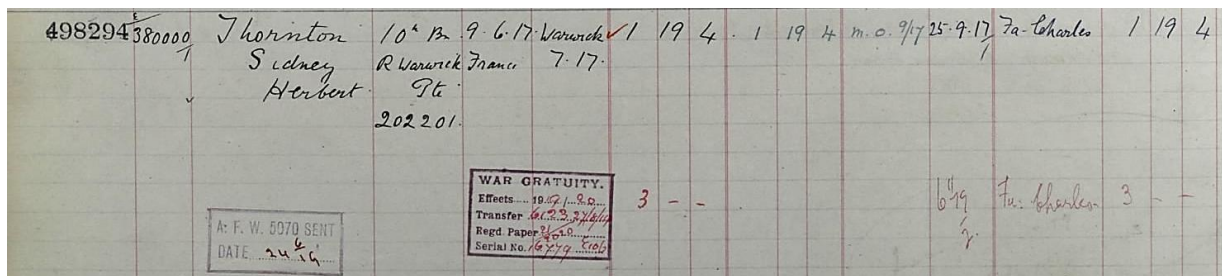
These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B33, page 7044.

Name	Rank	Regt. No.	Remarks
THORNTON	Private	202201	
Sidney H.			
Medals	Victory	British	
Remarks	L/104 B33	Page 7044	
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920



His father was sent £1 19 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 497501-499000 Fold 3

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

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Sidney Herbert Thornton was the son of Charles and Mary Thornton of 55 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Sydney H Thornton was registered June 1898 Aston 6d 470

Baptism on 14 October 1900 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Baptised were siblings May, Sydney and George of Holland Street. Father was a labourer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1900 Engl 09000/92 DR(B) 52/1

1901 census 60 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Thornton	M	44	Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Mary Jane Thornton	M	39		b West Bromwich
Charles Thornton		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Thornton		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Lily Thornton		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Florey Thornton		6		b Sutton Coldfield
George Thornton		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Sydney Thornton		2		b Sutton Coldfield
May Thornton		11 months old		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 60 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Thornton	M	53	Estate man – fencer/wood cutter	b Sutton Coldfield
Mary Thornton	M	48	Married 27 years, 11 children 1 died	b West Bromwich
Walter Thornton	U	22	Painter in building trade	b Sutton Coldfield
Florence Thornton		16		b Sutton Coldfield
George Thornton		14	Gardener's boy	b Sutton Coldfield
Sidney Thornton		13		b Sutton Coldfield
May Thornton		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Hubert Thornton		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Ethel Thornton		6		b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 55 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Charles Thornton, 64. Domestic gardener.

Jane Thornton, 59. Home duties.

Florence Thornton, 26. Manageress at Johnson Brothers, Dyers, 94 Parade.

George Thornton, 25. Horseman for J K Bourne & Sons Corn Merchants, Parade.

May Thornton, 21. Polisher at Lithold Co, Buton Factory, King Edward Square.

Birty Thornton, 19. Domestic gardener.

Ethel Thornton, 16. Shop assistant at W H Smith, 54 Parade.

Hilda Higgs, 16. Boarder.

1939 Register 55 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Florence Thornton. Born on 6 December 1900. China & Glass saleswoman.

Mary J Thornton, born on 27 June 1861. Widow. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Charles Thornton was registered September 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 521, aged 77.

The death of Mary J Thornton was registered December 1945 Sutton Coldfield 6d 597, aged 83.

GEORGE JAMES TIDMAS

(Incorrect on the memorial – as Tidman)

George James Tidmas was born 1891 at Pedmore, Stourbridge in 1889. He enlisted with the Machine Gun Corps 33rd Company – Sergeant 60819

He died on 16 December 1918, aged 29. His widow's Pension Card shows he died from Influenza and Pneumonia contracted whilst on active service.

The Machine Gun Corps 33rd Company amalgamated with the 11th Company on 28 February 1918. They served along the western front during 1918, but some soldiers also served in Egypt.

It is not clear where George Tidmas died.

His death is registered December 1918 Kings Norton 6d 213, aged 29. Possibly his death took place in a military hospital in this area.

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

Acting Colour Sargent 33rd Company

NA Url/details/r/D5571451 WO 372/20/29421

“Son of Thomas and Ellen of Stourbridge. Husband of Lizzie Tidmas of 44 High Street, Sutton Coldfield.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

George J Tidmas is buried at St James Church, Four Oaks, Plot 2.20.

Flowers are left on his grave on each Remembrance Sunday, but it is not known who puts them there.



Photograph by Yvonne Moore 2 August 2014

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He is commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Army Service Records

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British medals, page 3566.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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

George James Tidmas died from influenza and pneumonia contracted whilst on active service. Lizzie was born on 11 June 1892. Dorothy Maud was born on 23 April 1918. A pension of 22 shillings and eleven pence a week was awarded from 23 June 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 180/0929/Thu-Tie Fold 3

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 069/0431/Thu-Tim Fold 3

George James Tidmas was the son of Thomas and Ellen Tidmas of Stourbridge. He was the husband of Lizzie Tidmas of 44 High Street, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of George James Tidmas was registered March 1891 Bromsgrove 6c 394

1891 census Pedmore, Stourbridge, Worcestershire

Thomas Tidmas	M	34	Bricklayer	b Leamington
Ellen Tidmas	M	40		b Eckington
William Tidmas		12		b Pedmore
Ellen Tidmas		10		b Pedmore
Maud Tidmas		8		b Pedmore
Louisa Tidmas		6		b Pedmore
Margaret Tidmas		5		b Pedmore
John H Tidmas		3		b Pedmore
George J Tidmas		0		b Pedmore

1901 census 33 Church Street, Kidderminster

Henry Hares	M	45	Labourer for town council	b Kinver
Matilda Hares	M	44		b Eckington
George J Tidmas		10	Nephew	b Pedmore, Worcs

1911 census 1 Limekiln Row, Codnor Park, Nottinghamshire

Charles Howes	M	47	Bricklayer	b Droitwich
Mary Howes	M	48	Married 25 years 8 children 1 died	b Eckington
John Howes	U	18	Canal labourer	b Codnor Park
Charles Howes		15	Engineer	b Codnor Park
Matilda Howes		13		b Codnor Park
Frances Howes		10		b Condor Park
Jessie Howes		7		b Condor Park
George Tidmas	U	20	Nephew Canal labourer	b Stourbridge

Marriage

The marriage between George J Tidmas and Lizzie Streather was registered March 1917 Tamworth 6b 519

Lizzie Tidmas was the sister of Frederick Streather – see his entry.

1901 census Lyvedon Road, Brigstock, Northamptonshire

Charles Herbert Streather	M	35	Builder – employer	b Brigstock
Elizabeth A Streather	M	33		b Oundle
Herbert G Streather		12		b Brigstock
Harry Streather		10		b Brigstock
Lizzie Streather		8		b Brigstock
Helena Streather		6		b Brigstock
Gertrude Streather		4		b Brigstock
Frederick Streather		1		b Brigstock

George James Tidmas and Lizzie Streather had one child who was Dorothy Maud Tidmas.

The birth of Dorothy Maud Tidmas was registered June 1918 Tamworth 6b 701

The marriage of Dorothy Maud Tidmas and Reginald G Record took place in Sutton Coldfield in 1947 at St James Church.

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

1921 census 44 High Street, Sutton Coldfield

Lizzie Tidmas, 29. Widow. Home duties.
Dorothy Maud Tidmas, 3.

1939 Register 44 High Street, Sutton Coldfield

Elizabeth Tidmas, born on 11 June 1892. Widow. Office caretaker.

1939 Register General Hospital, Birmingham

Dorothy M Tidmas, born on 23 April 1918. Nurse in training.

Death

The death of Elizabeth Tidmas was registered December 1949 Leicester 3a 512, aged 57.

WILLIAM HENRY TOMBS

William Henry Tombs was born on 21 August 1879 at Little London, Walsall. He first enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 24403. He then transferred to the Worcestershire Regiment 1st Battalion – Private 41210

He was killed in action on 31 July 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 37.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War – Worcestershire Regiment

It appears likely that William Henry Tombs died in what is now called 'The Third Battle of Ypres'.

"From the Worcestershire Regiment Archives we learn that the 1st Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment were involved in the first phase of the battle that ran from the early hours of 30 July 1917 (03.50 hours) to the 2 August 1917.

This action became known as 'The Battle for Pilckem Ridge'.

The British guns redoubled their fire from the first light of dawn and the gunfire rose in intensity whilst along the whole front of the Salient the British infantry 'went over the top'. Following close behind the 'creeping barrage', 'C' and 'D' companies of the 1st Worcester's swept forward over the enemy's front and support line where they met little opposition.

A tunnel under the road behind the line was captured easily and 40 'cowering' prisoners were taken."

Worcestershire Regiment Archives

He was buried at the Zantvoorde British Cemetery, Ypres, Plot II.B.6 (also known as Zandvoorde – the Flemish spelling on some modern maps).



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"Son of William Henry and Sarah Ann (Nee Porter). Husband of Hannah (Nee Hall)."

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"He resided at 11 Church Lane, Hill (St James Road now) and prior to the war he was a gardener in Four Oaks for 14 years." **(WML)**

These were not found.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B29, page 6306.

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TOMBES.	R. War. R.	PTE	24403
William. H.	Wore. R.		41210.
Medal.	Roll.	Pages.	Remarks.
VICTORY	4/102. B29.	6306	
BIRTH	do	do	
DEATH			
Theatre of War it served in			
Date of entry therein			

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His widow was sent £2 13 s 11 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

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REGION.		WIDOWS.		Regional No. 16/1/70 1179		
NEW REGIONAL NO.		Surname of Widow TOMBS		Christian Name of Widow Madamrah		
OTHER ACTION		Surname of Husband TOMBS		Christian Name of Husband L.M. Henry		
Ship, Regt. or Corps		Wm. Regt.		No. 41210 Rank or Rating Lt.		
Date of Birth of Widow		17/1/18		No. of Children under 16—5		
DECISION						
Award of Widow's Pension and Allowances.						Ineligible.
Date of decision.	Weekly Rate of Pension.			Article under which granted.	Date of Commencement.	Reason for Ineligibility
	Widow's Pension.	Children's Allowances.	Total.			
1/4/9	20/-	33/9	10/1	15.4.18		Date of decision
POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.						
Date of Letter.	Particulars of action taken before giving any definite reply, e.g. date of previous judgment, date of reference to LAC, or LIA, and date of reply.				Date of Final Disposal.	REMARKS.

His widow was awarded 13 shillings and nine pence pension and 20 shillings child allowance from 15 April 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 01100-01199

William Henry Tombs was the son of William Henry and Sarah Ann Tombs and the husband of Hannah Tombs (Hall)

Birth

The birth of William Henry Tombs was registered September 1879 Walsall 6b 715

1881 census White Lion, Sandwell Road, Walsall Boarding with George Porter, 56. Licensed Victualler

William Henry Tombs	M	24	Brown saddler	b Walsall
Sarah Tombs	M	21		b Walsall
William Henry Tombs		1		b Walsall
George Tombs		4 months old		b Walsall

1891 census West Bromwich Road, Walsall

William H Tombs	M	34	Brown saddler	b Walsall
Sarah Tombs	M	30		b Walsall
William H Tombs		11		b Walsall
George Tombs		10		b Walsall
John J Tombs		8		b Walsall
Frank Tombs		3		b Walsall
Arthur Tombs		1		b Walsall

1901 census 240 Sandwell Street, Walsall

William Henry Tombs	M	44	Brown Saddler	b Walsall
Sarah Ann Tombs	M	40		b Walsall
William Henry Tombs	U	21	Leather worker	b Walsall
George Tombs	U	20	Spring bit forger	b Walsall
Joseph Tombs	U	19	Spur rowel filer	b Walsall
Frank Tombs		13		b Walsall
Charles Tombs		8		b Walsall
Annie Tombs		1		b Walsall

1911 census 11 Church Lane, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield

William Henry Tombs	M	32	Gardener – domestic	b Walsall
Hannah Tombs	M	31	Married 9 years, 5 children 1 died	b Tunstall
Florence Annie Tombs		8		b Walsall
Leslie Tombs		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Tombs		4		b Sutton Coldfield
William Henry Tombs		2		b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage

William Henry Tombs married Hannah Hall on 9 February 1902 at the Parish Church of Caldmore, Walsall.

The marriage was registered March 1902 Walsall 6b 933

1921 census Church Road, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield

		Name, Maiden		Age, Years		Sex		Marital Status		Education		Occupation		Religion		Signature	
No.	Name	Relationship	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Education	Occupation	Religion	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature	Signature
1	Annio Tombs	Head	37/10/07	Male	Married	British	Housewife	Methodist	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio	Annio
2	Lealie Tombs	Son	17/6/07	Male	Single	British	Gardener	Methodist	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie	Lealie
3	Frank Tombs	Son	14/6/07	Male	Single	British	Errand Boy	Methodist	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank	Frank
4	William Henry	Son	12/10/07	Male	Single	British	School	Methodist	William	William	William	William	William	William	William	William	William
5	Ada Tombs	Daughter	10	Female	Single	British	School	Methodist	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada	Ada
6	Elizabeth Tombs	Daughter	7/3/07	Female	Single	British	School	Methodist	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth	Elizabeth
7	Lillian Tombs	Daughter	5/3/07	Female	Single	British	School	Methodist	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian	Lillian
8	Eileen Gladys	Daughter	1/1/07	Female	Single	British	School	Methodist	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen	Eileen
9	Nancy Tombs	Daughter	1/1/07	Female	Single	British	School	Methodist	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy	Nancy

I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: *Annio Tombs*

(Head of Household, Manager of Establishment or other person responsible for the household)

Annie Tombs, widow. 37. Housewife.

Leslie Tombs, 17, born in Four Oaks. Domestic gardener. Father dead.

Frank Tombs, 14. Errand boy for C Brindley, Greengrocers, Mere Green. Father dead.

William Henry Tombs, 12. School. Father dead.

Ada Tombs, 10. School. Father dead.

Elizabeth Tombs, 7. School. Father dead.

Lilian Tombs, 5. School. Father dead.

Eileen Tombs, 1. Father dead.

Nancy Tombs, one month. Father dead.

Eileen and Nancy were not children of William Henry Tombs.

Death

The death of Hannah Tombs was registered September 1922 Tamworth 6b 353, aged 38.

See below for more details.

William Henry Tombs was the grandfather of Dr Brian Hoyle

Brian has shared some additional materials.

“William Henry Tombs was born on 21 August 1879 at his mother’s home in Little London, Walsall. He was the eldest child of a large family. The 1911 census shows us that he was one of eleven children born to his mother but only four had survived – William Henry, Joseph Thomas, Frank and Charles Horace.

His parents were William Henry (1857 – 1929) and Sarah Ann, formerly Porter (1861- 1943), who were married on 24 May 1880 at Walsall (nine months after William Henry junior was born). William Henry Tombs senior was a brown saddler working in the leather industry of Walsall.

The grandfather of William Henry Tombs (junior) was John Tombs (1834 – 1885) who moved away from the Welland area of south Worcestershire circa 1850 to the Birmingham area. John Tombs was an agricultural worker who sought employment in the industrial midlands.

He married Ellen Holder in 1854 in Walsall. They lived at Sandwell Street in Walsall where they built up a thriving grocery and bakery business. Some of their children worked in the leather and metal work industries of Walsall.

William Henry Tombs, born 1879, grew up and was schooled in Walsall and worked for a time in the leather industry. His wife Hannah Hall was born in 1882 at Tunstall, Staffordshire. After their marriage in February 1902, she gave birth to their first child Florence Annie later that month.

At the time they were married William was working as a domestic gardener. They lived at 34 Sandwell Street, Walsall for a short time.

They soon moved to 11 Church Lane, Mere Green. Between 1903 and 1916, eight more children were born to the couple with two dying in infancy.

In 1881, William Henry and his family boarded at the White Lion Inn, Sandwell Street in Walsall. His father was 24 and worked as a brown saddler and his mother was 21. William was 1 and he had a brother not yet one named George.

The White Lion Inn was run by George and Mary Porter, the parents of Sarah Ann Porter.

In 1891, the family lived at 105 West Bromwich Road, Walsall. By this time these children had been born: Joseph Thomas, 8; Frank, 3; and Arthur aged 1, all born in Walsall. John had been born in 1884 but died in 1886.

William and Hannah Tombs had four children after the 1911 census: Ada born 1911, Elizabeth born 1914, Joseph born 1915 and Lilian born 1916. They were all born at Sutton Coldfield.

Hannah Tombs died on 3 July 1922 at 11 Church Lane, Sutton Coldfield. This was the day before her 40th birthday.

She was buried in an unmarked grave in a corner of the churchyard at St James Church.

Several of her children had been baptised at St James Church.

Florence died in 1978 at Sutton Coldfield; Leslie died in 1964 at Walsall; Nellie died in 1906 at Sutton Coldfield; Frank died in 1975 at Birmingham; William Henry died 1995 at Brisbane Australia; Ada died in 1983 at Birmingham; Joseph died in 1915 at Sutton Coldfield and Lilian died in 1985 at Lichfield.

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Florence died in 1978 at Sutton Coldfield; Leslie died in 1964 at Walsall; Nellie died in 1906 at Sutton Coldfield; Frank died in 1975 at Birmingham; William Henry died 1995 at Brisbane Australia; Ada died in 1983 at Birmingham; Joseph died in 1915 at Sutton Coldfield; Elizabeth died at Slough in 2000; and Lilian died in 1985 at Lichfield.

The seven who survived to adulthood married and produced numerous descendants.

Up to the start of the war, the family appear to have experienced a period of stability, apart from the loss of Nellie in 1906.

After William enlisted, Hannah remained in Mere Green, looking after her children. When William was killed on 31 July 1917 she was left a widow with seven children aged 15 years to 1 year to bring up alone.

At the time, many residents, especially women living without the wages of a husband, took in lodgers or boarders.

It appears that this is what Hannah did to make ends meet. Three more children were born to Hannah at 11 Church Lane after William's death: Eileen Gladys born in 1919; Nancy born in 1921 and Muriel born in 1922.

The father/s of these children was not given on their birth certificates.

Hannah Tombs died on 3 July ,1922 aged 39 on the day after Muriel was born.

A neighbour, Elizabeth Genders of 21 Church Lane was present at Muriel's birth and Hannah's death.

The informant of Muriel's death in 1923 was W Bagley of 31 Wiggington Road, Wiggington, just north of Tamworth. This was the place that Muriel died.

Brian holds a marriage certificate showing that Nancy Tombs was married.

Nancy Tombs aged 20 of 4 East View, Glascote married Samuel George Ghent on 7 March 1942 at Tamworth parish church.

Samuel George Ghent was 19, a fitter of 7 Spinning School Lane, Tamworth. He was the son of Samuel Ghent, a corporation labourer,

Nancy Tombs was born 19 May 1921 and died as Nancy Ghent in Sutton Coldfield on 14 April 1998.

Her death certificate gives Tombs as her maiden name, her correct birth date, and details of her husband Samuel George Thomas Ghent, an engineer of 13 Albion Street, Tamworth.

Samuel Ghent, born about 1889, died at Lichfield in 1968.

Nancy and Thomas Ghent had two children, but further details are withheld.

Florence Annie married in 1921 from 11 Church Lane. Leslie married in 1925, Frank in 1930 and Ada in 1933. They had all lived in the Mere Green area.

William Henry Tombs emigrated to Australia in 1926 and was married to Alice Myrtle Dakin at Gympie in Queensland in 1931. He died near Brisbane in 1995.

Elizabeth moved away in 1937 to Slough and was married in 1940 and again in 1979.

Lilian was married in the Sutton Coldfield area in 1945.

Numerous descendants of William Henry and Hannah Tombs are still living in England and Australia.

Joseph Thomas Tombs (1882 – 1945)

Joseph Thomas Tombs, a younger brother of William Henry Tombs, also served during the Great War.

He was gassed but survived. He later became a gardener.

It appears that Joseph T Tombs served with the South Staffordshire Regiment – Private 26141 and the Royal Army Service Corps – R/387637.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RASC/101 B272 page 28061.

Francis Tombs

The youngest of four sons of Joseph Tombs was Francis Leonard who was born on 17 May 1924. Francis attended the Elmore Green School in Walsall and the University of London. He was an industrialist and a politician. He specialised in electricity generation.

He was the chair of the South of Scotland Electricity Board, the Electricity Council and Rolls Royce. He was also the President of the Institute of Electrical Engineers in 1981.

He was awarded a Doctorate of Science on 2 December 1985 and was made an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Engineering and Technology in 1991.

He was made a Life Peer in 1990 and took the title "Baron Tombs of Brailles".

William Henry Tombs was a cousin of Lord Tombs, their fathers being brothers. Further details are withheld."

Church Lane, Mere Green

Brian notes that other men who lived in Church Lane also died in the Great War and are recorded in this project.

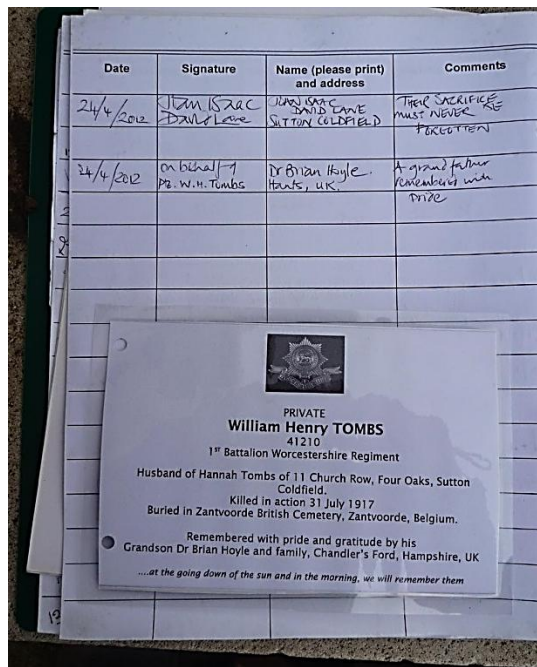
"These were Samuel Mannall of 12 Church Lane; William Collett Godwin of 13 Church Lane in 1901, and Harold Graham Mayo who lived at 13 Church Lane in 1911.

In 1911, Samuel Mannall was a domestic gardener as was Harold Mayo's late father.

The Tombs, Mannall and Mayo families lived next door to each other in a terrace of 21 houses. Nine heads of household were domestic or jobbing gardeners in 1911.

Mere Green and the Sutton Coldfield area was undergoing a house building boom between the 1890's and the start of the new century, continuing even during the Great War."

Elizabeth Tombs (1914 – 2000) was Brian Hoyle's mother.



Photographs taken at Zantvoorde Cemetery, Belgium 2012

The photographer was Joan Isaac

The gravestone marked with the cross and tribute was that of William Henry Tombs

Many thanks go to Brian for sharing his family history.

Dr Brian Hoyle, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project

BERTRAM RUSSELL TOWNLEY

Bertram Russell Townley was born in 1892 at Simla, India. He served with the Indian Army Reserve of Officers – Supply and Transport Corps and was attached to the South Persian Rifles– Captain

He died on 7 November 1918, aged 26 at Shiraz from war related Influenza.

Indian Army Officer Index of Deaths

Imperial War Museum Lives of the Great War

“Temporary Captain with Supply and Transport Corps, attached to South Persian Rifles.”

UK WW1 Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1920.

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“Born in 1892 in India. Son of Mr & Mrs G Townley of the Exchange, Simla, Punjab, India. Indian Army Reserve of Officers.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

“Captain Bertram Russell Townley of the Indian Army Reserve of officers Supply & Transport corps, attached to the South Persian Rifles died of influenza on 7 November 1918 at Shiraz.

He was the son of Mr and Mrs G Townley of “The Exchange”, Simla, Punjab, India.”

Indian Army Officer Deaths Records

He was buried at the Tehran War Cemetery, Iran, Plot I.F.10.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

The Indian Authority issued the Victory and British Medals to Mrs Townley, mother on 22 June 1922.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Legal No.
TOWNLEY	S. I. Corps attn S. Persian Rifles	1st Capt	
Bertram Russell			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY			Issued India only 17/9/35/16.
BRITISH			
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in	S. Persian		
Date of entry therein	1-17		
			S. I. Corp attn 17/9/35/16 Nul/8/20/131

Correspondence.
Mrs. Townley makes application for some medals. x 21/9/22 22-6-22
Address.
Roschery Cottage 4th Ave Hill Surrey Wokingham Wokingham

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Bertram Russell Townley is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour

Bertram Russell Townley is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, (non -parochial) Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

Bertram Russell Townley was the son of George and Minnie Townley

Baptism

Bertram Russell Townley was born on 4 June 1892 at Simla. He was baptised on 16 July 1892 at Simla.

He was the son of George and Minnie Townley of Simla. George Townley was a general merchant.

Bertram Russell Townley was not seen on an England census.

1901 census Ryde, Isle of Wight

George Townley	M	44	General merchant in India	b London
Minnie Townley	M	38		b Agra, India
Beatrice Townley		16		b Simla
Claude Townley		5		b Simla
Irene Townley		3		b Simla
Ellen Draper	U	20	General servant	b Ryde, Hampshire

1901 census Borden Grammar School, Borden, Kent

George W Townley	14	b Simla
Felix L Townley	12	b Simla
Vernon F Townley	10	b Simla
Bertie R Townley	9	b Simla

1911 census "Westwood", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield

Wentworth Harrison	M	33	School master	b Kensington, London
Beatrice Harrison	M	26	Married 3 years no children	b Simla, India
Minnie Townley	W	48	Mother in law	b India

1911 census "Fradley House", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield - was boarding with Charlotte Taylor.

Felix Lionel Townley	U	22	Electrical engineer	b Simla, India
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1911 census Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield

Claude Frank Townley	15	Pupil	b Punjab, India.
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1911 census Allerton High School for Girls, Sutton Coldfield

Irene Townley	13	Pupil	b India
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1921 census Westwood, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Wentworth Harrison, 42. Born in London. Teacher at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.
Beatrice Harrison, 36. Born at Simla. Home duties.
Vernon George Harrison. 9. Born in Sutton Coldfield.
Minnie Townley, 58. Widow. Born at Agra, Visitor.
Claude Townley, 25. Born at Simla. Proprietor of Holliday's Garage, Malvern Link. Visitor.
Irene Townley, 24. Born at Simla. Visitor.

It is not known when George and Minnie Townley died.

No trace of Minnie Townley was found after 1921.

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



**Captain Bertram Russell Townley
Indian Army Reserve of Officers, Supply and Transport Corps
Attached to South Persia Rifles
Died: Thursday 7th November 1918
Aged: 26**

Captain Townley was a member of the Supply and Transport Corps (attached to the South Persia Rifles) based in Shiraz, south-western Iran.

The Supply and Transport Corps was responsible for feeding both soldiers and horses and for transporting food, forage, equipment and munitions.

The Shiraz Column (which included one squad of South Persia Rifles cavalry and one squad of South Persia infantry) was formed to open the difficult road through high mountain passes to Bushire on The Gulf coast to help relieve the garrison there.

The Qashqai Tribe was in revolt under Shah Saulat ud-Dowleh who threatened the British interests in the area.

The column under Colonel Orton fought several skirmishes between 23 October and 18 November 1918 when the influenza epidemic was severe enough to prevent any further fighting.

At its peak influenza had hospitalized 1,453 men (including half of the medical personnel) in Shiraz.

Bertram Townley died of influenza in Shiraz.

The influenza pandemic was to kill up to 20 million in 1918. In India some 12,500,000 or 4% of its population died and fifty times as many were sick.

Bertram Townley is buried in Tehran War Cemetery, Iran, Plot 1, Row F, Grave 10.

He was originally buried in Shiraz British Cemetery: Grave 18.

However, many graves were relocated in the Tehran War Cemetery when it was built in the British Embassy residential compound in 1962.

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

"Bertram Townley was born on 4 June 1892 at Simla, India.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G Townley of The Exchange, Simla, Punjab, India.

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1904 and 1907.

His brother Second Lieutenant Felix Townley was killed during the 3rd Battle of Ypres on 26 October 1917, whilst serving with the 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

FELIX LIONEL TOWNLEY

Felix Lionel Townley was the brother of Bertram Russell Townley.

Felix Townley was born in Simla, India in 1888. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Corporal 1142, Sergeant. He gained his commission on 11 February 1917 as Second Lieutenant

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1920

NA Url/details/r/D5607180 WO 372/20/65150

He was killed in action on 26 October 1917 (France & Flanders).

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 23-28 and 163A.



Photo by Misty

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RWR/OFF 150, page 185, and the 1915 Star Medal I/8/B, page 527. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

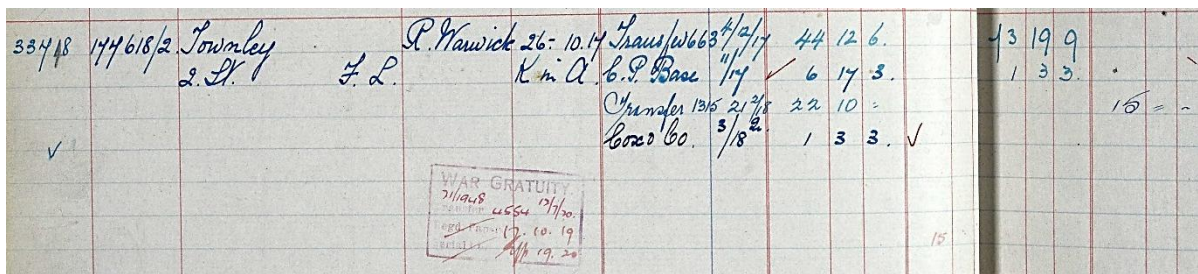
Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
TOWNLEY	R War R	Sgt	1142
	R War R	2nd Lieut	
Felix Lionel			
Medal	Roll	Page	Rev. F. L. 104 B. 32 P. 7122
* R. War. R.	150	185	
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	L/8 B	527	
Theatre of War first served in	11 France		
Date of entry therein	21/11/15		

Correspondence
Mr. Townley, Address: Westwood, Coles Hill Road, Sutton Coldfield.
Roseberry Cottage, Malvern Link, Worcester.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

1142	Sgt.	TOWNLEY, Felix L.	14th Bn. R. War. R.	167158 Medal issued on 11/1/1918, 167158 R. War. R. 11/2/17	11-2-17
1142	Sgt.			167158 Medal issued on 11/1/1918, 167158 R. War. R. 11/2/17	11-2-17

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 758



British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 033601-034595

National Army Museum

Felix Townley is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour

He is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, and (non-parochial) Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

He is also commemorated on page 284 in Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour, 'Birmingham Pals, by Terry Carter.

Felix Lionel Townley was the son of George and Minnie Townley of Simla, India

Baptism

Felix Lionel Townley was born on 5 May 1888 at Simla and baptised there on 9 June 1888. His parents were George and Minnie Townley, and his father was a merchant.

India Select Baptisms 1786 – 1947 Family History Library 510886

1901 census Ryde, Isle of Wight

George Townley	M	44	General merchant in India	b London
Minnie Townley	M	38		b Agra, India
Beatrice Townley		16		b Simla
Claude Townley		5		b Simla
Irene Townley		3		b Simla
Ellen Draper	U	20	General servant	b Ryde, Hampshire

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George W Townley	14	b Simla
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Vernon F Townley	10	b Simla
Bertie R Townley	9	b Simla

1911 census "Fradley House", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield

Charlotte Taylor	W	57	Private means	b Sutton Coldfield
Felix Lionel Townley	U	22	Boarder Electrical engineer	b Simla, India

1911 census "Westwood", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield

Wentworth Harrison	M	33	School master	b Kensington, London
Beatrice Harrison	M	26	Married 3 years no children	b Simla, India
Minnie Townley	W	48	Mother in law	b India

1911 census Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield

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1911 census Allerton High School for Girls, Sutton Coldfield

Irene Townley

13 Pupil

b India

Probate

TOWNLEY Felix Lionel of Westwood Coles Hill-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** second-lieutenant Royal Warwickshire regiment died 26 October 1917 in Flanders Administration **London** 22 February to Minnie Townley widow. Effects £120 17s. 2d.

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

1921 census Westwood, Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield

Wentworth Harrison, 42. Born in London. Teacher at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

Beatrice Harrison, 36. Born at Simla. Home duties.

Vernon George Harrison. 9. Born in Sutton Coldfield.

Minnie Townley, 58. Widow. Born at Agra, Visitor.

Claude Townley, 25. Born at Simla. Proprietor of Holliday's Garage, Malvern Link. Visitor.

Irene Townley, 24. Born at Simla. Visitor.

It is not known when George and Minnie Townley died.

No trace of Minnie Townley was found after 1921.

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

**Second Lieutenant Felix Lionel Townley
14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Friday 26th October 1917
Aged: 29**



By 22 October 1917, the First Battle of Passchendaele was over; it had brought virtually no gain on the ground but had cost massive losses of men.

The German front had been hammered by shellfire, with particular attention paid to the pillboxes and blockhouses.

At 5.40am on Friday 26 October 1917 the Second Battle of Passchendaele began. The 14th Royal Warwick's (13th Brigade, 5th Division) were attacking the remains of Polderhoek Chateau (north of Gheluvelt on the Menin Road), which they had been attempting to take since.

On 9 October 1917, there were many blockhouses in the area, which became known as Tower Hamlets.

The 15th Royal Warwicks in the centre stormed the chateau through mud that was waist deep in places, whilst the 14th Warwicks on the left were held up by the Reutelbeek until they linked with the 15th. They captured over 100 prisoners.

The remnants of the Battalions, their guns choked with mud, were unable to resist the German counter-attack at 10.00am and had no alternative but to withdraw.

Between 24 and 27 October 1917 the 14th Royal Warwicks lost 78 men killed (5 officers, including 2nd Lt. F L Townley), 8 died of wounds and 162 wounded. The majority of those killed have no known grave.

Felix Townley is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial Panel 23 and 28 and 163A.

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

"Felix Townley was born on 6 May 1888. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Townley of The Exchange, Simla, Punjab, India.

Felix attended Bordon Grammar School, Kent in 1901 and Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1904 and 1906.

When he left school he worked as an electrical engineer for Verrity Ltd., Aston and later for the General Electric Company, Chapel Bar, Nottingham.

He joined the 14th Royal Warwicks in 1914 as Private 14/1142. He was promoted to Corporal on 6 October 1915, then to Sergeant on 23 July 1916 and was commissioned on 11 February 1917.

He spent four days in hospital from 12 November 1916.

Felix was killed with his servant Private 20166 Frank Box.

His brother Captain Bertram Russell Townley was attached to the South Persia Rifles.

He died of influenza in Iran (then known as Persia) on 7 November 1918, four days before the Armistice."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

Alfred John Toy was born in 1891 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Four Oaks with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 6th Battalion – Private 5188

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment

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

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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B33, page 7133, indicating he didn't go overseas until sometime after 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
	Pewee R	Gto	5186
TOY			
Silfred J			
Model.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	L/102 33	7/23	
BATTION	--	--	
STAR	*		
Theatre of War first served in			
Place of capture shrapnel			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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His father was sent £2 6 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 352001-353500 Fold 3

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 Joy No Alfred
 Sutton Coldfield
 Blackberry Lane Four Oaks.
 No 5188 The Alfred John Joy.
 Royal Warwick 6th

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 068/0434/Tor -Tra Fold 3

He is also commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

"The battalion war diary recorded that they took over trenches between Ovillers and Thiepval on 16 August 1916. On 18 August, the battalion took part in an attack on the Leipzig Redoubt that was described thus, "Held up for a short time on right by German strong point but soon succeeded in taking whole objectives capturing 6 officer and 245 other ranks including large number of NCOs".

According to the book *By God they can fight: A history of the 143rd Infantry Brigade* by Peter Caddick-Adams, the battalion had reached its objectives including a strongpoint from which the prisoners were captured. Three machine guns were also taken, and 500 yards of ground gained. Despite the attack being deemed successful, it cost a total of 157 casualties.

Private Alfred John Toy was killed in action aged 25 on 18 August 1916, in France, most likely in the above attack. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme, France, Pier and Face 9 A 9 B and 10 B. His grave registration details on The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website list him as the "Son of Alfred Toy, of Blackberry Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham".

He left his estate to his father. Alfred's older sister Ethel, married William Dayman in 1915, he too died in the war whilst serving with the Worcestershire Regiment in April 1917."

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Alfred Toy was the son of Alfred and the late Elizabeth Toy of Blackberry Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Alfred J Toy was registered September 1891 Aston 6d 437

1901 census "Cottage", Blackberry Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Toy	M	46 (sic)	General domestic servant	b Sutton Coldfield
Elizabeth Toy	M	51		b Leicester
Ethel Toy		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Alfred J Toy		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Harry Toy		6		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Sunnyside", Walsall Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred W Toy	W	51	Wheelwright	b Sutton Coldfield
Alfred John Toy	U	19	Cabinet maker – journeyman	b Sutton Coldfield
Harry Oliver Toy		16	Gardener's boy	b Sutton Coldfield

It does not appear that Alfred John Toy was married.

Probate was not found on Ancestry.co.uk

Death

The death of Elizabeth Toy was registered December 1902 Aston 6d 264, aged 53

1921 census Blackberry Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Toy, 66. Widower. Wheelwright, own account.

Harry Oliver Toy, 27. Motor engineer for F. N. Hall & Co. Taxi Cabs Proprietor, Thornhill Road, Streetly.

1939 Register 23 Blackberry Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Harry O Toy, born on 9 June 1894. Married. Motor engineer.

Catherine Toy, born on 2 January 1898. Domestic duties.

Alfred Toy, born ? January 1855. Retired wheelwright.

Irene M Toy, born on 3 January 1925. Shop assistant boot trade.

Redacted.

Death

The death of Alfred Toy was registered September 1949 Sutton Coldfield 9c 765, aged 90.

David William Tuffley was born in 1878 at Moreton in the Marsh. He joined the City Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (14th Battalion) at the outbreak of the war – Sergeant 118

He died at home from the effects of wounds caused by gas on 21 December 1918, aged 40.

His death was registered December 1918 Tamworth 6b 887, aged 40.

He was buried in the Sutton Coldfield Cemetery Plot C.C.120. Not a CWGC grave.



Grave by Glenlivet and Inscription by Maggie Laity

"Whilst in charge of the battalion, Serheant Tuffley took a large quantity of ammunition to the front lie, which was badly needed at the time (Nieppe Forest 13 April 1918).

The route he had to take was continuously shelled by the enemy. Due to his perseverance and courage the ammunition got through. Unfortunately, forty year old Sergeant Tuffley died on 21 December 1918, most probably due to influenza, which was prevalent at the time."

D.C.M. Mentioned in Despatches

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Army Service Records

His records for the Great War were not found. However, his service during the Boer War records were found.

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Army Form B. 111.

SHORT SERVICE.
(One year with the Colours.)
ATTESTATION OF

No. 402 Name David Wm Tuffley Corps South Staffordshire Regt

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>David William Tuffley</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of <u>St. Andrew's Church</u> near the Town of <u>Moreton in the Marsh</u> in the County of <u>Gloucestershire</u>
3. Are you a British Subject?	3. <u>Yes</u>
4. What is your Age?	4. <u>40</u> Years <u>3</u> Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling?	5. <u>None</u>
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or excepted a house or lot of the property value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where?	6. <u>Yes</u>

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?	7. <u>No</u>
8. Are you Married?	8. <u>No</u>
9. Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment by the Civil Power?	9. <u>No</u>
10. Do you ever belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Territorial Force, or the Royal Naval Reserve? If so, to what Corps?	10. <u>No</u>
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 name of discharge?	11. <u>No</u>
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12. <u>Yes</u>
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? If so, or has you?	13. <u>No</u>
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?	14. <u>Yes</u>
15. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?	15. <u>South Staffordshire Regt</u>
16. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?	16. <u>Yes</u>
17. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided Her Majesty should so long require your services?	17. <u>Yes</u>

(c) For a term of one year, unless the War in South Africa lasts longer than one year, in which case you will be discharged at once or remain until you have completed a year's service, at your option.

I, David William Tuffley, 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.

David William Tuffley SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.
David Wm Tuffley SIGNATURE OF WITNESS.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, David William Tuffley, 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 understood 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 Standerth on this 31st day of December 1911.

Wm. Tuffley Signature of the Justice

If any objection is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it in writing, under Section 46 (2) Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 111.

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE REGT.

He enlisted with the South Staffordshire Regiment on 31 January 1901. Service number 7100.

He was 21 and was of Gloucestershire. He was a labourer. He was examined at Handsworth on 31 1 1901 and declared fit for service. He had a fair complexion, brin eyes and dark brown hair.

He was home between 31 January 1901 and 15 March 1901 and in South Africa between 16 March 1901 and 10 May 1902. He was home between 11 May 1902 and 31 May 1902 when he was discharged from the army.

Hs wife was Ada, and his father was David of Barratt Lane, Handsworth.

He was awarded the South Africa Campaign Medal.

UK Royal Chelsea Pensioners Records WO 97 Piece 6109

South Staffordshire Regiment Service Documents

Army Medals

He was awarded the 1914-1915 Star Medal, the British and Victory Medals and the Distinguished Conduct Medal during his service in the Great War. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
TUFFLEY	R War R	Sgt	1181
David			
DW			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	4/104 B. 34	7174	2nd
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	2/913	532	
On Duty List	2/19/945		
Theatre of War first served in	VI France		
Date of entry there	21-11-15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

1181.	Serjt.	Tuffley, David, William.	ROYAL WAF	B 62608	30.1.15	14.12.18	Sickness, Ditto. Age. 40.	Yes.
306936	L/Corpl.	Derham, Edmund, Percy	ROYAL WAF	B 62609	13.9.12	13.12.18	Wounds, Ditto. Age. 25.	Yes.
28469.	Private	Clark, William Ernest.	ROYAL WAF	B 62610	11.12.15	13.12.18	Wounds, Ditto. Age 31.	Yes.

I certify that the particulars furnished hereon are correct.

Place Warwick. Date 21st. December 1918.

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Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Claimants' service.

Leut. Colonel.

Officer in Charge Infantry Records No. 1 District.

UK Silver War Badge Records 1914 – 1920 RG WO 329 2958-3522 Ref 329

14/1181 Sjt. D.W. TUFFLEY (Sutton Cold-field)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion transport, when he succeeded in conveying to the front line a very large quantity of ammunition which was badly needed at the time. It was necessary for his limbers to proceed along a road which was continuously shelled by the enemy, and it was largely due to his perseverance and courage that the ammunition got through. (3.9.18)

Citations of the Distinguished Conduct Medal 1914- 1920

TRANSFERRED TO— S.B. 36.—W. (14) WL 15470—B22. 290 hks. 9/22. T.S. 126.

REGION. WIDOWS. ARM OF SERVICE Regional No. 3744
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NEW REGIONAL No. Surname of Widow TUFFLEY Christian Names of Widow Ada
Surname of Husband TUFFLEY Christian Names of Husband David William
Ship, Regt. or Corps Royal Warwick No. 1181 Rank or Rating Sgt
Date of Birth of Widow 10/10/1875 No. of Children under 16 1

OTHER ACTION. 7th Nov 11/6/27/1/23
Awarded 24/1/23
RA 16/7/23

DECISION.
Award Confirmed MP123 Ineligible.

Date of decision.	Weekly Rate of Pension.			Total.	Article under which granted.	Date of Commencement.	Reason for Ineligibility.
	Widow's Pension.	Children's Allowance.					
29/8/19	3/11	10/-	4/11	66/8	AP		

POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.

Date of Letter.	Particulars of action taken before giving any definite reply, e.g. date of acknowledgment, date of reference to A.C. or I.C. and date of reply.	Date of Final Disposal.	REMARKS.

His widow was awarded a pension of 31 shillings 1 pence a week and 10 shillings child allowance from 29 August 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 03700-03799

TUFFLEY DCM
Warwick Sgt. David William 1181.

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a. 2. 14. 1/23
1914-1923

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Laffly money.
Sutton.
Warwickshire
Man deceased.

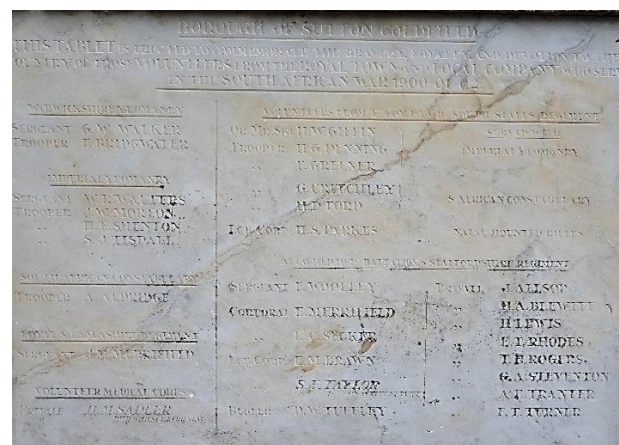
UK Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 232/0856/Tuc-Tur

"He had been awarded the Queens South Africa Medal for service during the Boer War 1899-1902, the Cape Colony Medal for service in South Africa between 11 October 1899 and 31 May 1902 and the Orange Free State Medal for service in South Africa between 28 February 1900 and 21 May 1902.

He was awarded the Territorial Force Efficiency Medal for having served for 12 years in the Territorial Force with consistent good conduct and attending the required camps and training – 197 Sgt. 2/SMF A RAMC - South Midland Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps.

David William Tuffley is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield South African War Memorial. This was originally situated in the Town Hall but is now at Holy Trinity Church. He is listed as Bugler D W Tuffley."

Sutton Coldfield News 26.10.1907



Sutton Coldfield Boer War Memorial, Holy Trinity. Photo by Peter Moore March 2005



1914-1915 Star Medal (Left) and British War Medal (Right)



Territorial Efficiency Medal



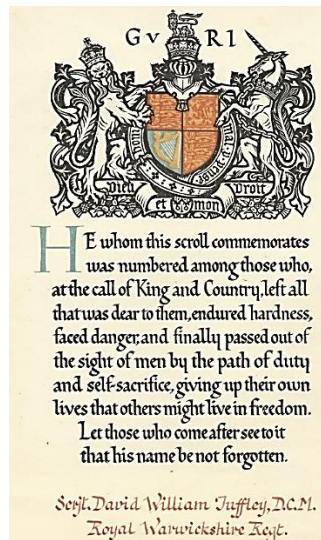
Distinguished Conduct Medal – Red and Blue Ribbon

British Victory Medal – Rainbow Ribbon



David William Tuffley Memorial Plaque

With thanks to Jane Guest



David William Tuffley Scroll

"A letter received by a resident of Sutton from a relative at the front remarks incidentally that Sergeant Tuffley has been given a commission in the Transport Battalion. The promotion has not been gazetted but the source of the information is such that there is very reason for accepting it as fact.

Sergeant Tuffley is a man for whom many Sutton people feel the greatest respect, for his actions throughout the Great War have been highly and practically patriotic. In the early days of the conflict, when the local police force was depleted by several reserve men being called to the colours, Tuffley signed on as a special constable, and a smart man he made at the business.

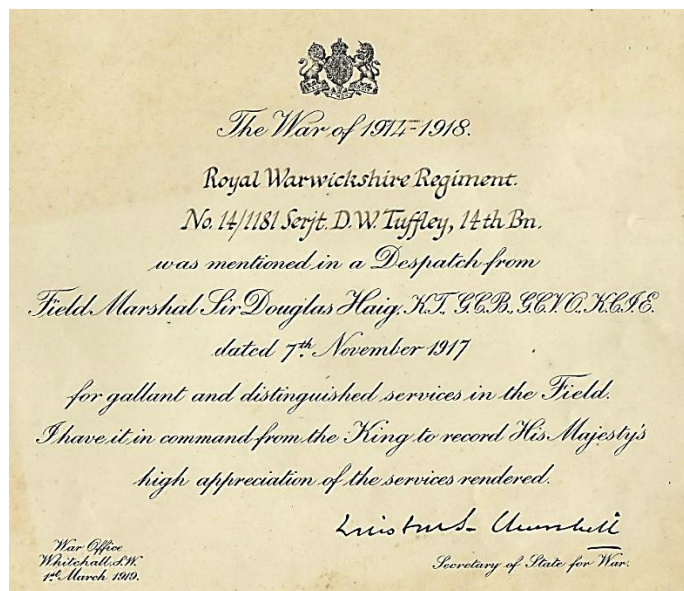
Those under whom he worked had nothing but praise for his efforts. Then when the call for men for the army became more pressing Tuffley, who saw service with the South Staffordshire Volunteers in the Boer War, enlisted in one of the city battalions, and was speedily made corporal.

When his battalion left Sutton for another training ground he was placed in charge of the transport arrangements and his promotion to the rank of sergeant followed in due course. Now he is apparently to be further honoured, and those who knew him will extend to him their hearty congratulations.

In civil life Tuffley was a master haulier, and all his men but one enlisted long ago. The last one was taken some four weeks back, and a substitute provided.

The business is being managed by Mrs Tuffley during her husbands' absence."

Sutton Coldfield News 3.3.1917



Extract from the 14th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment War Diary 1 January 1918

St Giorgid Brenta

"The weather conditions remain very cold and there was a heavy fall of snow during the night.

The officers, N.C.O's and men of H.Q. Coy saw the New Year in with a supper followed by a concert.

The following N.C.O's have been mentioned in despatches: 14/355 Sgt C J Brown, 14/1181 Sgt D W Tuffley, 30366 Sgt B V Davies."

Extract from Army Orders, dated 1st October, 1918.

Awarded the DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL for Gallantry and Distinguished Service in the Field.

14/1181 Sgt. D.W.Tuffley, R.War.R. (Sutton Coldfield)

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion transport, when he succeeded in conveying to the front line a very large quantity of ammunition which was badly needed at the time. It was necessary for his limbers to proceed along a road which was continuously shelled by the enemy, and it was largely due to his perseverance and courage that the ammunition got through.

War/10000.
Infantry Record Office,
Old Barracks, Warwick.
10/11/1920
Dear Sir or Madam,
I am directed by the Secretary of the War Office to forward to you for safe custody the enclosed Certificate for Mention in Despatches relative to your late husband No. 14/1181 Sgt D.W. Tuffley, 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Yours faithfully,
Lt. Colonel,
1/c Infantry Records, Warwick.
To/ Mrs. A. Tuffley
151 Coles Lane
Sutton Coldfield
Birmingham


BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
I join with my grateful people in sending you this memorial of a brave life given for others in the Great War.
George R.I.

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For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in charge of the battalion transport, when he succeeded in conveying to the front line a very large quantity of ammunition which was badly needed at the time. It was necessary for his limbers to proceed along a road which was continually shelled by the enemy, and it was largely due to his perseverance and courage that the ammunition got through.
1786 Sergt. (A./B.Q.M.S.) A. Vellacott, R.G.A. (Birmingham)

FUNERAL OF SERGT. D. W. TUFFLEY.

The funeral of the late Sergeant D. W. Tuffley, R.W.R., who died on Saturday, 21st December, took place on Friday, 27th, and was witnessed by a large number of persons. As deceased was an old soldier, having seen service both in the Boer War and in the present war, the funeral was of a military character, and the cortege was preceded from the home of the deceased in Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield, by a firing party from the Command Depot, a bugler and six other soldiers who acted as bearers. The interment was at the cemetery at which a large crowd had gathered, and the officiating clergyman was the Vicar of Maney, Rev. J. H. Richards, M.A. The mourners were Mrs. A. Tuffley (widow), Private F. Tuffley, A.S.C., M.T. (son), Miss Ada Tuffley (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Smith (brother-in-law and sister, of Handsworth), Mr. Carpenter (Hednesford), Mr. Hall (brother-in-law, of Cannock), Mrs. Roberts (aunt) Mr. J. H. Yates, and others. At the conclusion of the service three volleys were fired and the "Last Post" sounded. Sergeant Tuffley was but 40 years of age, and being highly respected by a wide circle of friends for his sterling worth much sympathy is felt for his widow and family.



Bugler Tuffley



Camp photographs

Many thanks go to Jane Guest, the grand - daughter of David William Tuffley for kindly contributing and sharing these wonderful records. There are other memorabilia not included for those who may be interested.

“David Tuffley was the son of David and Rhoda Tuffley. David Tuffley resided at 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield.

He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for having realised that whilst in action there was a grave danger of running short of ammunition. He volunteered to take a lorry to the relief. On the way he encountered heavy shelling and machine gun fire but got through with 400,000 rounds. Had had previously been Mentioned in Despatches whilst serving in Italy.”

Sutton Coldfield News 15.6.1918

“He was educated at Town School Sutton Coldfield

He served in the Boer War in South Africa between 1901 and 1901. He joined the Territorials and the City Battalion in 1915. He served time on the Somme and at Ypres. He then went to Italy in November 1917 and back to France in 1918.

Before the war he was a coal merchant and haulage contractor. His wife took over the running of the business during the war and after his death. He passed away at his residence after three months illness.”

Sutton Coldfield News 28.12.1918

David William Tuffley is commemorated on page 284 of Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour 'Birmingham Pals, by Terry Carter.

David William Tuffley was the son of David and Rhoda Tuffley

Birth

The birth of David William Tuffley was registered December 1878 Shipston 6d 692

1881 census Private House, Longborough, Gloucestershire

Jane Tuffley	W	62	Pauper	b Longborough Gloucs
David Tuffley	M	32	Farm labourer	b Longborough Gloucs
David Tuffley		2	Grandson	b Moreton in the Marsh

1891 census 29 Thomas Street, Kings Norton – boarding in the household of Dan Randall

David Tuffley	W	42	Bricklayer's labourer	b Longborough Gloucs
David Tuffley		12		b Moreton in the Marsh

Marriage

The marriage between David William Tuffley and Rhoda Hine was registered March 1871 Shipston on Stour 6d 628

Rhoda Hine was born in 1851 in the Shipston on Stour area (near to Alcester on the Warwickshire and Gloucestershire borders). but no trace of her was made on any subsequent census.

1901 census 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Ada Tuffley	M	25	At home	b Bridgtown
Frederick Tuffley		1		b Sutton Coldfield
Harry Robinson	U	23	Boarder Bricklayer's labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Thomas Humpherson	U	23	Boarder Bricklayer's labourer	b Middleton
Annie Asprey	U	23	Visitor	b Sutton Coldfield

Ada Carpenter was the aunt of Gabriel Carpenter who died during the Great War.

See the entry for Gabriel Carpenter.

Marriage

The marriage between David William Tuffley and Ada Carpenter was registered December 1898 Walsall 6b 1291

1911 census 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

David William Tuffley	M	33	Coal merchant & haulier – employer	b Moreton in the Marsh
Ada Tuffley	M	35	Married 12 years with 2 children	b Bridgtown, Cannock
Frederick Tuffley		11		b Sutton Coldfield
William Tuffley		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Gabriel Carpenter		13	Nephew Grocer's errand boy	b Aston (Sic)

1911 census 2 House, 2 Court, Soho Road, Handsworth

David Tuffley	M	62	Builder's general labourer	b Longborough
Betsy Tuffley	M	52	Married 18 years- 1 child	b Aston
Sarah Tuffley		17	Photo frame coverer	b Springhill, B'ham

A marriage for David and Betsy Tuffley was not found.

In 1901, they lived at 6 Prospect Terrace, Springhill, Birmingham. David was working as a navvy.

David Tuffley died in Handsworth in 1927, and Betsy Tuffley died in 1934 in Birmingham.

Birth

David and Ada Tuffley had another child, Ada whose birth was registered December 1913 Tamworth 6b 879.

Marriage

Ada Tuffley junior married Raymond W Guest in 1935 in Sutton Coldfield. Their daughter is Jane Guest.

1921 census 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Ada Tuffley, 45. Widow. Coal merchant, own account.
Frederick G D Tuffley, 21. Motor fitter at Dunlop Rubber Co. Aston Cross.
William L G Tuffley, 17. Lorry Driver's assistant, Ernest Cox Haulage Contractor, 111 New Street.
Ada Tuffley, 7. School.

1939 Register 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Ada Tuffley, born on 10 October 1875. Widow. Domestic duties.
Matilda Carpenter, born on 1 January 1840. Widow. Incapacitated.
Raymond W Guest, born on 2 March 1908. Warehouse packer. Police war reserve. Married.
Ada Guest, born on 24 November 1913. Married. Domestic duties.
William L G Tuffley, born on 24 January 1903. Stonemason. Married.
Frances M Tuffley, born on 10 November 1905. Married. Domestic duties.

Death

The death of Ada Tuffley was registered June 1958 Sutton Coldfield 9c 895, aged 82.

Many thanks go to Jane Guest for sharing her family records.

CHARLES TURNER

Charles Turner was born in 1890 at Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Worcestershire Regiment – Private 37370 and transferred to the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion – Private 28700

He was killed in action on 4 April 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 27.

He was buried at the Noeux Les - Mines Communal Cemetery Extension, France, Plot I.P.21.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B19, page 3837.

Name.	Court.	Rank.	Regt. No.
TURNER Charles.	Oxford Bucks & Bucks	Pvt	28700
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victory	L/106 B19	3837	
British	- do	do	
Remarks.			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry theatre			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Name	Regimental No.	Rank	Service No.
Turner Charles	28700	Pvt	648
Form 104-88 received 1-8-14	Date of notification of death 18-4-14	Form 104-76 received 3-8-17	
Date and cause of death 4-4-17	26-9-17	Filed in Action	
Widow Clara Turner Derby Place	Date of birth 20-4-92		
Children - Hill Wood Sutton Coldfield			
Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Service No.
Pension 13/9	a week from 22-10-17		
Date awarded 18-10-17	If refused, reason		
Papers			

Clara Turner was born on 20 April 1892. She was awarded a grant of 33 and a pension of thirteen shillings and nine pence a week from 22 October 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Award Cards 1914 – 1923 183/0944/Tur-Tur Fold 3

Charles Turner was the son of John and Elizabeth Turner (Bickley) of “The Alms Houses”, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield, and the husband of Clara Turner

Birth

The birth of Charles Turner was registered January 1890 Aston 6d 431 – Mother Bickley

Baptism on 12 January 1890 at St James, Hill.

To John and Elizabeth of Derby Place, Hill Wood, Sutton Coldfield.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1877 – 1901 DRB 0123/2 p 53

1891 census Hill, Sutton Coldfield

John Turner	M	46	Farm labourer	b Northampton
Elizabeth Turner	M	40	Labourer	b Hill
Martha Allsop		17	Hard to read	b Hill
John T Turner		4 months old		b Hill
Amy A Turner	U	29	Blind through neglect	b Hill
Charles Turner		10		b Hill

1901 census Derby Place, Hillwood, Sutton Coldfield

John Turner	M	54	General labourer	b Northampton
Eliza Turner	M	49		b Hill
John Turner		14	General labourer	b Hill
Charles Turner		11		b Hill

1911 census "Hillwood", Hill, Sutton Coldfield

John Turner	M	65	Labourer on farm	b Northampton
Elizabeth Turner	M	61	Married 30 years, 8 children 3 died	b Hillwood, Hill
Charles Turner	U	21	Man servant/ general labourer	b Hillwood, Hill

Marriage

The probable marriage between Charles Turner and Clara Godwin was registered December 1916
Tamworth 6b 711

Marriage on 9 October 1916 at St James, Hill

Charles Turner of Homeleigh, Fordrough, Four Oaks and Clara Godwin, Father John Godwin.

With thanks to Michael Brittain, Ancestry Family Trees.

Michael thinks the father for Clara is incorrect.

A possible Clara Godwin

1901 census Shenstone, Staffordshire

Ann Godwin	W	52		b Hints
John Godwin	U	27	Shepherd	b Shenstone
George Godwin	U	20	Garden labourer	b Shenstone
William Godwin		16	Farm help	b Shenstone
Harry Godwin		13		b Shenstone
Esther Godwin		10		b Shenstone
Clara Godwin		8		b Shenstone

1911 census Maple Cottage, Lichfield Road, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield

Charles James Clark	M	51	Hawker & shopkeeper	b Northampton
Margaret Clarke	M	36	Assists	b Dudley
Clara Godwin		18	General domestic servant	b Shenstone

1921 census

The only Clara from Shenstone was living at 48 Cuckoo Road, Birmingham. She was 29 and married to William Edward Brittain, 44, a tailor from Aston. Their son was Howard Edward, aged 2 born in Sutton Coldfield.

A marriage was not found.

Nothing further can be added.

RUSSELL SANDON TURNER

Russell Sandon Turner was born in 1882 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the City Battalion at the start of the war - Royal Warwickshire Regiment 5th Battalion as a Private 14/314.

He was promoted to Second Lieutenant on 7 September 1915 (confirmed in October 1915) and again to Captain in July 1916

He was killed in action on 4 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 35.

UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 1920

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UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Collections

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 23 – 28 & 163A

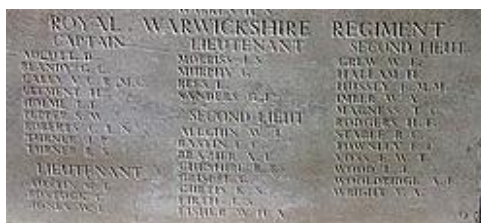


Photo by Misty

Findagrave Memorial ID 180512180 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 4 October 2017

Findagrave Memorial ID 13828412 Uploaded by Paul R on 2 April 2006

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

Captain Russell Sandon-Turner 1st/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Russell Sandon -Turner was born in Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield in 1882 to James and Alice Sandon Turner. He was baptised on June 18th, 1882, at St John's Church in Walmley. The family lived at "The Poplars", Wylde Green and his father was a Gun Manufacturer.

In 1891, he was living with family at "Claremont" Four Oaks. He was 8 years old and a scholar. He was educated at Newhall College and Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

In 1901, he was living with siblings at "The Rookery", Hartopp Road. He was 18 years old and an art metal worker. The 1901, census records that his father was a boarder at Comgrave House, Danby, Guisborough, Yorkshire. He was listed as a widower and the Managing director of a wire works. Alice Sandon – Turner, mother, died in 1899 and James Sandon -Turner remarried later in 1901.

Russell Sandon -Turner married Madeline Dagmar Tucker in 1907 in Aston. Sadly, she died, aged 25 in August 1909. Russell Sandon -Turner was not found on the 1911 census, but his father, stepmother and two of his siblings were living at "Wood Bank", Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Russell was a member of Sutton Coldfield Hockey and Swimming Clubs. Before enlisting he was employed as the Secretary of the Aston Chain & Hook Co. based on Bromford Lane, Erdington.

He originally enlisted on September 5th, 1914, in Birmingham as a Private (service number 14/314) in 14th (Service) Battalion (1st Birmingham) of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was in 12 Section, III Platoon, A Company.

He gained a commission to Second Lieutenant as recorded in the London Gazette on September 15th, 1915, "Russell Sandon Turner to be Second Lieutenant. Dated 8th September, 1915". He entered France on October 16th, 1915.

He was promoted to temporary Lieutenant as reported in the London Gazette on July 18th, 1916, "Roy. Warwick Regt. The undermentioned 2nd Lts. to be temp. Lts. : — R. S. Turner. 14th Dec. 1915 (among others)".

Russell Sandon Turner and Cicely May Grove were married Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield on June 28th, 1917.

Later that year he was promoted to acting Captain as reported in the London Gazette on September 22nd, 1917, "Royal Warwickshire Regt.—2nd Lt. R. S. Turner to be -actg. Capt. whilst commanding A, Company. 28th June 1917". Prior to this, he had been acting as a machine gun officer and "he was wounded in the back whilst endeavouring to recover lost guns" (Sutton Coldfield News, October 13th, 1917).

The 1st/5th Warwicks (143rd Brigade, 48th Division, XVIII Corps) were to the northeast of St Julien when their Brigade attacked on 4 October 1917. The 143rd Brigade consisted of the 1/5th on the right, 1/6th in the centre, 1/7th on the left, with the 1/8th in support. At 6.00am the British barrage fell, the intense noise wiped out hearing, but the accuracy of fire prevented any reply. The 1/5th Warwicks went over the top and advanced into the mud.

Captain Turner fell, almost at the starting point, leading 'C' Company into battle. The Battalion was caught in a belt of snipers and machine - guns in shell holes and the battle broke up into a series of duels between small, isolated parties. They persevered and captured Vale House and Winzig, but the left company took severe casualties from heavy fire from a machine-gun post. 150 Germans were captured, but the four Battalions lost 12 officers killed, 15 wounded and 1 missing, with 765 other ranks as casualties.

Captain Russell Sandon - Turner was killed in action aged 35 on October 4th, 1917, at St Julien, Flanders. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 23 to 28.

He is also commemorated on the family cenotaph at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery and on a plaque inside All Saints Church which reads, "In loving memory of Russell Sandon Turner Capt. 5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in action at St. Julian, Flanders Oct 4th, 1917, aged 35. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

He was awarded the 1914-15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. He left his effects to his older brother Arthur James Turner. Russell's address was given as Copsewood, Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield on his medal card and his war gratuity was paid to his widow Cicely May Turner at the same address.

His brother-in-law was Second Lieutenant Percival Allen Grove, also an Old Wesleyan, who also was killed in the war."



Image of Captain Russell Sandon-Turner taken from
<https://livesofthefirstworldwar.iwm.org.uk/lifestory/4525127>

Captain Russell Sandon Turner, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, whose friends have been officially notified that he was killed in action on October 4, originally joined a City Battalion, and received his commission about two years ago. He was promoted captain in July, 1916, and had previously, as machine-gun officer, been wounded. He was 35 years of age, and was educated at Sutton Coldfield Grammar School and Newhall College. He was secretary of the Aston Chain and Hook Company, and was a member of the Sutton Hockey and Swimming Clubs, and was also attached to the old Sutton Volunteers (South Staffords). He was a son of Major J. S. Turner, Wood Bank, Four Oaks.

Extract from the Birmingham Mail, Saturday October 13th 1917



Image of the family cenotaph at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery

Featuring the name of Russell Sandon - Turner and his first wife Madeline

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Russell Sandon Turner is also featured in the Wylde Green Research

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Russell Sandon Turner Captain, Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Russell Turner was born in 1882 in Wylde Green, the son of James Sandon Turner, a gunmaker, and Alice Cooper – both his parents were the children of farmers. Russell went to Bishop Vesey's school and was a member of Sutton Coldfield Hockey and Swimming Club. He married Madeline Dagmar Tucker, who died in 1909.

Russell enlisted in the 14th Royal Warwicks (1st Birmingham Pals) as Private 314. He joined A Company, along with Philip Marsh Evans and Percival Grove. He was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant into the 1/5th Royal Warwicks on 7th September 1915, and was sent to France on the 16th October that year. In July 1916 he was promoted to Captain.

On 28th June 1917, while on leave in England, Russell married Cicely May Grove at Holy Trinity in Sutton Coldfield. Cicely Turner née Grove was the sister of Percival Allen Grove, a fellow old boy of Bishop Vesey school and a member of the same original platoon as Russell.

Percy Grove had also been commissioned into the 1/5th Royal Warwicks and died of wounds on 5th July 1916 after being wounded near Gommecourt.

Captain Russell Turner, a machine gun officer, was killed in action during the third battle of Ypres on 4th October 1917, three months after marrying. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, and on a stone in Sutton Coldfield cemetery, which also commemorates his first wife."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/150 page 19c ,and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/150, page 27. He entered France on 16 October 1915.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
TURNER	1st R War R R War R Platoon TF	The 2nd Lt. x Capt x	14/3rd
Russell Sandon			
M. B. L. W. A. J. B. I. T. H. E. R S. D. C. A. R.	Hill.	Page.	Not trace of R/S above. Comm R War R 79.15 Dec. 8 } 4.10.17 Kien A } 11 x / 7593 / 30-5-22 NW 8/10/1918
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Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of their therein	16.10.15		
14.8.22			NW 8/18013
			K. 1380

Correspondence

Address Mrs. R. S. Turner (Widow)
Copsewood
Tudor Hill
Sutton Coldfield

(1478) Wt. W2700/HF8142 1,000m 1951 J.F.W. E 8281.

10/11/57

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

O.A.F. 25079
Turner. Lieut. & Captain. Russell Sandon.
Royal Warwicks.
Cicely Widow

WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 007/0012/Sty-Wat Fold 3

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

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Sutton Coldfield News 13.10.1917

Russell Sandon Turner was the son of James Sandon Turner and the late Alicia Turner of Four Oaks. He was the husband of Cicely May Turner, formerly Grove.

Cicely May Grove was the sister of Percival Allen Grove - see his entry

Birth

The birth of Russell Sandon Turner was registered September 1882 Aston 6d 413

1891 census "Claremont", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

James Sandon Turner	M	38	Gun maker	b Birmingham
Alicia Turner	M	40		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Turner		15		b Aston
Edith Turner		14		b Aston
Florence Turner		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Arthur Turner		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Russell S Turner		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Nora Turner		7		b Edmonton
Charles Turner		4		b Edmonton
Hilda Turner		2		b Edmonton
Susan Deakin	U	21	General servant	b Hampshire
May Falkener	U	21	Nurse	b Brownhills

1901 census Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield – only four siblings at home, no parents listed

Florence Turner	U	22		b Wylde Green
Arthur J Turner	U	22	Mechanical engineer	b Wylde Green
Russell S Turner	U	18	Art metal worker	b Wylde Green
Hilda Turner		12		b London
Olive L Bill	U	22	Visitor	b Walsall

1911 census "Woodbank", Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

James Sandon Turner	M	58	Retired gun maker	b Birmingham
Maria Turner	M	57	Married 9 years	b Sutton Coldfield
Nora Turner	U	27		b Edmonton, M'sex
Charles Harold Turner	U	24	Accountancy clerk	b Edmonton
Kinbury Gilman	W	61	Visitor private means	b Sutton Coldfield
Agnes Bullock	U	20	Housemaid	b Norton Caines
Rose Hampton	U	24	Cook	b Whittington

Marriage

The marriage between Russell Sandon Turner and Madeline Dagymar Tucker was registered September 1907 Aston 6d 748

Madeline Turner died on 21 August 1909, aged 25.

Marriage

The marriage between Russell Sandon Turner and Cicely May Grove took place at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield on 28 June 1917.

The marriage was registered June 1917 Tamworth 6b 682.

Probate

TURNER Russell Sandon of Wood Bank Four Oaks **Warwickshire** lieutenant (acting captain) 5th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 4 October 1917 in Belgium Probate **London** 23 May to Arthur James Turner rivet manufacturer. Effects £1776 10s. 7d.

1921 census Copsewood, Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Allen Grove, 65. Draper, employer, Bull Street, Birmingham.

Elizabeth Grove, 61. Home duties.

Kathllen Grove, 36. Home duties.

Cicely May Turner, 27. Widow. Born at Sutton Coldfield

Mary Jane Turner, 52. Cook. Born at Lichfield.

Emily Lilian Brown, 20. Housemaid. Born at Lichfield.

No further trace of Cicely was found after 1921.

1921 census, Wood Bank, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield

James Sandon Turner, 59. Retired officer.

Maria Turner, 57. Home duties.

Kimbury Gilman, 71. Widow. Visitor.

Emma Gurney, 56. Cook.

Mary Carney, 15. Housemaid.

James and Maria were not found in 1939.

Deaths

The death of Maria Turner was registered September 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 581, aged 88.

The death of James S Sandon was registered September 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 582, aged 90.

They must have died at the same time looking at the page numbers.

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



**Captain Russell Sandon Turner
1st/5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Thursday 4th October 1917
Aged: 35**

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Russell Turner is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial Panel P23-28 and 163A.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and All Saints Church Cross, Belwell Road.

"Russell Turner was the son of Major James Sandon (Gun Manufacturer) and the late Alicia Turner of Wood Bank, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Russell attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1892 and 1896.

After leaving school he was employed as a secretary in the Aston Chain and Hook Company, Birmingham.

He was a member of the Sutton Swimming Club and the Sutton Hockey Club.

His wife Madeline Dagmar died on August 21st 1909 aged 25.

He enlisted as Private 14/314 in '12' Section, 'III' Platoon, 'A' Company, 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment at the start of the war.

He was commissioned into the 1/5th Warwicks on 7 September 1915 and made Captain in July 1916.

He was wounded in 1916 when as Machine-gun officer he was trying to recover lost guns.

Russell had three brothers and four sisters.

His brother-in-law was Second Lieutenant Percival Allen Grove, also an Old Veseyan, who was killed in the war."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

GUY EGLINGTON VAUGHTON

Guy Eglington Vaughton was born in 1896 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps Essex Regiment – Lance Corporal 6929. He gained his commission in 1916 with the Essex Regiment 8th (Cyclist) Battalion – Second Lieutenant

He was killed in action 20 November 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

“Parent Clara Vaughton of Melrose House near Lichfield.”

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

NA Url/details/r/D567730 Inns of Court Officers Training Corps WO 372/20/140540

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Essex Regiment Collections

He was buried at the Marcoing British Cemetery, near Cambrai, Plot II.C.5.



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INDEX No. Fr. 911 MARCOING BRIT. CEM

VAUGHTON, 2nd Lt. Guy Eglington. 8th Bn. Essex Regt. 20th Nov., 1917. Age 21. Son of Mrs. Clara Vaughton, of Melrose House, near Lichfield, Staffs. II. C. 5.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 - 1921

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals ER/OFF/110, page 183.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
VAUGHTON	Inf. B. O.T.C.	2nd Lt	6929
Guy Eglington	Essex R. (T.F.)	2nd Lt	

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	881. 110	1537	Deceased 20-11-17
BRITISH	do		NW/11073 d/9.12.22 NW/9/19218.
STAR			

Theatre of War first served in

Date of entry therein

27/3/22

*NW/8/19218

K. 1880

Correspondence

Address (Mother)

Mrs T.A. Vaughton

Melrose House, Ley Hill House

W. Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield

(1425) W.L. Staff. 10000 1201 J.F.W. E 2201 B. Ham

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

OFF/110
(To be rendered in duplicate.)

ESSEX REGIMENT OR CORPS. 183

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders

Regt. No.	Rank	NAME	Theatres of war in which served	Clasps awarded (to be left blank)	Record of disposal of decorations	REMARKS
2 LIEUT.	LEE	E.H.			(a) Presented (b) Despatched by Post (c) Taken into Stock	
2 LIEUT.	VAUGHTON	G.E.			NW/8/19218	REMARK NW/11073 9.12.22

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 2230

1/18-18 Eln.-Wt. & Sons, Ltd. 1591

Record No.	Registry No.	NAME AND RANK	Regt. or Corps	Date and Place of Death	Account	Effects 1918-1919	Effects 1919-20	Effects 1918-1919	Effects 1919-20
42006	914/2935	Vaughton 2nd Lt.	8th att 1st Essex	20. 11. 17. France	Transf. 11/17	92 8. 6	41 18. 6	91 18. 6	5 - -

WAR GRATUITY.
21/9/20
Total 4554 7/10
Now 30.10.19
Serial 21/19.20

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 41601-42600 Ref 192

National Army Museum

He worshipped at St James Church, Hill and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

“Guy Eglington Vaughton was the only son of Thomas Albert and Clara Vaughton of “Ley Hill House”, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and later of “Melrose House” near Lichfield.

He was educated at Lickey Hill School and Uppingham School then at Oriel College, Oxford.

Soon after the outbreak of war he joined the Inns of Court O.T.C and received a commission in the Essex Regiment in 1916. He went to France on 2 May 1917.

He took part in the attack on Langemarck (Passchendaele). He was previously reported missing on 21 November 1917 in the attack on Cambrai but is now reported killed.”

Sutton Coldfield News 13.7.1918

Birth

The birth of Guy E Vaughton was registered December 1896 Aston 6d 45

1891 census Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Albert Vaughton	M	32	Manufacturing jeweller	b Birmingham
Clara Vaughton	M	31		b Sutton Coldfield (sic)
Dorothy Vaughton		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Florence Lay	U	25	Domestic servant	b Wolverhampton

1901 census "Bronygan", Llanfarfechan, Caernarvonshire

Richard Evans	M	51	Foreman in store	b Llanfarfechan
Mary Evans	M	50		b Bootle, Lancs
Emily Smith	U	27	General domestic servant	b London
Clara Vaughton	M	41	Visitor	b Sutton Coldfield (sic)
Dorothy Vaughton		13	Visitor	b Sutton Coldfield
Guy E Vaughton		4		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census Anchorage Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas A Vaughton	M	42	Gold and Silversmith	b Birmingham
Sarah Insley	U	35	Cook	b Sutton Coldfield
Annie Corbett	U	19	Housemaid	b Winslow, Bucks

1911 census "Uppingham School", Rutland

Guy Vaughton		14	Pupil	b Sutton Coldfield
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1911 census "Ley Hill House", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Albert Vaughton	M	52	Manufacturing goldsmith - employer	b Birmingham
Clara Vaughton	M	51	Married 25 years, 2 children	b Rushall, Staffs (sic)
Violet Weston	U	32	General servant	b Brownhills
Hetty Weston		16	General servant	b Brownhills

Probate

VAUGHTON Guy Eglington of Ley Hill House Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** a second-lieutenant in H.M. Army died on or since 20 November 1917 in France Administration (with Will) **Birmingham** 5 February to Oliver Howard Vaughton manufacturer. Effects £273 15s. 11d.

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

1921 census Tregarthens Hotel, St Mary, Cornwall

Clara Vaughton, 61. Widow.
Dorothy Vaughton, 33. Single.

Death – Probate

VAUGHTON Thomas Albert of Ley Hill House Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** gold and silversmith died 4 August 1918 Probate **Birmingham** 30 October to Clara Vaughton widow Oliver Howard Vaughton gold and silversmith and Edward Henry Eglington manufacturer Effects £41221 3s.

Death

The death of Clara Vaughton was registered March 1937 Birmingham 6d 260, aged 80.

SAMUEL JOHN VYSE

Samuel John Vyse was born in 1892 in Birmingham. He enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1909 and was promoted to Stoker 1st Class in 1913 - No K11/25 serving on either 'HMS Tipperary' or HMS Hecla (tender ship to HMS Tipperary).

Samuel John Vyse was killed in action at sea on 1 June 1916, aged 24, during the Battle of Jutland.

K. 10125 Portsmouth **K. 10125**

Name in full *John Vyse* Date of Birth *4 March 1892*
 Place of Birth *Birmingham, Warwick*
 Occupation *Engineer's Asst.*

Date and Period of Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. in.	Chest. In.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, or Marks.
<i>12 January 1911</i>	<i>12 yrs.</i>	<i>5 9 1/2</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>Dark Brown</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Fresh.</i>	<i>Small scar near Rt. eye.</i>

Ships, &c., served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-ratings.			Badges.	Period of Service.		Character & Ability.		If Discharged, Whither and for what cause.	Remarks.
			Rating.	From	To		From	To	C.	Date.		
<i>Victory I</i>	<i>1504</i>	<i>11965</i>	<i>Stoker</i>			<i>9.11.14</i>	<i>12 Jan 11</i>	<i>4 Feb 11</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>31.12.11</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>according to relatives this man's full name is Samuel John Vyse (Cob 5970)</i>
<i>Renown</i>	<i>1502</i>	<i>4477</i>				<i>5 Feb 11</i>	<i>18 Feb 11</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>31.12.12</i>	<i>Red</i>		
<i>Victory I</i>	<i>1504</i>	<i>461</i>				<i>19 Feb 11</i>	<i>9 May 11</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>31.12.13</i>	<i>Red</i>		
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1510</i>	<i>16</i>				<i>10 May 11</i>		<i>75</i>	<i>31.12.14</i>	<i>Red</i>		
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>12 Jan 12</i>	<i>23 Jan 12</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>31.12.15</i>	<i>Red</i>		
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>24 Jan 12</i>	<i>28 Feb 12</i>	<i>75</i>				
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>28 Feb 12</i>	<i>6 March 12</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>4 March 12</i>	<i>10 March 12</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>10 March 12</i>	<i>11 Dec 12</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>12 Dec 12</i>	<i>11 Feb 13</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>13 Feb 13</i>	<i>19 June 13</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>2 June 13</i>	<i>31 Dec 13</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>1 Nov 13</i>	<i>14 Feb 14</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>15 Feb 14</i>	<i>15 April 14</i>					
<i>Hecla</i>	<i>1523</i>	<i>11</i>				<i>16 April 14</i>	<i>19 June 14</i>					

N. P. *1307* { D. D. 1st June, 1916.
 1916 { KILLED IN ACTION.

PAID WAR GRATUITY BY R.L. *42*

PAID WAR GRATUITY.

Royal Navy Register of Seamen's Service 1848 – 1939 ADM 188 Piece 887

It appears that Hecla was a tender boat serving HMS Tipperary. This was probably bringing in coal or supplies.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register – listed as HMS Tipperary

INDEX No. M.R.3 PORTSMOUTH NAVAL MEMORIAL 1916 – O- Z

VYSE, Sto. 1st Cl. Samuel John, K/10125. R.N.
 H.M.S. "Tipperary." Killed in action at Battle
 of Jutland 1st June, 1916. Age 24. Son of
 Samuel and Florence Nightingale Vyse, of 50,
 Newhall St., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. 19.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 - 1921

"HMS Tipperary was a Faulknor Class destroyer which was purchased by the Royal Navy at the start of the war. It was launched on 5 March 1915 and completed in May 1915. It was the second flotilla leader with the third destroyer flotilla in the Harwich Force.

It was the leader of the fourth flotilla in May 1916, directly supported by the Grand Fleet. The Captain was C T Wintour.

The ship was subject to determined torpedo attacks from 23.20 hours on 31 May 1916 and was sunk on 1 June 1916 by a 5.9 inch fire from the second battery of the German dreadnought 'SMS Westfalen'.

Samuel John Vyse is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Mathew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

“Samuel John Vyse was the son of Samuel and Florence Nightingale Vyse of 50 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the second of three sons and both of his brothers served in the army.

He enlisted with the navy in 1909 and was promoted to Stoker 1st Class in 1913.

His parents owned a green grocery shop on Lower Parade, Sutton Coldfield.”

Sutton Coldfield News 8.6.1916

Vyse and Son, Greengrocers were in business at Lower Parade in 1913 .

(Source: Mike Kemble <http://www.sutton-coldfield.net/commerce.html>)

Birth

The birth of Samuel Vyse was registered June 1892 Aston 6d 400

1901 census 207 Aston Road, Aston, Birmingham

Samuel Vyse	M	43	Carter	b Birmingham
Florence Vyse	M	42		b Birmingham
Edward Vyse	U	20	Fruiter/ greengrocer own account	b Birmingham
Ada Vyse	U	18	Cycle enameller	b Birmingham
Charlotte Vyse		16		b Birmingham
Mary Vyse		13		b Birmingham
Amelia Vyse		11		b Birmingham
Samuel Vyse		9		b Birmingham
Frederick Vyse		7		b Birmingham
Florence Vyse		10 months old		b Birmingham
Emma Dodd	W	75	Mother in law	b Birmingham

1911 census 54 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Vyse	M	56	Fruiter's shop	b Birmingham
Florence Vyse	M	54	Married 33 years, 10 children 1 died	b Birmingham
Mary Ann Vyse	U	23		b Birmingham
Frederick Vyse		17	Fruiter's shop assistant	b Birmingham
Florence Vyse		10		b Birmingham
Charley Dayman	U	21	Fruiter's assistant	b Birmingham

1911 census Portsmouth Naval Record

John Vyse	U	19	Stoker	b Birmingham
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1921 census 50 Newhall Street, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Vyse, 69. Greengrocer, own account.

Florence Vyse, 67. Homes duties.

Florence Vyse, 21. Assists father.

Deaths

The death of Florence N Vyse was registered March 1932 Tamworth 6b 545, aged 77.

The death of Samuel Vyse was registered March 1932 Tamworth 6b 556, aged 76.

WALTER WADEY

Walter Wadey was born in 1887 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham on 30 May 1915 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (City) 10th Battalion – Private 19280

He was killed in action on 6 June 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 32.

“Born in Sutton Coldfield. Son of William and Emma of Sutton Coldfield. Husband of France of Erdington.”

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment P184S118

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

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

NA Url/details/r/D569392 WO 372/20/16185

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Soissons Memorial, France.



Photo by Misty

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Army Service Record

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B34, page 7293.

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
WADEY Walter	R. War. R.	Pte	19280
Medal	Inst.	Page	Remarks
Victory	L/104 B34	7297	
British			
Theatre of War Awarded in			
Date of entry in service			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

19280	Pte	WADEY, Walter	15th. Bn. R. War. R.	
			19280	Pte
			10th. Bn. R. War. R.	
			19280	

UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 758

737815	622506	Wadey Walter	10th Bn R. War. Pte 19280	6-6-18 Warwick France Y-18 in action	5	6	5	5	6	5	amog 18-9-18	18-9-18	Wid. Frances J	5	6	5
		A. F. W. 5070 GENT DATE 11-7-18	WAR GRATUITY 1920 22-9-18 Transfer 6/11 Wid. Frances J Serial No. 24655		8			10			0.			22-9-18 Wid. Frances J 8 10 -		

His widow was sent £5 6 s 5 d effects plus £8 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 737501-739000 Fold 3

Wadey L June 2 Birmingham Rd Edington Bham. 19280 He Walter Wadey 10th Warwick	2828 Reg 6 17th 6/11/18 Registered No. Surname Wadey. Christian Name Frances June. (Wid.) Address 2 Birmingham Rd. Edington Bham. (Warwickshire) Soldier's or Sailor's 10th Royal Warwick Regiment or Ship Rank or Rating Pte Official No. 19280
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UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 070/0442/Wad-Wal

TRANSFERRED TO—	S.B. 36.—W.	WIDOWS.	AIM OF SERVICE
REGION.	MP 1095	Surname of Widow WADEY	Regional No 3167
NEW REGIONAL NO.		Surname of Husband WADEY	7/11/1767
OTHER ACTION.		Ship, Regt. or Corps 10th Warwick	Christian Names of Widow Frances June
base of service 10th reg 1915		Year of Birth of Widow 1885	Christian Names of Husband Walter
residence 10th reg 1915			No. 19280 Rank or Rating Pte
Audit 10/1/19			No. of Children under 16
P. 19 30/8/23			DECISION.
W 19/1/16			
P. 19 22/2/16			
Award of A.P.		Ineligible.	
Date of Decision.	Weekly Rate of Ordinary Pension.	Article of War.	Date of Commencement
6/1/19.	Widow's Pension 20/.	AP	28/2.
	Children's Allowance —		
	Total 20/.		
POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.			
Date of Letter	Particulars of action taken before giving any definite reply, e.g., date of acknowledgment, date of reference to L.C. or L.D., and date of reply.	Date of Final Disposal	REMARKS

His widow was awarded 20 shillings pension from 10 April 1919.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index C 1914 – 1923 637/061 Fold 3

“He was educated at Town School.

Prior to enlisting, he was employed as a gardener for Mrs Rollason of “Redcroft”, Chester Road.

He enlisted in the City Battalion on 30 May 1915 and was sent to the front in July 1916.

He was wounded in June 1917 and was back in England at various hospitals.

He returned to the front in April 1918 and was killed a few weeks later.”

Sutton Coldfield News 31.8.1918

Walter Wadey was the son of William and Maria Wadey of Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the husband of Frances J Wadey, formerly Williams of 2 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield. (1922 WML)

Birth

The birth of Walter Wadey was registered March 1887 Aston 6d 416

Baptism on 13 March 1887 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

To William and Maria. Father was a blacksmith.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2873 DR(B) 2/16

1891 census Walmley, Sutton Coldfield – road not given

William Wadey	M	59	Blacksmith	b Horsham
Maria Wadey	M	43		b Braunston
Albert Wadey		21	Labourer	b Woking
Frederick Wadey		15		b Mancetter
Elizabeth Wadey		11		b Hartshill
Florence Wadey		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Wadey		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Celia Wadey		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census “Wheatmoor Farm”, Whitehouse Common, Sutton Coldfield

William Wadey	M	69	Blacksmith	b Horsham
Maria Wadey	M	52		b Braunston
Walter Wadey		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Celia Wadey		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest Wadey		8		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census, Boot Hill, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Wadey	M	79	Retired blacksmith	b Horsham, Sussex
Maria Wadey	M	63	Married 41 years, 9 children, all alive	b Braunston, Northants
Arthur Wadey	U	39	Baker's confectioner	b Attleborough, Warks
Walter Wadey	U	24	Gardener	b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest Wadey	U	18	Stockbroker's clerk	b Sutton Coldfield

Death

The death of William Wadey was registered March 1918 Tamworth 6b 520

1921 census Boot Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Maria Wadey, 72. Widow. Home duties.

Death

The death of Maria Wadey was registered March 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6b 816, aged 85.

Marriage

The marriage between Walter Wadey and Frances J Williams was registered March 1914 Tamworth 6b 567

No children were registered as born to the couple.

1921 census 2 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

Frances Jane Wadey, 35. Born in Herefordshire. Widow. Home duties.

Ronald Allen Cresswell, 9. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Adopted son. Parents both dead. School.

Marriage

The marriage between Frances J Wadey and Allen Cresswell was registered March 1926 Tamworth 6b 537

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 691001-692500 Ref 412 Fold 3

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DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name *E. Bertram Wagstaff* Reg. mental No. *42245* D.1 *11/2/17167*
 Regiment or Ship *17. E.* Rank *Spr.* Case No. *11/23611*

Documents received from Paymaster *11-5-18.*

Date and cause of death *6-4-18. Killed in action.*

Dependant *Mr. W. E. Wagstaff* *William*

Address *26 Penns Lane, Edington, Birmingham.* *98 Tennyson Road, Coventry.*

Relationship *father*

Pension *5/-* a week from *9-5-18.*

Date awarded *10-8-18.* If refused { *Nominee - Winifred Gladys*

Papers reason *SMITH* *453 Streetsbrook Rd Solihull*

Printed on 10/11/18 10,000 (12) 2 18 J P. Op. 159

First his mother, then his father were awarded a pension of five shillings a week from 9 May 1918. Of 26 Penns Lane and later of 98 Tennyson Road, Coventry. Nominee Winifred Gladys Smith of 453 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 182/0957/Wad-Way Fold 3

Eustace Bertram Wagstaff is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Eustace Bertram Wagstaff Sapper 42245 Royal Engineers

"Eustace Wagstaff was born in Knowle in 1897, the second son of William Charles Wagstaff, a coachman, and Harriett Freeman, who had worked as a domestic servant and was the daughter of a labourer.

The family lived at 2, Florence Avenue, before moving to 26, Penns Lane.

In 1914, Eustace enlisted at Rugby into the 69th Field Company of the Royal Engineers. Sent to France on 31st May 1915, when he was only 17, Eustace served as a sapper, before being killed in action on 6th April 1918.

Eustace is buried in the Senlis Communal Cemetery Extension, near Albert, in France. The inscription on his gravestone reads: *"The gates of heaven were opened and a gentle voice said: "Come"."*



Eustace's elder brother **William Charles Wagstaff** served as Pioneer 120189 in the Royal Engineers. He was in France from 1915.

William was discharged from the army in August 1918, as "no longer physically fit for war service". He lived at 26, Penns Lane, until his death in 1962."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Eustace Bertram Wagstaff was the son of William Charles and Harriet Wagstaff of 26 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

Baptised on 28 November 1897 at Knowle Parish Church

Born on 13 August 1897. Parents William and Harriet of Bentley Heath. Father was a coachman.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 no citations

1901 census “Hall Cottages”, Stalford Estate, Stalford, Staffordshire

William C Wagstaff	M	33	Coachman	b Foleshill
Harriett Wagstaff	M	30		b Kenilworth
William C Wagstaff		9		b Highton
Eustace Bertram Wagstaff		3		b Solihull

1911 census 2 Florence Avenue, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

William Charles Wagstaff	M	43	Coachman – domestic	b Foleshill, Warks
Harriett Wagstaff	M	40	Married 19 years – 4 children	b Kenilworth
William Charles Wagstaff	U	19	Gardener – domestic	b Highton, Kent
Eustace Bertram Wagstaff		13		b Bentley Heath Warks
Winifred Gladys Wagstaff		3		b Wylde Green
Marjorie Wagstaff		3 months old		b Wylde Green

1921 census 26 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield

William Charles Wagstaff, 53. General labourer for General Electric Co. Witton.
Harriet Wagstaff. 50. Home duties.
William Charles Wagstaff, 29. Gardener.
Winifred Gladys Wagstaff, 14. Part time school.
Evelyn Wagstaff, 10. School.

1939 Register 453 Streetsbrook Road, Solihull

George E Smith, born on 3 February 1903. Managing Director of a Motor and Bus company.
Winifred G Smith, born on 17 April 1907. Domestic duties.
Redacted.
Harriet Wagstaff, born on 23 December 1872. Married. Domestic duties.
Evelyn M Wagstaff, born on 19 December 1910. Domestic duties.

William Charles Wagstaff was not found in 1939.

Possible deaths

The death of Harriet Wagstaff was registered June 1952 Coventry 9c 660, aged 80.

The death of William Wagstaff was registered June 1961 Lichfield 9b 188, aged 84.

ALBERT EDWARD WAKEFIELD

Albert Edward Wakefield was born in 1896 at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Norfolk Regiment – Private 32133, and later served with the Worcestershire Regiment 1/7th Battalion – Private 41382

He was killed in action on 17 August 1917 (France & Flanders) .

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Worcestershire Regiment Diaries P119S187

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B29, page 6494.

Name	Rank	Regt. No.
WAKEFIELD	Private	32133.
Albert E.	Private	41382.
Medal	Enth	Page
Victory	4/102 B29	6494
British	do	do
Star		
Theatre of War first served in		
Date of entry therein		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

536189	Wakefield	1/7 Bn	17-8-17	Warwick	2	1	4	6	2	Warwick	11-17	R.P. 124	-	6	2
	Albert	Worcester	18-11-17	Warwick	1	18	11	18	11	Warwick	13-12-17	Warwick	1	18	11
	Edward	Worcester	11-17	Warwick	-	3	9			Warwick	13-12-17	Warwick	1	18	11
		41382													
		WAR GRATUITY.		3		10									
		A.F.W. 6070 SENT													
		DATE 28-6-19													

His mother was sent £1 18 s 11 d effects plus £3 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 535001-536500 Ref 309

National Army Museum

Region 6 14/8/73		D.C. 1988	
DEPENDANT'S PENSION.			
Name	Wakefield Albert Edward. Regimental No. 41382.		
Regiment or Ship	Worcester 1/7 Bn. Rank Pte		
Documents received from Paymaster	10 1-18		
Date and cause of death	14-8-17 B. France. Killed in Action		
Dependant	Mrs Florence Wakefield		
Address	Church View Cottages Mere Green Rd Sutton Coldfield		
Relationship	Mother		
Pension	10/6		
Date awarded	4-3-18		
Papers	22		
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Mrs Florence Wakefield of Church View Cottages, Mere Green Road was awarded ten shillings and six pence pension from 12 March 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cars 1914 – 1919 182/0958 Fold 3

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

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

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions St James, Hill, Imperial War Museum

"He was educated Town School and Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

He resided at Mere Green Road, Four Oaks.

A Memorial Service was held at St James Church in his memory."

Sutton Coldfield News 1.9.1917

Albert Edward Wakefield was the son of William Alfred and Florence Wakefield of Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Albert E Wakefield was registered December 1896 Aston 6d 453

1901 census "Private Cottage", Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield

William Wakefield	M	40	Gardener	b West Chilterton
Florence Wakefield	M	36	Charwoman	b Walkern, Herts
Percy Wakefield		6		b Stratford on Avon
Albert E Wakefield		4		b Boldmere
Arthur S Wakefield		2		b Mere Green
Elizabeth Wakefield	W	66	Mother	b Stourton, Warks

West Chilterton is in Sussex

1911 census "Church View", Mere Green Road, Hill, Sutton Coldfield

William Alfred Wakefield	M	51	Gardener	b Sussex
Florence Wakefield	M	46	Married 21 years – 6 children	b Hertfordshire
Percy Wakefield		16	Railway porter LNWR	b Warks
Albert Edward Wakefield		13		b Warks
Arthur Stanley Wakefield		12		b Warks
Hilda Victoria Wakefield		10		b Warks
Dorothy Rose Wakefield		8		b Warks
Irene Florence Wakefield		2		b Warks
James Blythe	U	34	Lodger Bricklayer's labourer	b Staffs
Thomas Hands	U	46	Lodger Farm labourer	b Staffs

1921 census Church View, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Florence Wakefield, 56. Widow. Home duties.

Arthur Wakefield, 22. Packer at White Packing Co. Ltd, Preserved fruits, Upper Holland Road.

Hilda Wakefield, 20. Out of work.

Dorothy Wakefield, 18. Out of work.

Irene Wakefield, 12. School.

Death

The death of William A Wakefield was registered December 1914 Tamworth 6b 488, aged 54.

1939 Register 68 Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

Florence Wakefield, born on 11 April 1866. Widow. Domestic duties.

Arthur S Wakefield, born on 20 September 1898. Market gardener.

Dorothy Wakefield, born on 15 June 1902. Shop assistant at Gentlemen's and children's outfitter.

Death

The death of Florence Wakefield was registered June 1946 Sutton Coldfield 6d 597, aged 82.

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



**Private 41382 Albert Edward Wakefield
1st/7th Worcestershire Regiment
Died: Friday 17th August 1917
Aged: 20**

The fighting was fierce in an attempt to capture the village of St Julien just to the south of Langemarck.

On 16 August 1917, the 1st/5th Gloucester's of the 48th Division (to which the 1st/7th Worcestershire's were attached) struggled to capture the last house in the north of St. Julian.

They were caught in crossfire from Hillock Farm and Maison du Hibou.

The former building fell to the 1st/1st Bucks.

Everywhere there were bodies, English and German, in all attitudes and stages of decomposition.

Private Wakefield was killed when a company of Worcester's launched an unsuccessful attack on Maison du Hibou at 2.30am 17 August. 1917.

Albert Wakefield is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Zonnebeke Panel 75 to 77.

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

"Albert Wakefield was born on 27 October 1896.

He was the son of William (Domestic Gardener) and Florence (Charwoman) Wakefield of "Church View Cottages", Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Albert attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1908 and 1910.

On the 29 September 1910 he transferred to Town Boy's School.

He originally enlisted as Private 32133 in the Norfolk Regiment.

He had two brothers, Percy and Arthur."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

ROBERT WILLIAM WALDRON

Robert William Waldron was born in 1894 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Four Oaks with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 11th Battalion and later attached/ transferred to the 15th Entrenching Company) – Private 16314

He died of wounds on 22 March 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

15th Entrenching Battalion Late 11th Battalion

Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S120

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Panel 18 & 19.

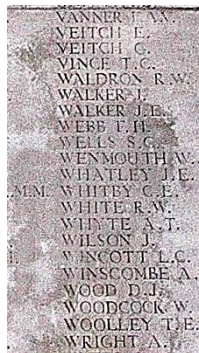


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WALDRON, Pte. Robert William, 16314. 11th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt., attd. 15th Entrenching Bn. 22nd March, 1918. Age 23. Son of William and F. Waldron, of Clarence Rd., Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 - 1921

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals I/104 B34, page 7321. He went overseas after 1915.

Name	Grade	Rank	Regt. No.
WALDRON	R. War. R.	Pte	16314
Robert. W.			

Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	I/104 B34	7321	
British			
Star			

Theatre of War first served in	Date of entry there

R. 1380

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His father was sent £17 1 d including £12 war gratuity.

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He was commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

"Private Robert William Waldron died of wounds aged 23 on 22 March 1918. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial, Pozieres, Departement de la Somme, Panel 18 and 19. The Pozieres Memorial relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields. The memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918.

In February 1918, as part of the British Army's reorganisation of its divisions, the number of battalions in an infantry brigade was reduced (from four to three) resulting in many (under-manned) infantry battalions being disbanded. Following the disbandment of these infantry battalions in February 1918, the available pool of men was used to bring the remaining battalions up to strength, and to allocate any remaining manpower surplus to twenty-five entrenching battalions. These entrenching battalions were to improve existing defences in anticipation of a coming German offensive but would secondarily provide a reserve force if needed .

The 15th Entrenching Battalion was created on February 21st/22nd 1918 at Wippenhoek and was formed from several disbanded infantry battalions mainly from the Lancashire area but also including the 11th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment . Effectively, Robert was transferred to and not attached to this new unit. By 7 March 1918, they were part of 3 Corps, 5th Army. The 15th Entrenching Battalion was heavily involved in defending against the German offensive on 22 March 1918, in the area near Roisel, while in support to 66th Division . It's likely that they were employed digging reserve trenches which soon became front line trenches, and the 15th Entrenching Battalion was almost destroyed during the German Spring Offensive of 1918."

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Robert William Waldron was the son of William and F Waldron of Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Birth

The birth of Robert W Waldron was registered September 1894 Aston 6d 400

1901 census Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Waldron	M	42	Mechanical engineer	b Arley Kings
Florence Waldron	M	35		b Birmingham
Phillip Waldron		17	News boy	b Washwood Heath
Gertrude Waldron		15	Shop assistant	b Saltley
Florence Waldron		13		b Erdington
Dorothy Waldron		11		b Erdington
Marjorie Waldron		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Waldron		8		b Birmingham
Robert Waldron		6		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Walton Cottage", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

William Waldron	M	52	Foreman engineer/toolmaker	b Arley Kings, Worcs
Florence Waldron	M	45	Married 28 years, 8 children	b Hockley
Phillip Waldron	U	27	Traveller in cattle feed	b Saltley
Florence Waldron	U	23		b Erdington
Dorothy Waldron	U	21	Clerk in milk trade	b Erdington
Marjorie Waldron	U	19	Milliner's assistant	b Sutton Coldfield
Frederick Waldron	U	18	Gardener at nursery	b Birmingham
Robert William Waldron		16	Carpenter	b Sutton Coldfield
Kathleen Waldron		4		b Sutton Coldfield

Robert and his older brother Frederick are included on the Absent Voters Lists from both 1918 and 1919.

Frederick survived the war and was found living at Garden Cottage, Clarence Road on the 1921 Census.

3886	Waldron, Frederick	Garden Cottage, Clarence Road	DM/2/151514 Cpl., 606th M.T. Co., A.S.C.	3886
3887	Waldron, Robert William	Garden Cottage, Clarence Road	16314, R.W.R.	3887

Extract from Absent Voters List, Parish of Sutton Coldfield (Hill Ward) 1919

He was recorded in the register of the trade union for Amalgamated Society of Carpenters & Joiners in 1912 and 1915, the latter of which lists him as being single and having been in the trade for 6 years.

1921 census Garden Cottage, Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Waldron, 62. Engineer & works foreman at Ash & Heaton Steel Metal Stamper, Dartmouth Street.
Florence Waldron, 56. Home duties.
Frederick Waldron, 28. Motor Mechanic at Harper & Sons & Bean, motor manufacturers, 95 a Princess Street, Edgbaston.
Gertrude Vera Waldron, 35. Bookkeeper for R F Genders, grocer & Provision Dealer, Belwell Lane.
Kathleen Waldron, 15.
Kenneth William Lea, 35. Married. Son in law. Out of work farming.
Florence Lea, 33. Married. Home duties.
Margaret Florence Lea, 4.

1939 Register Gretna Farm, Droitwich Road, Droitwich, Worcestershire

Kenneth W Lea, born on 14 May 1886. Farmer & Small holder.
Florence Lea, born on 25 December 1887. Domestic duties.
Florence Margaret Lea, born on 1 June 1917. Secretary to sales executive at sauce manufacturer.
William Waldron, born on 19 December 1858. Retired.
Florence Waldron, born on 8 April 1858. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of William Waldron was registered June 1945 Bromsgrove 6c 219, aged 87.

The death of Florence Waldron was registered June 1947 Birmingham 9c 418, aged 82.

Eric Arthur Walker was born at Knowle on 24 April 1895. He joined the 1st Warwickshire Yeomanry 'B' Squadron on 1 March 1913 when he was 17 years and 11 months old - Private 1963.

He was killed in action on 29 December 1915 (France & Flanders), aged 20.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1919 Death Register

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

NA [Url/details/r/D5708923](#) WO 372/20/176816 Warwickshire Yeomanry 1963

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Shropshire Light Infantry Collections

He was buried at the Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, near Armentieres, Plot II.G.23.

Findagrave Memorial ID 56484137 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 7 August 2010

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals KSLI/OFF 161, page 150, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/161, page 23. He entered France on 16 October 1915. He gained his commission on 26 February 1915.

Name.	Corp.	No n/r/s	Rank.	Regt. No.
WALKER	Man Yco	26		1963
Eric Arthur	Shrop. L.I.	2/Lt.		
Medal.	Inlt.	Page.	Remarks.	
V.S. VICTORY x OFF/101	150		Dec. 29/12/5	
BELTAM ---	---		(N)/2784 d/21/10-22 N/8/17370.	
15 STAR x OFF/101	23.			
Theatre of War first served in	(1)			
Date of entry therein	16-10-5		NW/8/17370	K. 1350
8/132				

Correspondence

To
Jacks.
Address

J. Walker, Esq.
18 Augustus Rd.
Kingsbury
Birmingham

14230 WILSON RD #1412 1,000m INDI J.F.W. E 8281.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

"Eric Arthur Walker was born at Temple Road, Dorridge on 24 April 1895, to parents Thomas and Theresa Sarah Walker.

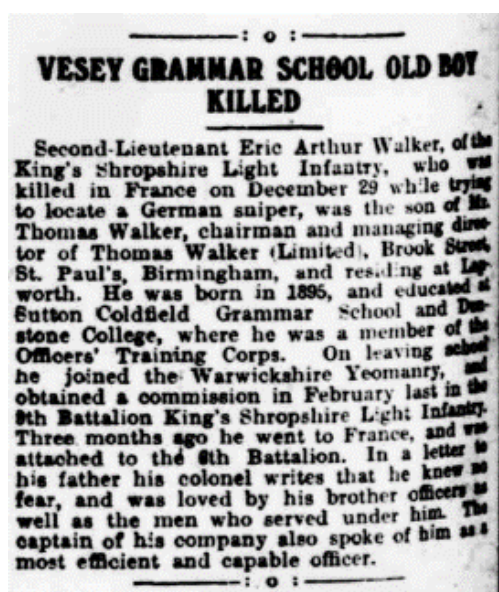
He was the youngest of four children and was baptised at Knowle parish church on 20 July 1895. His father was manager of T. Walker Ltd, a successful buckle and clothing fittings manufacturer of Brook Street.

He gained his commission on 26 February 1915 in the 9th Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry as reported in the London Gazette, "The undermentioned to be temporary Second Lieutenant dated February 26th, 1915, Eric Arthur Walker (amongst others)".

There is a stained-glass memorial window at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield, erected in his honour. Eric is also commemorated on war memorials at Dorridge and Hockley Heath, as well as at Knowle & Dorridge Cricket Club and is mentioned on a family vault at Knowle Parish Church.

Eric Walker is commemorated on page 302 of the 'Birmingham City Battalions' Book of Honour edited by Sir W H Bowater.

He is listed as one of five who worked for Abingdon Ecco Ltd, Tyseley who died out of 57 who enlisted from the company."



Extract from The Erdington News, 8 January 1916

With thanks to Paul Harrison

"Eric Arthur Walker was the son of Thomas and Theresa Walker of 12 Church Road, Edgbaston.

He was born at Knowle on 24 April 1895.

He moved to Sutton Coldfield in 1907 and resided at "Avoncroft", Four Oaks.

He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and Denstone College.

On leaving school he joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry.

He obtained his commission in February 1915 with the Shropshire Light Infantry.

He was killed whilst trying to locate a sniper."

Sutton Coldfield News 2.12.1916

Birth

The birth of Eric Arthur Walker was registered June 1895 Solihull 6d 608

Baptism on 20 July 1895 at Knowle Parish Church

Born on 24 April 1895 to Thomas and Therese of Knowle. Thomas was a manufacturer.

Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Engl 09000 58 DR(B) 155/3

1901 census Temple Road, Knowle, Warwickshire

Thomas Walker	M	42	Buckle manufacturer	b Birmingham
Theresa Walker	M	42		b Cheltenham
Dorothy Walker		16		b Birmingham
Gilbert Walker		13		b Moseley
Eric Walker		5		b Knowle

1911 census "Avoncroft", Luttrell Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Walker	M	52	Buckle & Clasp manufacturer/ Emp.	b Birmingham
Theresa Walker	M	52	Married 27 years – 4 children	b Cheltenham
Eric Walker		15	Manufacturer's assistant	b Knowle, Warks
Ida Reeve	U	27	Companion/ help	b Tamworth
Bertram English		16	Visitor - At school	b Edgbaston
Sarah Fairfield	U	25	General servant	b Brownhills

1921 census 18 Augusta Road, Edgbaston

Thomas Walker, 62. Buckle Manufacturer at Brook Street, Birmingham
Theresa Sarah Walker, 62. Home duties.
Amelia Walker, 31, born in Victoria, Australia. Companion.
Emma Frisken, 32. Sick nurse.

1939 Register 12 Church Road, Edgbaston

Sarah T Walker, born on 9 March 1859. Widow. Incapacitated
May H Hidson, born on 25 April 1881. Nurse.
Daisy Hidson, born on 19 December 1906. Nurse.
May Billington, born on 15 January 1915. Cook.

Probate

WALKER Thomas of Churchfield Church-road Edgbaston **Birmingham 15** died 2 September 1937 Probate **Birmingham 27** October to Theresa Sarah Walker widow Gilbert Thomas Walker manufacturer and Maurice Isacke Clutterbuck solicitor. Effects £50729 11s. 7d.

WALKER Theresa Sarah of Churchfield 12 Church-road Edgbaston **Birmingham 16** widow died 2 December 1940 Probate **Birmingham 3** February to Gilbert Thomas Walker manufacturer. Effects £1996 18s. 3d.

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

Baddesley Clinton

Richard John Lloyd is a member of the Western Front Association. He is an expert on the Walker family and Baddesley Clinton.

"Eric Walker's sister, Florence (born in 1886 at Moseley) married into the Ferrers - Walker family who owned Baddesley Clinton.

Baddesley Clinton is now owned by the National Trust.

Eric's father made belt buckles for military use.

His oldest son, Gilbert, worked at the factory during the war. The factory was bombed during WW2.

The Walker family received letters from Eric's Colonel, Captain and Chaplain after he died.

His Captain had told Eric to 'keep his head down'."

Richard Lloyd Western Front Association, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project

With thanks



**Second Lieutenant Eric Arthur Walker
9th attached to the 6th King's Shropshire Light Infantry
Died: Wednesday 29th December 1915
Aged: 20**

The 6th K.S.L.I. (60th Brigade, 20th Division) had taken part in the Battle of Loos (September 1915) and were now holding the trenches at la Boutillerie, south of Armentieres – 70 yards from the Germans.

Second Lieutenant Walker, who was described by Lt.-Col. E A Wood as 'utterly without fear', was determined to locate a sniper.

Despite warnings from his company commander, Captain Stanley Thomas, he was shot through the head.

His comrades located the marksman in a tree, trained a machine-gun on it, and within seconds of opening fire the culprit was seen to fall from the branches.

Private 12268 William Lewis, who had been Eric's servant, was sniped and wounded in the same section of trench on 30th December 1915. He died the next day.



Eric Walker is buried in Rue-Petillon Military Cemetery, Fleurbaix, Plot 2, Row G, Grave 23

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square, All Saints Church Cross, Belwell Lane and also on a window in Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield.

"Eric Walker was born on 24 April 1895. He was the son of Thomas and Theresa Sarah Walker of Avon Croft, Luttrell Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. The family later moved to The Elms, Station Road, Lapworth.

Eric attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1907 and 1908.

Eric was a chorister at Holy Trinity Church and after leaving Bishop Vesey's Grammar School he attended Warwick School for a short while, before moving to Denstone College where he was a member of Officer Training Corps.

He trained as a motor engineer at the Abingdon Works, Tyseley, before being employed by his father T. Walker Ltd, a successful buckle and clothing fittings manufacturer of Brook Street, Birmingham.

He was a fair horseman, and he enlisted as Private 1963 in the 1st Warwickshire Yeomanry, 'B' squadron on 1 March 1913 aged 17 yrs and 11 months. He was discharged in Norwich on 25 February 1915 and was commissioned into the KSLI on 26 February 1915. He went to France in September 1915 and joined 'B' Company.

Eric had an older brother Gilbert J. and two sisters Dorothy M. and Florence M.A. (she married a descendant of the family Thomas Ferrers-Walker who gave Baddesley Clinton, near Knowle, to the National Trust in 1980.)"

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

Francis Bernard Ward was born in 1893 at Erdington. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Kings Royal Rifle Corps – Corporal 10984

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Kings Royal Rifles Corps Collections

He was wounded by shrapnel on 10 March 1915 and taken to Macclesfield Infirmary, where he died of his wounds.

Imperial War Museum Lives of the First World War

An entry for his death was not found on FreeBMD.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101 B13, page 1610, and the 1914 Star Medal M/3, page 126. He entered France on 13 August 1914.

160 Campaign: — 1914		(A) Where decoration was earned.													
		(B) Present situation.													
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<i>4/2/1921</i>															
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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

176722 ⁸ / ₁₀₅₅₁₈	Ward Francis Bernard	1 st Rtn 11. R. R Cpl 10984	29-6-15 Winchester Macedonia 4/15 Ingram Lance	19 1 8	19. 1. 8	17.0 19/15 25/10/15	Co. Francis John L.J. Rashable	15 12 8 3 9 -	Funeral expenses
			WAR GRATUITY. 1919/20 Transfer 4/188 of 20/5/19 Regd. Paper 5/1/46, Case 20 Serial No. 1843.	6 0 0		30.7.19 ² / ₂	La Francis	6 - -	
	A.J.W. 5040 sent 8 APR 1919								

His father Frances John Ward was sent £15 12 s 3 d effects and £6 war gratuity. S. J. Bastable was sent £3 9 s for funeral expenses.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 176501-178000 Fold 3

In 1921, Samuel Josiah Bastable was a funeral furnisher and coffin maker at 62 South Parade.

Francis J. B. deceased.

CLAIMANT.		6/D/ M.P.C.R. 51.
Surname (Block Letters)	WARD	Registered No. 9321
Christian Name	Clara Beatrice	
Man's Name (Surname first: in block letters)	WARD Francis Bernard	
Regimental/Official	No. 10984	Rank/Rating Capt.
Regiment/Ship	K.R.R.C.	Relationship to Man Stepmother

(1743) Wt. 31729 25m (1) 355 Gp. 819 C&SL&M

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS.	
98, Albert Rd, Stichford, Birmingham	last noted LP 19/10/35

Clara Ward, stepmother.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 071/0446/Wal-War Fold 3

Reat. T. F. B.

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		DD95655
Name	Ward Francis Bernard	Regimental No. 10984
Regiment or Ship	K.R.R.C.	Rank Capt.
Documents received from Paymaster	2.4.19.	
Date and cause of death	29.4.15. Died of Wounds.	
Dependant	<i>Revised</i> Mr. Francis J. Ward. Clara Beatrice	
Address	394. Boldmere Rd. Erdington. 98 Albert Rd Stichford. Birmingham	
Relationship	Son Stepmother	
Pension	5/- a week from 6.11.18	LP 19/10/35
Date awarded		
Papers		

F6406 18149/875 50m (12) 2/18 J.P. Gp. 159
F7622 4115/1048 100m (12) 5/18

His father and then his stepmother were awarded five shillings a week pension from 6 November 1918.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index cards 1914 – 1923 184/0970/War-War Fold 3

Francis Bernard Ward is commemorated on the St Michaels's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

“Francis Bernard Ward the son of Francis J Ward of Erdington.

Francis B Ward lived at 18 Sycamore Road, Erdington and at the Post Office, Boldmere.

He fought during the retreat from Mons.

He was wounded at Cuinchy whilst on outpost duty at night.

He was hit by shrapnel which injured his leg.

He died at Macclesfield Military Hospital from septic poisoning.

He received a full military funeral at St Michael's Church, Boldmere.

All the pall bearers were from the 2nd City Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, who were based in Sutton Park.”

Sutton Coldfield News 22.5.1915

Birth

The birth of Frances Bernard Ward was registered September 1895 Aston 6d 858

Possible marriage

The marriage between Francis J Ward and Rebecca Knight was registered March 1881 Birmingham 6d 277

Possible death

The death of Rebecca Ward was registered December 1899 Aston 6d 237, aged 39.

1901 census 12 Stockland Road, Erdington

Francis J Ward	W	40	Draughtsman – own account	b Edge Hill
Francis B Ward		7		b Erdington

1911 census 178 Aubrey Road, Small Heath, Birmingham

Boarding in the household of Robert Griffith

Francis Bernard Ward	U	17	Warehouse clerk motor trade	b Erdington
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1911 census 11 Sycamore Road, Erdington

Francis J Ward	M	50	Draughtsman	b Stratford
Clara Ward	M	30	married 9 years 5 children	b Birmingham
Rex Ward		8		b Erdington
Cyril Ward		7		b Erdington
Cecilia Ward		6		b Erdington
Beatrix Ward		3		b Erdington
Irene Ward		1		b Erdington
Irene Archer		9	Sister in law	b Erdington

Marriage

The marriage between Francis J Ward and Clara Beatrice Archer was registered September 1901 Aston 6d 715

1921 census 394 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

Francis John Ward, 61. Sub postmaster at 394 Boldmere Road. G.P.O.
Clara Beatrice Ward, 41. Home duties.
Cyril Ward, 17. Plumbers assistant, Carpenter's gas fitter, Gravelly Lane.
Cecilia Ward, 16. Assists father at Post office.
Beatrix Ward, 13. School.
Irene Mary Ward, 11. School.
Geoffrey Ward, 5. School.

Death

The death of Francis J Ward was registered September 1935 Birmingham 6d 45, aged 75.

CYRIL WARMINGTON

Cyril Warmington was born in 1894 at Lichfield. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 5th Battalion – Lance Corporal 10914

He was killed in action on 30 July 1915 (France & Flanders), aged 20.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Collections

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/D5752513 WO 372/21/11941

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Menin Gate Panel 37 & 39.

Findagrave Memorial ID 12034704 by International War Graves Uploaded on 14 October 2005

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B 19, page 3972, and the 1915 Star Medal L/4B, page 395. He entered France on 20 May 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WARMINGTON	Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry	Lt Col	10914
Cyril		Pte	
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/106 B 19	3972	
BRITISH	L/4B	395	Medal
15 STAR			
Theatre of War first served in	France		
Date of entry therein	20.5.15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

✓	10914	L/C	WARMINGTON C.	20/5/15(1)	"	30/7/15
✓	11295	Pte	WEBB T. W.	26/5/15(1)	Acc: Killed.	9/2/18

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 1914- 1915 Star WO 329 Ref 275

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				
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198371	126872	Warmington Cyril	5 th Bn. Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 10914	30.7.15 Lichfield	Warwick 10/15	3	1	4	3	1	12	8.11.15	Pro: Able Legatee Mary	3	1	4	
													10/7/18	Pro: sole legatee Mary Elizabeth	3	-	-

His mother and sole legatee was sent £3 1 s 4 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1921 197501-199000 Ref 86

National Army Museum

1921 census 71 Mason Road, Erdington

Henry George Warmington, 61. Butcher, employer, at home.

Mary Elizabeth Warmington, 61. Assists husband.

Leonard Warmington, 28. Electrician at Dunlop Rubber Co. Erdington.

WARMINGTON. — On January 6th, 1932, at Mason Road, Erdington, Henry George Warmington (formerly of Lichfield), aged 73 years; also his Wife, Mary Elizabeth Warmington, on the following day, January 7th, 1932, aged 71 years.

Lichfield Mercury 8 January 1932, Newspapers Findmypast.

Leonard Warmington

Leonard Warmington joined the 15th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 25 May 1915 at Birmingham.

He served as Private 15/1252.

He was transferred to Royal West Kent Regiment as Private GS/21823

He worked as a cinematograph operator at the time he enlisted.

He entered France on 21 November 1915 and was demobilised on 24 March 1919.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals GSE/2/103, B10 page 840, and the 1915 Star Medal C/2/1C, page 54.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl No.
WARMINGTON	15/15 R. War R Rut Rnt R	Pte Pte	1252 33/21823
Leonard.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	34/18/2/103	B/10840	
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	2/2/1C	54	
Theatre of War first served in	11 France.		
Date of entry therein	21.11.15.		

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

FRANK WARWOOD

Frank Warwood was born in 1896 at Lichfield. He enlisted with the Coldstream Guards - Private 11140

He died in 1920, aged 23. From the Pension Ledger card below, it states that he died from Tubercule of the lung.

The death of Frank Warwood was registered June 1920 Meriden Warwickshire 6d 625

The most likely scenario is that he died at home. The Meriden registration district between 1912 and 1931 covered Minworth. At that time, the boundary between Minworth and Sutton Coldfield was very blurred.

It is not known where Frank Warwood was buried.

Frank Warwood is not listed on the Minworth Church War Memorial.

Silver War Badge 1914 – 1920.

Incident details: Tubercule of lung. Served from 25 August 1914 to 16 July 1918. Silver War Badge Number 379680. Gazette page C.G. 210. Age 22.

Particulars furnished: Buckingham Gate, London SW1 16 July 1918.

War Office Ref No C.G. 210. Archive Reference SWB/3028

Forces War Records Commonwealth War Graves Commission

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

NA Url/details/r/D5761648 WO 21 21076

WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Forces War Records

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CG/101/B5, page 271, and 1915 Star Medal CG/10, page 158. He entered France on 22 January 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WARWOOD	CGd	Private	11140
Frank			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	CG/101/B5	271	
BRITISH	CG/10	158	
15 STAR	CG/10	158	
Theatre of War first served in (1) France			
Date of entry therein 22.1.15			

SW 13. Lic G. 8/210 K 1380.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

11140	"	WARWOOD, Frank.	379,680	25- 8-14.	16- 7-18.	Tubercle of Lung.	22	2	"
13391	"	HOOD, Frederick.	379,681	2-11-14.	17- 7-18.	GSW. L. Leg (Amp.)	23	9	"
Eligible under A.O. II.2. (b) (1) d/, 10-8-17.									
I certify that the particulars furnished hereon are correct.									
Place		Buckingham Gate, London, S.W. 1		Date		16th. July, 1918.		Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Claimants' service.	
						I.V. 662 date. 22 JUL 1918		COLONEL,	
I certify that Badges and Certificates, numbered as above, have been issued to the individuals concerned.									

1901 census Weeford Village, near Sutton Coldfield

John Warwood	M	34	Cowman on farm	b Great Barr
Ann Warwood	M	32		b Penkridge
Annie Warwood		11		b Aldridge
John Warwood		9		b Aldridge
William Warwood		7		b Swinfen, Lichfield
Frank Warwood		4		b Swinfen
Ralph Warwood		2		b Swinfen

National School Admissions & Logbooks 1870 – 1914

Weeford. Frank Warwood, born on 28 May 1896. Father John. Entered school in 1899.

No image was available for further details.

Staffordshire Archives D4002_1_1

1911 census “Emily Cottages”, Walmley Ash, Sutton Coldfield

John Warwood	M	44	Farm labourer	b Great Barr
Mary Ann Warwood	M	42	Married 22 years -8 children	b Penkridge
William Warwood		17	Farm labourer	b Lichfield
Frank Warwood		14	Errand boy	b Lichfield
Ralph Warwood		12		b Lichfield
Elsie Warwood		9		b Lichfield
Ada Warwood		5		b Lichfield
Harry Warwood		1		b Walmley Ash

1918 and 1919 Electoral Roll

10623	JAMES Warwood, John James	Walmley Ash	R
10624	Warwood, Frank	Walmley Ash	NM NM

1921 census Irishman's Lane, Minworth

John Warwood, 55. Outdoor labourer for Birmingham Tame & Rea Drainage, Minworth.

Mary Ann Warwood, 53. Home duties.

John Warwood, 28. Outdoor labourer for Birmingham Pleasure Parks.

Ada Warwood, 15. Packer at Dunlop Rubber Co. Tyburn.

Harry Warwood, 11. School.

1939 Register 7 Aerodrome Cottages, Kingsbury Road, Birmingham

John Warwood, born on 7 August 1867. Retired gardener.

Mary Warwood, born on 9 May 1869. Domestic duties.

Ada Warwood, born on 4 February 1906. Shop assistant.

Deaths

The death of John Warwood was registered December 1939 Sutton Coldfield 6d 871, aged 72.

The death of Mary Ann Warwood was registered December 1954 Birmingham 9b 48, aged 85.

CHARLES JOHN WASHBOURNE

Charles John Washbourne was born in 1883 at Acocks Green. He enlisted with the Royal Fusiliers 20th Battalion – Private 10936 and transferred to the Royal Fusiliers 13th Battalion – Private 64387

He was killed in action on 16 November 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 33.

"The 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers were involved in action at Beaumont Hamel on 16th November 1916. The temperature was 41 F and it was clear and cold." (SDBD)

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Fusiliers (London Regiment) 13th Battalion

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

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WASHBOURNE, Pte. Charles John, 64387.
13th Bn. Royal Fusiliers. 16th Nov., 1916.
Age 33. Son of Ann Washbourne, of "Hinde-cliffe," Four Oaks, Warwickshire, and the late Albert Washbourne.

Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial Pier & Face 8C 9A & 16A



Portrait by David Pearce



Family Cenotaph in Boldmere St Michael Churchyard by Larin Espie

Findagrave Memorial ID 1756655871 Uploaded by David Pearce 24 January 2017

Findagrave Memorial ID 12375300 Uploaded by Glenlivet 16 November 2005

Army Service Records

Four Oaks War Memorial

"It appears he initially enlisted with the 20th Battalion (3rd Public Schools) Royal Fusiliers with the service number 10936. He was later sent to 39 Infantry Brigade Depot in Etaples, France on 26 September 1916, before being allotted to the 11th Battalion Royal Fusiliers as 64387 a day later.

He subsequently joined the 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers on 16 October 1916, with the same service number. According to the Great War Forum, he was likely sent out to France with the 20th Battalion Royal Fusiliers to replace losses after their battle at High Wood on the Somme, but his draft was sent to another Royal Fusiliers Battalion at the Base Depot. His service number is indicative of him attesting in late 1915.

The 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers were part of 111th Brigade of the 37th Division and were on the Somme for October and November 1916, particularly at the Battles of the Ancre Heights (October 1st to November 11th) and the Battle of the Ancre (November 13th to 19th).

It seems that it was during this battle that Private Charles John Washbourne was killed in action, aged 33, on 16 November 1916, as the 13th Battalion Royal Fusiliers were involved in action at Beaumont Hamel at that time.

He was initially thought to be missing but later assumed to have died on that date."



Private Charles John Washbourne.

Image from Imperial War Museum website, presumably taken from a newspaper cutting appealing for information on his whereabouts.

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals TP/104 B20, page 2728.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
WASHBOURNE	R. Fus.	PT	8/64387
Charles J.	J.B.-8.		10936
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	TP/104 B20	2728	
BRITISH	ib	ib	
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Held by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the roll is submitted.		NAME	In sequence Units and Corps previously served with by each individual and Regtl. Nos. 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
Regtl. No.	Rank					(a) Presented	(b) Dispatched by Post	
G/11507	P+2.	WASHBOURNE Charles	1st/1st B.D. 10036	1(a) 16.2.16 to 26.2.16				P.P. 16.11.16.
		John	11th Fus 64387	1(a) 27.9.16 to 16.10.16				
		13/ " "		1(a) 16.10.16 to 16.11.16				

UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 W) 329 Ref 770

Charles Washbourne is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial – see above

Charles J Washbourne is commemorated on the Aston Grammar School Roll of Honour

Sylvia Williams, with thanks

Charles John Washbourne was the son of Ann Washbourne of “Hindecliffe”, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and the late Albert Washbourne.

Birth

The birth of Charles J Washbourne was registered June 1883 Aston 6d 342

“The Washbourne family were not found on the 1891 census. However, the marriage of Charles’s elder sister was reported on in the Warwickshire Herald on Thursday May 21st, 1891, in which the family address was given as “Glentworth”, Gravelly Hill. The article described how the brides train was carried by (among others) a “Master C Washbourne”. Charles was later educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Aston.

His father was a prominent man who worked as a Draper and House Furnisher from his company the Jap Co, of Aston Road, Birmingham, which had several shops across the midlands. He represented the Liberal Unionists in local district councils and was President of the Birmingham and District Retail Drapers Association.

According to a rate book dated 1906, Charles worked out of a property listed as a retail shop, house and workrooms at 11 Smallbrook Street in Birmingham.”

With thanks to Paul Harrison

1901 census “Blythe Terrace”, Sutton Road, Erdington

Albert Washbourne	M	51	Draper & House furnishings seller	b Birmingham
Ann Washbourne	M	52		b Birmingham
Gertrude Washbourne	U	22		b Birmingham
Beatrice Washbourne	U	19		b Birmingham
Charles John Washbourne	U	18	Hardware merchant’s clerk	b Acocks Green
Gladys Washbourne		13		b Yardley
Caroline Brayley	U	26	Cook	b Cardiff
Mary Blackmore	U	26	Housemaid	b Salisbury

1911 census Bracebridge Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Albert Washbourne	M	61	General provider/retail shop- Emp.	b Birmingham
Ann Washbourne	M	62	Married 44 years, 12 children 5 died	b Birmingham
Gertrude Washbourne	U	32		b Birmingham
Charles John Washbourne	U	28	Home furnishings buyer	b Acocks Green
Gladys Washbourne	U	23		b Yardley
Harriet Whitehouse	U	34	Cook	b Bridgtown, Staffs
Elsie Whitehouse	U	27	General servant	b Walsall Wood

Probate

WASHBOURNE Charles John of Hindecliffe Bracebridge-road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** private 13th battalion Royal Fusiliers died on or since 16 November 1916 in France Probate **Birmingham** 14 June to Albert Washbourne and Albert Edgar Washbourne general providers. Effects £2242 17s. 2d.

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

1921 census

Albert and Ann Washbourne were not found.

Their son, Albert Edgar was found at Beech Hill, Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the director of Jap Co. of Aston.

£101,313 13s. 3d.
Mr. Albert Washbourne, of Hindecliffe, Bracebridge Road, Four Oaks, Warwickshire, retired draper, late of "The Jap Co.," of Aston Road, Birmingham, with branches in several towns in the Midlands, a former President of the Birmingham and District Retail Drapers' Association, who died on January 29th last, aged 75 years, left estate of the gross value of £84,450 8s. 1d., with net personalty £73,635 18s. 3d.

The Midland Daily Telegraph 20 April 1926 – Findmypast

Deaths

The death of Albert Washbourne was registered March 1926 Tamworth 6b 504, aged 75.

The death of Ann Washbourne was registered March 1930 Tamworth 6b 482, aged 80.

MEMORIAL WINDOW.
Unveiling at Chester Road Baptist Church.
The Chester-road Baptist Church, Boldmere, celebrates its 25th anniversary this week. At a special service yesterday a memorial window to the late Mr. and Mrs. Albert Washbourne, two of the church's founders and the first to sign its membership roll, was unveiled.
Placed in the north-west transept of the church, the window is the gift of the surviving son and four daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. Washbourne, and is one of singular beauty.
The window was unveiled by Mr. Edgar Washbourne, who said it had enabled his sisters and himself to realise the desire to see their parents' names perpetuated in the church which they had loved so well.

Birmingham Gazette 13 October 1930 Findmypast

Chester Road Baptist Church has a war memorial inside the church. Charles John Washbourne is not mentioned.

OSWALD WATSON

Oswald Watson was born in 1879 at Birmingham. He enlisted at Birmingham with the South Staffordshire Regiment 7th Battalion, A Company – Private 12752

He was killed in action on 22 August 1915 (Gallipoli).

"The 7th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment were involved in the Suvla Campaign in the Balkans." (GCS)

Soldiers Died in the Great War South Staffordshire Regiment Collections P1255583

WW1 Joint War Organisations Enquiries: Missing, Wounded & Dead Personnel.

Notes M Aug 22/15 Enquiry date 26 January 1916. Mediterranean.

Missing as wounded date 22 August 1915.

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

NA Url/details/r/D 5779106 WO 372/21/38534

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1919 Death Register

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Helles Memorial, Gallipoli, Panel 135 to 137

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals F/101 B6, page 621, and the 1915 Star Medal f/2B7, page 563. He entered the Balkans on 21 July 1915

Name	Group	Rank	Regt. No.
WATSON	S. STAFF R.	PR	12752
Oswald			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
Victory	F/101 B6	621	Die. 22.8.15.
British	F/2B7	563	
15 stars			
Transferred to War	(23) Balkans		
Date of entry therein	21-7-15		

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

TRANSFERRED TO—		S.B.36.—D.		(4108) Wt 11699/2512 439 Bks 7/19 H & J, Ld (42067) Wt 12565/2797 126 Bks 8/19		23282 Regional No. 6 10/2182	
REGION.		Particulars of Man.		Particulars of Claimant.		Particulars of any man in respect of whom the said Claimant has made a previous claim.	
NEW REGIONAL NO.		Name WATSON Oswald Regiment S. Staff Rank PR Marital Status (M) Date and cause of death 19.1.19 While serving After discharge		Name WATSON Oswald Address 17, Wille Road, B. Birmingham New Address and date of Birth 1.10.50 Relationship Father Date of Birth 1.10.50		Name Regt. No. Rank Marital Status (M) Date and cause of death While serving After discharge	
OTHER ACTION. L.P. 23.10.14 P.A. C/L Increase granted 5/12/14 21.12.14		Case No. Name Address Relationship		Case No. Name Address Relationship		Case No. Name Address Relationship	
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.	

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1919 707/06d Fold 3

Oswald Watson was commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Oswald Watson Private 12752 South Staffordshire Regiment

"Oswald Watson was one of seven living children of Walter Watson, a lithographic designer, and Jane Smart, daughter of a cabinet maker. The family lived in Jockey Road. Oswald was 35 and single when he joined the South Staffordshire Regiment as Private 12572, having worked as a clerk in a brass foundry. The family had previously lived in Handsworth, which had only recently become part of Birmingham, having previously been part of Staffordshire.

Oswald was sent to the Dardanelles with the 7th Battalion of the South Staffs. The eight month campaign in Gallipoli was fought by Commonwealth and French forces in an attempt to force Turkey out of the war, to relieve the deadlock of the Western Front in France and Belgium, and to open a supply route to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea.

The Allies landed on the peninsula on 25th/26th April 1915 - the 29th Division at Cape Helles in the south and the Australian and New Zealand Corps north of Gaba Tepe on the west coast, an area soon known as Anzac.

On 6 August, further landings were made at Suvla, just north of Anzac, and the climax of the campaign came in early August when simultaneous assaults were launched on all three fronts. The difficult terrain and stiff Turkish resistance soon led to the stalemate of trench warfare.

Oswald Watson was killed in action, the official date being 22nd August 1915. He was paid until 21st October, when his death was presumed. From the end of August, no further serious action was fought, and the lines remained unchanged. The peninsula was successfully evacuated in December and early January 1916. Oswald Watson has no known grave and is commemorated on the Helles memorial.



Helles Memorial

The Helles Memorial serves the dual function of Commonwealth battle memorial for the whole Gallipoli campaign and place of commemoration for many of those Commonwealth servicemen who died there and have no known grave.

The United Kingdom and Indian forces named on the memorial died in operations throughout the peninsula, the Australians at Helles. There are also panels for those who died or were buried at sea in Gallipoli waters. Over 20,000 names are commemorated on this memorial.

There are four other Memorials to the Missing at Gallipoli. The Lone Pine, Hill 60, and Chunuk Bair Memorials commemorate Australian and New Zealanders at Anzac. The Twelve Tree Copse Memorial commemorates the New Zealanders at Helles.

Naval casualties of the United Kingdom lost or buried at sea are recorded on their respective Memorials at Portsmouth, Plymouth and Chatham, in the United Kingdom."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Oswald Watson was the son of Walter and Jane Watson of Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of Oswald Watson was registered September 1879 Kings Norton 6c 414

1881 census 18 George Street, Ladywood, Birmingham

Walter Watson	W	54	Lithographer	b Scotland
Henzell Watson	U	26		b Newcastle
James Watson	U	24	Lithographer	b Newcastle
Walter Watson	M	30	Lithographer	b Newcastle
Jane Watson	M	29		b Gloucester
Elizabeth Watson		7	Granddaughter	b Birmingham
Robert Watson		4	Grandson	b Birmingham
Frank Watson		3	Grandson	b Birmingham
Oswald Watson		2	Grandson	b Birmingham
Percival Watson		3 months old	Grandson	b Birmingham

1901 census 28 Station Road, Handsworth

Walter Watson	M	51	Lithographic artist	b Birmingham
Jane Watson	M	50		b Birmingham
Elizabeth Watson	U	27	Teacher of music	b Birmingham
Robert Watson	U	25	Lithographic artist	b Birmingham
Frederick Watson	U	23	Machinist/engineer	b Birmingham
Oswald Watson	U	21	Clerk	b Birmingham
Percy Watson	U	19	Lithographic artist	b Birmingham
Elsie Watson		14		

1911 census "Violette", Jockey Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Walter Watson	M	61	Lithographic artist – printer's trade	b Birmingham
Jane Watson	M	61	Married 39 years, 8 children 1 died	b Birmingham
Oswald Watson	U	32	Clerk at brass foundry	b Birmingham
Harold Watson	U	25	Lithographic artist – printer trade	b Birmingham

1921 census

Walter and Jane were not found.

No further trace of the family was found after 1911.

CHARLES WEBB

Charles Webb was born in 1895 at Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Field Artillery – Private 62656 and transferred to the Rifle Brigade 7th Battalion (Prince Consort's Own) – Rifleman S/11321

Charles Webb died on 28 October 1918 whilst a prisoner of war in Germany, aged 22. (WML)

The pension ledger below suggested he died from influenza.

UK ICRC Cards: Index of Prisoner of War Camp Register Entries 1914 – 1917

7th Rifle Brigade D Company Prison Camp Cassel. Captured at St Quentin.

Page Url <https://grandequerne.icrc.org/en/List/791739/698/24199>

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Forces War Records

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1919 Death Register

“Son of Alfred and Hannah of Drakeford Cottage, Tower Road, Four Oaks.”

UK Nominal Index of all Serving Personnel Serving in the Great War

NA Url.details/r/D5795692 WO 372/21/55120

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Rifle Brigade Collections P160S115

Formerly 62656 Royal Field Artillery

INDEX No Gy.4 BERLIN SOUTH – WESTERN CEM. STAHNSDORF

**WEBB, Rfn. Charles, S/11321. 7th Bn. The Rifle
Brigade. 28th Oct., 1918. Age 22. Son of Alfred
and Hannah Webb, of Drakeford Cottage, Tower
Road Hill, Four Oaks, Birmingham. III. E. 1.**

Commonwealth War Graves

He was buried at the South - Western Cemetery, Stahnsdorf, near Berlin, Germany, Plot III.E.1



International War Graves Photography Project

“The South - Western Cemetery was one of four sites where, between 1924 and 1925, the graves from 146 smaller burial grounds in Germany (1176 Soldiers) were reburied.”

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History

It is hard to say exactly where he was serving when he was captured. His brigade was active on the Somme during 1917 and 1918 along the Hindenburg Line, Arras, Langemarck, Passchendaele and the Battles of St Quentin and Avre.

It seems he was captured at or near St Quentin – see above.

The brigade was largely disbanded in 1918 due to diminished numbers.

Rifle Brigade Archives Online

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/102 B18, page 2461, and 1915 Star Medal M/1B, page 825. He entered France on 20 July 1915. His card is annotated - "Died".

Campaign :- 1914-15.				(A) Where decoration was earned.
				(B) Present situation.
Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which recorded (if any)
(A) WEBB	Rifle Brig	Pte	71321	VIC. 102 B18 2461
(B) C. Webb	- - -	- - -	- - -	1915 STAR M/1B 825
Action taken				Died.
THEATRE OF WAR.				(1) France
QUALIFYING DATE.				20.7.15.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

877941	Propos.	Webb Charles	4th Bn Rifle Brigade	Officially killed 6.19.18	4.7.19	Mrs. Hannah Webb	16	1	11
				Accepted 6.19.18		Bro. William Webb	16	1	11
				5/11321.28.10.18		Arthur Webb	16	1	10
						Alfred Webb	16	1	10

His mother and three brothers were sent £64 7 s 6 d effects including a war gratuity of £22.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 877001-878500

National Army Museum

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.		DEATH CERTIFICATE
Name Webb Charles	Regimental No. 71321	D.P. 535-41
Regiment or Ship RFB	Rank Pte	RECEIVED
Date of application 26.5.19	Date and cause of death Influenza 28.10.1918	QC 1444
Dependant Mrs Hannah Webb	Address Drakeford Cottage Hill Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield	
Relationship Mother	Pension a week from	
Date awarded	If refused	
Papers	reason	

Cause of death Influenza on 28 October 1918

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 185/0983/Web-Wed Fold 3

Charles Webb worshipped at St James Church, Hill and is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

Tina Ambrose, St James Church

Charles Webb was the son of the late Alfred and Hannah Webb of “Drakeford Cottage”, Tower Road, Four Oaks

Birth

The birth of Charles Webb was registered June 1895 Aston 6d 455

1901 census “Private Cottage”, Back Lane, Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Webb	M	47	Gardner	b Brinkley, Cambs
Annie Webb	M	46	Charwoman	b Hill Wood, Hill
William Webb		12		b Ley Hill, Hill
Arthur Webb		11		b Back Lane, Hill
Alfred Webb		9		b Back Lane
Charles Webb		5		b Back Lane

1911 census Church Lane, Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Hannah Webb	W	56		b Hill
William Webb	U	22	Gardener	b Hill
Alfred Webb	U	19	Carpenter's apprentice	b Hill
Charles Webb		15	Milkman's assistant	b Hill

Death

The death of Albert Webb was registered September 1910 Aston 6d 193, aged 57.

1921 census Drakeford Cottage, Tower Road, Sutton Coldfield

Hannah Webb, 67. Widow. Home duties.

Alfred Webb, 28. Carpenter & Joiner for Wolsley Motor Co. Ltd. Ward End.

Death

The death of Hannah Webb was registered September 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 488, aged 79.

Cliff Webb is related to Charles Webb.

Cliff's grandfather was Alfred Webb, the brother of Charles Webb.

Cliff Webb, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project

GEORGE THOMAS WEBB

George Thomas Webb was born in 1896 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham on 17 November 1914 with the Royal Garrison Artillery as a gunner. He was promoted on 25 February 1917 with the 158th Siege Battery – Bombardier 53460

He died of wounds on 26 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 20.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Garrison Artillery Collections

INDEX No. B.26 DIVISIONAL COLLECTION POST CEM. BELGIUM

WEBB, Bmdr. G. T., 53460. 158th Siege Bty.
Royal Garrison Artillery. 26th Oct., 1917.
B. II.

Commonwealth War Graves

He was buried at the Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery, Ypres, Plot B.11.



Photo by Gunner

Findagrave Memorial ID 12159368 Uploaded by Gunner on 24 October 2005

Army Service Record

He enlisted with the RGA at Birmingham on the 17 November 1914 and was sent to Gosport the next day. He was attested at RGA A.2 Depot on 21 July 1916.

He worked as a bricklayer's labourer and was single. He was 5' 6 ½" tall, weighed 126 ½ pounds and had a chest measurement of 36 ½". He had a scar above his left eye and nose from being kicked by a horse.

His next of kin were his parents George and Sarah Webb and his siblings John, Edward, Elizabeth, Evelyn, Kathleen and Grace – all of 9 Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was embodied at Southampton on 20 August 1915 and sent to Le Havre on 21 August 1915.

He was in hospital in the field between 26 March 1916 and 4 April 1916 with bronchitis.

He had leave in the UK between 1 May 1916 and 8 May 1916.

He was a patient at the 4th London General Hospital, Denmark Hill between 1 July 1916 and 3 August 1916. He was being treated for wounds.

He was promoted to Bombardier on 25 February 1917.

He was in the 1st Stationery Field Hospital on 14 July 1917 with a gun- shot wound to the abdomen. He was sent to Rouen on 21 July 1917 on his way to England.

He died of wounds on 26 October 1917, but the details are not given other than he was with the BEF in France, and he was killed by a shell splinter landing on his gun.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/123B/3, page 2237, and the 1915 Star Medal RGA/3/B3, page 946. He entered France on 21 August 1915.

Name	W. B. B.	Corps	R. G. A.	Rank	Gnr	Regt. No.	53460
George							
Medal	Victory	Roll	RGA/123B	Page	2237	Remarks	J. J. W 26 10 17
Medal	British	Roll	RGA/3/B3	Page	946		
Theatre of War first served in (1) France							
Date of entry theatre 21 8 15							

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

610280	574313	Webb George Thomas	158 S. Reg 26-10-14. Dover R. G. A. in Action 12/17 Bd. France	53460	15 - -	11 - 8	M. O. S. 15 5718	In Europe 11 - 8
A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE 28 June 1919								

His father was sent £11 8 d effects plus £15 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 0610001-0611500 Ref 358

National Army Museum

“George Thomas Webb was the son of Mr and Mrs George Webb of 9 Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Town School and went to work for Messrs Atkins & Sons Grocers & Provision Dealers, 50 ‘The Parade’, Sutton Coldfield after leaving school.

He then went on to learn bricklaying with Mr Aston in Erdington.

He enlisted when he was aged 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ and went to the front about November 1916 aged 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. He was a gun layer.

He was wounded in the stomach in about November 1916 and was at home for the last time.

According to his officer he was killed by a shell splinter from a hostile shell landing in front of his gun.”

Sutton Coldfield News 24.11.1917

Birth

The birth of George T Webb was registered March 1896 Aston 6d 421

Baptism on 21 March 1897 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

Of Reddicap Hill. Father a labourer.

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

1901 census Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George Webb	M	34	Bricklayer's labourer	b Hints
Sarah Webb	M	29		b Bibley
John Webb		9		b Tamworth
Sarah Webb		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Lizzie Webb		6		b Sutton Coldfield
George T Webb		4		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census "Ivy Cottages", Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield

George Webb	M	44	Bricklayer's labourer	b Hints, Staffs
Sarah Webb	M	40	Married 20 years, 8 children all alive	b Bibley, Derbyshire
John William Webb	U	19	Boot repairer	b Tamworth
Sarah L Webb		17	General servant	b Sutton Coldfield
Lizzie D Webb		16	Laundry maid	b Sutton Coldfield
George Thomas Webb		14	Errand boy	b Sutton Coldfield
Amy E Webb		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Edward J Webb		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Evelyn A Webb		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Kathleen Webb		2		b Sutton Coldfield

1921 census 9 Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

George Webb, 53. Builder's labourer for Sapcote Builders.
Sarah Webb, 50. Home duties.
Lizzie Webb, 24. Out of work.
Amy Webb, 19. Out of work.
Edward Webb, 16. Farm labourer for Cattell Farm, Falcon Lodge.
Evelyn Webb, 14. Part time school.
Kathleen Webb, 12. School.
Grace Webb, 8. School.

Death

The death of George Webb was registered March 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 833, aged 63.

1939 Register 9 Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Sarah B Webb, born on 11 March 1872. Widow. Home duties.
Grace Golding, born on 9 July 1913. Married. Shop assistant, confectionery.
William Golding, born on 10 December 1911. Married. General engineer and fitter at sewage works.

Death

The death of Sarah B Webb was registered June 1956 Sutton Coldfield 9c 904, aged 85.

JOHN WEBB

John Webb was born in 1881 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Private 20734

He was killed in action on 4 June 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 37.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Collections P184S161

“Son of John and Alice of Wylde Green. Husband of Ellen of 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London.”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Orchard Dump Cemetery, Arleux – En- Gohelle, France, Plot V.D.23,

Findagrave Memorial ID 56047487 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 L/104 B35, page 7517.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regtl. No.
WEBB	R War R	Pte	20734
John			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Vicount	L/104 B35	7517	
British	de	de	
Spain			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

498664	399833	Webb	14 th (S)	4.6.17	Warwick	12	6	1	2	9	9	no 2/17	4.2.18	Wid. S. 8. 6. 9	2	9	9	
		John	R Warwick	7.17										Ellen				
			Pte	8.17										20.10.18	Wid. S. 8. 6. 9	3	-	-
			20734											Ellen				
			WAR GRATUITY.															
			19/12															
			Transfer 6/10															
			Bord. Paper 2/10/22															
			Serial No. 18011 2.120															
A. F. W. 5070 C.E.T.																		
DATE 1.2.22																		

His widow was sent £2 9 s 9 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 497501-49000 Ref 284

National Army Museum

Name	Webb, John		Regimental No.	20734	Case No.	1809
Regiment	14 th Bn Royal Warwick		Rank	Private		
Form 104-88 received	20-6-17	Date of notification of death	13-6-17	Form 104-76 received	5-7-17	
Date and cause of death	4-6-17 Killed in Action		ME9238			
Widow	Ellen, 29 Church Rd		Date of birth	23-9-73		
Children:-	Harwell London W. 7		WCA 1811 7/17			
Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks			
Ellen Winifred	1-12-11	1-12-27	Regent's Park - 28-6-97			
			No. for whom S.A. is paid			
			1934			
			2-2-4-35			
Pension	18/9	a week from	17-12-17			
Date awarded	11-12-17	If refused, reason				
Papers						
(9 38 108) W5811-8773 25,000(2) 8/10 11WV(P151/3) G16/21 430404-1 25,000 1/17						

Ellen Webb was born on 23 September 1873 sic – should be 1893. Her daughter Ellen Winifred was born on 1 December 1911. They were awarded a £3 grant plus eighteen shillings nine pence pension a week from 17 December 1917.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index cards 1914 – 1923 185/0983/Web-Web Fold 3

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

John Webb Private 20734 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

“John Webb, born in 1881, lived all his life in Sutton Coldfield. His father John Webb was a carpenter, his mother was Alice Page, the daughter of an agricultural labourer. The family, with six children, lived in Court Lane and then Highbridge Road.

John made a living as a plumber, and in 1910 married Ellen Driscoll. They lived in Coles Lane and had two children.

John joined the 15th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, a Birmingham Pals battalion, and later transferred to the 14th Battalion. At the end of May 1917, the battalion had 6 days ‘rest’ – training and not fighting.

The War Diary notes that there was the welcome experience of being able to bathe in a stream, which the battalion did by companies. Back in the front line trenches at Roclincourt, John Webb was killed by shellfire on 4th June 1917.

John’s brother **Leonard William Webb** had joined the Army Service Corps in September 1914, working as a driver. He served in France from May 1915. After the death of his brother John, Leonard applied for and was granted a transfer to the 14th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Joining the RWR on 3rd October 1917, Leonard was posted as ‘wounded and missing in action’ on the 21st of November that year. After what must have been an agonising wait for his family, Leonard was found to be a prisoner of war at the beginning of January 1918.

Repatriated after the Armistice, Leonard married in 1921, had ten children, and lived to the age of 78.

John’s brother **Walter Henry Webb** joined the Coldstream Guards Reserve on 1st December 1915. Mobilised on 27th January 1917, a week after the birth of his third child with his wife Susan Wadley, Walter went overseas in April 1918. He was wounded in action on the 9th of October 1918, but survived the war, and lived to the age of 83.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

John Webb is commemorated in the Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour in ‘Birmingham Pals’, page 284, by Terry Carter.

John Webb was the son of John and Alice Webb of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. He was the husband of Ellen Webb of 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell in London.

Possible birth

The birth of John Webb was registered March 1881 Aston 6d 455

1881 census Court Lane, New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	24	Carpenter	b Alfrick
Alice Webb	M	25		b Wylde Green
John Webb		2 months old		b Wylde Green

1891 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	34	Carpenter	b Alfrick
Alice Webb	M	35		b Wylde Green
John Webb		10		b Wylde Green
Alice Mary Webb		8		b Wylde Green
Winifred Webb		5		b Wylde Green
Walter Henry Webb		2		b Wylde Green
Herbert Webb		1 month old		b Wylde Green

1901 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	45	Carpenter	b Alfrick, Worcs
Alice Webb	M	46		b not known
John Webb	U	20	Plumber	b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Webb		18	Laundry maid	b Sutton Coldfield
Walter Webb		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Leonard Webb		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Ethel Webb		4		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	54	Carpenter	b Alfrick, Worcs
Alice Webb	M	46	Married 31 years, 8 children 2 died	b Wylde Green
Alice Webb	U	28	Laundry maid	b Wylde Green
Leonard Webb		16	Butcher's assistant	b Wylde Green

Marriage

The marriage between John Webb and Ellen Driscoll was registered June 1910 Aston 6d 560

1911 census 149 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	30	Plumber	b Sutton Coldfield
Ellen Webb	M	37	Married under 1 year – no children	b Birmingham

Child

Ellen Winifred Webb was born on 1 December 1911.

1921 census 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, London

Clement Wollaston, 55, born in Birmingham. Silversmith – out of work.
Catherine Wollaston, 53. Born in Birmingham. Home duties.
Ellen Wollaston, 15. Born in Smethwick.
Ellen Webb, 29, born in Birmingham. Sister in law. Home duties.
Ellen Winifred Webb, 9. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Niece. Father dead.

No further trace of either Ellen was found after 1921.

1921 census Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb, 64. Carpenter for Mr Webb. High Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Alice Webb, 63. Home duties.

Leonard Webb, 27. L & Railway Civil Engineering Department.

Death

The death of John Webb was registered December 1929 Tamworth 6b 422, aged 73

There was no further trace of Alice Webb after 1921.

JOSEPH WILLIAM WEBB

Joseph William Webb was born in 1890 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham in September 1914 with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 7th Battalion – Lance Corporal 17916

He was killed in action on 9 May 1917 (Salonika), aged 26.

“Resident in Curdworth. Son of Thomas and Harriet Webb of Wiggins Hill, Minworth. Native of Sutton Coldfield.”

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry Collections

UK Nominal Index of all Service Personnel Serving in a Theatre of War 1914 – 191

NA Url/details/r/D5799391 WO 372/21/58819

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Doiran Military Cemetery, Greece, Plot VI.G.29.



Photo by Thanos Foteinos

Findagrave Memorial ID 56485984 Uploaded by Coleman on 7 August 2010

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B20, page 4021, and the 1915 Star Medal L/4B, page 436. He entered France on 21 September 1915.

Name	Clips	Rank	Regt. No.
WEBB	Oxford & Bucks	Pte	17916
Joseph			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L106 B20	4021	
BRITISH	- do -	do	
15 STAR	L14 B	436	Died
Theatre of War first served in France			
Date of entry therein 21.9.15			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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Joseph William 17916 K m 9

WAR GRATUITY 12 10 -

A. F. W. 5070 SENT DATE

His father was sent £20 1 s 1 d effects plus £12 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 535001-536500 Fold 3

M. P. W. 5. Registered No. 6/12/3640

Surname WEBB (Block Letters)

Christian Name Thomas

Man's Name WEBB Joseph William (Surname first: in block letters)

Regimental/Official No. 17916 Rank Rating 2/10pl

Relationship to Man WIFE

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS. Park Lane Works, Minworth, Birmingham

26 MAR 1928

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1913 – 1920 070/0452/Wea-Web Fold 3

“Joseph William Webb was the son of Thomas and Harriet Webb of Curdworth, late of Sutton Coldfield.

He was employed at the General Electric Co., Witton.

He enlisted in September 1914 and first saw service on the Western Front then was sent to Salonika.

He was wounded in August 1916.”

Sutton Coldfield news 16.6.1917

Birth

The birth of Joseph W Webb was registered September 1890 Aston 6d 429

1891 census Sutton Coldfield (no address given)

Thomas Webb	M	39	Ag Lab	b Hints
Harriet Webb	M	41		b Whitacre, Warks
Charles Webb		11		b Sutton Coldfield
Harriet Webb		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Webb		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Webb		8 months old		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Webb	M	49	General labourer	b Hints
Harriet Webb	M	50		b Whitacre
Alice Webb		16		b Sutton Coldfield
Mary A Webb		14		b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Webb		10		b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Webb		4 months old	Grandson	b Nottingham

1911 census Boot Hill, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Webb	W	59	Farm labourer	b Hints, Staffs
Charles Webb	U	31	Carter for haulier	b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Webb	U	20	Cycle mechanic- retail	b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Webb	U	26	Daughter	b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Webb		10	Grandson	b Nottingham
John Barren		15	Nephew Grocer's porter	b Walsall
Albert Thompson	U	22	Boarder Furniture porter	b Ebbw Vale, Wales

Death

The death of Harriet Webb was registered December 1909 Aston 6d 424, aged 60.

1921 census Wiggins Hill, Minworth, Warwickshire

John Davis, 39 from Worcester. Married. Cowman at Wiggins Hill.

Harriet Davis, 39, from Sutton Coldfield. Married. Home duties.

Kathleen Davis, 2, born at Curdworth.

Thomas Webb, 69. Widower. Out of work farm labourer.

Thomas Webb was not found in 1939 and a definitive death for him was not found.

JAMES GORDON WEBSTER

James Gordon Webster was born in 1888 at Erdington. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 9th Battalion – Private 4092

He was killed in action on 19 April 1916 (Mesopotamia), aged 28.

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Diaries P184S117

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

NA Url/details.r/D5805933 WO 372/21/65361

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Basra Memorial, Iraq, Panel 9. No image found.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B35, page 7532, and the 1915 Star Medal L/8B, page 562. He entered the Balkans on 13 July 1915.

V.	Name.	Corp.	Rank.	Reg't No.
	WEBSTER.	A War. R	Pts.	4092.
	J. G			
Serial.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
YACOB	2/104 B35	7532		1 in 19.
BETHAN	10	10		
15 SLR	8/8 B.	562		
Thos of War first served in	22	Balkans		
Date of entry thos in	13-7-15			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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		10 JUN 1919..								

His father was sent £10 11 s 4 d effects plus £7 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 304001 – 305500 Ref 155

National Army Museum

Webster Dec'd. ~~11/6/9363~~
Mrs Ada R. Barwick
11/6/9363
Birmingham
Wylde Green
Jockey Rd
2 Beacon Drive
Rt 4092. P.O. James Gordon Webster. R Barwick

Not to be used.
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CLAIMANT. M.P.W. 5.
Registered No. **11D 96319**

Surname **WEBSTER**
(Block Letters)

Christian Name **John**

Man's Name **WEBSTER James Gordon**
(Surname first - in block letters)

Regimental Official } No. **4092** Rank }
Rating }

Regiment } **R. Warwick** Relationship } **Father**
Ship } to Man }

(2563) W1.20840 2000 (2) 2174 Op.819 C.8584d

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS. **28 MAY 1914**
at home to 29 3rd

2. Alms House,
For. Hollis Rd.
Warrley
Butterfield
Birmingham

DP/11/5/1913
11/4/96 319
LOS FILE 17-2-66
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UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 185/0985/Web-Wee Fold 3

DEPENDANT'S PENSION. **DEAD** **D. 1**
SA 5558-126A-2727

Name **Webster James Gordon** Regimental No. **4092** Class No. **D.P. 11/5/1913**
Regiment or Ship **R. Warwick** Rank **Pte.** H.O. 96319 5. 3. 14.

Date and cause of death
18. 9. 19

Dependant **Mrs Ada Webster John**
Address **2 Alms House, For. Hollis Rd., Warrley, Sutton Coldfield.**
9 Benson Lane, Jockey Rd., Byles Green, B. Ham.

Relationship **Mother** **Father**

Pension **a week from**

Date awarded **11. 10. 1915** If refused **reason**

Papers **reason**

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UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 070/0453/Web-Wee Fold 3

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

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

James Gordon Webster Private 4092 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"James Gordon Webster, born in 1888, was the son of John Webster, a labourer, and Ann Nash, daughter of an agricultural labourer. James was one of five children, one of whom died in infancy. The family lived first in Erdington - James's parents were married at St. Barnabas in 1887. By 1901 they were living in Beacon View, Jockey Road. James worked as a live - in potman at the Station Inn in Bordesley Green in 1911.

James enlisted in the 9th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Birmingham, and on 13th July 1915 was sent to Mesopotamia. James was killed in action on 19th April 1916. He is commemorated on the Basra memorial in Iraq.

All headstones in the cemetery were removed in 1935 when they deteriorated. The Basra memorial itself was moved by Iraqi presidential decree in 1997, and it very difficult in the current political situation for the C.W.G.C to maintain its cemeteries in Iraq.



James's father John also served, although he was in his mid-fifties. Too old for army service, John served in the Royal Defence Corps in Britain as Private 34856 in the 11th Protection Company. Of the 27000 men in the RDC, nearly half guarded PoW camps."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

James Gordon Webster was the son of John and Ada Webster of 9 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of James G Webster was registered December 1888 Aston 6d 35

Baptism on 7 November 1888 at St Barnabas, Erdington

Of Court Lane. Father was a carter.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1919 EP 75/2/2/4

1891 census Court Lane, Sutton Coldfield (New Oscott)

John Webster	M	37	Gardener	b Erdington
Ada Webster	M	32		b Sutton Coldfield
James Webster		2		b Erdington
George Webster		4 months old		b Sutton Coldfield
George Butler	U	24	Lodger Farm labourer	b Erdington

1901 census Beacon View Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webb	M	43	General labourer & R A Reserve	b Erdington
Ada Webb	M	43		b Sutton Coldfield
Gordon Webb		13		b Sutton Coldfield
George Webb		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Daisy Webb		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Elsie Webb		7		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 9 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webster	M	57	General labourer	b Erdington
Ada Webster	M	52	Married 23 years, 5 children 1 died	b Sutton Coldfield
Gordon Webster				
Daisy Webster	U	18	Printing/book binding	b Sutton Coldfield
Elsie Webster		16	Printing/book binding	b Sutton Coldfield

In 1911, James Gordon Webster was living as a live in pot man at the Station Inn, Bordesley Green.

1921 census 8 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

John Webster, 64. Agricultural labourer for Mr Cheswell, Thrashing Machine Proprietor.

Ada Webster, 64. Home duties.

Elsie Parris, 25. Married. Home duties.

M Parris, 29. Married, born in Winchester. Soldier, HM Service.

Annie Webster, 5, born in Sutton Coldfield. Granddaughter. School.

Deaths

The death of Ada Webster was registered June 1934 Tamworth 6b 411, aged 77

The death of John Webster was registered September 1937 Sutton Coldfield 6d 522, aged 72.

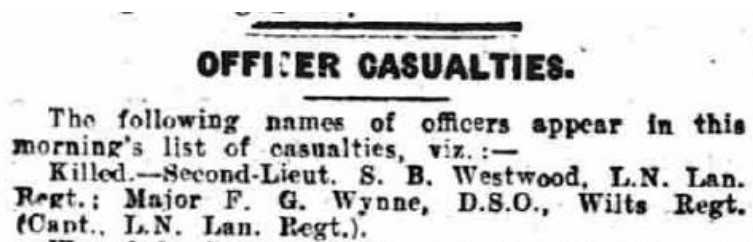
Stanley Benjamin Westwood was born in early 1897 at Bromyard. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/6 Battalion – Private 2484. He gained his commission with the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment – Second Lieutenant

He was killed in action on 15 April 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Loyal North Lancashire Regiment Collections

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

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From the Lancashire Daily Post, 7 May 1918

He was buried at the Vielle Chapelle New Military Cemetery, Lacouture, France, Plot III.E.17.

Findagrave Memorial ID 56452470 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 8 August 2010

Army Service Records

His Army Service Record was not found online but his medal index card states that he entered France on 22 March 1915. The 1/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment were based in Birmingham and became part of 143rd Brigade, 48th (South Midland) Division which set sail from Southampton, landing in Le Havre the following day. Stanley was later promoted to Sergeant, and it is likely he saw a lot of action before being commissioned, including his battalions fateful action on the opening day of the Battle of the Somme on 1 July 1916.

He was later commissioned as reported in the London Gazette dated 24 September 1917 thus, "TERRITORIAL FORCE. The undermentioned, from Officer Cadet Units, to be 2nd Lts:- 29th Aug 1917. N. Lan. R – Stanley Benjamin Westwood (among others)".

Men serving in the Territorial Force got new numbers in early March 1917 and Stanley was given the new regimental number 242410. The officer training course lasted around four and a half months so he would have probably left his original battalion in April 1917.

While serving in the 4th North Lancs Regiment, he was injured on 17 February 1918 as reported on the war diary below.

(<https://dn790005.ca.archive.org/0/items/warhistoryof1st400grea/warhistoryof1st400grea.pdf>)

On the 17th, at 3.15 a.m., a silent raiding party of enemy rushed the crater post of D Company, under cover of smoke bombs. The enemy were quickly ejected, and left two dead in our lines. Our casualties were:— Second Lieutenant Westwood and two Other Ranks wounded, three Other Ranks missing.

The next day we hit back, sending a patrol into the enemy's front line, who

On the 15th the enemy annoyed us by persistent harassing fire throughout the day.

Second Lieutenant Westwood was killed and one Other Rank wounded.

The diary also provided a little detail on events that occurred on the day Stanley was killed.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Military Cross (WML) and the French Croix de Guerre.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/57, page 118, and the 1915 Star Medal L/10B2, page 785. He entered France on 22 March 1915

His card is annotated "Mrs Frances Robinson on behalf of Mrs Westwood applies for medals 7 February 1921. The address was "Glenthorn", Mulroy Road, Sutton Coldfield. The medal card is annotated - Father T E Westwood, Park Road Studio, Sutton Coldfield

Name: WESTWOOD		Corps: R. Lanes. R.	Rank: Pte	Regt. No.: 2484
Signature: <i>Stanley Benjamin</i>		Service No.: 2484		
Medal:	Roll:	Page:		
VICTORY	L.N. Regs 57	118		
BRITISH	L.N. Regs 57	118		
15 STAR	L/10. B2, 785	785		
Theatre of War first served in: 1 France				
Date of entry therein: 22/3/15				

Comm. 28/7/19
R. Lanes R.
I.V.X./96441. d/23-6-21 EF/8/1029
EF/8/4209

Correspondence.
Mrs Frances Robinson on behalf of Mrs Westwood applies for medals
24.9.11.5.21
7.2.21

J.E. Westwood Esq. (Kpt)
Park Road Studio
Sutton Coldfield

Address: *Glenthorn*
Mulroy Rd.
Sutton Coldfield

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

2nd Lt. Stanley Benjamin Westwood, N. Lanes. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong party of the enemy gained a footing in one of our posts he immediately collected a small party, and, though wounded, led his men with great gallantry and drove the enemy back to their own trenches. On a later occasion, he assisted to carry in the body of an officer who had been killed during a reconnaissance of a crater. His resource and devotion to duty were most marked.

Military Cross citation as recorded in The London Gazette dated 10 May 1918

WOUNDED L.N.L. OFFICER'S GALLANTRY.

Second-Lieut. Stanley Benjamin Westwood, N. Lanes. Regt., was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong party of the enemy gained a footing in one of our posts he immediately collected a small party, and, though wounded, led his men with great gallantry and drove the enemy back to their own trenches. On a later occasion he assisted to carry in the body of an officer who had been killed during a reconnaissance of a crater. His resources and devotion to duty were most marked.

From the Lancashire Daily Post, 15 May 1918

Military Medal

2nd Lt. Stanley Benjamin Westwood, N.
Lancs. R.

For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When a strong party of the enemy gained a footing in one of our posts he immediately collected a small party, and, though wounded, led his men with great gallantry and drove the enemy back to their own trenches. On a later occasion, he assisted to carry in the body of an officer who had been killed during a reconnaissance of a crater. His resource and devotion to duty were most marked.

Supplement 5704 to the London Gazette 13 May 1918 London Gazette 1665 – 2018

London Gazette Reference 1st Award LG 30681/13 May 1919 (c) Issue 30681

British Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Wards 1918

Scotland Edinburgh Gazette 1797 – 2018 Issue 13257 16 May 1918

From The War History of The 1st/4th Battalion Loyal North Lancashire Regiment

This is a comprehensive analysis of the war diaries of this Battalion. Seen as a PDF.

17 February 1918 at 3.15 a. m. A silent raiding party of the enemy rushed the crater post of D Company under cover of smoke bombs.

The enemy were quickly ejected and left two dead in our line. Our casualties were 2nd Lieutenant Westwood, and two other ranks wounded and three other ranks missing. (Page 109).

2nd Lieutenant S B Westwood was killed on 15 April 1918.

1/4th Loyal North Lancashire Regiment Honours

Military Cross 2nd Lieutenant S B Westwood 1918

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WAR OFFICE

War Office: Service Medal & Award Rolls Index First World War

British Army Medal Index Cards Silver War Badge Cards.

Military Cross.

WO 372/21

Source www.cwgc.org/find-war-dead

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7/11 N.M. CPD base 5/18 3 16 3

61 - 9 CPSC 1/7 11/11/18 Fa. leg. Thomas Edward Westwood leg
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WAR GRATUITY.
Award £500 10/6
Transfer 29/6/18
Base Pay 10/10/18
Service 11/10/18

20 10

His father was sent £61 9 d effects plus £20 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 36601-37600 Ref 8

National Army Museum

Stanley Benjamin Westwood was the son of Thomas and Henrietta Westwood of “The Birches”, Sutton Coldfield

“He was the only son of Mr and Mrs T Westwood of “Studley”, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Prior to the war he was employed at the General Electric Company.

He enlisted during the first two weeks of the war. He was promoted to sergeant and second lieutenant.

He had been wounded five times up to 23 March 1918. The first wound required nine months in hospital.

He was awarded the French Croix De Guerre.

He was granted his commission in the field and was transferred to the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment.”

Sutton Coldfield News 23.3.1918

It has not been possible to find confirmation of the Croix De Guerre for this man. There is no central register it seems for this medal.

“In loving memory of our dearly loved only boy Lieutenant Stanley Westwood MC. Croix De Guerre 1.4 Loyal North Lancs.

Late of 1/6th Warwicks, he was killed on 15 April 1918 while rescuing a wounded comrade. He was 21.

Never forgotten by his mother, dad and only sister Winnie.

In Memorium, Sutton Coldfield News 26.4.1918

Contemporary reports in the Sutton Coldfield News indicate that he attended Sunday School at Holy Trinity Church and was later a pupil at Sutton Municipal technical school.

Stanley Benjamin Westwood is commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church Memorial

Imperial War Museum War Memorials WW1 (WMR 38680)

Birth

The birth of Stanley B Westwood was registered March 1897 Bromyard 6a 513 – Mother Corbett

1901 census Coleshill Road

Thomas Westwood	M	39	Carpenter	b Kingswinford
Henrietta Westwood	M	39		b Kingswinford
Stanley Westwood		4		b Bromyard
Winifred Westwood		2		b Bromyard

1911 census 56 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas E Westwood	M	49	Carpenter for corporation	b Kingswinford
Henrietta Westwood	M	49	Married 16 years, 2 children	b Kingswinford
Stanley Westwood		14	Accountant's Clerk	b Bromyard
Winnie Westwood		12		b Bromyard
Ivy Davis		6	Boarder	b Kings Norton

1918 Absent Voters List 52 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield.

4915	Westwood, Stanley Benjamin 52 Park Road	2nd-Lt., 1/4th R. Nth. Lancs. Rgt.	4915
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1921 census 52 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Edward Westwood, 59. Carpenter for Sutton Coldfield Corporation

Henrietta Westwood, 59. Home duties.

Benjamin John Westwood, 30, married. Son in law. Born at Bromyard. Grocer's Salesman, Shufflebottom & Co. Wholesale, Erdington.

Winifred Westwood, 22. Married. Photographer, own account, at home.

Constance Tuke, 7. Born in Leeds. Father dead. School.

1939 Register 6 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield

Benjamin Westwood, born on 27 February 1888. Manager of Grocery & Provisions.

Winifred Westwood, born on 12 October 1899. Domestic duties.

Deaths

The death of Henrietta Westwood was registered March 1936 Sutton Coldfield 6d 816, aged 73.

The death of Thomas E Westwood was registered June 1938 Sutton Coldfield 6d 816, aged 76.

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WILFRED/WILFRID HENRY WHEELER

Wilfred Henry Wheeler was born in 1894 at Birmingham. He enlisted in August 1914 with the Royal Army Medical Corps – Driver 1993, then transferred to the South London Regiment (Rifle) – Lance Corporal 306163.

He gained his commission on 17 December 1917 with the South Staffordshire Regiment attached to 4th Battalion – Second Lieutenant

“He joined his old territorial unit the day after war was declared – Sutton Section RAMC.” (WML)

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War South Staffordshire Regiment Collections

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

NA Url/details/r/D5840552 Royal Army Medical Corps WO 372/21/108215

He was killed in action on 26 April 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial

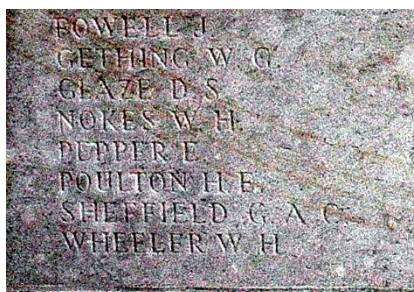


Photo by Misty

Findagrave Memorial ID 12136773 Maintained by Penny Green Uploaded on 22 October 2005

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/157 page 172, and the 1915 Star Medal TP/37C, page 32. He entered France on 24 March 1915.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WHEELER.	R.A.M.C.	Driver	1993
W. H.	* 5th Lond R	Lt Col	306163
Wilfred Henry	Staff R	x2/21	
Roll	Page	K.A. 24/4/18	
15	TP 37C 22	Issued by Recs Min 7. NW/6/3/59	
Theatre of War first served in (1) France			
Date of entry therein 24-3-15			

Correspondence
Address
A H Wheeler Esq (Father)
Penrhyn
Western Road
Wylde Green
Warwickshire

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

506163	L/Cpl	WHEELER Wilfred	5/Land.R.	506163	1(a) 24.3.55 to 14.11.55	<i>Rev. 179 issued from Off. 157/172. S. Staff R. Commissioned Tank Corps. 17.12.1915/17.5.59</i>
ROLL						

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 LONDON.

Date 1 MAR 1959

Signature and rank of Officer certifying. *J. Baker Lt Col* for Colonel
 of the Infantry Records London.

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

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

Graham Jennings

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

Sylvia Williams

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Wilfrid Henry Wheeler
L/Corporal 306163
2nd Lieutenant

**Driver 1993 Royal Army Medical Corps
London Regiment
South Staffs Regiment**

"Wilfrid Wheeler was the eldest son of Alfred Henry Wheeler, who worked in Birmingham as an Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Jane Beck Edwards, the daughter of a gun maker. Born in 1894, Wilfrid was baptised at Christ Church, Sparkbrook on 25th June that year. The family moved to Wylde Green, living at a house called 'Penryn' in Western Road (subsequently number 47). Wilfrid went to Aston Grammar School and then became an articled clerk at an architect's practice.

Wilfrid had been in the Territorial Army, and the day after war broke out, he enlisted with the Royal Army Medical Corps as a driver. A driver looked after the animals which were the main means of transport.



A RAMC Field Ambulance Unit drawn up in parade before leaving for France.

Wilfrid's job would have been to care for the horses.

Details of Wilfrid's service in the RAMC are not known. He first went to France on 24th March 1915. Wilfrid's khaki uniform would have been indistinguishable from those of combat troops, except for a RAMC cap badge and a circular red cross patch, sewn onto each upper arm.

The medics carried no weapons.

A Field Ambulance consisted of ten officers and 224 other ranks including several Army Service Corps personnel. A field ambulance column comprised of ambulance wagons, water - carts and forage-carts for carrying medical stores, a cook's wagon, and wagons for stores and baggage, and 52 riding and draught horses.

In addition, a soldier on a bicycle carried orders and messages within the unit.

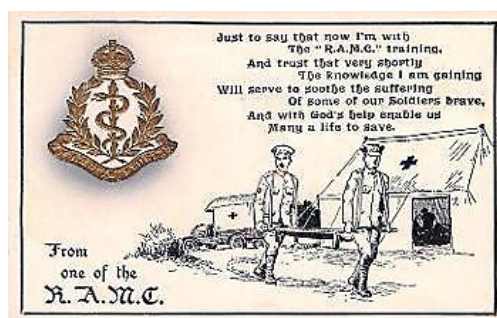
A contemporary poem by a serving RAMC soldier shows what the medics did:

*"We carry no rifle, bayonet nor bomb,
But follow behind in rear
Of the steel fringed line that surges along
With a ringing British cheer.*

*Through the tangled wire of the blown-in trench,
Spite of shrapnel or bursting shell,
We make for the spots – Khaki-clad, helpless blots –
That mark where our front rank fell.
We are the men who carry them back,
The wounded, the dying and dead.*

*The "stretcher-bearers" doing their bit,
Of VCs not many they score,
Yet are earned every day in a quiet sort of way
By the "Royal Army Medical Corps".*

Wilfrid Wheeler was invalided back to Britain in October 1916. After a period of convalescence, he joined the 5th (City of London) Battalion of the London Regiment of the Rifle Brigade. Promoted to Lance Corporal with the Rifle Brigade, Wilfrid then joined the Tank Corps, where he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 4th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment.



One of numerous postcards praising the Royal Army Medical Corps

Tanks – a completely new development in warfare – had first been used on the Somme in 1916. The early tanks could achieve a top speed of 4 miles per hour. On the battlefield this was rarely realised and, in many cases, infantry moved far faster.

The machines were crewed by a Subaltern (junior officer), three drivers and four gunners, of which one was an NCO. Interior conditions were truly appalling, being a combination of intense heat, noise and exhaust from the engine, violent movement as the tank crossed the ground and molten metal splash as bullets struck the plating.

Men would often be violently sick or badly incapacitated by the conditions and were often in no fit state to continue after quite short journeys. It was difficult to communicate within the tank and with men and other tanks outside.

The tank officer often had to get out and walk, to reconnoitre his path or to work with the infantry. The tanks also proved to be mechanically unreliable and vulnerable to shellfire.

Wilfrid Wheeler was killed on the 26th of April 1918. The previous two days had seen the first time that German tanks faced the British armour. Wilfrid has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot memorial."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

“Wilfred Wheeler was the son of Alfred and Jane Wheeler of “Penrhyn”, 47 Western Road, Wylde Green.

He was educated at Aston Grammar School.

Prior to the war, he was articled to an architect and surveyor.

He enlisted in August 1914 with his old territorial unit.

He was invalided home in October 1916. He was then transferred to the Rifle Brigade and obtained a commission.

He returned to France on 11 April 1918.”

Sutton Coldfield News 11.5.1918

Birth

The birth of Wilfrid H Wheeler was registered December 1894 Aston 6d 256

Baptism on 23 June 1895 at Christ Church, Sparkbrook

Of 107 Dearman Street. Father was a weights and measures inspector.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 Archive Roll 582

1901 census 107 Dearman Street, Birmingham

Alfred Wheeler	M	33	Inspector of weights & measures	b Kings Norton
Jane Wheeler	M	33		b Birmingham
Maggie Wheeler		9		b Birmingham
Wilfred Wheeler		6		b Birmingham

1911 census “Penarth”, Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Henry Wheeler	M	43	Inspector of weights & measures	b Kings Norton
Jane Wheeler	M	43	Married 20 years – 4 children	b Birmingham
Maggie Wheeler	U	19	Shorthand typist metal trade	b Birmingham
Wilfrid Henry Wheeler		16	Architect’s pupil	b Birmingham
Florence Wheeler		9		b Birmingham
Alfred Wheeler		2		b Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Wheeler worked for Birmingham Corporation.

1918 Absent Voters list for Sutton Coldfield

4282	Wheeler, Wilfrid Henry	47 Western Road	R.G.A.	4282
4283	Whitehouse, Albert Edward	Claremont, Jockey Road	2nd Lieut., 4th Sth. Staffs.	4283
4284	Whitehouse, Arthur Reginald	Claremont, Jockey Road	39292 Pte., 2 Btn. R. Berks	4284
			WR325622 Cpl., R.E., 4th Mechanical Section	

1921 census 47 Western Road, Sutton Coldfield

Alfred Henry Wheeler, 54. Inspector of weights & measures for Birmingham Corporation, Corporation Street.

Jane Beck Wheeler, 55. Housewife.

Florence Ada Wheeler, 19. Shorthand typist for Marine Sanitary Engineers, James Beresford & Sons. Cato Street.

Alfred William Wheeler, 12. School.

1939 Register

Alfred Henry Wheeler was not found.

Death

The death of Alfred H Wheeler was registered September 1932 Sutton Coldfield 6d 490, aged 65.

A definitive entry for Jane Beck Wheeler was not found for the 1939 Register.

Ancestry Family Trees

From a family tree by Liam McLaughlin,

Alfred Henry Wheeler married Jane Beck Edwards on 15 November 1890. At Sparkbrook.

His father was William Richard Wheeler, and her father was William Henry Edwards.

The birth of Jane Beck Edwards was registered September 1867 Birmingham 6d 145.

Jane was born on 13 July 1867 and was baptised on 1 August 1867.

With thanks.

A Jane Wheeler with that date of birth was not found on the 1939 Register.

Possible death

The death of Jane B Wheeler was registered September 1940 Lichfield 6b 741, aged 83.

A death in the Sutton Coldfield area was not found.

Nothing further can be added.

ERNEST WHITE

Ernest White was the father of Ernest Arthur Gordon White – see the next entry.

Ernest White was born in 1869 in Birmingham. He was a career soldier and served originally with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Sergeant 1020, and later with the 5th Battalion Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire) Regiment – Colour Sergeant, Company Sergeant Major – 20655

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Berkshire Regiment Collections P136S113

Ernest White died on 21 May 1916 at the Isle of Wight, aged 47.

His death was registered June 1916 Isle of Wight 2b 766, aged 47.

He is buried at the Parkhurst Military Cemetery, Isle of Wight, Plot XI. A. 94.

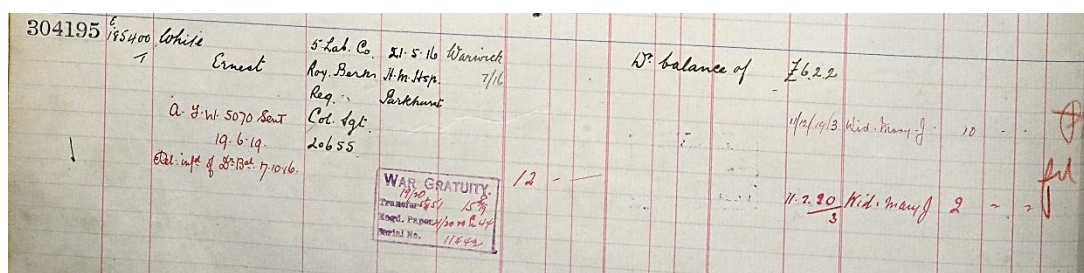


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Army Medal and Service Records

These were not found online.



His widow was sent £12 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 304001-305500 Ref 155

National Army Museum

aggravation. *W.C.F. 602* *Case 38* *x*
 Name *Whit, Ernest* Regimental No. *20655* Case No. *12 per*
 Regiment *R Berkshire* Rank *Sgt* *7 Rebt W. 1141*
 Form 104-88 received _____ Date of notification of death _____ Form 104-76 received *25.8.16*
 Date and cause of death *21-5-16 U D H and Aortic regurgitation* *11/10/71162*
 Widow *Maria, 80 Sheffield Rd. Erdington* Date of birth *12.12.70* *x Refer*
 Children: *Arrears Paid Under Army Order 22/16* *[MC 6152]*

Name	Date of birth	Date of expiry	Remarks
<i>'Laps' authorized to issue temporary allowance of 17/6 a week from 14-3-17 to 12-6-17 inclusive</i>			No. for whom S.A. is paid <i>four</i>
<i>Constance</i>	<i>31-12-01</i>	<i>31-12-17</i>	
<i>Frank</i>	<i>4-7-03</i>	<i>4-7-19</i>	
<i>Edward John</i>	<i>19-12-05</i>	<i>19-12-21</i>	

Pension *32/6* a week from *4-4-17*
 Date awarded _____ If refused, reason _____
 Papers _____
 (P 38 108) W 18947-517 20,000 8/15 H W V (P 1763/1) G. 15/251
 14896-4797 20,000 12/15

It appears that Ernest died from U D H and aortic regurgitation. It was not possible to find what U D H was.

His widow Maria lived at 80 Sheffield Road. Her date of birth was 12 December 1870. His arrears had been paid to her. An allowance was paid for her and her children of 17 shillings and six pence a week from 14 March 1917. A pension of 32 shillings and six pence was paid from 4 April 1917.

Her children were Constance, born on 31 December 1901; Frank born on 4 July 1903 and Edward John born on 19 December 1905.

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 188/0996/Whi-Whi Fold 3



UK & Ireland Masters & Mates Certificates 1850 – 1927

Issue 27 July 1889 London Port Certificate 021376

Various sources have linked this certificate to Ernest White, born in 1869 in Birmingham.

It most likely linked to his occupation with the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company – see below.

Ernest White is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Ernest White Colour Sergeant 20655 Royal Berkshire Regiment

“Ernest White was born in Birmingham in 1869, one of twelve children of Edward White, a surgeon and general practitioner, and Jane Birkmyre Bell, from a family of pawnbrokers.

Ernest went abroad, working in Burma for T D Findlay's, a teak company. Teak logs were transported by elephant and river. Findlay's created the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company, a fleet of over 600 shallow draught ships, built in Dumbarton by T D Findlay's co-founder. The ships were specifically designed to navigate the Irrawaddy, and they became an important part of the nation's prosperity, ensuring trade up and down the great rivers. Ernest worked for the Flotilla Company.

In November 1895, Ernest married Maria Jane Banfield in Rangoon. Maria was from Birmingham, and the daughter of the organ builder J.C. Banfield.

At least four children were born: Ernest, 1898; Constance 1901; Frank 1903 – all born in Burma; the family went back to England and lived in Handsworth for a while, Edward being born in 1905.

Ernest White's records are very sketchy after this. He is not found on the 1911 census, so may have been abroad again. It is noted later that he served with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Sergeant 1020.

Ernest transferred to the 5th Battalion Royal Berkshire Regiment, where he was a Colour Sergeant and Company Sergeant Major. The family lived in Sheffield Road, by Chester Road station. Ernest would ordinarily have been too old for military service during the war, but experienced NCOs were able to serve for longer.

Ernest White died in the military hospital in Parkhurst, Isle of Wight on 21st May 1916, aged 47. His will shows that he left just £1 12s 7d, which went to his widow Maria and youngest brother David. Ernest is commemorated in Parkhurst Military Cemetery.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

It appears that Ernest White was born about 1869 in the Summerhill area of Birmingham (Ladywood). His parents were Edward and Jane White. Edward White was a surgeon.

He was the husband of Maria Jane Banfield.

Baptism on 28 Jue 1869 at St Mark, Birmingham

To parents Edward and Jane Birkmyre White of Summerhill. Edward was a surgeon.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1912 DRO 33 Archive Roll 612

1881 census 69 Summerhill Road, Birmingham St Paul

Edward White	M	48	Surgeon MRCS	b Birmingham
Jane B White	M	47		b Birmingham
Edward White		16		b Birmingham
Alice White		15		b Birmingham
Ernest White		12		b Birmingham
Annie Hampton	U	23	General servant	b Hill Top, Staffs

1891 census 50 Broomwood Road, Battersea, London

Jane B White	W	57	Living on own means	b Birmingham
Alice White	U	25	Board school teacher	b Birmingham

Ernest White has not been found on the 1911, 1901 or 1891 census.

India Select Marriages 1792 – 1948

Ernest White, born in 1869, father Edward White, married Maria Jane Banfield on 8 November 1895 at Rangoon Cathedral her father was John C Banfield.

Family History Library Record 512356

Probate

WHITE Ernest of 80 Sheffield-road Erdington-**Birmingham** died 21 May 1916 Probate **London** 23 August to Maria Jane White widow and David White chemist. Effects £1 12s. 7d.

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

In 1916 and 1917, Maria Jane White lived at 80 Sheffield Road, Wylde Green.

1921 census 80 Sheffield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Maria Jane White, 50. Born in Birmingham. Widow. Home duties.
Constance Wright, 19. Shop assistant at Jevons & Mellor Fancy Drapers, Corporation Street.
Frank White. 17. Born in Myanmar, Burma. Jig & Tool Draughtsman. Out of work.
Edward White, 15. Born in Handsworth. School.

1939 Register

Maria Jane was not found.

It is not known if she married again.

Possible death

The death of Maria White was registered June 1938 Sutton Coldfield 6d 663.

The age given is 76, which, if Maria gave her correct age in 1921, is too old.

Nothing further can be added.

ERNEST ARTHUR GORDON WHITE

Ernest A G White was the son of Ernest White – see the previous entry

Ernest White was born in Mandalay, Burma on 6 April 1898. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/7th Battalion – Private 1171

He was killed in action on 1 August 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

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

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, Panel 8.

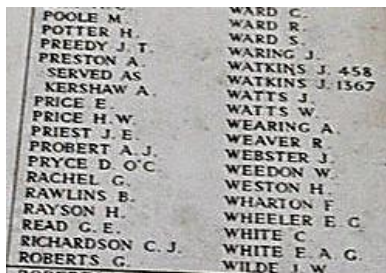


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Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals I/104 B36, page 7618, and the 1915 Star Medal L/8B, page 570. He entered France on 21 November 1915.

No.	Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
6		R. War. R.	Pte.	1171.
WHITE.				
E. A. G				
<i>meet</i>				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	L/104 B36	76/18	1 in A.	
BRITISH	18	2/8: B	570.	
STAR				
Theatre of War first served in (1) France.				
Date of entry thereon 21-11-15.				

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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His mother was sent £5 16 s 5 d effects plus £11 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 535001-536500 Ref 309

National Army Museum

DEPENDANT'S PENSION. *11/10/71162. 25/8/27*

Name	<i>White Ernest Arthur G.</i>		Regimental No.	<i>1171</i>
Regiment	<i>Royal Warwick</i>		Rank	<i>Pte</i>
Documents received from Paymaster	<i>5.5.18</i>			
Date and cause of death	<i>11.8.17 Killed in Action</i>			
Dependant	<i>Mrs Maria Jane White</i>			
Address	<i>80 Sheffield Road Erdington x line no 381 R. Parks</i>			
Relationship	<i>Mother</i>			
Pension	<i>2/6</i>	<i>5/-</i>	<i>3/6</i>	<i>a week from 6.11.18</i>
Date awarded	<i>29.7.18</i>			
Papers	<i>11/17</i>			
(11238) Wt 50720/6 50000 1/17 II & J, 14 (23045) Wt 50385/445 50000 11/17 <i>Spent each week P.D. ref full 4/12</i>				

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SH 6653

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 1923 188/0996/Whi-Whi Fold 3

Ernest A G White is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Ernest Arthur Gordon White Private 1171 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Ernest Arthur Gordon White was the eldest son of Ernest White and Maria Banfield (see previous piece about his father). Born in Rangoon on 6th April 1898, Ernest returned to England with his family in about 1904.

He joined the 15th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (2nd Birmingham Pals) as Private 1171 and was sent to France on 21st November 1915. Ernest served also with the 16th Battalion, and then the 17th Battalion.

He was killed in action at St Julien on 11th August 1917, the day a heavy German counterattack east of Ypres was repulsed.

Ernest has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate.



The Commonwealth War Graves Commission reported in April 2018:

"Multiple sets of remains were found west of the village of St Julien during April 2016. Despite extensive research it has only proved possible to identify one of them, through personal engraved items, as Captain Henry John Innes Walker, of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Captain Walker was killed in action on 25 April 1915.

Of the other six sets of remains, military insignia found with one of them confirms that he was a soldier of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, although the regiment lost too many men at the time for individual identification to be attempted.

He will be buried as an unknown soldier of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. There were no military or personal effects found with any of the others; they will be buried as unknown soldiers of unknown regiments. They will all be buried with full military honours at 10.30 am on Wednesday 18th April, 2018."

There are over 45,000 undiscovered British and Commonwealth soldiers still in Flanders Fields.”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

Ernest White was the son of the late Colonel Sergeant Ernest and Mrs Maria Jane White of 80 Sheffield Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield

India Select Marriages 1792 – 1948

Ernest White, born in 1869, father Edward White, married Maria Jane Banfield on 8 November 1895 at Rangoon Cathedral her father was John C Banfield.

Family History Library Record 512356

It is assumed that he lived at 80 Sheffield Road with his parents before he died.

They lived there in 1916 according to the probate record for his father.

His father Edward White was only found on the 1881 census.

1881 census 69 Summerhill Road, Birmingham St Paul

Edward White	M	48	Surgeon MRCS	b Birmingham
Jane B White	M	47		b Birmingham
Edward White		16		b Birmingham
Alice White		15		b Birmingham
Ernest White		12		b Birmingham
Annie Hampton	U	23	General servant	b Hill Top, Staffs

Ernest White was not found on any census.

India Select Births and Baptisms 1786 – 1947

Born on 6 April 1898 and baptised on 29 August 1898 at Rangoon to Ernest and Maria Jane White.

Family History Library 512370

Probate for his father

WHITE Ernest of 80 Sheffield-road Erdington-**Birmingham** died 21 May 1916 Probate **London** 23 August to Maria Jane White widow and David White chemist. Effects £1 12s. 7d.

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1939 Register

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Possible death

The death of Maria White was registered June 1938 Sutton Coldfield 6d 663.

The age given is 76, which, if Maria gave her correct age in 1921, is too old.

Nothing further can be added.

Fred White was born in 1896 at Charmouth, Dorset (1911 census). He grew up in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2nd Battalion – Private 16/1782

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment P184S110

Army Service Records

Army Medal Roll

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
WHITE Fred	R War R	Pvt	1782
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	A/104 B36,7620		
BROTHER	- do - do		
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

618099	605/118	White Frederick	2-13	28-10-17	Wark	12	14	3	2	14	3	m.o. 3.18	2-3-18	Franci J Clayton	2	14	3	Guardian esp. Sgt Hester Barrister J. H. G. Hester
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Effects 10/10/19

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Rept rap 255648

Serial No 23229

A. F. W. 6070 SENT

DATE 9. 7. 19

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Franci

2. Barrister Clayton

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 617501-619000

Fred White was commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Fred White is also commemorated on the Park Road Congregational Church War Memorial

Fred White was the adopted son of Francis Joseph and Amy Claydon of 20 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

His true origins are not found, as either Fred or Frederick White.

Possible birth

The birth of Fred White was registered March 1896 Bridport 5a 335.

Bridport registration area included Charmouth.

Possible 1901 census Bristol Children's Home, Richmond Terrace, Clifton, Bristol

Fred White	4	Inmate	b Not known
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1911 census 20 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Francis J Claydon	M	32	Jeweller's enameller	b Sutton Coldfield
Amy Elizabeth Claydon	M	29	Married 5 years no children	b Sutton Coldfield
Joseph Thickbroom	W	55	Father in law Retired timber merch.	b Sutton Coldfield
Fred White		15	Adopted son Jeweller's enameller	b Charmouth, Dorset

Marriage

The marriage between Francis Joseph Claydon and Amy Elizabeth Thickbroom was registered June 1905 Aston 6d 622

1901 census "Ivy Villa", Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield

Thomas Claydon	M	49	Carpenter foreman	b Sutton Coldfield
Charlotte Claydon	M	57		b Sutton Coldfield
Francis J Claydon	U	22	Jeweller's enameller	b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Claydon		17	Pupil teacher	b Sutton Coldfield
George Claydon		15	Architect's clerk	b Sutton Coldfield
Bernard Claydon		13		b Sutton Coldfield

We do not know the circumstances that led to Fred White becoming the adopted son of Thomas and Charlotte Clayton.

1921 census 40 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

Francis Joseph Claydon, 43. Enameller (Jewellery) at Swain & Clayton Engravers & Enameller, 190 Warstone Lane, Birmingham.
Amy E Claydon, 39. Home duties.
Olive Claydon, 8. School.
Winifred Ashton, 24. Teacher at Town Girls Schol. Boarder.

Birth

The birth of Olive M Clayton was registered March 1913 Tamworth 6b 853 – Mother Thickbroom

Olive married George E Norton in 1938 at Sutton Coldfield.

1939 Register 20 Holland Street

Amy E Claydon, born on 23 July 1881. Widow. Own means.
Kathleen M Sharpe, born on 14 February 1911. Manageress of dairy farm.

Probate

CLAYDON Francis Joseph of 20 Holland-street Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire died 23 June 1936 Probate **Birmingham** 17
September to Amy Elizabeth Claydon widow.
Effects £2236 12s. 2d.

FUNERAL OF JEWELLER

Representative Gathering at Sutton Coldfield

The funeral of Mr. Francis Joseph Claydon, who died at 20, Holland-street, Sutton Coldfield, took place yesterday at the Congregational Church, Park-road, of which the deceased was a prominent member. The service was conducted by the Pastor, the Rev. Harold S. Kaye. The Mayor (Councillor W. A. Terry) was at the organ.

Among those present were Mr. W. H. Perry, Mr. W. T. Blackband (headmaster of the Vittoria-street School for Jewellers and Silversmiths, Birmingham, and president of the National Society of Art Masters), Alderman W. T. Harrison, Messrs. Herbert Daun, W. Crump, H. W. Lyde, J. W. Wale (Probation Officer of Sutton Coldfield), Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Harrison, Mr. G. Parsons, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Myatt, Mrs. Woodcock, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. While, Misses Wainwright, Parsons, Child and Mrs. Barnsley, Misses Bennett, Ducros, Sims and Mr. J. Cook, employees of Messrs. Swain and Claydon.

The bearers were Messrs. Salt, Barnsley, Mortimer and Peters, employees of Messrs. Swain and Claydon.

The interment was at Sutton Cemetery.

Birmingham Daily Gazette 27 June 1936 Findmypast

Death

The death of Amy E Claydon was registered March 1947 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1282

ALBAN LESLIE WILKINS

Alban Leslie Wilkins was born in 1893 at Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham on 25 August 1914 with the Kings Royal Rifle Corps 2nd Battalion - Rifleman 11883

He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 (France & Flanders). (Battle of the Somme)

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Kings Royal Rifles Corps Collections P140S110

He was buried at the Marac British Cemetery, Grenay, Plot I.K.30.

"Son of Bernard & Margaret E Wilkins of 36 Widley Street, Cosham, Hants."

Findagrave Memorial ID 24372696 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 3 February 2008

Army Service Record

Parts of his record exist but it is often hard to read.

He enlisted at Birmingham on 25 August 1914. At the time he enlisted he lived at 386 Boldmere Road.

On 19 April 1916, his mother was still at that address as she wrote to the army from that address requesting information about her son as he had been in hospital, but she had not heard what was happening to him.

"I had a report from you on 31 March to say my son rifleman L Wilkins 11883 2nd Battalion KRRC was ill at the 4th Station Hospital at St Ouves (sic).

On the 7th of April I had a short note to say he was ill in hospital.

The latest news I have heard from you is that he was discharged from 4th Station Hospital to duty on 24 March 1916, which I was led to believe was the case.

I am sorry to trouble you but if you could let me know whether he is in hospital and where, I should be glad.

Mrs M Wilkins."

Letters were sent from the army to his mother stating that he was killed in action on 1 July 1916. He died in the field from a gun - shot wound to the shoulder.

His scroll, plaque, Victory and British Medals as well as his 1915 Star Medal were forwarded to Margaret Wilkins, his widowed mother who was then living at 36 Widley Street, Cosham, Hants (1922).

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101 B13, page 1698, and the 1915 Star Medal M/3B page 1059. He entered France on 29 November 1914.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WILKINS <i>Alban A L</i>	K R R C	P W	11883
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	M/101 B 13	1698	
BRITISH	do	do	K. A.
15 STAR	M/3 B	1059	
Theatre of War first served in	<i>Y. France</i>		
Date of entry therein	<i>29.11.14</i>		

K. 1202.

Alban Leslie Wilkins was the son of Bernard Thomas and Margaret Wilkins

Birth

The birth of Alban L Wilkins was registered March 1893 Aston 6d 455

1901 census Sheffield Road, Sutton Coldfield

Bernard T Wilkins	M	40	Plasterer	b Sutton Coldfield
Margaret Wilkins	M	33		b Totnes
? A Wilkins daughter		11		b Sutton Coldfield
William J Wilkins		9		b Sutton Coldfield
Alban L Wilkins		8		b Sutton Coldfield
Florence Wilkins		5		b Sutton Coldfield
Eleanor Wilkins		3		b Sutton Coldfield
Arthur Wilkins		7 months old		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census 39 Sycamore Road, Erdington

Bernard Wilkins	M	50	Plasterer	b Sutton Coldfield
Margaret Wilkins	M	41	Married 21 years, 6 children	b Devon
Annie Wilkins	U	21	General domestic servant	b Sutton Coldfield
Alban Leslie Wilkins	U	18	General labourer	b Sutton Coldfield
Florence Wilkins		15	Laundry girl	b Sutton Coldfield
Eleanor Wilkins		13		b Sutton Coldfield
Arthur Howard Wilkins		11		b Sutton Coldfield

A poem written by Alban Leslie Wilkins (5th Battalion KRRC) was published in the Sutton Coldfield News on 18 September 1915.

Sutton Coldfield Reference Library

1921 census

Bernard and Margaret Wilkins were not found.

Arthur Howard Wilkins, 20, was an engine cleaner for Midland Railway at Saltley. His wife Rosa was 22 and from Gloucester. Their son was 1, born in Clapham.

They were boarding in the household of Joseph Osbourne, at 111 Duddeston Mill Road, Birmingham.

Death

The death of Bernard T Wilkins was registered June 1915 Aston 6d 629, aged 55.

A definitive death for Margaret Wilkins was not found.

JOHN MORRIS WILLIAMS

John Morris Williams was born on 29 July 1894 at Harrington, Shropshire. He enlisted on 21 May 1915 at Nuneaton with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 11978 and he was promoted and transferred on 20 April 1916 to the Machine Gun Corps 24th Company – Sergeant 31978

He was killed in action on 27 May 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 24.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Machine Gun Corps Collections

He has no known grave and was commemorated on the Soissons Memorial.



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Army Service Record

John Morris Williams attested with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Nuneaton on 21 May 1915.

He lived at "Park Side Cottage", Streetly Lane, Four Oaks. He was 20 years and 10 months old. He worked as a baker and was single. He was 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall and had a chest measurement of 36 inches.

He was posted to his regiment at Warwick on 27 May 1915, and was given the regimental number 11978

He joined the 3rd Battalion initially then was posted to the 4th Battalion on 15 July 1915. Both the 3rd and 4th Battalions were training units.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 6 November 1916 and to Corporal on 22 January 1916. He then was promoted to Sergeant on 17 April 1916 and transferred to the Machine Gun Corps on 20 April 1916.

He travelled to France on 4 March 1917, from Folkestone to Boulogne. The following day he went to the base depot for the Corps at Camiers.

For reasons unknown, he reverted to private on 4 March 1917 at his own request but was again promoted to Lance Corporal on 18 August 1917.

On 31 March 1917, he was posted to the 24th Company of the Machine Gun Corps. The 24th Company appears to have left base camp and gone into the field on 2 April 1917.

He failed to comply with an order on 8 June 1917 and was docked 6 day's pay.

He was promoted again to Lance Corporal on 13 August 1917 and to Corporal on 5 January 1918.

He had leave in the UK between 7 January and 21 January 1918 and rejoined his company in the field on 23 January 1918.

He was promoted to Sergeant on 9 February 1918.

He was killed in action on 27 May 1918.

His medals and effects were sent to R Williams of Roughley.

His next of kin had been listed as Richard and Laura Williams ,plus his siblings William Henry 24, a discharged soldier; George 13, Alice Broadbent 21 of 7 St John Square, Wolverhampton and his grandfather Morris Williams of Welshpool.

The 8th Battalion MGC was formed in early 1918 from 23, 24, 25 and 218 MG Companies and was part of IX Corps, 8th Division.

It appears that the 8th Battalion Machine Gun Corps were at a place called Berry-au Bac, close to the River Aisne, and that they suffered heavily on the opening day of the Battle of the Aisne, particularly from the opening barrage.

According to the Long Long Trail website, "The Battle of the Aisne, 1918 (27 May – 6 June 1918) involved, "A small and tired British force, sent to the Chemin des Dames in exchange for fresh French divisions that went north, was struck and virtually destroyed as part of another German offensive, Operation Blücher".

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MGC/101 B23, page 2311.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WILLIAMS	M. G. C.	Sgt	31978
John Morris			
Medals	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	MGC/101 B23	2311	
BRITISH	do - do		
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Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

753574	319025	Williams, John Morris	M. G. C.	27.5.18	London	13	11	9.	27.3.1911	Fu Richard	13	11	9.
			Sgt	France on Belgium					28.11.19	John Richard	16	10	
			31978										
		A. F. W. 6070 SENT DATE 25.11.1919		WAR GRATUITY. Transf. 1/10 6850 39/1/16 Regd. Page 2/6 035 Serial No 2/4 16/21									

His father was sent £13 11 s 9 d effects plus £16 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 -1929 752501-754000 Ref 453

National Army Museum

He is also commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

John Morris Williams was the son of Richard and Laura Williams of Roughley, Sutton Coldfield

Birth

The birth of John M Williams was registered September 1894 Shifnal 6a 559

Baptism on 23 September 1894 at Sutton Maddock, Shropshire

Born on 29 July 1894. Parents Richard & Laura Williams

His father was a Labourer, and the family lived at "Field Houses", Ryton Road.

Shropshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1906 Ref P277/A/2/2. Page 26.

Both Sutton Maddock and Ryton Road are around 5km south of Shifnal.

He started at Ryton Church of England School, Shropshire on September 11th, 1899.

1901 census Hermington, Shifnal, Shropshire

Richard Williams	M	27	Shepherd	b Montgomeryshire
Laura Williams	M	27		b Liverpool
John M Williams		6		b Shifnal
William H Williams		5		b Shifnal

1911 census 19 Broadway, Shifnal, Shropshire

Richard Williams	M	37	Labourer on farm	b Montgomeryshire
Laura Williams	M	37	Married 19 years, 4 children	b Liverpool
John Morris Williams		16	Labour on farm	b Harrington
William Henry Williams		15	Blacksmith's assistant	b Harrington
George Francis Williams		5		b Shifnal

1921 census Roughley, Sutton Coldfield

Richard Williams, 47. Bricklayer's labourer for Mapcote & Son. Builders of Camden Street, Birmingham.

Laura Willias, 48. Home duties.

George Francis Williams, 15. Shop assistant at W.H. Smith. Newsagents, 54 Parade, Sutton Coldfield.

1939 Register 1 Old Cottages, Slade Road, Sutton Coldfield

Laura Williams, born on 14 May 1876. Widow. Paid domestic help.

Hilda M Williams, born on 29 July 1906. Paid domestic help.

George Francis Williams, born on 25 January 1906. Textile Warehouse salesman.

Deaths

The death of Richard Williams was registered March 1926 Tamworth 6b 503, aged 52.

The death of Laura Williams was registered March 1941 Sutton Coldfield 6b 1103, aged 67.

WILLIAM ALFRED WILLIAMS

William Alfred Williams was born in late 1895 or early 1896 at New Oscott (Perry Barr). He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 11th Battalion – Private 17814

He was killed in action on 13 August 1916 (France & Flanders).

“The 11th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment made an unsuccessful frontal attack on ‘Intermediate Trench’ on the night of 12th/13th August and then were relieved on the 13th August.

The temperature was 81 F and it was windy.” (SDBD)

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

He is commemorated on the family grave at St Michael, Boldmere.



Photo by Hockley Lass

Findagrave Memorial ID 205655121 Uploaded by Hockley Lass on 23 December 2019

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B36, page 7777.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
WILLIAMS	RWar: R.	Pvt.	17814.
William A.			
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
Victory	L/104 B36	7777	
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British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

William Alfred Williams Private 17814 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

“William Alfred Williams (known as Alfred) was born in Perry Barr in 1896. (Perry Barr was then in Staffordshire). He was one of nine children of Richard Williams, a farmer who became a groom, and Elizabeth. Alfred’s mother gave birth to nine children, but only five survived infancies.

Alfred’s father at one point farmed 50 acres in Stony Stretton, employing two men and a boy.

By 1901, the family were living at Princess Alice Orphanage in New Oscott, where Alfred’s father was the groom. By 1911, they lived at “Park View” in Jockey Road.

Alfred joined the 11th Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was killed in action on 13th August 1916, following an unsuccessful trench raid.

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



Thiepval Memorial

The Thiepval Memorial commemorates more than 72,000 soldiers who died in the Battle of the Somme and have no known grave”

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

William Alfred Williams was the son of Richard and Elizabeth Williams of “Park View”, Jockey Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

(WML) (Boldmere church records)

Birth

The birth of William Alfred Williams was registered March 1896 West Bromwich 6b 755

1901 census “Princess Alice Orphanage Lodge”, New Oscott, Perry Barr

New Oscott formed the boundary of Sutton Coldfield in Warwickshire, Birmingham and Perry Barr which was then in Staffordshire.

Richard Williams	M	47	Groom at orphanage	b Ford, Salop
Elizabeth Williams	M	46		b Shrewsbury
Bertha Williams		16		b Atterbury
Janet Williams		7		b Drayton Bassett
William Alfred Williams		5		b Perry Barr

1911 census "Park View", Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Richard Williams	M	57	Dairyman	b Ford, Salop
Elizabeth Williams	M	56	Married 32 years – 9 children 4 died	b Shrewsbury, Salop
Bertha Williams	U	26	Draper's assistant	b Atterbury, Salop
Janet Williams		17		b Drayton Bassett
Alfred Williams		15		b Perry Barr

1921 census Park View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield

Elizabeth Mary Williams, 66. Widow. Home duties.

Bertha Williams, 36. Drapery warehouse assistant at Pell Hammond & Co. Ltd. Bull Street, Birmingham.

Janet Mary Williams, 27. Woollen Warehouse assistant at Worsey & Sons, Union Street.

Death

The death of Richard Williams was registered March 1919 Tamworth 6b 786, aged 64.

1939 Register

Elizabeth Mary Williams was not found.

Death

The death of Elizabeth M Williams was registered December 1935 Sutton Coldfield 6b 786, aged 81.

Rowland Murray Wilson - Browne was born on 14 February 1897 at Perry Barr. He enlisted with the Royal Flying Corps 21st Squadron – Pilot Second Lieutenant

Rowland Murray Wilson - Browne has a lot of his history online.

He was killed whilst flying a BE2c 2100 on the Western Front, aged 19.

He went missing during a bombing raid on 21 July 1916. He was captured by the Germans and died of wounds whilst held a Prisoner of War by the Germans. He died at the German 5 Corps Dressing Station.

“12 Squadron were bombing the junction and rail bridge at Aubigny - Au- Bac escorted by 23 Squadron.

They were shot down in combat with two ‘Fokkers’.” **(TSTB)**

UK Airmen Died in the Great War 1914 – 1918

UK WW1 British & Allied Airmen who Died in WW1 – awarded a Gold Star

From Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Imperial War Museum (Lives of the First World War), (Caring for the Fallen)

He died on 21 July 1916, aged 19, whilst serving with the Royal Flying Corps, 12th Squadron.

He finished training on 13 December 1915 and was granted his Flying Certificate – Aviators on 26 January 1916, certificate No. 2545.

UK Granted Aviators & Aeronauts 1888 – 1928 The David Barrie Collection.

King Edward Grammar School Great War Memorial, Roll of Honour 1914 - 1918

Alison Wheatley was the archivist at King Edward Grammar School during the initial research stages of this project.

The school research is now on a website.

In summary, Murray joined the school in January 1912. He transferred from Solihull School, where he had been a boarder. His parents were Arthur and Camilla of Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He excelled primarily in the classical rather than the scientific curriculum and was above average in French and German. He was a successful athlete, gymnast and member of the 1st X1 cricket team. He was involved with the school musicals.

He was also a member of the Sutton Coldfield Swimming Club and the Birmingham Dolobran Athletics Club.

At the outbreak of war, he spent a short time at the Daimler Works in the Aerodrome. He was Gazetted to become 2nd lieutenant with the Royal Flying Corps. He gained his wings and flew a Maurice Farman biplane at the military School in Ruislip.

He became a Flying Officer with No 2 Squadron, 1st Wing. He was wounded and captured by Germans, dying at the German 5 Corps Dressing Station on 21 July 1916, aged 19.

A colleague wrote to his parents, explaining that he went on a bombing raid on 21 July 1916 and did not return. When last seen, his machine was under control.

With thanks to Alison Wheatley

Rowland M Wilson – Brown is commemorated on the King Edward School Great War Memorial.

Imperial War Museum Reference WMR 64116

Solihull Remembers 21 July 2016 - online newspaper

He was an old boy of Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull. His parents married at St Mark, Birmingham in 1896.

His father was an Old Silhillian, having left school in 1882.

In 1902, Murray won a prize for French. He was a member of the Officers Training Corps at the school and played the bugle in the band. He left the school in 1912.

Solihull School Great War Memorial

Rowland Murray Wilson – Browne is commemorated on the memorial.

Imperial War Museum WW1 Board (lost) WMR R 38630

He was buried at the Vis – En - Artois Communal Cemetery, France

“The Germans made an extension, (now removed) at the east end of the Long Narrow Cemetery and in the communal cemetery itself they buried an R.F.C. officer who fell in July 1916.

The exact position of the grave is not known and a special memorial is erected near the east end of the cemetery.”

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Cemetery History



Rowland Murray Wilson – Browne from various sources



By D Day Dodgers Foundation



By Simon Tiron

Grave images uploaded by Gail C – Story Behind the Stones

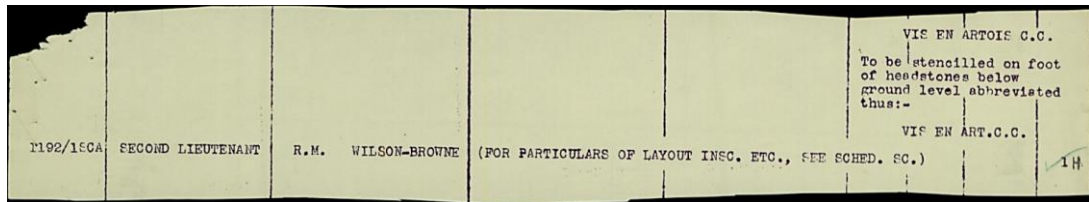
“Their Glory shall not be blotted out”

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

"Royal Flying Corps 12th Squadron. Died 21 July 1916, aged 19.

Son of Arthur & Camilla of Ravenscroft, Sutton Coldfield."

Findagrave Memorial ID 154842717 Maintained by darealjojon 10 November 2015



Commonwealth War Graves Commission

British Army Service Records - Findmypast

Index only WO 339/72162 Officers Services.

Prisoners of War 1715 – 1945 1916 – Findmypast

Index only 1916.

Medal Card

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
- ERONNE			
R. J. NELSON -			
<i>Rouland Munday</i>			
Regt.	Page.	Remarks.	
R. J. NELSON	155	10x/93042/13/3/22. 10x/1714/25	
Rank			
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry thereon			

Address *A. E. Wilson - Brown*
Ravenscliffe
hutton *Grasfield*
1/2 Bath
N. Birmingham

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

WILSON-BROWNE.—Died in hospital at Vis-en-Artois, on 21st July, as prisoner of war, after bombing raid same-day, ROWLAND MURRAY, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. WILSON-BROWNE, "The Crag," Sutton Coldfield, aged 19.

The Times 19 October 1916 Findmypast

SEC. LIEUT. R. M. WILSON-BROWNE (DIED OF WOUNDS).

Second Lieutenant Rowland Murray Wilson-Browne, of the Royal Flying Corps, who was previously reported missing, is now reported to have died of wounds as a prisoner of war in German hands. He was nineteen years of age, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wilson-Browne, of The Crag, Sutton Coldfield. He joined the army shortly after the outbreak of war, and received his commission on December 13, 1915. He obtained his wings last May. Lieutenant Wilson-Browne had taken part in many aerial combats, and on two occasions was brought down behind the German lines, but managed to escape capture. On July 21 last, he went out on a bombing raid, and did not return. He was a most efficient officer and popular with the men. He was educated at Solihull Grammar School and at King Edward's School, and distinguished himself at the latter school by winning the gymnastic championship three years in succession.

Birmingham Post 18 October 1916 Findmypast

Rowland Murray Wilson Browne is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour

Matthew Rhodes, Vicar of Maney

“Rowland Murray Wilson - Browne was the son of Arthur and Camilla Wilson-Browne of “Ravenscliffe”, Sutton Coldfield.

He was educated at Solihull Grammar School and King Edward Grammar School, Birmingham.

He lived at “The Crag”, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Whilst at King Edwards School, he won the gymnastic Open Championship for three years running.

He was a member of Sutton Coldfield Swimming and Cricket Clubs and also the Dolobran Athletic Club.

At the outbreak of war, he worked for a short time at the Daimler Works in the Aerodrome department.

He passed all his tests for his pilot certificate in one day.”

Sutton Coldfield News 21.10.1916

Birth

The birth of Rowland M Wilson-Browne was registered March 1897 West Bromwich 6b 846

1901 census “Overdale”, Tudor Hill, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur E Wilson Browne	M	35	Tin plate manufacturer – owner	b Birmingham
Camilla Wilson Browne	M	28		b Watford
Roland M Wilson Browne		4		b Perry Barr
Agnes Wilson Browne		2		b Sutton Coldfield
Alice Beddard	U	22	Nurse	b Sutton Coldfield
Gertrude Abbott	U	21	Cook	b Oxford

1911 census “The Crag”, Manor Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur E Wilson Browne	M	44	Manufacturer tinware foundry, owner	b Birmingham
Camilla M Wilson Browne	M	37	Married 15 years – 5 children	b Watford
Agnes Wilson Browne		12		b Sutton Coldfield
Dudley Wilson Browne		7		b Sutton Coldfield
Eileen Wilson Browne		6		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Wilson Browne		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Frances Hastilow	U	21	General servant	b Sale, Cheshire
Lizzie Bird	U	44	General servant	b Oldbury, Worcs

1911 census Solihull School, Warwick Road, Solihull

R M Wilson-Browne	14	Pupil	b Perry Barr
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1921 census Ravenscliffe, Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield

Arthur Edward Wilson Browne, 54. Managing director Tin Ware Trade The Valor Co. Ltd. Rocky Lane, Aston.

Camilla Muriel Wilson Browne, 47.

George Holmes, 29 Visitor. Engineer at Farraday Rozens & Ella, 111 New Street, Birmingham.

Edith Bailey, 26. Domestic servant.

Elizabeth Tidy, 48. Domestic servant.

Alice Topliss, 17. Domestic servant.

Note: The history is not very clear, but it seems that Frank Sidebotham Rippingille, the father of Frank Alexander Rippingille, Lieutenant East Yorkshire Regiment (see his entry) became bankrupt, and his company Rippingille Stoves were taken over by the Valor Company.

Arthur Edward Wilson Browne was an inventor of the means of placing support for fire extinguishers on motorboats, omnibuses and other motor vehicles.

International Patents 1890 – 2020 Publication Date 25 April 1907, GB 190614660A



Graces Guide UK

1939 Register

Arthur Edward and Camilla Muriel were not found.

There were several entries for them travelling aboard ships to New York and mainly to Cape Town.

UK & Ireland Outward Passengers lists 1890 – 1960

9 April 1938 from Liverpool to Cape Town, South Africa

Arthur was 71 and Camilla was 64. They were from 286 Hagley Road, Edgbaston. Arthur was an agent.

Death / Probate

BROWNE Arthur Edward Wilson of 13 Marlborough Court South Parade Durban **South Africa** died 15 February 1941 Probate **Birmingham** 1 July to Herbert John Thornton chartered accountant. Effects £5955 6s. 11d.

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

It is not known where or when Camilla Muriel Wilson Browne died.

SYDNEY JOSEPH WINKLEY

Sydney Joseph Winkley was born in 1896 in Handsworth. He enlisted on 4 September 1914 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1/6th Battalion – Second Lieutenant

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Collections

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

NA Url/details/r/D5955834 WO 372/22/22706 Sergeant

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register – 2nd Lieutenant

He was killed in action on 1 July 1916 (France & Flanders) (Somme), aged 21.

“On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, Sydney’s Brigade was attached to another Division for the attack in the Serre area.

The left flank was enfiladed from Serre by machine gun fire and was forced to fight off a bombing attack also from the direction of Serre.

He was killed during the capture of a German strongpoint known as the Quadrilateral Redoubt.”

SDBD and Joy Timbrell

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



Photo by Nancy Wright

Findagrave Memorial ID 12378698 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 16 November 2005

Army Service Records

He enlisted on September 4th, 1914, with the 15th Battalion (2nd Birmingham) Royal Warwickshire Regiment as was given the regimental number 15/289. According to the London Gazette dated October 6th, 1915, he was promoted from the ranks as it states, "The undermentioned to be Second Lieutenants: Serjeant Sydney Joseph Winkley. Dated 3rd October, 1915 (among others)".

He entered France on 24 March 1916. The battalion war diary noted Second Lieutenant S. J Winkley joined for duty on May 8th, 1916, at Courcelle, France.

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 Mailly. Despite this, he was reported as wounded and/or missing in a local newspaper two weeks later.

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.

From The Birmingham Gazette July 14th, 1916

With thanks to Paul Harrison

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/150, page 187.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WINKLEY Sydney Joseph	12/R War B	Sgt	157289
	# R War P (TF)	# 2 Lieut	
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	OFF/150	187	Dec. d. 17/12
BRITISH	"	"	18/12/12. 4/16/12. NW/19/18003.
STAR			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
(1) 12.3.16			
14.8.22			
NW/8/18003			
K. 1880			

Correspondence

Mecher Mr. W. H. Winkley
 "Pinehurst"
 West Cliffe Gardens,
 Bournemouth.

(1473) Wt. W2703/RP8142 1,000m 12-1 J.F.W. E 8281.

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

W7408. R240/9/16-3 Bks.-Wt. & Sons, Ltd. 022					CREDITS		
Record No.	Registry No.	NAME AND RANK	Regt. or Corps	Date and Place of Death	Account	Effects 1916-1917	Effects 1917-1918
21136	9/6/1063	Winkley, S.J.	G.R. Warwick S.J. Regt.	11-7-16 Kina	Transfer 31/11/16 60x7 60. 6/14/2	55 5 4 16	✓ 98
					WAR GRATUITY 4597 2/19/16 20-9-19 19.20	8 10	

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 20601-21600 Ref 18

National Army Museum

Sydney Joseph Winkley is also commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

Sydney Joseph Winkley was a member of the Y.M.C.A and was commemorated on their Roll of Honour

John Day, Y. M. C. A

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School is commemorated on their Roll of Honour

David Phillips)

Sydney Joseph Winkley appears in the photograph of 'V' Platoon in the City Battalions

(Royal Warwickshire Regiment) Book of Honour.

His medals were sent to his mother, Mrs W Winkley on 16 June 1922. She lived at "Pinehurst", West Cliff Gardens, Bournemouth – as annotated on the index card.

"Sydney Joseph Winkley was the son Mr and Mrs William Winkley of "Darnel Hurst", Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.

His father, William Winkley is a precious stone dealer.

Sydney Winkley was educated at Warwick School and at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

He was in business with his father after he left school.

He obtained a commission at the outbreak of war.

He was sent to the front around February 1916."

Sutton Coldfield News 15.7.1916

Birth

The birth of Sidney J Winkley was registered June 1896 West Bromwich 6b 817

1901 census "Ashleigh", Grove Lane, Handsworth

William Winkley	M	41	Precious stone dealer	b Birmingham
Winifred Winkley	M	35		b Great Bridge
William Winkley		11		b Handsworth
Bernard Winkley		7		b Handsworth
Sidney J Winkley		5		b Handsworth
Winifred Winkley		2		b Handsworth
Alice Birch	U	20	Housemaid	b West Bromwich
Eliza Blackford	U	21	Cook	b West Bromwich

1911 census "Warwick School", St Nicholas, Warwick

Sydney Winkley	15	Scholar	b Handsworth
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1911 census "Darnel Hurst", Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

William Winkley	M	51	Precious stone dealer - employer	b Birmingham
Winifred Winkley	M	45	Married 22 years, 7 children 2 died	b Great Bridge, Staffs
William Leonard Winkley	U	21	Clerk for father	b Handsworth
Bernard Percival Winkley		17	Clerk for father	b Handsworth
Winifred Madge Winkley		12		b Handsworth
Alice Edna Winkley		8		b Handsworth
May E Walker	U	28	Cook	b Whittington, Warks
Florence Hayes	U	19	Housemaid	b Hednesford, Staffs

Contemporary reports in the Leamington Spa Courier, dated 23 December 1910, and 22 December of the following year, mentioned Sydney as being a cast member in the Warwick School plays,

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" and Henry VIII respectively. He was reported in The Birmingham Daily Post, dated 27 July 1914, as having won prizes for swimming.

With thanks to Paul Harrison

1921 census Darnel Hurst, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield

Winifred Winkley, 56. Widow. Home duties.

Bernard Winkley, 27. Electro Plate Manufacturer, Electro Plate & Stamping o. 6 Hockley Street. Employer.

Winifred M Winkley, 22. Home duties.

Alice Edna Winkley, 19. Home duties.

Nora Budd, 24. Visitor.

Death

The death of William Winkley was registered June 1918 Tamworth 6b 455, aged 58.

Probate

WINKLEY William of Darnel Hurst Hartopp-road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** and of Vyse-street Birmingham diamond merchant died 1 May 1918 at Darnel Hurst Probate **Birmingham** 11 September to Winifred Winkley widow William Leonard Winkley diamond merchant and Arthur Winkley wedding ring manufacturer. Effects £5045 2s. 3d.

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

1939 Register 188 Birmingham Road, Sutton Coldfield

Winifred Winkley, born on 26 March 1866. Widow.

Fannie Gain, born on 21 October 1867. Widow.

Ruby Stevens, born on 24 December 1890. Photographic artist. Single.

Death

The death of Winifred Winkley was registered March 1944 Sutton Coldfield 6d 699, aged 81.

Sydney Joseph Winkley was the great uncle of Joy Timbrell

Joy added this information

“Sydney Winkley enlisted at the age of 19 years 3 months in the 2nd City Battalion (15th Royal Warwickshire Battalion) on 4 September 1914, in response to an appeal by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

His name appeared on the daily list of volunteers for this Battalion printed in the Birmingham Post.

He became a Platoon Sergeant 15/289 in ‘V’ Platoon, ‘B’ Company on 12 October 1914 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 2 October 1915.

He joined the 1st/6th Royal Warwicks on 8 May 1916.”

Joy Timbrell, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project

With thanks



Sydney Joseph Winkley War Medals

Joy Timbrell holds these medals



Sydney Joseph Winkley with thanks to Joy Timbrell

Bernard Percival Winkley

Bernard Percival Winkley enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 12th Brigade (Local Reserve) – Private 15/275 .

He enlisted at Birmingham on 14 September 1914.

He was not sent abroad but served with the 17th Local Reserve at Command Depot, No 2 Camp, Sutton Coldfield (Sutton Park) from 22 November 1915.

He was discharged as medically unfit to serve on 29 August 1916.

He had injured the front of his right knee in a motor accident and this was inflamed.

Bernard also attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and is listed on their 'Survivors of the Great War' Roll of Honour

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

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

**Second Lieutenant Sydney Joseph Winkley
1st/6th Royal Warwickshire Regiment
Died: Saturday 1st July 1916
Aged: 20**



The 1st/6th and 1st/8th Territorial Battalions of the Royal Warwicks (temporarily attached to the 11th Brigade, 4th Division), were due 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 led off into 'No Man's Land' followed after a few minutes by the 1st/6th.

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 11.00am 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 counter-attacks 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.



Sydney Winkley is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier and Face 9A 9B and 10B.

Sydney J Winkley is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and on the All Saints Church Cross, Belwell Lane, Four Oaks.

"Sydney Joseph Winkley was born in the summer of 1896.

He was the son of William (precious stone dealer) and Winifred Winkley of Darnel Hurst, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Sydney attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1903 and 1909.

He enlisted at the age of 19 years and 3 months in the 2nd City Battalion (15th Royal Warwickshire Battalion) on 4 August 1914.

He became Platoon Sergeant 15/289 in 'V' Platoon, 'B' Company on 12 October 1914.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on 2 October 1915.

He joined the 1st/6th Royal Warwicks on 8 May 1916.

His father died just before his son was killed on the Somme."

David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

With thanks

HARRY IVINS WOODWARD

(Also known as Hervey/Henry)

Harry Ivins Woodward was born in 1893 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Erdington with the City Battalion on its formation in 1914 - Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Lance Corporal 723

He died on 6 June 1917 at a military hospital in Lancashire, aged 23.

Death

His death was registered June 1917 Warrington, Lancashire 8c 232, aged 23.

Very few sources of information were found for this man.

Imperial War Museum Lives of the First World War

Royal British Legion Everyone Remembered.

Commonwealth War Graves Personal Inscription “Peace”.

He was buried at St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Grave 060



Photos by David Pearce

Findagrave Memorial ID 175414130 Uploaded by David Pearce on 16 January 2017

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B37, page 7911, and 1915 Star Medal L/8B, page 597.

He entered France on 21 November 1915

His card is annotated that his widow was sent his sent medals on 11 November 1922.

Name.	Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
WOODWARD.	A. War: A	Pte (2/c)	723
Harry	- " -	Pte.	- " -
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.
VICTORY	4/104/334	4911	DIED
BRITISH	do	do	
15 STAR	2/80	547	
Theatre of War first served in	(1) France.		
Date of entry therein	21.11.15		

NW 4/1963
K 1320.

Woodward's address for medals 1/12

Address, Mrs G Woodward
3 Rue de Richelieu
Paris

(1914-16) Wt. 5 1/2 - 11 P. 609 500m 1000 H. 54 T. 4 560/120

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

Harry Irwin Woodward is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Henry Ivins Woodward Lance Corporal 14/723 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

"Harry Woodward was born in 1893, son of Samuel Woodward, a coachman, and Eliza Ivins, the daughter of a shepherd.

The family settled in Highbridge Road -where Harry was a member of St Michael's Boldmere Football Club and Boldmere Swimming Club.

He was employed by Mr. Elson, Boot Repairer, Station Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Harry Woodward joined the 14th (1st Birmingham Pals) Battalion as soon as it was formed in September 1914.

On his last period of leave, in mid-1915, he married Gladys Dawson. Harry was sent to France in November 1915.

According to the *Sutton Coldfield News* of 16th June 1917, Harry was sent home after twenty months of service on the front as he was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

He died suddenly at the military hospital in Warrington.

Harry Woodward was given a full military funeral and is buried in the churchyard at St. Michael's, Boldmere."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

H Woodward is commemorated on page 284 of Birmingham Battalions Roll of Honour in 'Birmingham Pals' by Terry Carter.

"He was a member of St Michael's Boldmere Football Club and Boldmere Swimming Club.

Prior to the war he was employed at Mr. Elson, Boot Repairer, Station Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He enlisted with the City Battalion on the day of its formation.

He was married in September 1915 during his final leave.

He went to the front in November 1915. He was sent home after twenty months active service, without leave, as he was suffering from a nervous breakdown.

He died quite suddenly at a military hospital. He was given a full military funeral."

Sutton Coldfield News, 16.6.1917

Harry Ivins Woodward was the son of Samuel and Eliza Woodward of 266 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield and the husband of Gladys Woodward.

Birth

The birth of Henry I Woodward was registered December 1893 Aston 6d 422

Baptism on 17 December 1893 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield

To Samuel and Eliza of Clifton Road. Groom.

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

1901 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Woodward	M	28	Coachman	b Shipston on Stour
Eliza Woodward	M	30		b Fladbury
Hervey (sic) I Woodward		7		b Sutton Coldfield
William H Woodward		4		b Sutton Coldfield
Ernest J Woodward		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1911 census Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Woodward	M	38	Coachman	b Shipston on Stour
Eliza Woodward	M	40	Married 18 years, 3 children 1 died	b Fladbury, Worcs
Harry Ivins Woodward		17	Boot Repairer	b Sutton Coldfield

Marriage

The marriage between Henry I Woodward and Gladys M Dawson was registered September 1915 Aston 6d 1113

It does not appear that the couple had any children.

1921 census

Gladys Woodward was not found. The army medal card gave an address in Paris for her.

1921 census 266 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Woodward, 50. Groom domestic for William Fowler of Four Oaks.
Eliza Woodward, 52. Home duties.
Ernest Jack Woodward, 21. Clerk at Simplex Conduits Ltd. Tube Manufacturers, Garrison Lane.
Mary Ivins, 69. Widow. Visitor.

1939 Register 266 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

Samuel Woodward, born on 20 October 1871. Jobbing gardener.

Deaths

The death of Eliza Woodward was registered September 1931 Sutton Coldfield 6b 391, aged 61.

The death of Samuel Woodward was registered December 1947 Sutton Coldfield 9c 883, aged 76.

Raymond Woodward was born on 12 January 1890 in Birmingham. He enlisted at Warley in Essex with the Northamptonshire Regiment 7th Battalion – Corporal 17249

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War – Fold 3

UK 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/D5999280 WO 372/22/66512

He was buried at the Awoingt British Cemetery near Cambrai, Plot III.E.10.

There are few online sources for this man.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals K/1/101 B6, page 937, and the 1915 Star Medal K/1/2 B4, page 448. He entered France on 1 September 1915.

Name.		Corps.	Rank	Regt. No.
WOODWARD.		Forch'n. R.	Pte	17249
Raymond				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	K/1/101 B6	937	D & W. 5-11-18.	
BRITISH	K/1/2 B4	448		
15 STAR				
Theatre of War first served in	① France			
Date of entry therein	1-9-15.			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

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17249 Galquin.
8-4-19. Fa. William 29 2 10
H. L.

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19-20
Including War Gratuity £13 = =

His father was sent £29 2 s 10 d effects including £23 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 - 1921 824501 - 826000 Fold 3

He is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial (Imperial War Museum WMR 17348)

Raymond Lewis Woodward was the son of Mr W Woodward of “Fox Hollies”, Langley Heath Road, Walmley.

Birth

The birth of Raymond Lewis Woodward was registered March 1890 Birmingham 6d 22.

Baptism on 9 February 1890 at St Paul, Birmingham.

The parents were William and Mary of 10 Back of Carver Arms, Carver Street. William was a porter.

This Raymond was born on 12 January 1890.

Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1923 DRO 35 Archive Roll 158

1891 census 10 Back of Carver Arms, Carver Street, Birmingham

William Woodward	M	39	Railway servant shunter	b Crowle, Worcs
Mary Woodward	M	33		b Connington
Agnes Woodward		9		b Birmingham
Jessie Woodward		5		b Birmingham
William Woodward		3		b Birmingham
Raymond L Woodward		1		b Birmingham

1901 census Bulls Lane, Wishaw

William Woodward	M	49	Gamekeeper	b Crowle, Worcs
Mary Woodward	M	45		b Connington, Herts
Arthur Woodward	U	21	General labourer	b Himbleton, Worcs
William Woodward		13		b Birmingham
Raymond Woodward		11		b Bulls Lane, Wishaw
Walter Woodward		8		b Bulls Lane, Wishaw
Percy Woodward		6		b Bulls Lane, Wishaw
Albert Woodward	U	20	Boarder General labourer	b Himbleton, Worcs

1911 census Bulls Lane, Wishaw near Birmingham

William Woodward	M	59	Gamekeeper	b Crowle, Worcs
Mary Woodward	M	55	Married 33 years – 7 children	b Connington, Herts
William Woodward	U	23	Gardener	b Carver St, Bham
Walter Woodward	U	18	Gardener	b Bulls Lane, Wishaw
Arthur Woodward	U	32	Gamekeeper	b Earls Common, Wore
Percy Woodward		16	Dairyman	b Bulls Lane, Wishaw
Raymond Woodward	U	21	Gamekeeper	b Carver St, Bham
Agnes Woodward	U	29		b Himbleton, Worcs
Jessie Woodward	U	25	Cook	b Carver St, Bham

These crossed out names are of grown up children that have left home and were entered in error. They have been crossed out by the enumerator.

1911 census Higher Nynehead, Somerset

Living in the household of Thomas Coles 49, farm hand

Raymond Woodward	U	21	Gamekeeper	b Birmingham
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1921 census Fox Hollies, Fox Hollies Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield

William Woodward, 69. Gardener, private.

Mary Woodward, 66. Home duties.

William E Woodward, 33. Gardener.

Walter Woodward, 28. Occupation illegible – own account.

1939 Register

William and Mary were not found.

Deaths

The death of William Woodward was registered June 1929 Tamworth 6b 433, aged 77.

The death of Mary Woodward was registered December 1937 Sutton Coldfield 6d 673, aged 80.

FRANK WRIGHT

Frank Wright was the brother of James Wright – see next entry

Frank Wright was born in 1890 at Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Garrison Artillery 237th Siege Battery – Gunner 135785

He was killed in action on 19 August 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 27.

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Garrison Artillery Collections

“Father William Wright of Mayfield, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield. 237th Battery Gunner.”

UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

He was buried at the Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery, Ypres, Plot C.23.

Army Service Records

These were not found.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/177 B, page 7689.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WRIGHT, Frank	RGA	Gnr	135785
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	RGA/177-B	7689	
BRITISH	—	—	
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

528910	Wright, Frank	23/10/1890	17.5.14	Doner	3	8	6	4	1	10	M.O. 1.18.9-18	La Williams	4	1	10
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DATE 10-7-19		Effects ... 19/10/1890													
		Transfer ... 6/10/1890													
		Regt. Paper ...													
		Serial No. ... 18688													

His father was sent £4 1 s 10 d effects plus £3 war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 527501-529000 Fold 3

Frank Wright was commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

Graham Jennings

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

Frank Wright Gunner 135785 Royal Garrison Artillery

"Frank Wright was born in 1890, in the area then known as 'The Coldfield', now Boldmere Road in Boldmere. Frank was the son of William Wright, a groom and coachman from Coleshill, and Emma Jakeman, daughter of an agricultural labourer.

They lived at what later became "Mayfield", 68 Boldmere Road – two doors down from the Gibbons family.

Frank went to Green Lanes School. He attended St Michael's Church, Boldmere and was secretary of the St Michael's Boldmere Football Club. Frank was employed as a clerk in the office of the Midland Vinegar Brewery, Tower Road, Aston.

Emma Wright, Frank's mother, had given birth to six children by 1911, but only three – Frank, his sister Maud, and his brother James - survived infancy. Emma Wright died in 1913.

According to the *Sutton Coldfield News* of 15th September 1917, Frank tried to enlist in November 1915 - "but was rejected due to poor eyesight. He was later called up for re-examination and passed for garrison duty and was then then re- assigned for general service."

Frank joined the 237th Siege Battery of the RGA and was sent to France on the 23rd of January 1917.

The battery consisted of four 6" Howitzers, which by 1917 were towed by 3-ton 'FWD' lorries.

The battery disembarked at Le Havre, and then had a very difficult winter journey, the roads being covered in ice and snow. For a few weeks they were positioned in the convent at Ypres. Enemy shelling was so heavy that three of the four guns were destroyed, before the remaining gun was sent to a new position at a nearby farm. The battery was made part of a larger group.

Frank Wright was killed in action at Ypres on the 19th of August 1917. His father William received £4 1s 10d, plus a later War Gratuity of £3 0s 0d.



Battery firing during WW1

Frank is buried in the Divisional Collecting Post Cemetery and Extension. This cemetery close to the northern ring road in Leper was started during the Third Battle of Leper in 1917. It is close to the much larger New Irish Farm Cemetery. Soldiers who died at a nearby medical aid post were buried here.

The original cemetery contained just 87 burials, including 1 German grave. Between 1924 and 1926 the cemetery was extended by the addition of a further 678 casualties from the surrounding battlefields and smaller cemeteries in the area.

Like all those who served, Frank received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

“Frank Wright was the son of William and the late Emma Wright of “Mayfield”, 68 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield and the brother of James Wright who was also killed in the war.

He was educated at Green Lanes School.

He attended St Michael’s Church, Boldmere and was a former secretary of the St Michael’s Boldmere Football Club.

He was employed as a clerk in the office of the Midland Vinegar Brewery, Tower Road, Aston.

He offered to enlist under the Derby Scheme in November 1915 but was rejected due to poor eyesight.

He was later called up for re-examination and passed for garrison duty and was then then re- assigned for general service.”

Sutton Coldfield News 15.9.1917

Birth

The birth of Frank Wright was registered June 1890 Aston 6d 419 – Mother Jakeman

1891 census The Coldfield, Sutton Coldfield

William Wright	M	38	Groom	b Coleshill
Emma Wright	M	35		b Norton Lyndsey
Maud Wright		2		b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Wright		1		b Sutton Coldfield

1901 census Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Wright	M	47	Gardener	b Coleshill
Emma Wright	M	44		b Norton Lyndsey
Maud Wright		12		b Boldmere
Frank Wright		10		b Boldmere
James Wright		7		b Boldmere
George Wright		17	Nephew. Carpenter	b Elmdon

1911 census Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Wright	M	57	Gardener	b Coleshill, Warks
Emma Wright	M	54	Married 30 years, 6 children 3 died	b Norton Lindsey
Emma Maud Wright	U	22	Armature minder – electrical works	b Sutton Coldfield
Frank Wright	U	20	Manufacturer’s clerk	b Sutton Coldfield
James Wright		17	Apprentice in jewellery trade	b Sutton Coldfield

Norton Lindsey is in Warwickshire.

1921 census 68 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

William Wright, 69. Widower. Gardener retired through illness.
Emma Maud Wright, 32. Single. Home duties.

Deaths

The death of Emma Wright was registered September 1914 Tamworth 6b 498, aged 57.

The death of William Wright was registered June 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 651, aged 81.

JAMES WRIGHT

James Wright was the brother of Frank Wright – see previous entry.

James Wright was born in 1893 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted first at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 739 and after a time of being unfit to serve was re-enlisted at Warwick with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 2/7th Battalion – Private 267992

He died of wounds on 5 April 1918 at St Quentin (France & Flanders), aged 24.

WW1 Joint War Organisations Enquiries: Missing, Wounded & Dead Personnel 1914 – 1918

Enquiry dates 22 March 1918 and 2 August 1918

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

NA Url/details/r/D6024276 WO 372/22/91508

“Signaller of Mayfield, 68 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield”

UK WW1 Commonwealth War Graves Commission Death Register

UK Soldiers Died in the Great War Royal Warwickshire Regiment Collections

He was buried at the St Souplet British Cemetery, Plot II.BB.13.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission – awaiting a photograph.

Personal Inscription: ‘Reunion our abiding hope.’

Army Pension Record

James Wright was 21 years 5 months old when he enlisted on 22 September 1914. He was single and lived at “Mayfield”, Boldmere.

He was 5' 7 ¼" tall, weighed 123 pounds and had a chest measurement of 35".

He had a fresh complexion with brown hair and dark brown eyes. He was Church of England.

He served at home between 22 September 1914 and 28 May 1915.

He was discharged from the army on 28 May 1915 because he was no longer fit for service at home or abroad. He had a varicocele which he refused to have operated on.

His later army records are not included with his pension forms.

Army Medal Roll

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B37, page 7977.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
WRIGHT	R. War R.	PLA	267992
James			
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	L/104 B37	7977	
BRITISH	- do -	- do -	
Star			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			

British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920

798402	55-5743	Wright	2/7 B. 5-4-18 War 4	1/10 8	12-3-19	7a-William	10 8
		James	R War 4 5-12-18		1.12.19/3	7a-William	8 10
		Pte	267992	8 10			
		A. F. W. 6070 BENT DATE 25 JUL 1919					
		EFFECTS Transfer 1919/20 Regd Paper 1919/20 Serial No. 31951-					

His father was sent £10 8 s effects plus £8 10 s war gratuity.

British Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 797501-799000 Fold 3

William dead		DP3/8514	M.P.W. 5.
CLAIMANT.		Registered No.	96244
Surname	WRIGHT		
Christian Name	Emma Maud		
Man's Name	WRIGHT		
Regimental	135785	Rank	Pte
Official	No. 267992	Rating	
Regiment	R. G. A.	Relationship	Sister
Ship	R. WARWICK		

CLAIMANT'S ADDRESS.	
68 Boldnese Road	22 MAY 1934
Wylde Green	
M Bham	
	WARDS FILE DESTROYED 17-8-66

UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1918 075/04781/Wra-Wri Fold 3

William Wright died in 1934.

Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

James Wright Signaller 267992 Royal Warwickshire Regiment

“James Wright was born in 1893, the younger brother of Frank Wright (see previous piece), and the younger son of William Wright and Emma Jakeman.

James became an apprentice in the jewellery trade. Shortly after the outbreak of war, James enlisted in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 3rd Birmingham Battalion.

On joining the regiment at Moseley on 22nd September 1914, James's medical record noted that he was 5' 7¼" tall, weighed 123 lbs (8 st.11 lbs), and had a 33½" chest.

Perhaps oddly, no mention was made at that time of a medical condition known as 'varicocele', which involves enlarged veins in the scrotum. This affects 10-15% of boys, and is often harmless, but in James's case meant that an operation was necessary.

After eight months in England, in May 1915 James refused to have the operation. He was discharged from the army on medical grounds as “not likely to become an effective soldier”.

On 19th March 1916, then aged 23, James re-enlisted in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 2nd/7th Battalion. Giving his occupation as 'engraver', he was passed fit for general service. A suspensory bandage was supplied.

James was sent to join the British Expeditionary Force in France on the 7th of October, 1916. He was hospitalised with influenza for eight days in January 1917.

The 2nd / 7th Warwicks were in France throughout 1917 and 1918, fighting in the operations on the River Ancre, the German retreat to the Hindenburg Line, the Battle of Langemarck, and numerous German counter attacks.



Men of the 2nd/7th Warwickshire Battalion moving an elderly civilian, anticipating a renewed German attack, April 1918.

On 22nd March 1918 Signaller James Wright was listed as 'missing in action'. It was not until nine months later that his father and sister were informed that James had died of wounds at St. Quentin on the 5th of April that year.

This awful experience for the family is, with hindsight, not surprising. The regiment was during the March/April 1918 period suffering huge losses. On 24/25th March, 7 officers and 98 other ranks were casualties – killed, wounded or captured. On 28/30th March, 2 officers and 80 other ranks were lost. A full strength battalion would have at most eight hundred men in the front line.

Signaller James Wright is buried in the St. Souplet British Cemetery. His gravestone carries the inscription "Reunion our abiding hope".



James's father William Wright received £10 8s 0d for James's outstanding pay, after deductions. He also received the British War Medal and Victory Medal awarded to James, and a later War Gratuity of £8 10s 0d.

William also received James's surviving personal effects – 'one disc'.

William Wright had fathered six children with his wife Emma. Emma died in 1913. Of the three children who survived infancy, sons Frank and James both died in the war. William died in 1934. His daughter Emma died at the same Boldmere address in 1945, having never married."

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

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He was a Signaller with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment."

Sutton Coldfield News 15.9.1917

"In loving memory of Signaller James Wright RWR who died from wounds at St Quentin on April 5th 1918 also Gunner Frank Wright RGA killed in action August 19th 1917.

Sadly missed by father and sister."

In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 5.6.1919

Birth

The birth of James Wright was registered June 1893 Aston 6d 442

1901 census Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield

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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.