**Royal Sutton Coldfield War Memorial**

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# ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD GREAT WAR PROJECT

# “We will remember them”

# VOLUME ONE

# ADCOCK TO CROZIER

**This volume is dedicated to Jan Ross 1963 – 2024**

Jan was a kind and generous friend to all who knew her. She was a passionate and incredibly knowledgeable local historian, who will be greatly missed by all who knew her in person, and through her work.

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| BARRATT | HAROLD |
| BASTABLE | JOHN |
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| BEARD | FREDERICK JOHN |
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| BIRD | WILLIAM HENRY |
| BLISS | ARTHUR JAMES |
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| BOWER | ALFRED PERCY |
| BOWERS | CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM HENRY |
| BRADBURY | JOHN FREDERICK |
| BRADFORD | FREDERICK WILLIAM |
| BRASSINGTON | HENRY WILFRED |
| BRATT | RAYMOND DOUGLAS |
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| BROMWICH | LESLIE FRANK |
| BROWN | EDWARD |
| BROWN | HARRY SEYMOUR |
| BROWN | JOHN RAYMOND |
| BUSHELL | ROLAND |
| BUTLER | FRANK STANDLEY |
| CAPENER | JOSEPH HENRY |
| CARPENTER | GABRIEL |
| CARTER | ARTHUR |
| CLARKE | NATHANIEL FURHMANN |
| CLEAVE | NORMAN |
| CLIBBERY | BERTRAM EVELYN GEORGE |
| COBB | FREDERICK HENRY |
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| COOMBE | WILFRED |
| CORBY | MATTHEW SYDNEY |
| COUCH | HAROLD JEROME |
| CRIPPS | FRANK HENRY |
| CROSS | GEORGE WILLIAM |
| CROWTHER | ARTHUR |
| CROZIER | NORMAN |

**JAMES ADCOCK**

**James Adcock was born in 1885 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Warwick with the Norfolk Regiment 1/4th Battalion - Private 31286**

James Adcock was killed in action on 27 September 1917 in Palestine, aged 32.

He was buried in the Gaza War Cemetery, Palestine, Plot XXIV A13.

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

He is commemorated on the Birmingham Roll of Honour – James Adcock, Private, Norfolk Regiment.

He is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

He is also commemorated on the Whitehouse Common Roll of Honour held at St Chad's Church, Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals K/1/102, page 17.

**James Adcock was the son of Charles and Sarah Adcock.**

His birth was registered June 1885 Aston 6d 414

James Adcock was baptised on 30 August 1885 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield. His father was a labourer.

**Warwickshire Anglican Registers Roll PG 2972 DR(B) 2/16. FHL 198734 yr 1863 – 1892 p188**

**1891 census "Langley Pool Cottage", Walmley, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Adcock | M | 63 | Hedge cutter and fence maker | b Wishaw |
| Sarah Adcock | M | 55 | | b Wishaw |
| Jane Adcock | U | 25 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| James Adcock | | 16 | Domestic gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Bernard Adcock | | 12 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Poplar Cottages", Falsborough Lane, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Adcock | M | 26 | Farm labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Florence Adcock | M | 25 | Married 1 year with 2 children | b Loxley, Warks |
| Florence Adcock | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| James Adcock | | 3 months old | | b Erdington |

**Marriage**

The marriage between James Adcock and Florence Canning was registered September 1910 Aston 6d 735

James and Florence Adcock resided at Oxleys Road, Wishaw, near Sutton Coldfield, according to the Electoral Rolls for 1914/1915.

**1921 census Midland Counties Sanatorium, Blackwell, Bromsgrove**

Florence Adcock, widow of Loxley, aged 36 years 3 months. Patient.

**Marriage**

The marriage between Florence Adcock and Frederick T Stockbridge was registered September 1923 Tamworth 6b 499

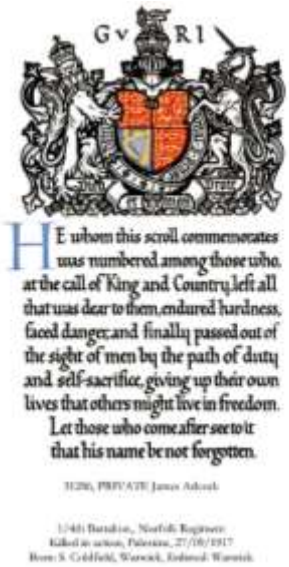
**1939 Register 64 Whitehouse Common Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Florence Stockbridge, born on 16 March 1888. Widow. Domestic duties.
Marjorie Adcock, born on 23 September 1915. Capstan lathe worker.
Redacted entry.

**Deaths**

The death of Frederick T Stockbridge was registered December 1930 Tamworth 6b 437, aged 50.

The death of Florence Stockbridge was registered September 1964 Sutton Coldfield 9c 877, aged 76




**The scroll for James Adcock**

**The Great, Great Grandsons of James Adcock**

**Kindly contributed by David Wilkes, great grandson of James Adcock**

**The boys were photographed in 2008**

**495 Squadron Air Cadets, Sutton Coldfield**

**ERNEST ALDRIDGE**

**Ernest Aldridge was born in 1890 in Lichfield. He enlisted at St Pancras, Middlesex with the East Kent Regiment 7th Battalion (BUFFS).**

At the time he enlisted, he resided at Cadishead, Manchester. He gained the positions of Company Sergeant Major and Acting Warrant Officer - G/870

He was killed in action on 12 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 27.

"He died during the first battle of Passchendaele when his company was attacking Poelcapelle. The temperature was 55 degrees F and there was 7.9 mm of rain that day. According to a letter sent from the front after he died, he had been shot by a sniper. He had been wounded in his left shoulder and elbow by shrapnel in July 1916 and returned to the front in March 1917." (P.D.D.)

Ernest Aldridge had no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Panel 17 at Ypres.

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

**Army Service Record**

He entered France on 28 July 1915 and was killed in action on 12 October 1917.

Ernest Aldridge was born in 1890 in Lichfield. He was 24 years old when he enlisted on 6 September 1914 with the BUFFS – East Kent Regiment at St Pancras Middlesex. His occupation was a dining car attendant with the Midland Railway Company. He was 5' 7 ½" tall and had brown hair and eyes.

He was attached to the 7th Battalion on 9 September 1914. He was appointed as Lance Corporal on 11 November 1914 then promoted to Corporal on 20 February 1915. He became an unpaid Lance Sergeant on 27 April 1915, then a paid Lance Corporal on 29 May 1916. He was promoted to Sergeant on 1 July 1916 (First day of the Battle of the Somme).

He was wounded in action by a gun - shot wound to the shoulder on 13 July 1916 and was sent to England on 15 July 1916.

He was reposted to the 3rd Battalion on 29 September 1916, and then to the 1st Battalion on 4 March 1917, and then to the 7th Battalion on 24 March 1917. He was appointed as Acting Company Sergeant Major on 7 May 1917 and killed in action on 12 October 1917.

His service with the British Expeditionary Force in France was from 28 July 1915 to 15 July 1916 and 4 March 1917 to 12 October 1917. His pension value was 3 years and 37 days.

**The British Army WW1 Service Records 1914 – 1920** show that he had no wife and that his next of kin and blood relatives were as follows: widow – none; father – none; mother Mary Aldridge of 13 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield; children – none; brothers Charles Aldridge of 15 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield, Frederick Aldridge of 24 Nelson Avenue, Portsmouth; Robert Aldridge of 22 Stokenchurch Street, Fulham, and sisters Nellie Lewis of 3 Cape Road, St Albans, and Alice Aldridge of 13 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals E/2/102 B, page 78, and 1915 Star Medal E/2/2 B1, page 6.

Ernest Aldridge is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield United Reform Church Memorial.

**Imperial War Museum War Memorial ID WMR 38680**

He is also commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour. (Matthew Rhodes, vicar of Maney)

**Ernest Aldridge was the youngest son of the late Joseph and of Mary Aldridge.**

He was baptised on 7 December 1890 at St Chad, Lichfield, the son of Joseph and Mary Aldridge

**Staffordshire C of E Births & Baptisms 1813 – 1910, page 129**

**1901 census 2 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Aldridge | M | 51 | Carpenter | b Lichfield |
| Mary Aldridge | M | 53 | | b Smalley, Derbyshire |
| Arthur Aldridge | U | 20 | Carpenter | b Lichfield |
| Frederick Aldridge | U | 17 | Carpenter | b Lichfield |
| Robert Aldridge | | 13 | | b Lichfield |
| Ernest Aldridge | | 10 | | b Lichfield |
| Mary Bishop | W | 25 | Daughter | b Lichfield |
| Esther Bishop | | 1 | Grand - daughter | b Astley, Warwickshire |

**1911 census 11 Springfield Place, Leeds** (boarding in the household of Martha Jobbing, widow 81)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ernest Aldridge | U | 20 | Boarder Waiter at Midland Hotel | b Lichfield |

**1911 census 22 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Aldridge | W | 63 | Private means | b Smalley |
| Alice Aldridge | U | 25 | Daughter Dressmaker own account | b Lichfield |

“His mother resided at 13 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield. He went to school at Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield and prior to enlisting had worked as a dining car attendant for the Midland Railway Company. He had married in September 1916.”

**Sutton Coldfield News 1.12.1917**

**Robert Aldridge, brother of Ernest**
**1911 census Beyham Abbey, Lamberhurst, Sussex -** In the employ of John Charles Pratt, Marquis of Camden

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert Aldridge | U | 25 | Footman | b Lichfield |

**Army Service Record for Robert Aldridge**

Attached to Ernest Aldridge’s service record was a letter was sent from the Regimental Offices in London to Mr P Aldridge of 28 Saville Road, Lindfield in West Sussex outlining the military history above.

23rd May 1919

Dear Mr Aldridge

6/6 Acting Company Sergeant Major Ernest ALDRIDGE -
East Kent Regiment (The Buffs)

Thank you for your letter. The particulars of the above named ex-serviceman are as follows:

Enlisted into the East Kent Regiment, Short Service engagement, and posted to the Depot — 6. 9.14
Posted to 7th Battalion — 8. 9.14
Appointed Lance Corporal — 11.11.14
Promoted Corporal — 20. 2.15
Appointed Unpaid Lance Sergeant — 27. 4.15
Appointed Paid Lance Sergeant — 29. 5.16
Promoted Sergeant — 1. 7.16
Wounded in Action, gun shot wound to shoulder — 13. 7.16
Transferred to England — 15. 7.16
Posted to 3rd Battalion — 29. 9.16
Posted to 1st Battalion — 4. 3.17
Posted to 7th Battalion — 24. 5.17
Appointed Acting Company Sergeant Major — 7. 9.17
Killed in Action — 12.10.17

Overseas Service: British Expeditionary Force France 16.7.15 - 15.7.16 and 4. 3.17 - 12.10.17

Medals: 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Victory Medal

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission advises that Company Sergeant Major ALDRIDGE was the son of Mary of 13 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham.

He died aged 27 years and has no known grave. However, he is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Belgium, Panel 17.

Other information that may prove of interest to you.

Birthplace : Lichfield, Staffordshire

Mr P Aldridge must have also enquired about Robert Aldridge, and he was referred to the Scots Guards Office at Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Road, London.

Robert Aldridge enlisted with the Scots Guards on 8 December 1914 at Whitehall – Private Number 15694

He was aged 28, worked as a butler, was married, and lived at 46 Bovingham Road, Fulham. He was 5' 11" tall with a 34 inch chest.

His next of kin was Gertrude Aldridge. She was formerly Gertrude Farrow; a spinster and they had married on 8 August 1914 at Flitcham (Norfolk). No children were recorded on the records.

Robert was transferred on 9 December 1914 to the Army Reserve. If he was to be mobilised, he would serve with the Scots Guards Reserve, Class B – Private 15694.

It appears that he did some kind of service as he was wounded in action on 16 September 1918 in his left shoulder (place of action was not stated).

He was discharged on 24 September 1919 with three years and 115 days service.

Robert Aldridge died in London in 1925.

His army record papers show that he enlisted at Whitehall on 2 June 1916 at the age of 28. He was a butler.

The records show his marriage to Gertrude Farrow on 8 August 1914 at Flitcham, but no children were listed.

They confirm that he was wounded in his left shoulder on 16 September 1918, but not the location.

**British Army WW1 Pensions Records 1914 – 1920 WO 364 piece 26. Scott's Guards Records**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals S9/104, page 47.

It is not known if he was commemorated on any memorial.

**Marriage on 8 August 1914 at Flitcham, Norfolk**

Robert Aldridge, bachelor, aged 26, butler of London. Father Joseph Aldridge, carpenter, deceased. Gertrude Farrow, spinster, aged 29 of Flitcham. Father Henry Farrow, labourer.

The marriage was registered September 1914 Freebridge L, Norfolk 4b 665

A death for Robert Aldridge was not found for 1925.

He and Gertrude were not found on the 1921 census or the 1939 Register.

Nothing further can be added.

**FRANK LESLIE ALLDAY**

**Frank Leslie Allday was born in 1895 in Birmingham. He enlisted at Peterborough with the Northamptonshire Regiment 7th Battalion - Private 14735**

He was killed in action on 25 September 1915 (France & Flanders), aged 32.

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

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

No military history could be found for Frank Leslie Allday online.

Frank Leslie Allday was commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

Frank L Allday was also commemorated on the King Edward Grammar School Aston Roll of Honour

**Aston School World War One Plaque (RR 17277) Index only – Findmypast.**

**Frank Leslie Allday was the son of Richard and Adelaide Allday of "Braeside", Thornhill Road, Streetly.**

**Birth**

The birth of Frank L Allday was registered June 1895 Birmingham 6d 37

**1901 census 64 St Peter's Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Allday | M | 37 | Butcher – employee | b Birmingham |
| Adelaide Allday | M | 36 | | b Birmingham |
| Frances Norah Allday | | 13 | | b Birmingham |
| Charles Richard Allday | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| Helen Dorothy Allday | | 8 | | b Birmingham |
| Frank Leslie Allday | | 5 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census Thorps Lea Road, Peterborough**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Allday | M | 47 | District Manager – retail butchers | b Birmingham |
| Charles Richard Allday | U | 20 | Student | b Birmingham |
| Helen Dorothy Allday | U | 18 | | b Birmingham |
| Frank Leslie Allday | | 15 | Student | b Birmingham |
| Lucy Turner | U | 18 | General servant | b Peterborough |

**1911 census "Hazlecroft", Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles James Hashton | M | 26 | House builder – employer | b Hill, Sutton Coldfield |
| Frances Norah Hashton | M | 23 | Married under one year | b Aston |
| Adelaide Allday | M | 46 | Mother in law | b Birmingham |

In 1911, it appears that his parents lived apart, but it is not known if they had permanently separated by this time. Adelaide Allday recorded that she had been married for 25 years and had four children, all alive.

On the 1918 Electoral Roll, it seems that Richard Allday lived at "Cremorne Lodge", Cremorne Road, Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield. Richard Allday died in 1934, aged 70, at Sutton Coldfield, so he did return to the area.

However, it appears that the address given for Frank Leslie Allday at the time he died in 1915, which was "Braeside", was the address used by his mother up to her death in 1942.

**Probate**

Her Will was proved in Birmingham in 1942.  Adelaide Allday of “Braeside”, Thornhill Road, Streetly, widow, died on 1 April 1942 at 117 Gravelly Hill North, Erdington.  Effects: £182 6s 10d.

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

**HENRY EWART GLADSTON ALLEN SHUKER – served as ALLEN**

This person proved hard to trace. There was and is no obvious link to Sutton Coldfield.

Patricia McCormack, librarian at Sutton Coldfield Library, made the link to Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen Shuker, who served as Allen. We have no idea if he had a link to Sutton Coldfield prior to the outbreak of war. We had no idea how or why he is on the war memorial.

SHUKER (served as ALLEN), Pte. Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen, 11891, D.C.M. 4th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. Mentioned in despatches. 19th May, 1915. Age 21. Son of Ada Bent (formerly Shuker), of 59, Darwin St., Highgate, Birmingham, and the late William Allen Shuker. B. 23.

**Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen Shuker – served as Allen. He enlisted at Stratford in Essex with the Worcestershire Regiment 4th Battalion – Private 11891**

SHUKER, H. A. (D.C.M.), Pte., 4th Worcestershire Regiment.
He was already serving in the Army at the outbreak of hostilities, and proceeded in August 1915, to the Dardanelles, where he took a distinguished part with his unit at the landing at Suvla Bay, also in the heavy fighting at Chunuk Bair, and the evacuation of the Peninsula. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery and devotion to duty in checking the enemy with a machine gun until evacuation was almost complete, but at the same time was mortally wounded, which resulted in his death at a hospital in Cairo three months later in March 1916. In addition to the Distinguished Conduct Medal he was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.
59, Darwin Street, Highgate, Birmingham. 25814

SHUKER, W. H. A., Sergt., Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.
Volunteering in August 1914, he proceeded to the Western Front in the following year and took part in several engagements with his unit, including the Battles of Ypres and the Somme. Later whilst in action at the Battle of Loos, he was seriously gassed and after being invalided home was discharged in March 1917 as medically unfit for further military duties, through gas-poisoning. He holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.
59, Darwin Street, Highgate, Birmingham. 256148

**War records for H. A . Shuker and W. H. A. Shuker – his brother**

Henry was already in the army in 1914, and he went to the Dardanelles in August 1915. He was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his bravery and devotion to duty.

Henry Allen died of wounds on 19 May 1915 at Gallipoli.

He was buried at the Port Said War Memorial Cemetery in Egypt. Grave B23.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B, page 62, and the 1915 Star Medal L/5 B, page 3. His Victory Medal was associated with DCM – mentioned in dispatches.

He had entered the Balkans theatre of war on 24 April 1915.

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

**Lives of the First World War 1914 – 1918 Imperial War Museum**

**The National Roll of the Great War 1914 -1918 Section IV Birmingham**

**CWWG Debt of Honour Source 872568**

**Personal life**

Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen Shuker was the son of the late William Allen Shuker and Ada Hannah Tranter

The birth of Henry Ewart Gladstone Shuker was registered March 1894 Wolverhampton 6b 650

Henry was baptised on 11 March 1894 in Wolverhampton to parents William Allen Shuker and Ada Tranter Shuker. He was born at 17 Little Lane, Heathfield, Wolverhampton.

**Family History Library 1999487**

William Allen Shuker was born on 26 October 1845 at Hadley, Shropshire. He died on 20 December 1898 in Birmingham.

His previous marriage took place on 11 April 1868 at Waverley Parish Church, near Liverpool to Annie Freeman. He was 21 and a bricklayer. His father was William Shuker, horse breaker.

**Liverpool C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1935 283 HTW/3/1 Liverpool Records Office**

William Allen Shuker was possibly married to Ada Tranter, later Bent. A marriage between William Shuker and Ada Tranter has not yet been found.

Ada Hannah Tranter was born in 1865 at Barston, Warwickshire. Her father was Daniel Tranter. She died on 1 November 1925.

Ada Shuker married George Bent on 7 May 1899 at St Philip, Birmingham. He was a widower, aged 57 and was an engine driver. Ada was 35 and a widow.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns DRO 32 Archive Roll 624**
**Source from Geneanet / Ancestry.com**

**1891 census Bridge Street, Wednesfield, near Wolverhampton**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Shuker | M | 44 | Bricklayer | b Wellington, Salop |
| Ada Shuker | M | 24 | | b Barston, Warks |
| Jennie A Shuker | | 4 | | b Birmingham |
| Florence A Shuker | | 2 | | b Birmingham |
| Elsie A Shuker | | 3 months old | | b Wolverhampton |

The death of William Allen Shuker was registered December 1898 Aston 6d 178, aged 51

The marriage of Ada Shuker and George Bent was registered June 1899 Birmingham 6d 248

Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen Shuker was not found on the 1911 census, but it seems he was possibly serving in the army by then.

**1901 census 14 Warwick Street, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bent | M | 61 | Stationery engine driver | b Birmingham |
| Ada Bent | M | 35 | | b Ditto |
| Walter Bent | U | 20 | Son Cycle worker | b Ditto |
| Nellie Shuker | | 14 | Stepdaughter | b Ditto |
| Elsie Shuker | | 11 | Stepdaughter | b Wolverhampton |
| William Shuker | | 9 | Stepson | b Wolverhampton |
| **Harry Shuker** | | 7 | Stepson | b Wolverhampton |
| Ada Shuker | | 5 | Stepdaughter | b Birmingham |
| Lottie Shuker | | 3 | Stepdaughter | b Birmingham |

**1911 census 59 Darwin Street, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bent | M | 73 | Stoker | b Birmingham |
| Ada Hannah Bent | M | 45 | Married 11 years -3 children | b Hampton in Arden |
| James Bent | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| George Bent | | 6 | | b Birmingham |
| Marion Bent | | 4 | | b Birmingham |
| Mary Ann Shuker | | 15 | Stepdaughter Capstan lathe worker | b Birmingham |
| Lottie Shuker | | 13 | Stepdaughter | b Birmingham |

In 1921, Ada Bent lived at 59 Darwin Street, Birmingham.

She was a widow, aged 55 and out of work.

James Bent, 20; George Bent 16, and Marion Bent 15 lived with her.

**Why is Henry Ewart Gladstone Allen Shuker on the Sutton Coldfield War Memorial?**

It seems unlikely that the committee who decided what men were listed on the memorial would have listed a man with no known links to the town.

This is the only record for Shuker found in Sutton Coldfield

**Aaron Archibald Shuker was found in 1921 in Mere Green**

In 1921, Aaron Archibald Shuker lived at Reliance House, Mere Green Road, Four Oaks.

He was 38, married and a quantity surveyor at the Ministry of Health housing department in Birmingham. He was from Aston.

His wife was Rachel Noble Shuker, 43 from Glasgow.

Aaron Archibald Shuker was baptised on 2 September 1883 at St Silas, Lozells to parents James and Rebecca. James was a clock maker.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922**

Aaron Shuker did not stay in Sutton Coldfield very long (Electoral Rolls and 1939 Register)

From a family tree on Ancestry.co.uk, James Shuker was born in 1856 in Birmingham and died on 11 August 1891 in Birmingham. His parents were Aaron Shuker and Mary Ann.

James Shuker died on 11 August 1891 at the General Hospital in Birmingham.

No obvious link can be made between James Shuker and William Allen Shuker or their fathers at this time.

The mystery therefore remains about the link to Sutton Coldfield.

Nothing definitive was found for W H A Shuker after the war record above.

He was not found on the 1921 census.

**IVON REYNOLD ALLENDER**

Ivon Allender was not included in the original project, but he is featured in the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration document by Rob Rolfe. He is therefore included here.

**Ivon Reynold Allender was born in 1878 in Sutton Coldfield. He first joined the Royal Army Medical Corps. His army records have not survived. He later was transferred to the Rifle Brigade as Private S/11369**

He was sent to France on 27 October 1915. Amidst intense trench warfare, he was wounded on 13 February 1916. He died of his wounds at the 60th Field Ambulance, a temporary hospital behind the lines.

Rifleman Allender is buried at Poperinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium. Grave I.F.14

His grave reads “All that he had, he gave freely, willingly.”

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

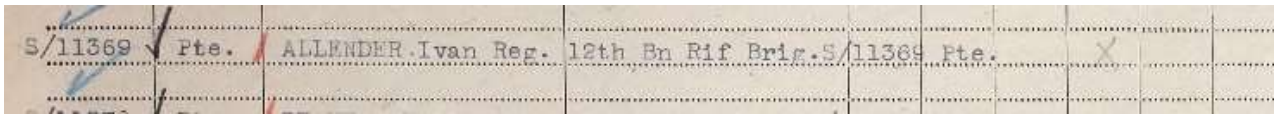
**With thanks to Rob Rolfe.**

Ivon Reynold Allender is commemorated on the Wylde Green Memorial.

**Army WW Medals Roll Index Cards 1914 – 1920 WO 372/1**

Ivon Reynold Allender, born in Aston and resident in Moseley. Died on 13 February 1916 of Wounds. Rifleman, Rifle Brigade, 12th Battalion S/11369, formerly 40512 RAMC.

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Rifleman S/11369**




**WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 1720, piece 1720**

**Rifle Brigade (Prince’s Consort’s Own)**

**Ivon Reynold Allender was the son of William and Alice Allender.**

**Baptism**

Ivon Reynold Allender was baptised at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield on 26 June 1878 to parents William and Alice of Wylde Green. William was a brass founder. The vicar was W K R Bedford.

**Warwickshire Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 2973 DR (B) 2/16**

The birth of Ivon Reynold Allender was registered September 1878 Aston 6d 447

**In 1881, the family lived at Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.**

William was 47 and from Birmingham. He was a brass founder, employing 35 men. Alice was 30, from Birmingham. Their children were Alice, 10; Mabel, 7; Edward, 6 and Reynold aged 2. The children were born in Wylde Green.

William Allender was born on 26 September 1833 and died on 3 December 1887 in Aston. He married Alice Mary Minshull on 21 June 1870 at Edgbaston church.

Wiliam died at home from a pulmonary embolism and heart failure.

William left an estate of £4312 8s 2d to his wife.

**Source 'chrisfogarty1917' family tree, Ancestry with thanks.**

The 1873 White's Directory for Birmingham shows that William & Thomas Allender were brass founders at 71-71 Great Lister Street, Birmingham. William was listed at a home address in Wylde Green.

In 1891, Alice M Allender was at 90 Great Brook Street, Aston. She was a widow, aged 40, and a brass founder. She had taken over the business it seems. Mable was 17 and a telegraph clerk. Edward was 16 and assisted in the business. Ivon was 12 and at school. Eveline was 6 and a daughter Kathleen was 7.

In the 1902 White's Directory of Birmingham, W & T Allender Ltd were at 71 Great Lister Street, Birmingham. They were manufacturers of window and shop fittings, garden syringes and piano parts.

In 1901, Alice, as Lawman, married, was at 29 Eliot Street, Duddeston, Birmingham. Living with her were Mabel, 27, a deaf schoolteacher; Edward, 26, jewellery warehouse man; Ivon, 22, a timber merchant's clerk, Kathleen, 17 and Eric Lawman, 8.

Alice Allender married Charles Lawman on 5 December 1891.

**London Gazette July 21, 1903, Issue 27578**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, Alfred Longfield and Ivon Reynold Allender, carrying on business under the style or firm of LONGFIELD AND ALLENDER, at 13, Howe-street, in the city of Birmingham, as Carpenters, Joiners and Building Repairers, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.—Dated the 13th day of July, 1903

ALFRED LONGFIELD.
J. R. ALLENDER.

It seems that Ivon went to USA in 1910.

**Pennsylvania US Arriving Passengers & Crew 1798 – 1962 Ship Friesland**

From Liverpool arriving on 20 March 1910. Destination was Ferrisburgh, Vermont.

Ivon R Allender, aged 32 from Birmingham. Cabinet maker. Nearest relative Mable Allender, 88 Bayswater Road, Birchfield, Birmingham.

**Record 85 series T840 Roll 73**

**1910 US Federal Census at Charlotte, Vermont District 0074 – 4 May 1910**

Ivon Allender was aged 32 and a cabinet wood worker. He was single. He was a boarder with James and Martha Bilson, farmers.

**Probate**

**ALLENDER** Ivon Reynold of 408 Rotten Park-road **Birmingham** private 12th battalion Rifle brigade died 13 February 1916 at 60th field ambulance France Probate **Birmingham** 11 July to Mabel Francis Allender spinster and Frederick Sershall designer.
Effects £719 11s. 3d.

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

**London Gazette 15 September 1916**

IVON REYNOLD ALLENDER, Deceased.

Pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees."

NOTICE is hereby given, that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against the estate of Ivon Reynold Allender, late of 408, Rotton Park-road, in the city of Birmingham, a Private in the 12th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade of His Majesty's Army (who died on the 13th February, 1916, at 60th Field Ambulance, France, from wounds received in action whilst on active service with the British Expeditionary Force, and whose will was, on the 11th day of July, 1916, proved in the District Probate Registry of His Majesty's High Court of Justice at Birmingham, by Mabel Frances Allender and Frederick Sershall, the executors named in the said will), are hereby required to send in their claims or demands, on or before the 1st day of November next, to us, the undersigned, Sydney Mitchell and Chattock, of 112, Colmore-row, Birmingham, Solicitors to the said executors; and notice is hereby further given, that after the said 1st day of November next the said Mabel Frances Allender and Frederick Sershall will proceed to distribute the assets of the said testator amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the debts or claims of which they shall then have received notice; and they will not be liable for the assets of the said deceased, or any part thereof, so distributed, to any person or persons of whose claims or demands they shall not then have had notice.—Dated this 15th day of September, 1916.

SYDNEY MITCHELL and CHATTOCK, 112, Colmore-row, Birmingham, Solicitors to the said 03* Executors.

**British Newspaper Archive**

**JOSEPH ANDREWS**

**Joseph Andrews was born in 1894 at Drayton Bassett, Staffordshire, and was a resident of Sutton Coldfield.**

**He enlisted with the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1914 - Rifleman 53475. He was transferred to the Dorset Regiment – Private 13308 and then to the Royal Irish Rifles - Rifleman 10069.**

ANDREWS, Rfn. Joseph, 10079. 6th Bn. Royal Irish Rifles. 16th June, 1918. Age 26. Son of William and Alice Andrews, of 2, Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. Now known to be buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel.

Joseph Andrews was killed in action on 16 June 1918 in Salonika (Thessaloniki) in Greece.

He was buried at the Ramleh War Cemetery, Jerusalem Memorial, in Palestine, Plot U.41

He went to Salonika in 1915, where he was wounded. He came back to England and upon recovery was again sent to Salonika (according to a letter received from his Lieutenant – Colonel).

**Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921 Memorial Register Part 1 A-L**

**Find-A-Grave Memorial ID 222748295**

"He was killed by a shell on 16 June 1918, aged 26. Death was instantaneous."

**Sutton Coldfield News 31.8.1918**

Joseph Andrews is commemorated on the Whitehouse Common Roll of Honour, held at St Chad's Church, Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals B/104 B11, page 1609, and 1915 Star Medal B/4C, page 2

"In memory of Private J Andrews, No. 2 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield, of the Royal Irish Rifles, who was killed in action on 16 June 1918".

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 21.6.1918**

**Joseph Andrews was the son of Mr and Mrs William Andrews of 2 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield.**

Joseph Andrews was born on 4 August 1891 and baptised on 6 September 1891 at St Paul, Fazeley to parents William and Alice.

**Staffordshire Anglican Parish Registers, 1813 – 1920, page 27. Staffordshire Records Office.**

Prior to enlisting, he was employed by Mr Hargraves of Langley Heath Farm, Sutton Coldfield.

**1911 census Little Hay, Lichfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Andrews | M | 43 | Farm labourer | b Fazeley |
| Alice Andrews | M | 43 | Married 22 years – 9 children | b Caldecott, Warks |
| William Andrews | U | 21 | | b Fazeley |
| Joseph Andrews | U | 19 | | b Drayton Bassett |
| Elizabeth Andrews | | 15 | | b Bonehill |
| John Andrews | | 12 | | b Bonehill |
| Walter Andrews | | 10 | | b Bonehill |
| Mary Andrews | | 7 | | b Bonehill |
| Sarah Andrews | | 4 | | b Tamworth |
| Mabel Andrews | | 4 months old | | b Little Hay, Staffs |

In 1921, William Andrews lived at 2 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He was 53 and a general road labourer. Alice was 53.

Their children Mary, John, Sarah, Mabel, and Florence lived with them.

**John Andrews**

John Andrews is also commemorated on the Whitehouse Common Roll of Honour held at St Chad's Church, Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

John Andrews was listed as a Private in the Hampshire Regiment.

However, records were found for several men called John Andrews who served in the Hampshire Regiment, so it was not possible to identify which record was correct.

In 1921, John Andrews was living with his parents at 2 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He was 22 and a haulier for L. Goring, Haulage Contractor, Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield.

In 1939, John Andrews lived at 195 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield.

He was born on 3 January 1899. He was a motor driver/ refuse collector. His wife was Florence and they had six children at school living with them.

Nothing further can be added about John Andrews.

**RICHARD SIDNEY ANGELL** **Awarded the Military Medal**

**Richard Sidney Angell was born in 1895 at Witton, Aston. He enlisted in August 1914 at Birmingham with the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion and later served with the 5th Battalion – Lance Sergeant 11543.**

He was killed in action on 3 May 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 21 .

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial on bays 6 and 7.

**Soldiers who died in the Great War 1914 – 1919. Findagrave Memorial ID 24929550**

The Army Register of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 shows he left sums of £10 15s 11p and £13 10s in his effects that were sent to his parents in 1919.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B, page 72, and the 1915 Star Medal L/4B, page 72

Richard Sidney Angell, Private 11543, entered the France & Flanders Theatre on 7 April 1915.

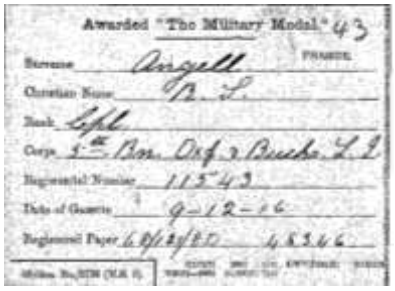
**It also appears that Richard Sidney Angell was awarded the Military Medal.**

The Military Medal Level 3 Gallantry Award was given for gallantry and devotion to duty when under fire in battle on land. On the reverse of the medal is inscribed “For Bravery in the Field”. People awarded this medal could use MM after their names.

Richard Angell was seriously wounded whilst bringing back a wounded comrade from the front and was in England for four months. Once back on the front, he was fatally wounded in 1917. His parents were informed that he was seriously wounded. (SDBD)

**British Army Recipients of the Military Medal 1914 – 1920 - National Archives WO 372/1/96690.**

**London Gazette 9 December 1916 - Paper 68/121/80.**


Awarded "The Military Medal." 43

Surname Angell

Christian Name R. S.

Rank Lpl

Corps 5th Bn. Ox & Bucks L.I.

Regimental Number 11543

Date of Gazette 9-12-16

Regimental Paper L.G. 29/12/16 48346

Richard Sidney Angell is also commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial and the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

**Richard Sidney Angell was the son of Richard and Mary Angell**

“Prior to enlisting, he was employed as a toolmaker for Messrs Perry & Co, Lancaster Street, Steel Pen & Motor Car Manufacturers.”

**Sutton Coldfield News 22.5.1915**

“He was educated at Town School Sutton Coldfield. He was a member of the Boldmere Swimming Club and the Aston Water Polo Club.”

**Sutton Coldfield News 14.10.1916**

**1911 census Oak Villa, Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Angell | M | 44 | Barometer maker | b Aston |
| Mary Angell | M | 42 | Married 16 years -2 children | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Richard Sidney Angell | | 15 | | b Witton, Aston |
| Ernest Frederick Angell | | 12 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

The birth of Richard Sidney Angell was registered in the September quarter of 1895 at Aston 6d 379

Richard Sidney Angell was baptised at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield on 27 April 1899 to Richard and Mary Angell.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms Index 1535 – 1900 DRB 005211 page 63**

**Ernest Frederick Angell - brother**

Ernest Angell enlisted on 25 April 1915 with the Royal Army Medical Corps at Birmingham – Private 12262.

He was 18 years and 25 days old. He was single and worked as a tool setter. He was 5'9" tall, weighed 126 pounds and had a chest measurement of 36".

He had a fresh complexion, brown hair, and eyes. His next of kin was his father, Richard Sidney Angell of 'Oak Villa', Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was initially declared fit to serve and was sent to Aldershot on 27 April 1915.

However, he was discharged from the army on 14 May 1915 on medical grounds. It seems that he had a severe varicocele, a painful enlargement of the scrotum.

**1921 census 105 Field, Longmoor Pool, Sutton Park, Sutton Coldfield**

Richard Angell, 52, married. Thermometer maker at WW Peloton Ltd Scientific instrument makers Great Charles Street, Birmingham.
E Frederick Angell, 22, single. Tool maker, out of work.

Sutton Park had been used for military training and for wounded soldiers from Australia and New Zealand as part of the war effort.

In 1919, the army disposal officers of the Army Council arranged the clearing of the huts, and the clearing was completed by May 1910. The huts were then auctioned off.



Richard may have purchased a hut to live in or may have rented one. Mary was not living with him or their son. These huts were very basic and probably not suitable for women.

In 1921, Mary was living alone at 95 Holte Road, Aston. She was 51 and had no occupation.

In 1939, Richard and Mary lived at 18 Tudor Road, Sutton Coldfield. Richard was a retired scientific instrument maker.

Mary died in 1940 in Sutton Coldfield and Richard died in 1946 in Solihull.

Ernest died in 1961 in Malvern.

**HARRY CLEMENTS ANSELL**

Harry Clements Ansell was not included on the Sutton Coldfield War Memorial. This may have been because he died in Sutton Coldfield in 1920.

He was commemorated on the St James the Great, Hill, Roll of Honour and by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. It has therefore been decided to add him to the men connected to Sutton Coldfield who lost their lives because of the Great War.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Citation**

**Remembered with honour at St James the Great, Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

"Harry Clements Ansell, Second Lieutenant, MT Royal Army Service Corps, died 9 May 1920."

Harry Clements Ansell is commemorated on the Ansell's Brewery Ltd., Roll of Honour that is included in the "Birmingham City Battalions" Book, which was edited by Sir William H Bowater, Honorary Colonel of the 14th Royal Warwickshire Regiment and published in 1919. Here are the entries for the Ansell family members.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ANSELL | HC | ASC, MT |
| ANSELL | AE | ASC, MT (Albert Edward) |
| ANSELL | A | RAF |

Albert Edward Ansell, South Staffordshire Regiment ASC, T Captain, was awarded the Victory and British Medals OFF/1/8, page 9, and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/157, page 22. He entered France in March 1915.

**Army Medal Roll**

A medal card found for Harry Clements Ansell shows that he was enlisted with the 2nd East Kent Regiment as Private G24797 and later served with the Royal Sussex Regiment L/13235.

**The supplement to the London Gazette dated 26 June 1917**

The undermentioned cadets to be temporary 2nd Lieutenants

Harry Clements Ansells

**London Gazette 1665 – 2018**

**British Army Service Records 1914 – 1922 Officers' Services, Regular Army**

Harry Clements Ansell Second Lieutenant Royal Army Service Corps

**The National Archives WO 339/112403**

The above man was awarded the Victory and British Medals E/2/101 B25, page 5332

There was another index card for Harry Ansell, who was serving with the RASC T2/016624 class 2 and entered Egypt on 13 August 1915.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RASC/101/B12, page 169, and the 1915 Star Medal RASC/1B, page 399.

**Commonwealth War Graves commission Debt of Honour**

Harry Clements Ansell, son of Edward and Mary Ansell of Moor Hall, Sutton Coldfield, and husband of Winifred Mary Ansell of Hollyfield, Sutton Coldfield.

Second Lieutenant, died on 9 May 1920.

**HARRY CLEMENTS ANSELL**

**Photograph from the Ansell's Brewery history website**

**Harry Clements Ansell was born on 19 August 1879 and baptised on 9 January 1880 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston.**

Edward and Mary Ansell were of Moseley Road, Birmingham. Edward was a Maltster.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms DRO 41 Archive Roll 645**

In 1881, the family lived at 412 Moseley Road, Birmingham. The family were living at 'Chesterfield', Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield in 1891.

**1901 census "Chesterfield", Sutton Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Ansell | M | 51 | Brewery manager & director | b Birmingham |
| Mary Ansell | M | 44 | | b Handsworth |
| Harry C Ansell | U | 21 | Brewery pupil | b Birmingham |
| Dora M Ansell | U | 19 | | b Aston |
| Vera Ansell | | 9 | | b Erdington |

**1911 census Hotel – sea front at Blackpool, Lancashire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harry Clements Ansell | M | 31 | Brewery Director | b Highgate, Bham |
| Winifred Mary Ansell | M | 26 | Married 2 years – 1 child | b Wigan |

**1911 census "Moor Hall", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Ansell | M | 61 | Brewery Director – employer | b Birmingham |
| Mary Ansell | M | 54 | Married 34 years – 5 children 1 died | b Handsworth |
| Albert Edward Ansell | U | 25 | Brewery Assistant | b Aston |
| Vera E Ansell | U | 19 | | b Erdington |

They had eleven servants

**Marriage**

The marriage between Harry Clements Ansell and Winifred Mary Brown was registered June 1909 Wigan 8c 154

The couple were married on 22 April 1909 at St Michael & All Saints, Wigan.

Harry Clements Ansell was 29 and a director of Hill, Sutton Coldfield. His father was Edward Ansell, managing director. Winifred Mary Brown was 24 of Woodfield, Wigan. Her father was Simon Stubbs Brown, a cotton manufacturer.

**Wigan C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1924 D/P30/1/14**

**1916 Kelly Directory**

Harry C Ansell resided at Hollyfield House, Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**Probate**

Harry Clements Ansell of Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, gentleman, died 9 May 1920.

Administration at Birmingham on 8 October 1920 to Albert Edward Ansell, brewer, and Charles York Flewitt, MD. Effects: £109,202, 13s 11d

**England & Wales National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills & Administrations) 1858 - 1955**

HARRY CLEMENTS ANSELL.

Mr. Harry Clements Ansell, of Hollyfield, Sutton Coldfield, died suddenly on May 8th, 1920. He was the eldest son of Mr. Edward Ansell, of Ansell's Brewery, Limited, Aston, Birmingham, and had only a few months ago succeeded his father as Chairman of the Company, with which he had been actually connected for over 20 years.

Mr. Ansell's death was entirely unexpected and came as a great shock to a wide circle of friends and business acquaintances, although those more intimately acquainted with him knew that he had recently been under medical treatment for heart trouble. Mr. Ansell, who was 41 years of age, was a keen sportsman, and on the day previous to his death played in a golf competition in connection with Little Aston Golf Club, of which he was Captain. He was up to recently a successful breeder of fox terriers, many of his dogs having won premier prizes at various exhibitions.

The deceased gentleman had a practical training at Aston Brewery and was an Original Member of the Institute of Brewing, being connected with the Midland Counties Section up to the time of his death. Latterly, however, he had devoted most of his activities to the commercial side of the business, and his gentlemanly and straightforward character had gained for him the esteem and regard of all who came in contact with him. During the War he held a Commission in the A.S.C. (Motor Transport Section), and served in Italy.

He was married ten years ago and leaves a wife and four children, for whom, along with the other members of his family, keen sympathy is extended.

W. S.

**Obituary in '*The Birmingham Post*' May 1920**

**Harry Clements Ansell was buried in the Ansell family plot in St James Church, Mere Green**

Winifred Mary was born in 1884. She died on 12 December 1941 at Upper Billesley, Stratford on Avon. A funeral service was held at St Andrews, Wilmcote on 15 December 1941 and she was interred at St James, Hill.

**Birmingham Post 15 December 1941. British Newspaper Archive.**

Harry and Winifred had four children. These were John Harry Clements (1910 - -1948); Mary (1911 – 1946); Barbara Mabel (1914 – 1988) and Robert Edward (1917 – 2004)

**Source John Sherbrook, Ancestry family trees.**

**Photograph Yvonne Moore 2 August 2014**

The inscription is badly worn, and the gravestone is behind a fence

**Thanks go to Tina Ambrose of St James Church for her contribution to this research.**

**JOHN SAMUEL ARBERY**

**John Samuel Arbery was born in 1891 in Aston. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Birmingham - Private 6984 and was transferred to the Hampshire Regiment 11th Battalion - Private 12214.**

He died of wounds on 26 September 1916 (France & Flanders).

He probably died in hospital at Etaples. Etaples was a major hospital centre that could handle up to 22,000 wounded men at any one time.

He was buried at the Etaples Military Cemetery, Plot X1 B 12A

APPLEYARD, Cpl. Percy, 1/38289. 6th Bn. York and Lancaster Regt. 7th Oct., 1918. Age 29. Husband of Mabel Appleyard, of 48, Delph Lane, Hyde Park, Leeds. LXVI. H. 6.

ARBERY, Pte. J. S., 12214. 11th Bn. Hampshire Regt. Died of wounds 26th Sept., 1916. Age 25. Son of Joseph and E. Arbery, of 313, Highbridge Rd., Wylde Green, Birmingham. Native of Aston, Warwickshire. XI. B. 12A.

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**London Gazette**

**Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921 Family History Library 1545529 item 2 page 21**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/1/103 B page 78 and the 1915 Star Medal C/1/8B page 170

**Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 -1929 350501 – 352000 Ref 186**

John Samuel Arbery 11th Hants 12216. 1/3/17 D of W. Mother Mrs E A Arbery, North View, Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield

**WW1 Pension Ledger & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 006/0022/App-Arc Fold 3**

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

He is commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration. (Rob Rolfe)

"John Samuel Arbery of 313 Highbridge Road was the only son of Joseph and E Arbery."

**Sutton Coldfield News 7.10. 1916**

**Birth and Baptism**

The birth of John Samuel Arbery was registered March 1891 Aston 6d 423

John Samuel Arbery was baptised on 15 September 1893 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston to parents Joseph and Emma Arbery.

Of 3 court, 60 Manor Road, Aston. Father was a labourer.

**Family History Library 154529 item 2 p21.**

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 41 AR 646**

The marriage of Joseph William Arbery and Emma Ann Hudson was registered June 1881 West Bromwich 6b 893

The marriage took place on 9 April 1881 in Handsworth. Joseph was aged 37 and Emma was 25.

In his commemorative book about the men from Wylde Green who were commemorated at Emmanuel Church, Rob Rolfe noted that Joseph married his niece. Joseph's sister and the mother of Emma was Rebecca Sarah Hudson. She also was a witness to the marriage. In effect Joseph married his niece. This marriage does not appear to have been legal at that time.

**1901 census 62 Manor Road, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emma Arbery | W | 44 | Cutter off at fire 'works' | b Stratford, Essex |
| JosephArbery | U | 19 | Tool turner at fire 'works' | b Aston |
| Emma Arbery | | 15 | Examiner of fires | b Aston |
| John Arbery | | 10 | | b Aston |

The death of Joseph Arbery was registered March 1901 Aston 6d 262, aged 58.

**1911 census 160 Witton Lane, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emma Arbery | W | 56 | Cutter off at castings works | b Stratford, Essex |
| John Arbery | U | 20 | Stoker | b Aston Manor |

Crossed out was married for 20 years, six children - five died

**1921 census 313 Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield**

**ERNEST ALFRED ARNOLD**

**Ernest Alfred Arnold was born in 1890 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Warwick with the Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment ) 6th Battalion - Private 21436.**

He was killed on the opening day of the Passchendaele Campaign at the Battle of Pilckem Ridge, which was 31 July 1917, at the age of 27.

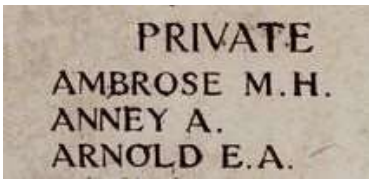
“The battalion wrongly believed that Glencorse Wood was held by the British and were met with intense machine gun fire just short of the Menin Road.

The temperature was 60 degrees F and there was 21.7mm of rainfall on the day.” (PDD)

His army enlistment papers were not found online.

**Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 -1929 Warwick 737501 – 739000**

**National Army Museum**




Ernest Arnold has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres Arrondissment, Leper, West Flanders

**Findagrave Index for Burials 1300’s – current Memorial ID 10872591**

Ernest Arnold is also commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/105B, page 82.

**Army Medal Roll - WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 -1923**

**Ernest Alfred Arnold was the son of Charles Arnold of “The Slade”, Roughley, Sutton Coldfield**

Charles Arnold resided at “The Slade” according to the 1914/14- 1918 Electoral Rolls

The birth of Ernest A Arnold was registered March 1890 Aston 6d 436

**1901 census Roughley, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Arnold | M | 44 | Gardener/ labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary Arnold | M | 43 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Arnold | U | 20 | Gardener/labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ernest Arnold | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Samuel Arnold | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ivy Arnold | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Norman Arnold | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census Roughley, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Arnold | M | 55 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary Arnold | M | 53 | Married 31 years- 11 children 4 died | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ernest Alfred Arnold | U | 21 | Farm labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Samuel Arnold | U | 18 | Farm labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ivy Gladys Arnold | | 14 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

In 1921, Charles Arnold was living at Roughley, Sutton Coldfield. He was widowed age 64 and was an agricultural labourer for W Walters, farmer at Canwell.

His daughter Ivy was married, aged 24. Her husband was John Dale, 28, agricultural labourer and their son was Ronald, aged 3.

Norman Leslie Arnold lived with his father and was 22. He worked as a wagoner at Canwell.

No military records were found for Ernest's three known brothers.

**OLIVER VAUGHTON ARNOLD**

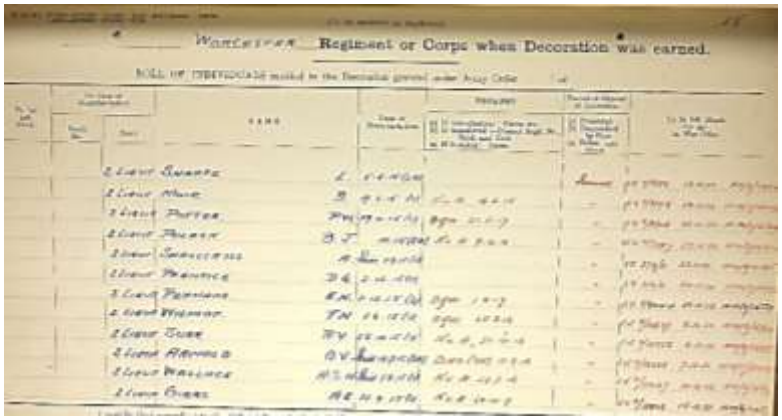
**Oliver Vaughan Arnold was born in 1888 at Edgbaston in Birmingham.**

**He enlisted in the 18th (service) Battalion, 1st Public Schools Corps in September 1914 as a Private. On 27th January 1915, he received his Commission in the 6th Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment – Second Lieutenant 1211**

Oliver Arnold died of wounds on 11th August 1916 in London.

He received the wounds on 11th July 1916 during the Battle of the Somme, whilst attached to the 2nd Battalion Worcestershire Regiment.

“He served at Gallipoli and later died in a London Hospital on 14 August 1916 from wounds he received on 11 July 1916 during the Battle of the Somme. He was 28 years old.” (SDBD)




He was awarded the Worcester Regiment Medal and the British Medal OFF/ 165 Medal, page 193 and the 1915 Star Medal OFF/165, page 28.

**WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 Officers 1914 -1915 Star**

**Army Medal Roll**

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index 1914 – 1921**

**Death**

The death of Oliver V Arnold was registered September 1916 Pancras 1b 40, aged 28.

He was buried at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot A “C” 375.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 98210873 uploaded by ‘Glenlivet’ on 3 October 2012**

**The grave of Oliver Vaughton Arnold in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery**

Oliver Arnold is also commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

**"Oliver Arnold was the son of Mr and Mrs Charles Frederick Arnold of "The Red House", Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

He had been educated at Shrewsbury School and worked for the family firm of Auctioneers and Estate Agents at 3 Waterloo Street, Birmingham.

He was the husband of Cybil Arnold of 11 Winchester Road, Swiss Cottage, London."

**Sutton Coldfield News 19.8.1916**

**Birth and Baptism**

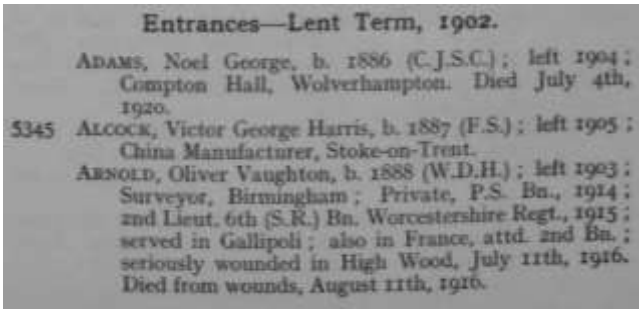
The birth of Oliver V Arnold was registered June 1888 Kings Norton 6c 435

Oliber Vaughton Arnold was born on 15 March 1888 in Edgbaston and was baptised 5 September 1888 at St Saviour, Denmark Hill, Hampstead, London. His parents were Charles Frederick and Annie Mary Arnold of 15 George Road, Edgbaston, Warwickshire. Charles Arnold was a solicitor.

**London C of E Parish Registers P73/Sav/003**

In 1891, Oliver was aged 3 and was living with his family at 10 George Street in Edgbaston.

In 1901, Charles and Annie lived at 14 Frederick Road, Edgbaston. Their son William Noel was at Bromsgrove School as a boarder, but Oliver has not been traced at this time. He was probably in Shrewsbury at school.



Entrances—Lent Term, 1902.

ADAMS, Noel George, b. 1886 (C.J.S.C.); left 1904; Compton Hall, Wolverhampton. Died July 4th, 1920.

5345 ALCOCK, Victor George Harris, b. 1887 (F.S.); left 1905; China Manufacturer, Stoke-on-Trent.

ARNOLD, Oliver Vaughton, b. 1888 (W.D.H.); left 1903; Surveyor, Birmingham; Private, P.S. Bn., 1914; 2nd Lieut. 6th (S.R.) Bn. Worcestershire Regt., 1915; served in Gallipoli; also in France, attd. 2nd Bn.; seriously wounded in High Wood, July 11th, 1916. Died from wounds, August 11th, 1916.

**Shrewsbury School Registers 1798 - 1908**

64 Arnold, Oliver Vaughton 17 The Red House, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

**UK & Commonwealth Law Examinations 1836 – 1947**

**The Law Society LSOC 2/32 exam 5 July 1905 at Four Oaks**

**1911 census "The Red House", Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Frederick Arnold | M | 57 | Solicitor – employer | b Kings Norton, Worcs |
| Annie May Arnold | M | 60 | Married 25 years with 2 children | b Much Woolton |
| William Noel Arnold | U | 24 | Solicitor – employee | b Edgbaston |
| Oliver Vaughton Arnold | U | 23 | Auctioneer's pupil | b Edgbaston |
| Alice House | U | 29 | Housemaid | b Oxford |
| Mary Malins | U | 35 | Cook | b Worcs |

In 1913, Oliver V Arnold was listed in the Kelly Directory as a surveyor working at 160 Edmund Street, Birmingham.

**Marriage**

The marriage between Oliver V Arnold and Florence Sybil Gates was registered June 1916 Devonport 5b 736

**Probate**

**ARNOLD** Oliver Vaughton of the Red House Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** surveyor and auctioneer 2nd lieutenant 2nd battalion Worcestershire regiment died 11 August 1916 at th London Free Hospital London Probate **Birmingham** 18 December to Florence Sybil Arnold widow. Effects £659 19s. 2d.

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

So far, Florence has not been found on the 1921 census.

The Electoral Rolls of 1929, 1930, 1931 and 1932 show that Florence Sybil Arnold lived at 11 Winchester Road, Camden, London.

Other occupants of the address were Leonard John Gates, Matilda Gates, Thomas Frank Gates, and Frank Horace Gates.

**Death**

Florence Sybil Arnold, born on 5 October 1882, died in March 1973 at Hove, Sussex.

**GEORGE ASH**

**George Ash was born in about 1884 in Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted with the Royal Marine Light Infantry 2nd Battalion, Royal Naval Division in October 1916 - Private CH/17328 (S)**

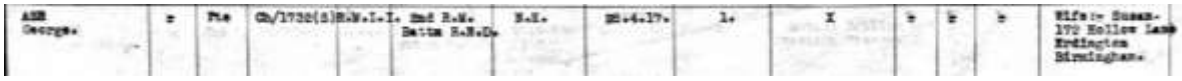
George Ash landed in France in February 1917 and died on or about 28 April 1917.

**Royal Naval Division Casualties List**

Private CH 17328 2nd Royal Marine Battalion, Royal Marine Light Infantry enlisted (place not stated) on 10 October 1916, aged 33.

He embarked with the Royal Marine Brigade on 15 December 1916 and was drafted for the British Expeditionary Force on 1 February 1917.

He joined the 2nd Royal Marine Battalion on 23 February 1917. He served until he was declared missing and assumed to have died on 28 April 1917.



**British Army & Navy Death Records 1730 – 1960**

Fold 3 shows that Susan lived at 172 Holly Lane, Erdington (as Hollow Lane)

WW 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1921, Fold 3, shows Susan Moore, born on 30 August 1886, was awarded a pension of 22 shillings and 11 pence a week from 10 December 1919.

George Ash has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 24929914 uploaded on 11 February 2014 by Paul R.**

George Ash is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour and the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration. **Graham Jennings and Rob Rolfe**

**George Ash was the son of William Ash and his 'aunt' Hannah Nicholls.**

A birth registration or baptism for him was not found as Ash or Nicholls.

Rob Rolfe discovered that Hannah's sister was Caroline, who married William Ash in 1860. Caroline had left the household by 1871, after giving birth to probably two daughters.

Hannah moved in with her own daughter and lived in the household, giving birth to at least five more children. It was, at that time, illegal for a man to marry his dead wife's sister, but it is not known what happened to Caroline.

William Ash was a wheelwright and a labourer and died when George was aged 6. In 1901, William was described as 'feeble minded'.

**Marriage**

William Ash, 21, bachelor of Erdington married Caroline Nicholls, 22, spinster of Erdington on 11 September 1860 at St Peter and St Paul, Aston.

William Ash was a labourer. His father was Thomas Ash, labourer. William Nicholls, labourer was the father of Hannah Nicholls.

The witnesses were Joseph Nicholls and Hannah Nicholls.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns 1813 - 1923**

**1861 census "The Dam", Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Ash | M | 20 | Agricultural labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Caroline Ash | M | 22 | | b Hill, Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Ash | | 3 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1871 census Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Ash | U | 30 | Labourer | b Wylde Green |
| Jane Ash | | 7 | Daughter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Hannah Nicholls | U | 29 | Housekeeper | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Caroline Nicholls | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Nicholls | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Clara Nicholls | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Maria Ash | | 3 | Niece | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1871 census Poole Street, Aston** – working for Mary Ann Vaughan

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Caroline Ash | M | 31 | General servant | b Hill, Sutton Coldfield |

Caroline Nicholls/ Ash did not appear on a census after 1871. She possibly died as Caroline Nicholls (born 1838) in 1894 in Aston.

**Baptisms**

There were two children baptised at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield to William and Caroline Ash

| | |
|---|---|
| Emma Ash | baptised on 31 March 1861 |
| Jane Ash | baptised on 15 June 1863 |

**Warwickshire Anglican Parish Registers 1813 - 1979**

**1881 census Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Ash | W | 39 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Hannah Nicholls | U | 38 | Housekeeper | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Ash | | 14 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Clara Ash | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Nicholls | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Henry Nicholls | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Lily Nicholls | | 2 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1891 census Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Ash | W | 49 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Hannah Nicholls | U | 47 | Housekeeper | b Hill, Sutton Coldfield |
| Thomas Ash | U | 20 | Labourer | b Wylde Green |
| Henry Ash | | 13 | | b Wylde Green |
| Lily Ash | | 10 | | b Wylde Green |
| George Ash | | 6 | | b Wylde Green |
| Charles Ash | | 4 | | b Wylde Green |

**1901 census Sutton Road, Broadfields, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Ash | W | 59 | Wheelwright – Feeble minded | b Wylde Green |
| Hannah Nicholls | U | 57 | Sister in law – housekeeper | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Henry W Ash | U | 22 | Labourer at brick works | b Wylde green |
| George Ash | U | 17 | Brick maker's labourer | b Wylde Green |
| Charles Ash | | 14 | Strip castor's assistant | b Wylde Green |

William Ash and Hannah Nicholls were not traced on the 1911 census, or after that date on available public records.

**Marriage**

The marriage of George Ash and Susan Baggott was registered September 1906 Aston 6d 740

**1911 census 14 Little Green Lanes, Erdington (Wylde Green border)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Ash | M | 27 | General labourer at brick manu | b Wylde Green |
| Susan Ash | M | 25 | Married 4 years with 2 children | b Colwell, Worcs |
| Lillian Gertrude Ash | | 4 | | b Erdington |
| Charles Henry Ash | | 2 | | b Wylde Green |

**Susan Ash**

**Marriage**

The marriage between Susan Ash and Gilbert T Moore was registered June 1918 Aston 6d 901

**1921 census 172 Holly Lane, Erdington.**

Gilbert Moore was 38 and a labourer at Fort Dunlop. Susan was 34. Living with them were Lilian Ash, 14; Charles Ash, 12 and Frances Moore, 10.

**Hannah Nicholls**

There is no evidence that Hannah Nicholls was ever married.

Hannah Nicholls had an illegitimate child, Clara Nicholls who was baptised on 7 September 1869 at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield.

**Birmingham C of E Births & Baptisms 1813 - 1923**

**PERCY FREDERICK ATKINS**

**Percy Frederick Atkins was born in 1887 in Handsworth. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 15th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 15/279**

He served as an officer's orderly.

He was killed in action on 4 June 1916 (France & Flanders), aged 29.

He was buried at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Plot I.D.9

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Unofficial reports suggest he was killed by a mine explosion.

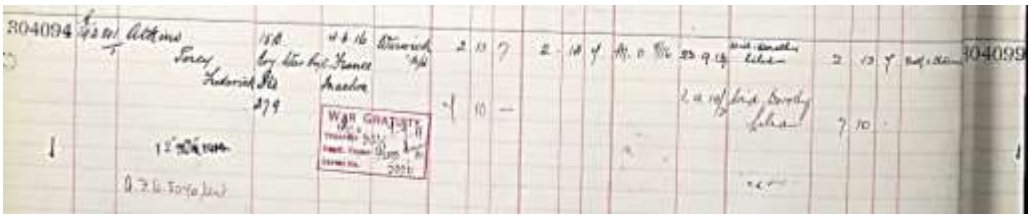
ATKINS, Pte. Percy Frederick, 15/279. "B" Coy. 15th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. 4th June, 1916. Age 29. Son of James Rowland Atkins and Bertha Atkins, of Sutton Coldfield; husband of Dorothy Lilian Atkins, of "Oakleigh," Clifton Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. I. D. 9.

**UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921 Rolls**

**Army Medal Rolls**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104B, page 232 and 1915 Star Medal L/1B,, page 13

**UK Army Soldiers Effects Ledger 1901 – 1929**



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Percy Frederick Atkins, 15th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in action on 4 June 1916.

Widow Dorothy Lilian Atkins, born on 19 October 1892, of Oakleigh, Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Child, Percy Frederick Atkins, born on 18 June 1916. 15/- pension a week awarded.

Percy is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield United Reform Church Memorial

**Imperial War Museum War Memorial ID WMR 38680**

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

**Percy Frederick Atkins was the son of James Rowland and Bertha Atkins of "Oakleigh", Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was the husband of Dorothy Atkins**

The birth of Percy Frederick Atkins was registered March 1887 West Bromwich 6b 754

**1891 census 129 Leonard Road, Handsworth**

James R Atkins was married, aged 32 and was from Birmingham. He was a jewellery manufacturer's clerk. His wife was Bertha, aged 28 from Aston. Their children were Arthur, 5; Percy, 4 and Charles, aged one, all born in Handsworth.

**1901 census 95 Westminster Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Atkins | M | 49 | Commercial Traveller | b Birmingham |
| Bertha Atkins | M | 39 | | b Aston |
| Arnold Atkins | | 15 | Clerk | b Handsworth |
| Percy Atkins | | 14 | Clerk | b Handsworth |
| Gwendoline Atkins | | 14 | | b Handsworth |
| Leslie Atkins | | 11 | | b Handsworth |
| Eliza Baker | U | 17 | Domestic servant | b Tipton |

**1911 census 72 Trinity Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Rowland Atkins | M | 56 | Comm. Traveller – car/cycle trade | b Hockley |
| Bertha Atkins | M | 48 | Married 26 years- 4 children all alive | b Aston |
| Charles Leslie Atkins | U | 21 | Student | b Leonard Rd |
| Gwendoline Bertha Atkins | | 14 | | b Westminster Rd |

Between 1914 and 1918, his parents were listed on the Electoral Rolls living at "Hillersdon", Somerville Road, Sutton Coldfield.

"Percy Atkins was educated at Aston Grammar School. He spent five years in Canada prior to enlisting. He was only married three months before he died."

**Sutton Coldfield News 21.6.1916**

**UK & Ireland Outward Passenger Lists 1890 – 1960**

Percy F Atkins departed from Liverpool to Canada in 1907. He was aged 20 and was a labourer.

**Marriage**

The marriage of Percy F Atkins and Dorothy L Guy was registered March 1916 Tamworth 6b 711

**Child** - His son, Percy, was born a few days after his father died. **ALFRED HENRY BAINES**

**Alfred Henry Bailey was born in 1890 in Aston. He enlisted in Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 23008. He was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps - Private 85026**

He was killed in action on 26 September 1917 (France & Flanders).

He was killed during the Battle of Polygon Wood.

"The temperature was 68 degrees F and there was mist with 0.5mm rainfall on the day he died." (SDBD)

**Soldiers who died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**MCG Infantry 85026, formerly 23008 RWR - Index only**

He has no known grave, and he was commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

**Findagrave Tyne Cot Memorial - panel 154-159 & 163A.**

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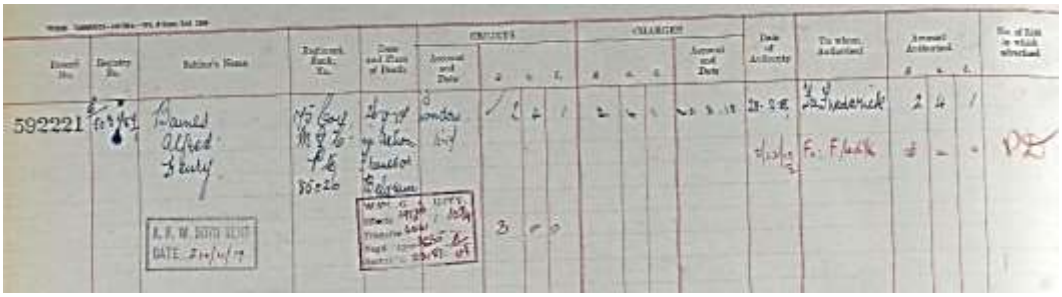
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MCG/101 B55, page 4658.

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index 1914 – 1920**



His father was sent £2 4s 1d effects and £3 war gratuity on 2 December 1919.

**Army Register of Soldier's Effects 1901 – 1929**

His parents were awarded a pension of 5 s a week from 30 April 1918 for life.

**WW1 Pensions, Ledgers & Index Cards Fold 3**

Alfred Henry Baines was a member of the congregation at the Reddicap Hill Mission.

**Alfred Henry Baines was the son of Frederick and Rosetta Baines.**

The birth of Alfred Henry Baines was registered September 1890 Aston 6d 408

He was baptised on 16 September 1896 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston to parents Frederick and Rose Baines of 86 Witton Lane. Frederick was an engine driver.

**Family History Library 154529 DRO 41 Archive Roll 646 1813 - 1922**

In 1891, the family lived at 13 court, 3 house, Park Lane, Aston.

Frederick Baines was 27 and a bricklayer's labourer from Wolverhampton. Rosetta was 26. Elsie was 2 and Alfred was seven months old.

The family lived at Reddicap Hill in 1901.

Frederick was a general labourer. Rosetta, Elsie, 12 and Oliver, 3 lived with them

Alfred Henry Baines was living with his grandparents Thomas and Betsy Turner at 90 Witton Lane, Aston. He was 10.

**1911 census 25 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Baines | M | 45 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Wolverhampton |
| Rosetta Baines | M | 44 | Married 24 years 4 children all alive | b Birmingham |
| Alfred Baines | U | 21 | Domestic groom | b Aston |
| Oliver Baines | | 13 | | b Aston |
| Dorothy Baines | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

Their fourth child was Elsie who was aged 12, born in Aston.

**1921 census Rose Cottage, Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Frederick Baines was a widower, aged 55. He was a bricklayer for Maddox & Walford.

Oliver Baines was single aged 23, he was a carpenter for the Birmingham Housing Scheme.

Dorothy Baines was single aged 20 and had no occupation.

Frederick Baines was born in 1864 and died in 1929.

Rosetta Kezia Baines, formerly Turner, was born in 1862 and died in 1918.

**From 'mortonhann' tree on Ancestry.**

**Oliver John Baines**

Oliver John Baines enlisted at Birmingham with the 488 Field Company, Royal Engineers as a Sapper.

Three possible numbers are given for him – 216866, 218806 or 216816.

He was discharged on either the 11th or 30 March 1918 from the army on medical grounds.

He was 18 years and 10 months old when he joined. He was single and worked as a carpenter. His employers were Vickers Ltd., of Birmingham.

He lived at Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield and his father was Frederick Baines of the same address.

He was 5' 7" tall and his chest measured 33".

His service record is badly damaged, but it appears that he served in East Anglia, Harrogate, and Darlington. It does not appear that he left England.

He was discharged from service on medical grounds at Chatham on 11 March 1918.

He does not appear to have been awarded any medals.

**Army Great War Service Records 1914 - 1921**

**ALFRED BAKER**

**Alfred Baker was born in 1884 in Aston. He enlisted with the 1st Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 765**

He died on 30 August 1918 in France, probably near the village of Remy, north of Vis-en-Artois. He was aged 24.

Alfred Baker has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, Panel 3.

**Index records only** – https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B2, page 297.

**British Army War Medals Index 1914 - 1920**

Alfred Baker – Private 765 RWR has an entry in the Birmingham Roll of Honour

Private A Baker, 3rd Coy, City Battalion, is commemorated on page 370 of the 'Birmingham City Battalions' book by Sir William H Bowater. This is the Roll of Honour page for J H Tucker & Co – his employer.

Alfred Baker is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

Alfred Baker is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey School Memorial (David Phillips)

He was also commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

**Alfred Baker was the son of Ernest and Esther Baker of Chester Road**

"Alfred Baker of 'Heathfield', Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield has died aged 24 during active service.

He had been educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School."

**Sutton Coldfield News 20.10. 1918**

Alfred Baker was listed at 438 Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield on the 1918 Electoral Roll, which indicated he was away serving in the military.

The birth of Alfred Baker was registered March 1894 Aston 6d 425

Alfred Baker was baptised on 11 March 1894 at St Matthias, Birmingham to parents Ernest Alfred and Esther Caroline Baker of 12 John Street, Lozells. Ernest was a jeweller.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 8 AR 618**

In 1901, the family lived at 124 Watt Road, Handsworth. Ernest Baker was a jeweller.

**1911 census "Heathfield", 438 Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ernest Baker | M | 44 | Jeweller | b Birmingham |
| Esther Baker | M | 43 | | b Northants |
| Nellie Baker | U | 18 | Student | b Aston |
| Alfred Baker | | 17 | | b Aston |
| Alice Baker | | 13 | | b Aston |
| Florence Baker | | 11 | | b Aston |
| Dorothy Baker | | 8 | | b Erdington |

**Marriage on 13 April 1918 at St Barnabas, Erdington, Birmingham**

Alfred Baker, aged 24, bachelor of 438 Chester Road. Private RWR. Fath
er Ernest Alfred Baker, jeweller.

Emily Georgina Payne, aged 28, spinster of 68 Hillaries Road. Father John Edwin Payne, deceased. Commercial Traveller.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1939 EP7512/3/5**

**1921 census 438 Chester Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Ernest was 53 and worked as a manufacturing jeweller for Nathan Bros, Vyse Street.
Esther was 53.
Alice was 23 and a civil service clerk.
Florence was 21 and telephonist at Dunlop Co.
Dorothy was 19 and a clerk at Lumb & Co.

Emily G Baker was 28 and a widow from Tipton. She had no occupation.
Alfred Baker was 2, born in 1919 in Erdington.

**1939 Register 219 Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Emily G Baker, born on 5 April 1888. Widow. Home duties.
Alfred E Baker, born on 14 March 1919. Single. Electrical switch gear draughtsman.

The death of Emily G Baker was registered March 1969 Sutton Coldfield 9b 1292, aged 80.

Nothing further is known about her son Alfred after 1939.

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

**Private 765 Alfred Baker**
**1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Friday 30th August 1918**
**Aged: 24**

At the end of August 1918, the 1st Warwicks (10th Brigade, 4th Division) were involved in the Battle of the Scarpe (sometimes called the Fifth Battle of Arras). The river Scarpe flows east from Arras, and General Horne commanding the British 1st Army attacked along both sides of the river.

On 28 August 1918 the 1st Warwicks started at Feuchy Chapel (east of Arras) and advanced past Monchy north of the Arras-Cambrai Road. On 30 August they attacked the southeast corner of the village of Remy (just north of Vis-en-Artois), where 'B' and 'C' Companies were dis-organized by a heavy barrage and machine-gun fire; they suffered severe casualties.

British shelling reduced the German fire allowing 'D' Company to move forward and capture its first and second objectives. They were stopped 100 metres short of their third objective, where they dug in.

The Battalion was relieved that night, when losses were discovered to be so high that the 1st Warwicks were reorganized into two companies. One of these Companies captured the third objective the next day.

Casualties for 30 August amounted to 2 officers and 14 men killed 4 officers and 147 men wounded or missing.

Alfred Baker is commemorated on the Vis-en-Artois Memorial, east of Arras, Panel 3.

He is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and also on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial, Sutton Park.

"Alfred Baker was born on 2 February 1894. He was the son of Ernest and Esther Baker.

Alfred attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1907 and 1910.

After leaving school, he was employed in the offices of J H Tucker & Co., King's Road, Hay Mills in Birmingham who were manufacturers of telephones and switchgear.

At the outbreak of the war Alfred enlisted as Drummer 765 in the 16th Royal Warwickshire Regiment and transferred into the 1st Regiment at a later date.

He was a member of Vesey's Old Boys Football Club. Alfred had one older sister, Nellie, and two younger sisters, Alice, and Florence."

**David Phillips**

**A history of those Old Veseyans who gave their lives in the Great War. 2nd Edition.**

With thanks.

**HARRY BARBER**

**Harry Barber was born in 1893 at Tamworth. He enlisted at Worcester with the 4th Battalion 'Z' Company, Worcestershire Regiment - Private 12233.**

He was killed in action at Achi Baba, Gallipoli, on 9th May 1915. aged 21.

**Soldiers who died in the Great War – National Army Museum**

He was buried at the Redoubt Cemetery, Helles, Gallipoli, Plot XII. D. 11

BARBER, Pte. Harry, 12233. "Z" Coy. 4th Bn. Worcestershire Regt. Killed in action at Achi Baba 9th May, 1915. Age 21. Son of Arthur and Lily Barber, of 39, Queen St., Sutton Coldfield. XII. D. 11.

**UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B2, page 286 and the 1915 Star Medal L/5 B, page 13. The medal card shows that he entered the Balkans Theatre on 25 April 1915 and was born in Tamworth.

**Army Register of Soldier's Effects 1901 – 1929 Ref 69**

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Dependents Pensions Fold 3**

Harry Barber was commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield United Reform Church Memorial

**Imperial War Museum Memorial ID WMR 38680**

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

**Harry Barber was the son of Arthur and Lily Barber of 39 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield.**

They were listed at 39 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield on the 1914/15 to 1918 Electoral Rolls.

**1901 census Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur Barber | M | 28 | House painter | b Fazeley, Staffs |
| Lily Barber | M | 30 | | b Tamworth |
| Harry Barber | | 7 | | b Tamworth |
| Doris May Barber | | 4 | | b Tamworth |
| Frederick John Barber | | 2 | | b Fazeley |
| Helen Marjorie Barber | | 6 weeks old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

In 1911, Harry Barber was already enlisted with the 3rd/5th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment.

He was stationed at Shaft Barracks, Western Heights, Dover Castle, Dover in Kent.

His family were at 39 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield in 1911.

Arthur was 39 and a house painter. Lily was 40. Doris was 14. Frederick was 12 and Winifred was 3.

In 1921, Arthur and Lily remained at 39 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield.

Arthur was a self-employed decorator. Lily was a housewife. Winifred was 13 and at school.

Living with them were Doris May Jenkins, daughter, 25 and a ledger clerk and her husband Ernest Jenkins, 29, a grocery manager. Their daughter was Nora Doris, aged 5.

**Deaths**

The death of Arthur Barber was registered June 1935 Sutton Coldfield 6d 625, aged 63.

The death of Lily Barber was registered September 1935 Sutton Coldfield 6d 530, aged 65.

**HAROLD BARRATT**

**Harold Barratt was born in 1890 in Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham with the 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment in November 1915 - Lance Corporal 1542.**

He went to the front in in March 1916. He was wounded twice in the nose and neck.

He was killed in action on either the 13 March 1917 or 13 May 1917 (France & Flanders) aged 26.

The army medal rolls give no date of death but the 'soldiers who died' index gives March. His 'Will' gives May, which is assumed to be more accurate. It is possible that the probate record has been transcribed incorrectly.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial Bay 3

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

He is commemorated on the Birmingham Roll of Honour.

He is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour. (Graham Jennings)

He is commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration. (Rob Rolfe)

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B2, page 412.

**Harold Barratt was the son of William John and Emily Barratt of 60 Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Green Lanes School and the Municipal Technical School and then as a manual training teacher at Aston Lane School."

**Sutton Coldfield News 9.6.1917**

The birth of Harold Barratt was registered December 1890 Aston 6d 385

**1891 census Walmley Lane, Wylde Green**

William J Barratt was 38 and a carpenter from Birmingham. His wife was Emily, 37, from Worcester. Living with them were Catherine, 10; Emily, 8; Howard, 6; Thomas, 4 and Harold, five months old.

**1901 census Walmley Lane, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William J Barratt | M | 48 | Jobbing carpenter – own account | b Birmingham |
| Emily Barratt | M | 47 | | b Worcester |
| Howard Barratt | | 16 | Jobbing carpenter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Thomas Barratt | | 14 | Gentleman's servant | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold Barratt | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Louise Barratt | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Frank Barratt | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census 60 Penns Lane, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William John Barratt | M | 58 | Jobbing carpenter, own account | b Birmingham |
| Emily Barratt | M | 57 | Married 32 years, 8 children all alive | b Worcester |
| Howard Barratt | U | 26 | Carpenter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Thomas Barratt | U | 24 | Electrician | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold Barratt | U | 20 | Jobbing carpenter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Frank Edward Barratt | | 15 | Jobbing carpenter | b Sutton Coldfield |

William Barratt received £1 11s 3d in back pay owed to his son and later a war gratuity for £6 10s.

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe.**

William John Barratt was born in 1853 and died in 1923. Emily Amphlett was born in 1853 and died in 1925.

An online search for military records for Howard, Thomas and Frank Barratt did not find evidence that they served in WW1.

**The News Saturday September 26, 1908 – British Newspaper Archive Findmypast**

**"Sutton Coldfield Municipal Technical School Prize Distribution"**

The prizegiving was held at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall.

Harold Barratt was awarded Advanced Science Practical grade 1; Elementary woodwork grade 1 and building construction grade 1 by the Board of Education.

**Probate**

Harold Barrett of 60 Penns Lane, Erdington, Lance Corporal 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment died 13 May 1917 killed in action in France. Probate was granted at Birmingham on 13 August 1917 to William John Barratt, jobbing carpenter. Effects: £239.3s 11d

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

**Photographs of Harold Barratt**

With thanks to Rob Rolfe

The second photograph was of Harold and some of his comrades. This was sent as a postcard to his sister Kitty.

The message reads “To Kitty with hearties and Best Wishes from your loving brother Harold”.

The originals were posted to Ancestry and Genes Reunited by ‘joanShowell73’ on 8 August 2011.
**JOHN BASTABLE**

**John Bastable was born in 1882 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the 1/6th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 20705**

He was killed in action on 24 August 1916, during the Battle of the Somme (France & Flanders).

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

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B2, page 447- no image

**Britian Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards**

No further military records were found online.

**John Bastable was the son of John and Elizabeth Bastable of Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

His birth was registered December 1882 Aston 6d 432 – mother's maiden name was Carter.

Baptised on 12 December 1882 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield to John and Elizabeth of Reddicap Hill. John was a bricklayer's labourer.

**Warwickshire Anglican Registers Roll PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16 1813 – 1910**

**In 1891, the family lived at Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

John Bastable was 39 and a bricklayer's labourer. Elizabeth was 39. Living with them were children Edith, 13; Blanche, 10; John, 8; Harry, 6; Herbert, 4; Harriet, 2 and William aged 8 months, all from Sutton Coldfield.

**1911 census 40 Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield -** Boarding in the household of John Bunn, Bricklayer

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bastable | U | 28 | Plumber | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bastable | M | 59 | General labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Elizabeth Bastable | M | 58 | Married 32 years- 9 children 1 died | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harry Bastable | U | 26 | General labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harriet Bastable | U | 22 | Domestic servant | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Bastable | U | 20 | Gardener's assistant | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bastable | M | 49 | Jobbing gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Elizabeth Bastable | M | 48 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Blanche Bastable | U | 20 | Cook – domestic | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bastable | U | 18 | Plumber | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harry Bastable | | 16 | Bricklayer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Herbert Bastable | | 14 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harriet Bastable | | 12 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Bastable | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Maud Bastable | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

An online search for Harry, Herbert and William Bastable did not find any military records for them.
**1921 census Reddicap Heath Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John Bastable was 69 and from Middleton. He was a smaller holder- own account.
Elizabeth Bastable was 69.
Blanche Bastable was 40 and single. She had no occupation.
Harry Bastable was 36 and single. He was a steam traction fireman at Davenport & Co, Contractors, Aston.
William Carter, 60, widowed, lived with them. He was from Birmingham. He was a labourer at Dunlop, Birmingham.

In 1939, John and Elizabeth Bastable were not found.

**Deaths**

The death of John Bastable was registered December 1926 Tamworth 6b 447, aged 74.

The death of Elizabeth Bastable was registered June 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6b 551, aged 86.

**ARTHUR CHARLES BATE**

**Arthur Charles Bate was born in 1889 at Stoke Holloway, Worcestershire. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 14th (Service) Gloucestershire Regiment - Private 21621.**

He also served with the Labour Corps – Private 112905

He died on 23 March 1918 (France & Flanders).

He is buried in the Chauny Communal Cemetery, British Extension under the name of Arthur Charles Bates – not found online, but with thanks to Rob Rolfe

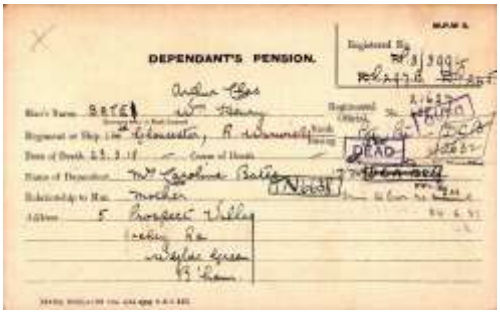
He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

He is commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/101 B2, page 308.

**WW Army Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**




**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards Fold 3**

**Arthur Charles Bate was the son of Mr and Mrs George Bate of Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

The birth of Arthur Charles Bate was registered June 1889 Bromsgrove 6c 401

**Baptism**

Baptised on 16 June 1889 at St John, Bromsgrove to parents George and Caroline. George was an agricultural labourer of Stoke Holloway.

**Worcestershire C of E Baptisms 1812 – 1922 Bishop's Transcripts Ref B736/Ba2245/67**

In 1891, the family lived at Alvechurch, Worcestershire. George was 42 and an agricultural labourer. Caroline was 44.

Living with them were children Ellen, 17; Allison, 13; John, 13; William H, 11; Ernest, 9; Alfred, 7; Walter, 4 and Arthur, aged 1.

**1901 census Prospect Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bate | M | 53 | Ag. Labourer | b Stockwood |
| Elizabeth Bate | M | 54 | | b Stockwood |
| William H Bate | U | 20 | Ag. Labourer | b Stockwood |
| Ernest A Bate | U | 17 | Ag. Labourer | b Stockwood |
| Alfred G Bate | | 16 | Ag. Lab | b Stoke Holloway |
| Walter Bate | | 14 | Ag. Lab | b Stoke Holloway |
| Arthur C Bate | | 11 | | b Stoke Holloway |
| James Bate | | 9 | | b Alvechurch |

**1911 census 5 Prospect Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bate | M | 63 | General Labourer | b Stockwood, Worcs |
| Caroline Bate | M | 64 | 10 children all alive | b Stockwood |
| William Henry Bate | U | 29 | Farm carter | b Stockwood |
| Ernest Bate | U | 27 | Labourer | b Stockwood |

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alfred George Bate | U | 25 | Navvy on railway | b Stoke Holloway |
| Walter Bate | U | 23 | Farm labourer | b Stoke Holloway |
| Arthur Charles Bate | U | 22 | Farm labourer | b Stoke Holloway |
| James Bate | U | 20 | Gardener | b Callow End, Worcs |

**1921 census 5 Prospect Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**George Bate was born in 1847 and died on 29 May 1929 in Sutton Coldfield.

Caroline Bate, formerly Petford, was born in 1847 and died on 20 October 1930 in Birmingham.

**Source from ajwilliams34 family tree – Ancestry.**

**William Henry Bate, John Thomas Bate, Alfred George Bate and James Bate also joined the war effort.**

**See below for further details.**

**ALFRED GEORGE BATE – brother of Arthur Charles Bate, served and it seems he died because of the war.**

**Alfred served with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry as Private 26835 and with the Labour Corps as Private 245639.**

His army service papers were not found. Therefore, we do not know where or when he served during the Great War.

**British Army Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**

Widows R 6 16 Mod 6 22
DEPENDANTS PENSION. D.1
Name BATE Alfred George Regimental No. 240639
Regiment or Ship Labour Corps Rank Pte
W.F.C. 1918
C.I.W. 16839
Date and cause of death 16 5 22
Dependent Mrs Rose Ellen Bate
Address 1/116 Grosvenor St West Ladywood Birmingham
Relationship Widow
Service
Date arranged
Paper 16/22

**WW1 Pensions & Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 018/0057/Bas – Bat Fold 3**

**Baptism**

Alfred George Bate was baptised at Bromsgrove on 26 February 1886 to parents George and Caroline of Stoke Hollow. George was a labourer.

**Worcestershire C of E Bishop's Transcripts Ref B736/Ba2245/67**

**Marriage on 21 November 1915 at St Barnabas, Erdington**

Alfred George Bate, bachelor aged 30. Labourer of 1/116 Grosvenor Street West. Father George Bate. Rose Ellen Wright, spinster aged 36 of the same address. Father Herbert Wright, deceased, gardener.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns EP82/2/2/4**

**Electoral Roll 1920 30 Grosvenor Street West, Ladywood, Birmingham**

Alfred George Bate
Harriet Wright
Rose Bate

**Death**

The death of Alfred G Bate was registered June 1922 Tamworth 6b 463 – aged 37.

Rose Bate was not found in 1921 or 1939.

**JAMES BATE – brother of Arthur Charles and Alfred George Bate**

**James Bate joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 7 September 1914 as Private 281940. His later service number was 6084.**

His address was 4 Prospect Villa, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

He was posted on 17 September 1914 to 8 June 1915 to home.

He was then home between 28 October 1915 and 27 June 1916.

He was sent to France on 28 June 1916 and back home on 6 December 1916.

He had been transferred to the Royal Berkshire Regiment 5th Battalion on 1 September 1916.

He was then transferred to the Labour Corps 629 Company on 30 June 1917.

He was posted on 24 November 1917, but it does not say where to.

He was demobilised on 21 February 1919 to 69 Court Lane, Erdington.

He was awarded a 30% disablement pension at 8s 3d from 22 February 1919.

**British Army WW Service Records 1914 – 1920.**

**Birth**

The birth of James Bate was registered June 1891 Bromsgrove 6c 411

**Marriage**

The marriage between James Bate and Elizabeth Coleman was registered March 1918 Aston 6d 694

**1921 census 4 Prospect Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

James Bate, 30, born at Alvechurch. Sewage disposal Birmingham Drainage & Rea, Minworth.
Elizabeth Bate, 30, born in Wednesbury. Home duties.
Marie E Bate, 9, born in Four Oaks. School.

**1939 Register 353 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

James Bate, born on 2 April 1891. Park keeper, general patrol.
Elizabeth Bate, born on 23 March 1891. Household duties.
Marie C Bate, born on 28 August 1920. Shorthand Typist.

**Deaths**

The death of James Bate was registered March 1951 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1489, aged 59.

The death of Elizabeth Bate was registered December 1954 Sutton Coldfield 9c 936, aged 63.

**JOHN THOMAS BATE – brother of Arthur Charles Bate, served but was not a war casualty.**

He attested on 9 December 1915 at Suffolk Street, Birmingham with the Army Service Corps but was placed on the Army Reserve on 10 December 1915.

He was born on 31 March 1878 at Stockwood and was a labourer.

It appears from his army service records that he was posted to Kynoch's works in Aston ,where ammunition was being made. It seems that he had a reserve occupation.

He was mobilised on 28 August 1918 after joining again at Suffolk Street. He was Driver T/438911 with the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was resident at Elm Dale, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was a labourer. He was 37 years 11 months old. He was five feet five inches tall. It seems he was a driver.

He was mobilised on 28 August 1918 with 666 Coy., ASC Park Royal and embarked at Southampton on 5 November 1918, arriving at Harve on 6 November 1918 aboard Steam Ship "Narragansett."

He was dispersed on 16 June 1919 to Forant and then discharged to Base depot (CHT & S).

He was awarded the British Medal and the Victory Medal – details are not known.

Nothing further was in his army records of any note.

**British Army Service Records 1914 – 1920 WO 363 1/4389**

In 1901, John lived at Callow Hill, Alvechurch. He was single and worked as an agricultural labourer.

**Banns**

Banns were read on three occasions between September and October 1899 at Boldmere Church between John Thomas Bate and Louisa Emma Savage.

**Warwickshire Banns 1754 – 1910 – Boldmere**

The marriage between John T Bate and Louisa E Savage was registered December 1899 Aston 6d 565

In 1901, John Bate, 23, bricklayer's labourer and Louisa Bate, 21 from Handsworth lived at Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**1911 census Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John T Bate | M | 32 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Inkberrow |
| Louisa Bate | M | 31 | Married 12 years. 3 children 1 died | b Staffordshire |
| Lillian Mary Bate | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Albert Ernest Bate | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census Elmdale, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John Thomas Bate was 43. He was a builder's labourer for Cox Whatecote & Taylor of Sutton Coldfield.
Louisa was 41.
Lillian Mary was 18 and had no occupation.
Albert Ernest was 15. He was a toolmaker at Ephraim Philips, nut & bolt manufacturers of 54 Bissell Street, Birmingham.

So far, the family have not been found on the 1939 Register.

**WILLIAM HENRY BATE – brother of Arthur Charles Bate. Died as a result of the war.**

**William Henry Bate was born at Stockwood, Worcestershire in 1882.**

**He enlisted at Birmingham with the 9th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 10817**

It appears that an error in his place of birth was made on some military records. Cheltenham is given as his place of birth. A comprehensive search for a W. H. Bate plus all variations was made to find a man called William Henry Bate, born about 1881 at Cheltenham. Such a man was not found.

The 'soldiers who died' index states that William Henry Bate resided at Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

William fought at Gallipoli and fell ill whilst occupying the trenches. He was evacuated to Alexandria where he died of dysentery on 30 September 1915.

William Henry Bate is buried at the Chatby Military & War Memorial Cemetery, Alexander, Egypt, Plot D, Grave 135.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medal L/104 B2 ,page 457 and 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 29.

He entered the Balkans theatre on 13 July 1915.

**WW Army Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920 – image not available**

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards Fold 3**

His father George received £4 2s 7d from his effects and a later war gratuity of £3.

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

The church records show that William Bate lived at 5 Prospect Villas, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

William Henry Bate is also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe.**

**WALTER BEACH**

**Walter Beach was born in 1885 in Birmingham. He enlisted with the 12th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery - Gunner 95406.**

He was killed in action on 12 July 1917 (France & Flanders) at the age of 32.

He was buried at the Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ypres, Plot I.E. 12.

Walter Beach enlisted at Handsworth on 11 December 1915, aged 30 years 8 months. His address was 13 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was a widower and had one child.

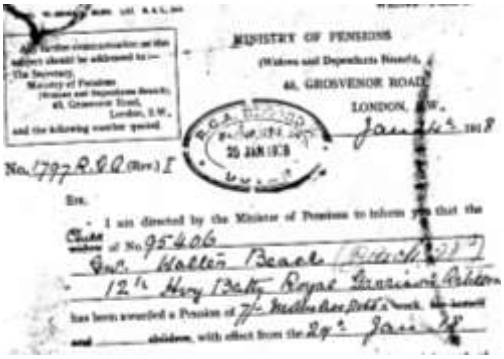
He served at home between 6 June 1916 and 19 November 1916. He joined the British Expeditionary Force in France on 20 November 1916. He was killed in action on 12 July 1917

His wife was Gertrude Russell and they married on 1 June 1902 at All Saints, Hockley, Birmingham.

His child was Walter Beach born on 21 February 1905. As his mother was deceased on 29 January 1915, Walter's guardian was Emily Beach of 13 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Walter had no full brothers and two full blood sisters – Jane Davis, 41 of 287 Highbridge Road Sutton Coldfield and Evelyn Bailey, 37, of Viceroy, Saskatoon, Canada.

He was awarded the British, War and Victory Medals – index 5247

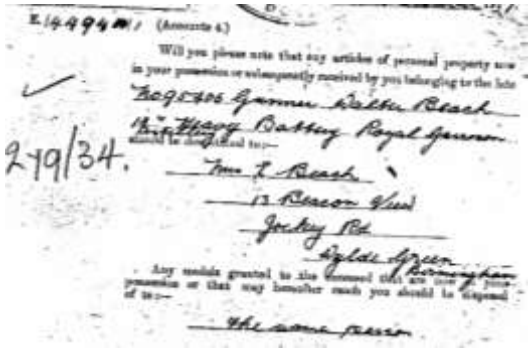


MINISTRY OF PENSIONS
(Widows and Dependants Branch),
40, GROSVENOR ROAD,
LONDON, S.W.
January 1918

No. 1797 R.G.A. (Rev.) I

Sir,

I am directed by the Minister of Pensions to inform you that the Claim of No. 95406
Gnr. Walter Beach
12th Hvy Batty Royal Garrison Artillery
has been awarded a Pension of 7/- Motherless rate & work
and ____ children, with effect from the 29th January 18



£4494/1 (Accounts 4.)

Will you please note that any articles of personal property now in your possession or subsequently received by you belonging to the late
No. 95406 Gunner Walter Beach
No. 12th Heavy Battery Royal Garrison Artillery
entitled to disposition to:—
Mrs E. Beach
13 Beacon View
Jockey Rd
Wylde Green
Birmingham
Any medals granted to the deceased that are now in your possession or that may hereafter reach you should be forwarded to:—
The same person

2-9-34.

Name Beach Walter DEAD Regiment No. 95406 Rank Gnr. 1494
Regiment R.G.A. (12 Heavy Bty.) Date of intimation of death 8.2.17
Form 114-(illegible) received 15.2.17 Date and cause of death 12.2.17 Killed in Action
Guardian Mrs Emily 13 Beacon View Jockey Rd Wylde Green Birmingham Date of birth as per Attest 29.1.15
Children —

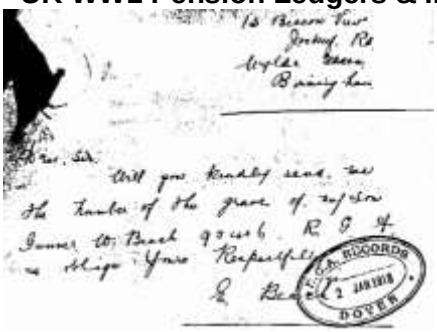
| Name | Date of birth | Date of entry | Pension |
|---|---|---|---|
| Walter | 21.12.05 | 21.12.21 | £ 5 2 3 17 6 17 6 |

Pension 7/- Motherless rate a week from 29.1.15
Date awarded 22.1.15
If refused, reason
Papers

Walter Beach, born on 21 December 1905 was awarded 7/- the motherless rate award. £5 paid 17 August 1919 – Guardian Emily Beach, 13 Beacon View, Wylde Green.

Wife's death was 29 January 1915. Award to run until 21 December 1921.

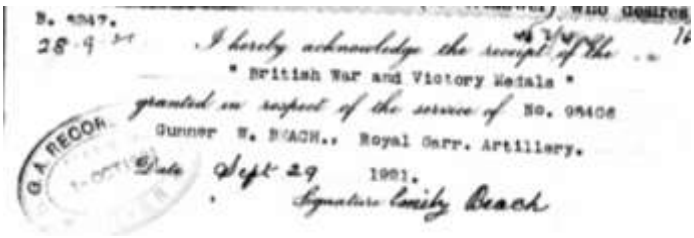
**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 019/0061/Bay – Bea. Fold 3**



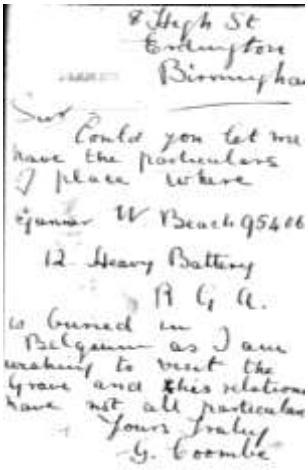
13 Beacon View
Jockey Rd
Wylde Green
Birmingham

Will you kindly send me the number of the grave of my late Gunner W. Beach 95406 R G A
Yours Respectfully
E. Beach

R.G.A. RECORDS 12 JAN 1918 DOVER



B. 4947.
28.9.21 I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
* British War and Victory Medals *
granted in respect of the service of No. 95406
Gunner W. BEACH., Royal Garr. Artillery.
G.A. RECORDS
Date Sept 29 1921.
Signature Emily Beach



8 High St
Erdington
Birmingham

Sir
Could you let me have the particulars & place where
Gunner W Beach 95406
12 Heavy Battery
R G A.
is buried in Belgium as I am wishing to visit the Grave and this relation have not all particulars
Yours Truly
G. Coombe

**Army WW1 Service Records – Burnt records collection, Ancestry.co.uk**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA / 152B, page 5247

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

Walter Beach was commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

He was also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

**Walter Beach was the son of Emily and the late Daniel Beach of 13 Beacon View, Jockey Road Sutton Coldfield and the husband of the late Gertrude Beach.**

The birth of Walter Beach was registered June 1885 Birmingham 6d 117

**1891 census** – the family were not found.

**1901 census 23 (unreadable) Road, Ladywood, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel Beach | M | 55 | Jeweller's porter | b Birmingham |
| Emily Beach | M | 52 | | b Birmingham |
| Evelina Beach | U | 19 | Button warehouse | b Birmingham |
| Walter Beach | | 16 | Silversmith | b Birmingham |

**1911 census** - Daniel and Emily were not found.

It is not known where or when Daniel Beach died.

**Marriage**

Walter Beach married Gertrude Russell on 1 June 1902 at All Saints Church, Birmingham.

**1911 census 13 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield** (possibly house number 391)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Beach | M | 26 | Silversmith | b Birmingham |
| Gertrude Emily Beach | M | 30 | Married 9 years 2 children 1 died | b Birmingham |
| Walter Beach | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Deaths**

The death of Gertrude E Beach was registered March 1915 Tamworth 6b 604, aged 34.

She died on 29 January 1915 in Sutton Coldfield.

They had one surviving child, Walter, who was born on 21 December 1905 at Villa Street, Hockley, Birmingham.

The birth of Walter Beach was registered March 1906 Birmingham 6d 116

**1921 census 13 Beacon View, Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Emily Beach, 73, widow, home duties.
Walter Beach, 15. Silversmith electro plater for Messrs Williamson Ltd, Silver electro-platers at Spencer Street, Birmingham.

**1930 Electoral Roll 13 Beacon Villas, Jockey Road**

Emily Beach, Walter Beach

**Death**

The death of Emily Beach was registered June 1932 Sutton Coldfield 6d 552, aged 84.

**1939 Register 391 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Walter Beach, born on 21 December 1905. Window cleaner, own account. Press tool setter.
Violet M Beach, born on 20 August 1906. Domestic duties.

**Death**

Walter Beach, born on 21 December 1905, died in June 1962 at Sutton Coldfield 9c 2577

Probate shows that Walter Beach of 391 Jockey Road died on 30 May 1969 and his effects were £1230.

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

**Obituary Birmingham Evening Mail 31 May 1969**

Walter Beach, aged 63, of 391 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, died on 30 May 1969. His spouse was Violet, and his children were Christine and Derek.

**British Newspaper Archive - Findmypast**

It is not clear when or where Violet died.
**FREDERICK JOHN BEARD**

**Frederick John Beard was born in 1879 in Sutton Coldfield. He joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment at Sutton Coldfield - Private 20977 and later was transferred to the 33rd Battalion Machine Gun Corps - Private 63122.**

He was killed in action on 6 June 1918 - France & Flanders

He was buried at the Belgian Battery Corner Cemetery, Ypres, Plot III. B.8

**The grave of Frederick John Beard taken in 2019**

This photograph was shared by Angela Richmond. Her son visited the grave in 2019 – with thanks

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MGC 101/ B43, page 3736.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour Index**

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

**Army Registers of Soldier's Effects 1901 – 1929 National Army Museum Ref 453**

Eunice Beard was awarded a £5 grant on 16 July 1918 and a pension of 13s 9d from 6 January 1919

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 019/0062/Bea Fold 3**

No other military records for Frederick were found online.

Frederick John Beard was a member of the St James Church, and was commemorated on their Roll of Honour

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church, Mere Green**
**Frederick John Beard was the son of William and Emma Beard of Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

"In loving memory of Fred Beard, M.G.C. eldest and dearly loved son of Mrs and the late William Beard of "Hill Farm", Four Oaks, killed near Ypres 7 June 1918. Never forgotten by mother, sisters, and brothers"

**Sutton Coldfield News 7.6.1919**

The birth of Frederick John Beard was registered December 1879 Aston 6d 444

**1881 census Hill Village, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Beard | M | 36 | Market gardener | b Hill |
| Emma Beard | M | 26 | Dressmaker | b Dorsingham |
| Helen Beard | | 3 | | b Hill |
| Frederick J Beard | | 1 | | b Hill |

**1891 census "Farmhouse", Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Beard | M | 46 | Farmer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Beard | M | 36 | | b Dorsingham |
| Helen Beard | | 13 | | b Hill |
| Frederick Beard | | 11 | | b Hill |
| Elizabeth Beard | | 9 | | b Hill |
| George J Beard | | 8 | | b Hill |
| Hilda Beard | | 6 | | b Hill |
| George Beard | U | 51 | Brother. Ag. Lab | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Dale | U | 17 | Farm servant | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census**

Frederick John Beard has not been found on this census.

By now, his parents had purchased a house, outbuildings, and land on Hill Village Road.

William, 56, was a farmer – own account. Emma was 46. Helen was 23. Elizabeth was 19 and a domestic servant. George J was 18 and worked on the farm. Hilda C was 16 and a domestic servant.

**Photos taken in 1982 by Joan Showell**

The family house, Hill Farm, was on Hill Village Road, Mere Green. It had nine rooms. Some of the grandchildren of William and Emma were born in a large four poster bed at the top of the house.

There was quite a lot of land behind the house, but most was sold off after William died. Emma went to live with her daughter Hilda. The house is a listed building.

**Photo uploaded to Ancestry on 3 April 2010 by 'joanshowell73' – with thanks**

**1911 census "Hill Farm", Hill Village, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Beard | M | 66 | Farmer – employer | b Hill |
| Emma Beard | M | 56 | Married 35 years, 6 children 1 died | b Dorsingham, Gloucs |
| George Joseph Beard | U | 28 | Maltster – employer | b Hill |
| Hilda Catherine Beard | U | 26 | | b Hill |

**1911 census 'Iona', Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fred J Beard | M | 31 | Job Master own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Eunice Beard | M | 29 | Married one year | b Aston |

From a family tree by **'joanshowell73'** at Ancestry.co.uk, Frederick was a baker and a chauffeur and delivery driver.

The landau taxi was available for passengers from Four Oaks Station, under the direction of Frederick Beard of Hill Farm, Hill Village. He kept two such vehicles and his horses at the Four Oaks Hotel. The photograph below was uploaded by Joan Showell on Ancestry for public access – with thanks.

**Photo uploaded to Ancestry on 3 April 2010 by 'joanshowell73' – with thanks**

**Marriage on 16 October 1910 at St Barnabas, Erdington**

Frederick John Beard, bachelor aged 31 of Hill Village Road. Car proprietor. Father William Beard, farmer.
Eunice Haywood, spinster aged 29 of 31 Edwards Road, Erdington. Father Thomas Haywood, deceased, tailor.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages & Banns 1754 – 1939 EP75/10/1910**

**Electoral Roll 1914/15**

Frederick Beard resided at "Iona", Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield with his wife, Eunice.

**1921 census 'Iona', Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Eunice Beard, 40, widow. Domestic duties.
Bruce Woods, 32, single from Frome. Domestic chauffeur at The Firs, Mere Green Road.

**1921 census Hill Farm, Hill Village Road, Sutton Coldfield**

George Joseph Beard, 38, married.
Builder's labourer at Sarcote & Sons 27 Camden Street, Birmingham.
Martha Beard, 26, wife from West Bromwich. Home duties.
Emma Beard, 67, widow. Home duties.
John James Ward, 19, single, brother in law from West Bromwich.
Builder's labourer at Sarcote & Sons.

**1939 Register 70 Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Eunice Beard, born on 6 June 1881. Widow. Domestic duties.
Harry Dodd, born on 23 February 1910. Single. Butcher.
**Death**

The death of Eunice Beard, born on 6 June 1881, was registered September 1970 Birmingham 9c 202

William Beard was born in 1844 and died in 1918. Emma, formerly Allcock, was born in 1855 and died in 1926.

No obvious military records were found for George Joseph Beard.

**From Sutton Coldfield History Group on Facebook 10 January 2024**

Angela Richmond saw the file that was uploaded by Yvonne Moore on 9 January 2024 about Frederick John Beard.

Frederick's sister Elizabeth Hill was Angela's great grandmother and Joan Showell was her great aunt.

Sadly, Joan passed away in 2023. Joan had done a lot of research into the family tree and taken photographs.

Angela's father remembers that his Aunty Eunice lived to old age in a house opposite St James Church.

The house she lived in was demolished a long time ago.

Eunice never had children and never remarried.

Many thanks go to Angela for sharing this information.

**EDWIN THOMAS BEDDOES**

**Edwin Thomas Beddoes was born in 1896 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham in November 1914 with the 2nd Battalion "D" Company, Royal Welsh Fusiliers - Private 17775**

He was killed in action on 5 July 1916 at the age of 20, in France & Flanders.

He was buried at the Gorre British & Indian Cemetery, Gorre, Beuvry, France, Plot II.A.20

**Find a Grave Memorial ID 56487948**

**UK Soldiers Who Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1910 – 1920 Ref 164**

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 018/0065 Fold 3**

**Army Medal Roll – Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 - 1920**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals J/2/102/B/Y, page 2130, and 1915 Star Medal J/2/2B4, page 616

He entered the French theatre of war on 5 May 1915 and was killed in action on 5 July 1916.

No further military records were found online.

**Edwin Thomas Beddoes was the son of Richard Edwin and Harriet Beddoes of 24 Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He attended Town School, Sutton Coldfield. Before the war, he was in charge of an electricity sub-station at Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield."

**Sutton Coldfield News 15.7.16**

"In loving memory of our dear son Eddie killed in action 5 July 1916. At Rest".

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 12 July 1919**

**Birth**

The birth of Edwin T Beddoes was registered March 1896 Aston 6d 430

**1901 census Brittania Terrace, 6 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Edwin Beddoes | M | 33 | Carman at steam laundry | b Salop |
| Harriet Beddoes | M | 36 | | b Cotteridge |
| Edwin Thomas Beddoes | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harriet Hilda Beddoes | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Fred Mitchell | U | 24 | Lodger | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census 24 Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Richard Edwin Beddoes | M | 43 | Carman with steam laundry | b Upton Cresset, Salop |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harriet Beddoes | M | 46 | Married 16 years with 2 children | b Cotteridge, Worcs |
| Edwin Thomas Beddoes | | 15 | Car boy with steam laundry | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harriet Hilda Beddoes | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

Richard Edwin Beddoes married Harriet Handley in 1895.

**Electoral Roll 1914/1915 24 Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Richard Beddoes

**1921 census 24 Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Richard Beddoes, 53. Motor driver at Sutton Laundry Co Ltd, Coleshill Road.
Harriet Beddoes, 47. Home duties.
Betina Bloore, aged under one year. Granddaughter.

Richard and Harriet were not traced after the 1921 census.

**GEORGE THOMAS BENNETT**

**George Thomas Bennett was born 1883 in Derby. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the 10th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 22477. He also served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment.**

George Thomas Bennett died on 25 February 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 33.

The cause of his death was chronic bronchitis.

He was buried at the Puchevillers British Cemetery, France, Plot VI.C.42

**UK Soldiers Who Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

This cemetery was constructed next to the 3rd and 44th Casualty Clearing Stations on the Somme. Plots I-V and almost all of Plot VI were used by these clearing stations before the end of March 1917.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B3, page 592.

**Army Medal Roll – Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 - 1920**

No further military records were found online for him.

George Thomas Bennett is commemorated on the Four Oaks Memorial.

**George Thomas Bennett was the son of George and Emily Bennett of Derby.**

George Thomas Bennett was the husband of Ada J Bennett of 1 Oak Cottages, Warstock, near Birmingham.

**Baptism**

George Thomas Bennett was baptised at St James, Derby on 3 December 1883 to parents George Bennett and Emily. They were of 9 Boden Street, Derby and George was a fitter.

**Derbyshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1916**

In 1891, the family lived at 7 Church Street, Derby. George was 39 and a railway engine fitter. Emily and their children, Lillian, George, Alfred and Arthur were living with him

**1901 census 39 Cummings Street, Derby**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bennett | M | 49 | Locomotive fitter | b Derby |
| Emily Bennett | M | 49 | | b Derby |
| George T Bennett | U | 17 | House painter | b Derby |
| Alfred E Bennett | | 14 | Pram finisher | b Derby |
| Arthur W Bennett | | 10 | | b Derby |

**1911 census 3 Four Oaks Common Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Bennett | U | 27 | House painter | b Derby |

In 1911, Ada Barber was living at “Meriden”, Walsall Road, Four Oaks.

She was 24 and employed as a domestic nurse.

Her employer was Charles Frederick Redfern. He was 34 and from Birmingham. He was an auctioneer and surveyor. His wife, May was 34 and his daughter Barbara was 5. Also in the household was Helena Gannaway, 23, a cook.

**Marriage**

The marriage of George T Bennett and Ada J Barber was registered September 1911 Solihull 6d 1225

**1914/15 Electoral Roll**

George T Bennett was listed as residing at 3 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**1918 Electoral Roll**

Ada Bennett continued to live at the same address.

Ada moved away soon after 1918.

**1921 census 1 Oak Cottage, Solihull, Warwickshire**

Ada Jane Bennett was a widow, aged 34 of Hall Green. House duties
Lucy Lillian Bennet, aged 9. 1912.
Kathleen Mary Bennett, aged 7. 1913.
George James Bennett, aged 6. 1915.

The children were born in Four Oaks.

**1939 Register 35 Brook Lane, Birmingham**

Ada J Bennett, born on 26 January 1887. Widow. Domestic duties.

Kathleen M Bennett, born on 23 September 1913. Comptometer operator.

**Death**

The death of Ada J Bennett was registered December 1955 Kidderminster 9d 124, aged 68.

**CHARLES BICKLEY**

**Charles Bickley was born in 1881 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield, originally in 1916 with the Household Battalion – Private 3110 (Windsor), and later with the Coldstream Guards 1st Battalion – Private (Guardsman) 22649**

He was killed in action on 27 September 1918 (France & Flanders) at the age of 35.

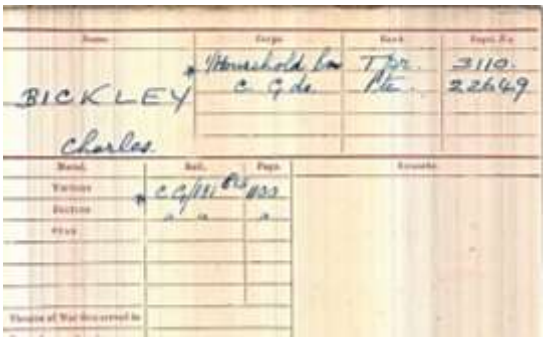
He was buried at the Sanders Keep Military Cemetery, Graincourt – Les - Havrincourt, France

**Photograph courtesy of Department du Pas-de-Calais, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France**

**Find a Grave Memorial ID 56187832 uploaded by Glenlivet on 6 August 2010**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CG, 101 B13, page 2264

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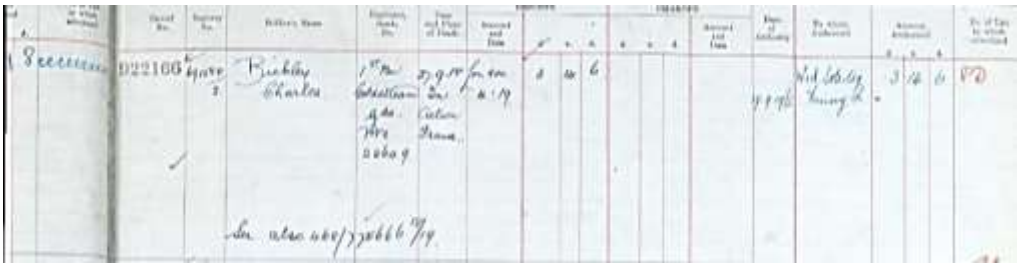
**WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**




**UK Army Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 Army Museum REF 556**

**WW1 Pensions Ledgers 1910 – 2001 Fold 3**

Fanny Louisa Bickley of 2 Albert Place, High Street, Sutton Coldfield, born on 25.8.84 was awarded 20/5 s pension from 14.4.1919.

Betty Louisa Mary Bickley, born on 19.6.1910 a £6 grant from 22.10.1918 to 19.6.1936.

Charles Bickley is commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour (Tina Ambrose, St James Church Mere Green Road)

**Charles Bickley was the son of John and Mary Bickley and the husband of Fanny Louisa Bickley of 2 Albert Place, High Street, Sutton Coldfield.**

"Prior to enlisting he worked as a Chauffeur for Mr H Chambers, Motor Engineers of The Parade, Sutton Coldfield. According to a letter sent by his chaplain, he was killed instantaneously in an attack near Cambrai."

**Sutton Coldfield News 12.10.1918**

**Marriage**

The marriage between John Bickley and Mary Anne Genders was registered December 1877 Aston 6d 617 (probably at St James Church)

**1881 census "Walsall Road Farm", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bickley | M | 27 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bickley | M | 28 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | | 8 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1891 census Long Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bickley | M | 37 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bickley | M | 38 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Bickley | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census Cottage, Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A Bickley | W | 48 | Laundress own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Bickley | U | 20 | Gardener not domestic | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | U | 18 | Builders carter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 16 | Domestic groom | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur G Bickley | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A J Bickley | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Death**

The death of John Bickley was registered March 1893 Aston 6d 292, aged 39.

The death of Mary A Bickley was registered September 1914 Tamworth 6b 498, aged 61

**1911 census 19 Four Oaks Common Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Bickley | M | 26 | Chauffeur for taxicab | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Fanny Bickley | M | 27 | Married 2 years -1 child | b Rugeley |
| Betty Bickley | | 9 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Birth**

The birth of Charles Bickley was registered March 1885 Aston 6d 451

**Marriage**

The marriage between Charles Bickley and Fanny Louisa Warren was registered September 1909 Aston 6d 463

**Fanny Louisa Bickley**

**1921 census 2 Albert Place, High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

Fanny Louisa Bickley, 37, widow. Home duties.
Betty Louisa Bickley, 11.

**1939 Register 32 Orchard Avenue, Chichester**

Fanny L Bickley, born on 25 August 1881. Domestic duties.
Betty L M Bickley, born on 19 June 1910. Elementary school teacher

**From a public family tree on Ancestry –' sandramf51' with thanks.**

Fanny was born in Rugeley. She died on 27 July 1969 in Chichester.

Betty died on 18 May 2001 in Chichester.

**WILLIAM ALFRED JAMES BICKLEY**

William Bickley was the son of John and Mary Anne Bickley.

**William Alfred James Bickley was born in 1893 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham. He was a driver with the Royal Horse Artillery 15th Brigade "L" BTY –Private 88181**

He was killed in action on 4 September 1918. It not clear where he died.

He was buried at the Pont D'Achelles Military Cemetery, Nieppe, Armentieres, Plot III.C.27

He was buried next to a comrade from the same troop who died on the same day.

**Departement du Nord, Nord-Pas-de-Calais War Grave Website**

**"Driver, L Battery, 15th Brigade, RHA**

**Brother of Mr E Bickley 2 West View, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks"**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RHA/105 B, page 981.

**WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920 image not available**

No further army records were found online.

William A J Bickley is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

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

**Tina Ambrose St James Church, Mere Green Road)**

**William Bickley was the son of the late John and Mary Bickley**

"In fond remembrance of Driver W Bickley 29th Division Royal Horse Artillery killed in action 2 September 1918, fondly remembered by Mr & Mrs Pheasant & Family".

**In Memorium, Sutton Coldfield News 6.9.1919**

**In 1921, Thomas Pheasant, 68, jobbing gardener, his wife Mary and a son lived at Stamford Cottage, Four Oaks Road.**

This probably was the family that left the entry above.

**Birth**

The birth of William Alfred J Bickley was registered June 1893 Aston 6d 445

**Baptism on 9 July 1893 at St James Church, Hill**

To parents John, deceased and Mary Anne of Long Lane. Father was a carpenter.

**Warwickshire County Record Office DRB 0123/2**

**1901 census "Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A Bickley | W | 48 | Laundress | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward T Bickley | U | 20 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | U | 18 | Builder's carter | b Sutton Coldfield |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Bickley | 16 | Groom | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A. J. Bickley | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Wren's Nest Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Anne Bickley | W | 58 | Married 33 years 7 children 1 died | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | U | 30 | Gardener & painter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur G Bickley | U | 21 | Baker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A. J. Bickley | | 17 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |

A marriage was not found for William Bickley.

Nothing further can be added about him.

**EDWARD THOMAS BICKLEY**

Edward Thomas Bickley was the son of John and Mary Anne Bickley.

**Edward was born in Sutton Coldfield in 1880.**

His birth was registered September 1880 Aston 6d 426

**Army Service Records**

Edward Thomas Bickley of Clarence Road, Four Oaks, aged 35, married, a house painter, enlisted in Birmingham with the South Staffs Regiment Volunteers, but dates were not included.

He then enlisted with the Coldstream Guards in Birmingham on 6 November 1915 – Private 17164.

He was 5 feet 8 ½ inches tall and his chest measured 35 ½ inches.

He was at Caterham in Surrey from 6.11.1915 until he was posted to France on 29.8.1916.

He was home from 17.1.1917 to 25.5.1917 and then sent to France on 26.5.1917 until 29 December 1918 when he was sent home for demobilisation due to illness.

He had been sent to Oxford for three weeks in 1916 with dysentery and had a gas wound in the field on 22.8.1917 in France.

He had myalgia in his left shoulder. He was awarded a pension up to 3.9.1919.

He was 5 feet 8 ½ inches tall and his chest measured 35 ½ inches.

His wife was Dorothy Eads and they married at St James Church, Hill on 31 October 1915. They had no children. Their address was West View, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks.

**WW1 Pension Records and Service Records 1914 - 1920**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CG/101/B9, page 693.

**WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920 image not available**

It seems probable that Dorothy Eads was the sister or close relative of Agnes Eads, who married Edward's brother Howard in 1921.

**1921 census Laburnum Villas, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Edward Thomas Bickley, married, aged 40, born at Hill. Painter for W G Haynes, High Street, Sutton Coldfield.
Dorothy Bickley, wife, aged 30, from Wellingborough. Home duties.
Edward Tony Bickley, one year six months, born at Hill.
Howard Bickley, aged 33, single, brother. Window cleaner – own account.

**1939 Register 377 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Edward Thomas Bickley, born on 23 July 1880. Master house decorator.
Dorothy Bickley, born on 8 November 1890. Domestic duties.
Kenneth Bickley, born on 12 January 1922. Apprentice carpet depot and house furnishings.

Next door lived Thomas and Mary Eads. Thomas was born in 1887 and was a home decorator and Mary was born in 1884.

**Children**

The birth of Edward T Bickley was registered March 1920 Tamworth 6b 1029 – Mother Eads

The birth of Kenneth Bickley was registered March 1922 Aston 6d 1101 – Mother Eads

Kenneth lived at 377 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks and was listed in the 1982 phone book at that address.

**Probate**

Edward Thomas Bickley of 377 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield died on 29 September 1959 at Sutton Coldfield Hospital.

Probate was granted to his widow Dorothy and his son Kenneth, furniture salesman. Effects: £752. 2s.

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

**Death**

The death of Dorothy Bickley born on 8 November 1890 was registered March 1970 Sutton Coldfield 9c 3179

**1881 census "Walsall Road Farm", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bickley | M | 27 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bickley | M | 28 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | | 8 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1891 census Four Oaks Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bickley | M | 37 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bickley | M | 38 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census "Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A Bickley | W | 48 | Laundress | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward T Bickley | U | 20 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | U | 18 | Builder's carter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 16 | Groom | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A. J. Bickley | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Wren's Nest Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Anne Bickley | W | 58 | Married 33 years 7 children 1 died | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | U | 30 | Gardener & painter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur G Bickley | U | 21 | Baker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A. J. Bickley | | 17 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |

**JOHN BICKLEY**

John Bickley was the son of John and Mary Anne Bickley.

**Army Service Record**

John Bickley of 2 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield, enlisted on 8 December 1915 at Sutton Coldfield with the 10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

He was aged 33 years and 117 days and worked as a labourer. His date of birth was 12 August 1882.

He was placed on the army reserve list.

He then enlisted at the Citadel, Plymouth on 13 June 1916 with the 385 Corps, 38th Siege Battery, Royal Gun Artillery – Gunner 91996

He was 5' 8" tall. He weighed 131 pounds and had a chest measurement of 37 inches.

He had a left varicocele and required dental treatment but was otherwise fit to serve. He was Church of England.

His next of kin was his wife, Annie Bickley. She was formerly Annie Streather.

They had married on 13 February 1910 at St James Church in Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

They had three children – Irene Mary, born on 2 March 1910: Nancy Elizabeth, born on 12 February 1911 and William John, born on 12 March 1915. They were all born in Sutton Coldfield.

His Will was signed on 16 May 1916, leaving his possessions to his wife. Witnesses were John Regan of Cheetham and Cecil Fearne of Birmingham.

His postings – 8.12.15 to army reserve. 5.6.16 mobilised. Posted 24.6.16 to siege depot. 12.3.17 to hospital. 18.6.17 back to depot. 7.6.17 to first army pool, 38 siege battery in France. 19.1.18 to 3.2.18 on leave in UK. 23.11.18 to hospital. 30.11.18 to unit. 28.1.19 leave to UK with RA 2nd army camp 28 32, then to No 1 camp, Cologne for demobilisation. Demobilised on 30.9.19 at Dover and discharged from the army.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/150 B page 5023 and clasps.

**British Army World War 1 Service Records 1914 – 1920**

No further war records were found online.

**Birth**

The birth of John Bickley was registered September 1882 Aston 6d 417

**1891 census Four Oaks Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bickley | M | 37 | Wheelwright | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bickley | M | 38 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Thomas Bickley | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census "Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary A Bickley | W | 48 | Laundress | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward T Bickley | U | 20 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Bickley | U | 18 | Builder's carter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Bickley | | 16 | Groom | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Howard Bickley | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Bickley | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William A. J. Bickley | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Garden Cottage", Clarence Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John George Streather | M | 51 | Bricklayer/builder | b Brigstock, Northants |
| Ann Rebecca Streather | M | 48 | Married 30 years, 5 children 2 died | b Brigstock |
| George Streather | U | 24 | Bricklayer | b Brigstock |
| Annie Bickley | M | 29 | Married 1 year 1 child 0 died | b Brigstock |
| John Bickley | M | 28 | Son in law. Labourer on estate | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Irene Mary Bickley | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

The extended Streather family were to become major house builders in the Sutton Coldfield area. John George Streather (1860 – 1920) was the brother of Robert Swan Streather (1872 – 1951). Robert owned Moor Hall at the time of his death.

**Marriage on 23 February 1910 at St James, Hill**

**Warwickshire Parish Registers DRBO123/7 page 207, 1842 – 1916**

**1921 census 20 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John Bickley was 38 and a general labourer for the parks and estates committee.
Annie Bickley was 39 and did home duties.
Nancy Bickley was 9 and born in Sutton Coldfield.
William Bickley was 6 and born in Sutton Coldfield.

**1939 Register 98 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John Bickley was born on 12 August 1882. He was a sawyer quartering trees – heavy work.
Annie Bickley was born on 3 June 1881. She did domestic duties.
William J Bickley was born on 12 March 1915. He was a foreman plumber and heating engineer. He was single.

**Deaths**

The death of John Bickley was registered September 1955 Birmingham 9c 87, aged 72.

The death of Annie Bickley was possibly registered March 1965 Lichfield 9b 207, aged 83.

Probate was not found for either.

**HOWARD BICKLEY**

The birth of Howard Bickley was registered September 1887 Aston 6d 414

Howard Bickley appears to have joined the army by 1911.

**1911 census, Barracks, Hampton Court Green**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Howard Bickley | U | 23 | Lance Corporal | b Birmingham sic |

The Army Medal Roll Index shows he joined the army on 28 February 1907 and was discharged on 27 September 1919. He was serving with the 7th Hussars. Private 196.

The 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars were sent to Bangalore, India on 17 February 1912 on garrison duty. They remained there until November 1917 when they were deployed to Mesopotamia with the 11th Indian Calvary Brigade. Source: The National Army Museum.

**He was awarded the Victory and British Medals HCY/102B, page 190**

**Silver War Medal Cavalry Records Badge Number B313619, piece 2964, WO 329**

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3**

**1921 census Laburnum Villas, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Edward Thomas Bickley, married, aged 40, born at Hill. Painter for W G Haynes, High Street, Sutton Coldfield.
Dorothy Bickley, wife, aged 30, from Wellingborough. Home duties.
Edward Tony Bickley, one year six months, born at Hill.
Howard Bickley, aged 33, single, brother. Window cleaner – own account.

**Marriage**

The marriage between Howard Bickley and Agnes Eads was registered December 1921 Tamworth 6b 966

**1939 Register 375 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Howard Bickley, born on 16 July 1887. Window cleaner master.
Agnes Bickley, born on 31 December 1892. Domestic duties.
Donald J Bickley, born on 14 November 1923. School.

**Probate**

Howard Bickley of 375 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield died on 20 December 1946. His widow Agnes was granted probate on 13 January 1947 at Birmingham. Effects: £820

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

**Burial**

Howard Bickley was buried at St James Church, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield

**Findagrave Memorial ID 86161437**

**Death**

The death of Agnes Bickley, born on 31 December 1892, was registered June 1893 Birmingham 32 86

**Children**

| | |
|---|---|
| Donald J Bickley | born on 14 November 1923. |
| Cherry M Bickley | birth registered June 1930 Tamworth 6b 663 – Mother Eads. |

With thanks to Sandra via Ancestry 'sandramf51'.

Sandra is related to Cherry Bickley via marriage.

In January 2024, Cherry is still alive.

**SAMUEL JOHN BINNELL**

**Samuel Binnell was born in 1882 at West Bromwich. He enlisted in Birmingham in 1915 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 24357. He transferred in 1917 to the 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment - Private 47971**

He died of wounds on 28 March 1918 (France & Flanders,) aged 36.

He was buried at the Caix British Cemetery in France, Plot I.H.14

**Findagrave Grave Memorial ID 56147758 uploaded by Tommy Neathery on 6 August 2010.**

**Army Service Records**

These are very damaged and hard to read in places.

It appears that Samuel John Binnell enlisted as a private with the Warwickshire Regiment in Birmingham on 12 December 1915 and was mobilised that day.

He was 5' 3 ¾" tall with a chest measurement of 35 inches.

He was posted to France on 5 March 1917. It is not clear what happened in between due to ink blobs.

He was transferred to the 2/4th Northamptonshire Regiment on 25 June 1917.

He was posted on 3 March 1918 – again unreadable due to ink blob and was declared missing on 28 February 1918.

He was declared either died from wounds or killed in action on 28 March 1918 (hard to make out) and his next of kin was informed.

His widow had four children and was awarded a pension of 33 shillings and 9 pence from 25 November 1918.

His wife was Ellen Elizabeth Binnell of "Fern Cottage", 2 Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

She was formerly Ellen Elizabeth Gaskin, and they were married on 20 April 1908 at St Thomas Church in Erdington.

Their children were: Mary Agnes, born on 7 May 1910 at Solihull; Christopher Charles, born on 6 October 1912 at Acocks Green; Margery Frances, born on 20 January 1915 at Aston and Dorothy Ellen born on 24 April 1918 at Sutton Coldfield.

It appears that the notifications and paperwork sent from the army to Ellen Binnell could have got mixed up as she wrote to the army to make enquiries about him:

"No 2, The Crescent, Tower Road, Four Oaks 3.3.1922

Dear Sirs,

Having seen the paragraph in the London Daily Mail concerning missing soldiers and relatives I beg to ask you if you could trace my husband Private Binnell of the Northamptonshire Regiment Number 47971.

The identification mark which would tell him is a tattooed crucifix on his chest. He is medium height dark hair brown eyes. Hoping you will give this your special attention and oblige.

Yours truly Mrs E Binnell."

A letter was sent to her from the Officer in Charge, Infantry Records, Warley, Northamptonshire Regiment on 11 March 1922 outlining what had happened to him and stating that any personal possessions and medals would be sent to the next of kin.
He was awarded the Victory and British Medals 1/101 B8, page 1356.

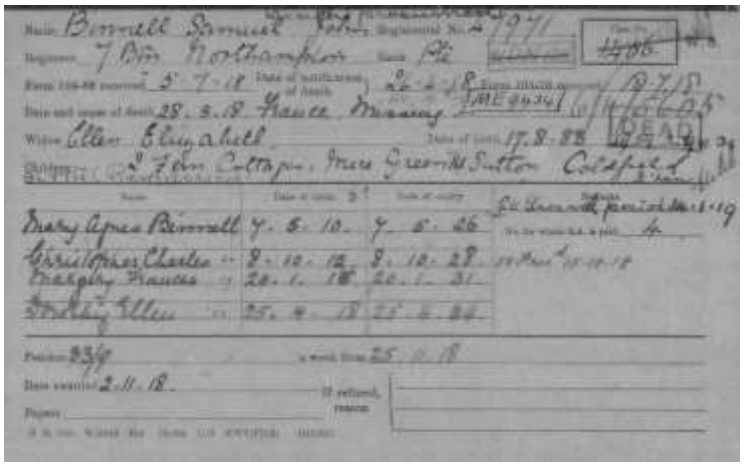
**British Army World War 1 Service Records 1914 – 1920**

**British Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards 1914 - 1920**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**UK World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1427**

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929**



Ellen Elizabeth Binnell was paid a grant of £5 on 4.1.1919 and a pension of 33/9 shillings a week from 25.11.1918.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3 Ancestry**

**Samuel John Binnell was the son of Thomas T and the late Agnes Binnell and the husband of Ellen Binnell of 2 Grange Avenue, Tower Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

**Birth**

The birth of Samuel Binnell was registered June 1882 West Bromwich 6b 850

**1891 and 1901 censuses** – Samuel and his family have not been found.

Thomas Binnell and Agnes Binnell with a son called Samuel were not traced.

Either the information given by C.W.G.C. is incorrect or fabricated or the family were not recorded on any census.

There was a Samuel Binnell who enlisted with the 6th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (militia) on 21st August 1899 in Birmingham.

He was aged 17 and living at Icknield Street in Birmingham. His service number was 7304. He was employed by Mr Garrett of Ryland Street as a polisher.

He had 49 days drill. He was embodied on 7.5.00. he was disembodied on 12.10.00. he was present in 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905. But no details are given. He was discharged on 20.8.1905.

He was 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall and had a chest measurement of 31½ inches. This is very similar to the soldier above.

His birth year was 1882.

**British Army Service Record**

**Findmypast WO Militia Service Records 1806 – 1915, 96, 206.**

**The National Archives**

It seems likely that this was the same Samuel. No next of kin or other relevant details were found.

This is possibly him in 1911. Nellie was a nickname for Ellen.

**1911 census Stechford, Yardley** (no actual address given)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Samuel Binnell | M | 28 | Labourer & plate layer LNWR | b West Bromwich |
| Nellie Binnell | M | 27 | Married 3 years – 1 child | b Stechford sic |
| Mary Binnell | | 11 months old | | b Yardley |

**Marriage**

The marriage between Samuel John Binnell and Ellen Elizabeth Gaskin was registered June 1908 Aston 6d 713

**Railway Records 1915**

Samuel John Binnell, aged 32, was a platelayer .

**National Union of Railway men, Birmingham 9.**

**Members 598001 – 613000 Dec 1914 – Mar 1915 Reference 1 146.**

**British Trades Union Membership Registers. Findmypast.**

**Electoral Roll 1918**

Samuel J Binnell was listed at “Fern Cottages” Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

**Probate**

Samuel John Binnell of 2 Fern Cottage, Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield died 28 March 1918 in France, Private with A Company 2/4 Northampton Regiment. Probate in London on 5 November 1919 to Ellen Elizabeth Binnell, widow and George Gaskin Moulder. Effects £389 0 s 8 d.

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

**1921 census 2 Mere Green Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Ellen E Binnell, 36, widow. Born in Oxfordshire. Home duties. (sic).
Mary A Binnell, 11, born in Warwickshire.
Christopher Binnell, 8, born in Warwickshire.
Dorothy E Binnell, 3. Born in Warwickshire.
The places of birth are much altered.

**1939 Register 31 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield**

James Blyth, born on 23 February 1877. Builders labourer.
Ellen E Blyth, born on 17 August 1884. Domestic duties.
Dorothy N Binnell, born on 25 April 1918
Redacted.

**Marriage**

The marriage between Ellen Binnell and James Blyth was registered March 1924 Tamworth 6b 630

**Death**

The death of Ellen E Blyth was registered December 1958 Sutton Coldfield 9c 998, aged 78.

**Samuel John Binnell**

**Posted on Ancestry public trees by Wendy Talbot on 25 January 2024 – with thanks**

**WILLIAM HENRY BIRD**

**William Henry Bird was born in 1893 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in September 1914 with the 17th Lancers - Private L/7077**

It appears that William Bird was sent to Ireland for training and served as a mounted policeman during the Irish riots.

He went to France in October 1915 and for the last two years of the war was based in Marseilles.

He had home leave for Christmas 1918 and later died from influenza at Marseilles on 28 January 1919 from influenza. Original source – Andy Coles.

His actual service record has not been found.

William Henry Bird was buried at the Mazargues Cemetery Extension, Marseilles, Plot IV.B.57.

Departement des Bouches-du-Rhone, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur, France.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56573642, uploaded by Coleman on 7 August 2010**

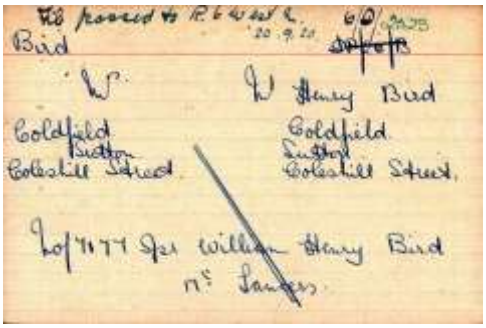
**Army Medal Roll**

William Bird entered the French theatre on 17 October 1915 and died on 28 January 1919.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals CC/101 B4, page 163, and the 1915 Star Medal, CC/3B, pages 163 and 34.

**UK WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920 Ledger Reference 010/0038/Bil-Bir Fold 3**

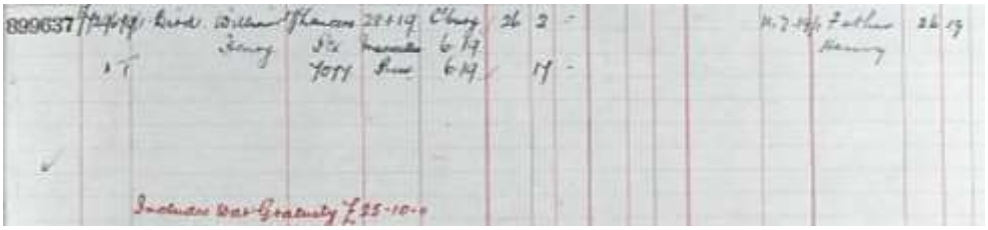
His next of kin was his father Henry Bird of Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield.




**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3**

Henry Bird was now living at Alms Houses in Mere Green. He was awarded 5s from 29.1.1919 ,and 15s from 1.10.1919 to 3.11.1919, then 5s from 12.11.1920.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3**



£26 19 s was paid to his father William Bird, including a war gratuity of £15 10s.

**UK WW1 Soldiers Effects 1914 – 1923 Fold 3**

No other military history was found for him online.

**William Henry Bird was the son of Henry and Mary Ann Bird of 30 Lyndon Road, Sutton Coldfield and later of the "Alms Houses", Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Town School Sutton Coldfield**."**

**Sutton Coldfield News 1.2.1919**

**Birth**

The birth of William Henry Bird was registered December 1883 Aston 6d 423

**Baptism**

William Henry Bird was baptised on 17 December 1893 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield to parents Henry and Mary Ann of Coleshill Street. Henry was a labourer.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms Eng/09000/92 DRB 52/1**

**1901 Census Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henry Bird | M | 43 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Bird | M | 44 | | b Sutton Coldfield sic |
| William H Bird | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census 2 Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield**

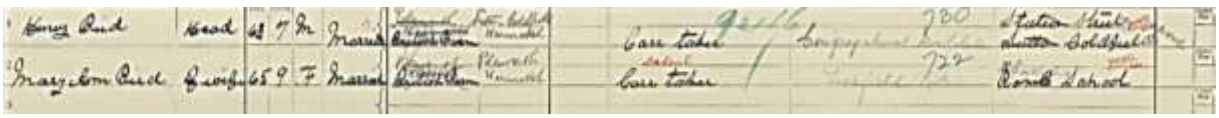
| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henry Bird | M | 53 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary Ann Bird | M | 54 | Married 22 years with 1 child | b Sutton Coldfield sic |
| William Henry Bird | | 17 | Barman – out of employment | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1914, 1915 and 1918 Electoral Rolls 2 Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield**

The Bird family lived at 2 Coleshill Street.

It does not appear that William was married.

**1921 census Coleshill Street. Sutton Coldfield**



Henry was 63, from Sutton Coldfield. He was a caretaker at the Congregational church in Station Street.

Mary was 65 and from Polesworth. She was a school caretaker at a catholic school on Lichfield Road.

Henry and Mary Ann were listed at the “Alms Houses”, Sutton Coldfield on the 1926 Electoral Roll.

**Deaths**

The death of Mary A Bird was registered December 1926 Tamworth 6b 440, aged 70.

The death of Henry Bird was registered June 1927 Tamworth 6b 404, aged 69.

**ARTHUR JAMES BLISS**

**Arthur James Bliss was born in 1895 at Edgbaston. He enlisted on 7 September 1914 at the Technical School Recruiting Office at Suffolk Street, Birmingham with the 1/8th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 305963**

He was killed in action on 27 August 1916 (France & Flanders)

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

**Findagrave Memorial ID 12367310 uploaded by Glenlivet 15 November 2005**

Arthur James Bliss is commemorated on the St Michael’s Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

He is also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

**Army Service Record**

He lived at "Garden View Cottages", Highbridge Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield at the time he enlisted. He was 19 and worked as a painter. He was single.

His medical showed that he was 5' 5" tall, weighed 126 pounds, had a chest measurement of 33 ½ inches with expansion of 2 ½ inches. He had brown hair and grey eyes. His medical pronounced him to be fit for general service. He was Church of England.

However, he was discharged as non-effective on 22 September 1914 (paragraph 39 v (iii) (c) – no written reason was given.

On the 31 December 1914, Colonel T Matthews of the Commanding Depot of RWR at Budbrook Barracks, Warwick, wrote to Arthur's sister, Miss G. M. Bliss at "Garden View Cottage", Highbridge Road, Sutton Coldfield.

"I would be much obliged if you would answer the following questions and return this paper to me as soon as possible in the envelope enclosed.

If you know the address of this man, will you kindly fill in below to enable me to dispose of his entitlement, please add name of regiment."

His sister replied – "Name and date of enlistment: 7.9.14 Birmingham. Regiment number: 6194 Co. 12/10th Service Bttn RWR (late Regiment) and present regiment is 8th Bttn (1st Reserves) RWR".

No address was added by his sister on this form.

However, this must have been sorted out and he was re-enlisted with the 1/8th Territorial Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 305963.

He was in Britain until 22 March 1915, when he was sent to France. In September 1915, he received 7 days' field punishment for failing to comply with an order. In June and July 1916, he was treated for tonsillitis, just as the Battle of the Somme began.

On 27 August, the 1st/8th Battalion attacked the German trenches at High Wood / Delville Wood area. Counter- attacks from Pole Trench and from down Constance Trench forced the battalion to withdraw in the Delville Wood/ High Wood area.

He is listed as residing at Wylde Green on the death notice for him on 27 August 1916 and the medal card rolls index for the same army number.

He died in France. The 1/8th Battalion assaulted part of the Constance Trench on either side of Pole Trench at p.m. but ran into their own barrage and so swerved to the flanks.

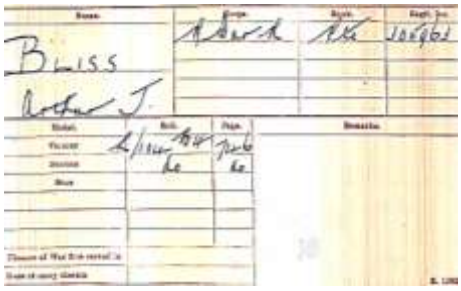
"The temperature was 73 degrees F and rain of 4 mm had fallen on the day." (SDBD)

**British Army World War 1 Pension Records 1914 – 1920 WO 364 Piece 285**

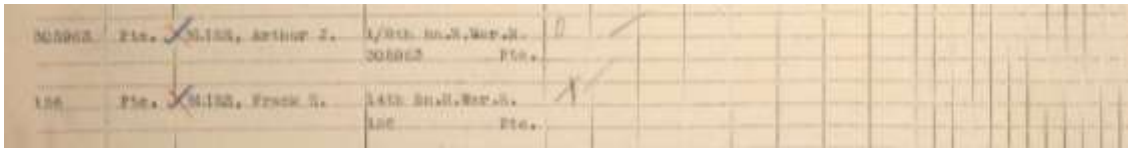
**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**Army Medal Roll**

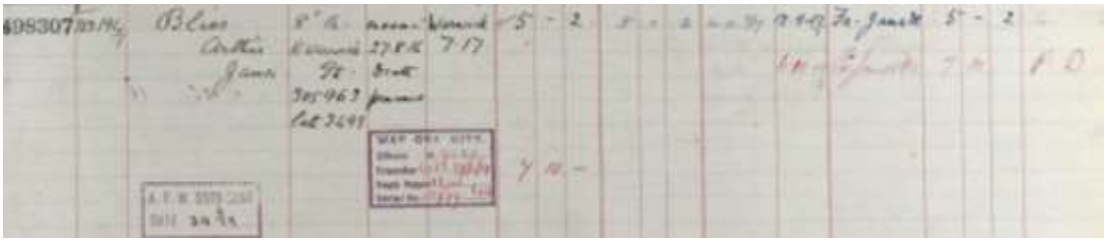
He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 34, page 746.




**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**



**UK WW1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 - 1920**



£5 and two pence, plus a war gratuity of £7 10 s was paid to his father James Bliss.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 Reference 284**

**Arthur James Bliss was the son of James and Emily Bliss of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

**Birth**

The birth of Arthur James Bliss was registered June 1895 Birmingham 6d 117

**Baptism**

Baptism on 1 April 1895 at St Nicholas, Birmingham to James and Minnie Emily Bliss.

**England Select Births and Christenings 1538 – 1975 Family History Library 1545505 item 4 p 6.**

**1901 census Bell Barn Lane, Edgbaston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Bliss | M | 27 | Painter | b Birmingham |
| Emily Bliss | M | 28 | | b Birmingham sic |
| Arthur Bliss | | 6 | | b Edgbaston |

**1911 census Highbridge Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| James Bliss | M | 40 sic | Painter & Decorator – own account | b Birmingham |
| Emily Bliss | M | 40 sic | Married 17 years – 2 children | b Stourbridge sic |
| Arthur James Bliss | U | 16 | Painter & Decorator | b Edgbaston |
| Gladys May Bliss | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Maria Bliss | W | 76 | Mother | b Little Haughton, Northants |

It does not appear that Arthur James Bliss was married.

James Bliss was listed at Beacon Villas, Highbridge Road on the 1914/15 Electoral Roll, but was not found on the 1918 Electoral Roll for Sutton Coldfield.

**Deaths**

The death of Minnie E Bliss was registered March 1912 Aston 6d 556, aged 41.

The death of James Bliss was registered September 1920 Birmingham 6d 219, aged 46.

**PERCY GEORGE BLOCKLEY**

**Percy Blockley was born in 1896 at Forden, Montgomery. He enlisted at Birmingham with the 8th Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment - Private 14909**

He was killed in action on 25 September 1915, on the first day of the Battle of Loos.

Percy George Blockley served with the Princess Charlotte of Wales (Royal Berkshire Regiment) 14909.

He entered the French theatre on 7 August 1915. He was killed in action.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919. C.W.G.C Debt of Honour 1915**

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial, Dud Cemetery, Loos-en-Gohell, Departement du Pas-de-Calais, Panel 93

**Findagrave Index Memorial ID 14299647 Uploaded by Michael Dearbaugh on 15 May 2006**

**St Michael's and All Angels Parish Church, Forden, Montgomeryshire, now Powys**

Private P G Blockley, Royal Berks, is commemorated on the war memorial in the churchyard.

"Of Forden. Killed in action September 25,1915".

**Findmypast Montgomeryshire Memorial Inscriptions – transcript.**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 207588236**

**A granite obelisk on plinth with two urns with iron railings- image copyrighted.**

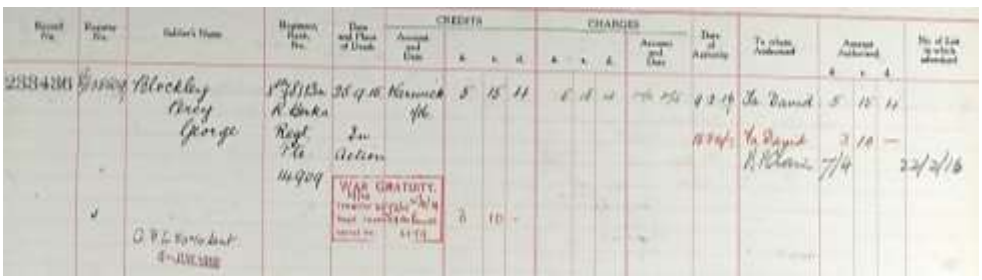
**Lives of the Great War, Imperial War Museum, life story 386328**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals, L/105 B2, page 326, and the 1915 Star Medal, L/3B, page 48.

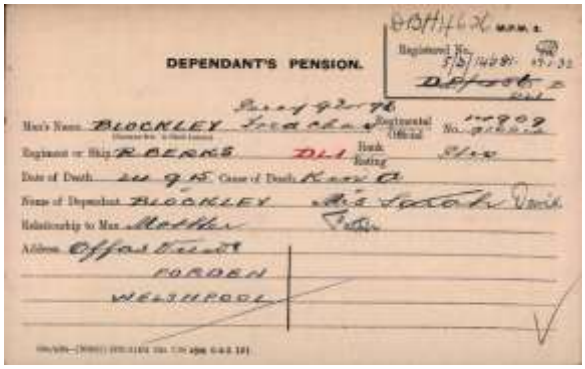
**UK World War 1 Army Medal Index Cards 1914 – 1920 WO372/2**

**British Army Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 2757**




His father David received £5 15s 4d plus a war gratuity of £3 10s on 4 July 1919.

**British Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 232001-233500 Reference 107**


DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Regimental No. 5/5/1488

Depot

Rifleman

Man's Name BLOCKLEY Joseph

Regiment or Ship RIFLES DLI

Date of Death 20.9.15 Cause of Death Killed

Name of Dependant BLOCKLEY

Relationship to Man Mother

Address Offas View

FORDEN

WELSHPOOL

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3**

**Prior to the war he was employed as a gardener at "Ashfurlong Hall", Sutton Coldfield, in the employment of Colonel Wilkinson.**

"He enlisted at the same time as F. J. Marlow in early 1915. He was a member of the Sutton Coldfield Gardeners Society."

**Sutton Coldfield News 2.7.1918**

**Colonel Wilkinson of "Ashfurlong Hall" was Joseph Henry Wilkinson of Bradford.**

In 1911, living at "Ashfurlong Hall", Joseph Wilkinson was 66, and the chairman of a public company – wholesale drapery. His wife was Marianne, aged 36.

The Hall had 19 rooms and the family employed five servants.

**Percy George Blockley was the son of David and Sarah Blockley**

**Birth**

The birth of Percy George Blockley was registered March 1895 Forden, Montgomeryshire 11b 163

**1901 census "Bank Cottage", Forden, Montgomeryshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| David Blockley | M | 41 | Road labourer | b Forden, Montgomery |
| Sarah Blockley | M | 42 | | b Forden |
| Thomas Blockley | | 12 | | b Forden |
| Harry Blockley | | 9 | | b Forden |
| Elsie Blockley | | 8 | | b Forden |
| Percy Blockley | | 6 | | b Forden |
| Ernest Blockley | | 3 | | b Forden |
| Frederick Blockley | | 2 | | b Forden |

**1911 census "Pentre Villa", Leighton, Welshpool, Montgomery**

Working for Thomas Edgar Hickman, auctioneer and estate agent.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Percy George Blockley | 16 | General servant | b Forden, Montgomery |

**1921 census Offa's View, Forden, Montgomeryshire**

David Blockley, 62, born in Forden. Roadman for Montgomery County Council
Sarah Blockley, 63, born in Foden. Home duties.
Elsie B Blockley, 28, single, born in Forden. Home duties.
Albert G Lawrence, 15, born in Chester. Visitor. Clerk at Lever Brothers, Port Sunlight. Grandson.

**Deaths**

The death of Sarah Blockley was registered March 1932 Forden 11b 252, aged 73.

The death of David Blockley was registered June 1938 Welshpool 11b 158, aged 79.

**Frederick Charles Blockley**

Frederick Charles Blockley was the brother of Percy George Blockley. He enlisted with the Pembroke Yeomanry as Private 7346 at Oswestry on 14 March 1911. He was 18 and a butcher, living in Oswestry.

He then enlisted with the Cyclist Corps as Private 91664 on 17 March 1917 at Carmarthen.

His father was David Blockley of Forden. He was deemed as being enlisted on 2 March 1916.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 28 July 1917. He was then serving with the Durham Light Infantry.

He was transferred to1/6th Battalion Welsh Regiment on 12 April 1918, Private 73466. It is not clear when he returned to his previous regiment.

He was killed in action in the field during an air raid on 24 July 1918 in France.

Place of death France the Western Front.

He was awarded the British and Victory medals.

Frederick Charles Blockley was buried at Etaples Military Cemetery. Grave LXV 111. F & 13.

Also commemorated on the Forden War Memorial.

His brother Percy George Blockley is also commemorated on the Forden War Memorial.

**Lives of the First World War 1914 – 1918 Findmypast.**

**The National Archives WO329/1619**

**Soldiers who died in the Great War. C.W.G.C Debt of Honour.**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 207588236**

**St Michaels' Churchyard record created by Melanie Hawkins 3 March 2020 – with thanks**

**EWART THOMAS BOUGH**

**Ewart Thomas Bough was born in 1881 at Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 5992. He transferred to the 2nd Battalion Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry - Private 16320.**

He died in Salonika from Malaria on 23 November 1918, aged 36.

He was buried at the Mikra Cemetery, Kalamaria, Salonika, Greece, Plot 910.

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

“Always remembered by Percy & all”

**UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 - 1921**

**Findagrave Mikra British Cemetery Memorial ID 56579014 uploaded by Glenlivet 7 August 2010**

BOUGH, Pte. Ewart Thomas, 16320. 2nd Bn. Duke of Cornwall's L.I. Died of malaria 23rd Nov., 1918. Age 36. Son of William and Catherine Ann Bough. Born at Sutton Coldfield. 910.

**UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921 Mikra Cemetery**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals C/1/101. B, page 87.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 10/DCLI.24140. | | | | | | |
| 16320 | Pte | BOUGH.EWART THOMAS | 8/DCLI.16320.PTE | | | | | | |
| | | | 2/DCLI.16320. | | | | | | |

**UK World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1210**

A sum of £18 2s 10d was sent to his brothers Alfred and Percy along with a war gratuity of £19 10s and £9 15s each to Alfred and Percy in 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 - 1929**

No further military records were found online.

Ewart Thomas Bough is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

**Ewart Thomas Bough was the son of William and Catherine Bough**

**Birth**

The birth of Ewart Thomas Bough was registered December 1881 Aston 6d 429

**1891 census The Coldfield, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bough | M | 48 | Park Keeper | b Chaddesley Corbett |
| Catherine Bough | M | 48 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Percy W Bough | | 12 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ewart Bough | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census 195 Moseley Road, Deritend Birmingham -** Working for Geoffrey Shakespeare, Tavern manager

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ewart Bough | U | 19 | Barman | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Plants Buildings", Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bough | M | 68 | Park Keeper | b Chaddesley Corbett |
| Catherine Bough | M | 68 | Married 36 years – 2 children | b Boldmere |
| Percy William Bough | U | 32 | Butcher's assistant | b Boldmere |
| Ewart Thomas Bough | U | 29 | Barman | b Boldmere |

It does not appear that Ewart Bough was married.

**Electoral Roll 1914/1915 at Plants Building, Jockey Road**

William and Catherine Bough

**Deaths**

The death of William Bough was registered December 1916 Tamworth 6b 527, aged 74.

The death of Catherine Bough was registered March 1917 Tamworth 6b 604, aged 74.

**Percy William Bough, brother of Ewert Thomas Bough**

**Birth**

The birth of Percy William Bough was registered December 1878 Aston 6d 453- Mother Fellows

It appears that Percy W Bough enlisted with the 10th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 6236.

It is not known where he served as his full army service records were not found online.

His disembarkation is given as 18 July 1915, and he was awarded the 1914/1915 star.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B/4, page 818, and 1915 Star Medal L/1B 55 class Z.

**Britain First World War Campaign Medals TNA WO 329/2629 & 329/0730 Class Z. 22/3/19**

**British Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards 1914 - 1920**

**Findmypast - transcript only**

**Marriage**

The marriage between Percy William Bough and Alice Clay was registered March 1917 Tamworth 6b 511.

**1921 census 11 Western Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Percy William Bough, 42. General labourer in Sutton Park for the Corporation of Sutton Coldfield.
Alice Bough, 40. Home duties.

**1939 Register 11 Western Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Percy W Bough, born on 14 September 1878. Park keeper.
Alice Bough, born on 24 February 1880. Domestic duties.
Kendrick Fellows, born on 22 November 1846. Widower. Parish clerk retired.

**Death**

The death of Alice Bough was registered September 1947 Sutton Coldfield 9c 720, aged 67.

Percy William Bough died on 19 December 1963 at Good Hope Hospital.

He lived at 11 Western Road at the time of his death.

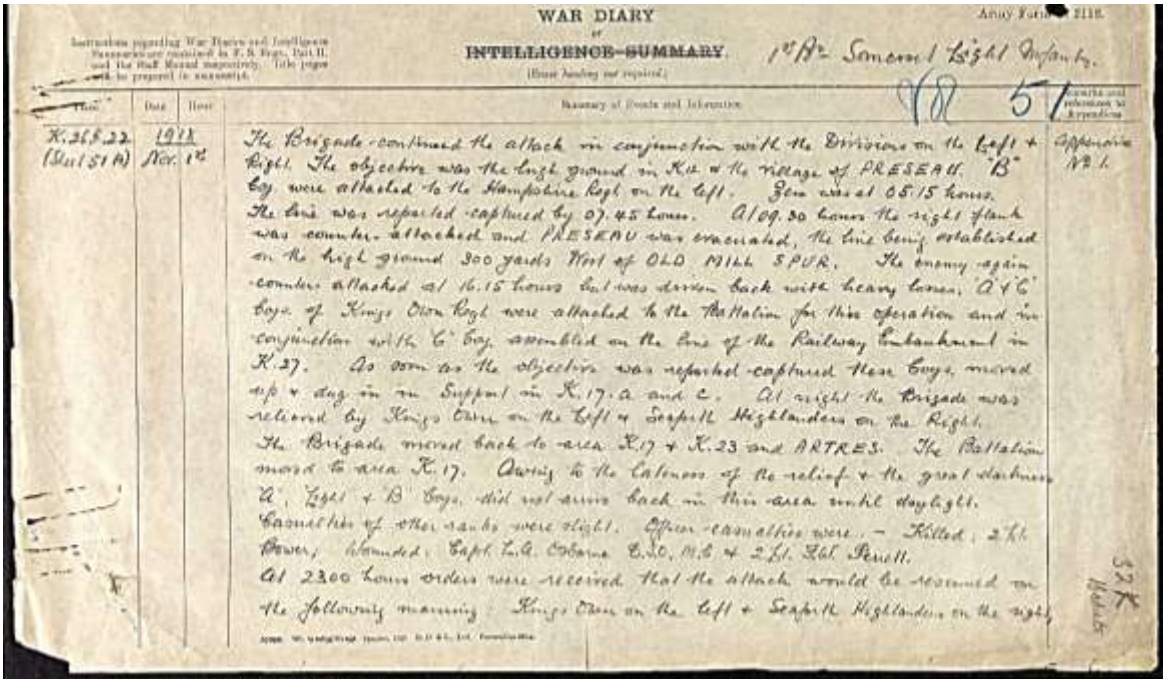
**Ancestry family trees, user name withheld by request.**

**ALFRED PERCY BOWER**

**Alfred Percy Bower was born in 1893 in Birmingham. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 1017. He later became a Second Lieutenant with the 1st Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry – army number 1599.**

He was transferred to the Prince Albert's Somerset Light Infantry, 11th Battalion on 30 April 1918, when he was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.

He first served in France on 21 November 1915. He was killed in action on 1 November 1918 (France & Flanders).



WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 1st Bn Somerset Light Infantry.

Army Form C 2118.

| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| K.26.b.22 (Sht 51A) | 1918 Nov. 1st | | The Brigade continued the attack in conjunction with the Divisions on the left + Right. The objective was the high ground in R.2 + the village of PRESEAU. "B" Coy were attached to the Hampshire Regt on the left. Zero was at 05.15 hours. The line was reported captured by 07.45 hours. At 09.30 hours the right flank was counter attacked and PRESEAU was evacuated, the line being established on the high ground 300 yards West of OLD MILL SPUR. The enemy again counter attacked at 16.15 hours but was driven back with heavy losses. "A" + "C" Coys of Kings Own Regt were attached to the Battalion for this operation and in conjunction with "C" Coy. assembled on the line of the Railway Embankment in K.27. As soon as the objective was reported captured these Coys. moved up + dug in in Support in K.17.a and c. At night the Brigade was relieved by Kings Own on the left + Seaforth Highlanders on the Right. The Brigade moved back to area K.17 + K.23 and ARTRES. The Battalion moved to area K.17. Owing to the Exhaustion of the relief + the great darkness "A", "C" + "B" Coys. did not arrive back in their area until daylight. Casualties of other ranks were slight. Officer casualties were :- Killed. 2/Lt Bowen; Wounded. Capt L.A. O'Beirne D.S.O. M.C + 2/Lt. Hal Pennell. At 2300 hours orders were received that the attack would be resumed on the following morning. Kings Own on the left + Seaforth Highlanders on the right. | Appendix No 1. |

Fourth line from the bottom: officer casualties - Killed 2 Lt Bowen. 1 November 1918

**UK Officer Service Records 1764 – 1932 TNA WO 76/479**

**Somerset Light Infantry 1st Battalion, 4th Division K.26b.22 Sheet 51A Piece 1499/1/7**

No other service record sheets were found online.

Alfred Percy Bowen.

Next of Kin (wife) Mrs A. E. Hollis
31 Stafford Road,
Handsworth
Birmingham

Date of Enlistment 11/5/15 (Tenty).
Embarked for France 10/8/15.
Joined 1st Battn 6/8/15.
Present Rank 2nd Lieut
Previous Rank Pte.
Medals awarded Gen. Clasp & Cl
Particulars of Service Sept 1915. Nov 1917 (Tenty) Pte Lt (Temp Capt) A.S.C. (T) attd R.E. (1st Army) (1st A.E.F.)
School attended General Secondary School
Suffolk St, Birmingham
Age 18
Courses
Posted to C Coy.
To Hospital 11.9.18 to 26.10.18
Killed in Action 1.11.18

**UK Royal Mail Pension and Gratuity Records 1860 - 1970**

He was buried at the Preseau Communal Cemetery Extension, Departement du Nord, France, Plot B1.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 561990900 uploaded by Coleman on 6 August 2010**

Alfred Percy Bower is also commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

**Army Medal Roll**

Alfred Percy Bower was originally enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 1017.

He was serving with the Somerset Light Infantry when he was killed in action.

He was awarded the Victory and British (Somerset L I) Medals OFF/40, page 170, and 1915 Star Medal, L/10B6, page 34.

**UK British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Findmypast P108S109**

**UK WW1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 737**

His medals were sent to his sister Mrs Hollis at 10 Haseley Road, Handsworth.

The effects of Alfred Percy Bower and a war gratuity were sent to his sister.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 Record 46601- 47600 Reference 20**

**Alfred Percy Bower**

**Ancestry.co.uk public family trees – with thanks**

**Alfred Percy Bower was the son of Charles and Rachel Bower of Handsworth**

**Birth**

The birth of Alfred Percy Bower was registered March 1893 Birmingham 6d 215

**1901 census 116 Grove Lane, Handsworth**

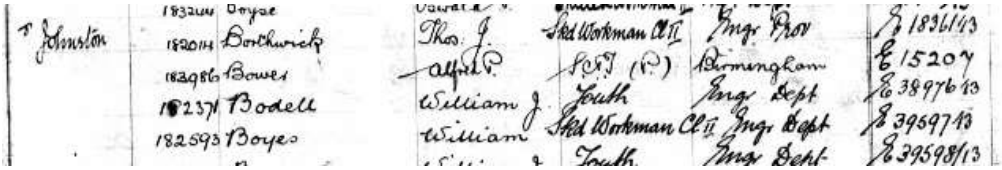
| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles A Bower | M | 41 | Postal telegraph clerk | b Kings Norton |
| Rachel Bower | M | 41 | | b Carmarthen |
| Alice Bower | U | 18 | Telephone clerk | b Birmingham |
| Minnie F Bower | | 17 | Brass founder's clerk | b Birmingham |
| Nellie L Bower | | 15 | | b Birmingham |
| Alfred P Bower | | 8 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census 29 Lansdowne Road, Handsworth**

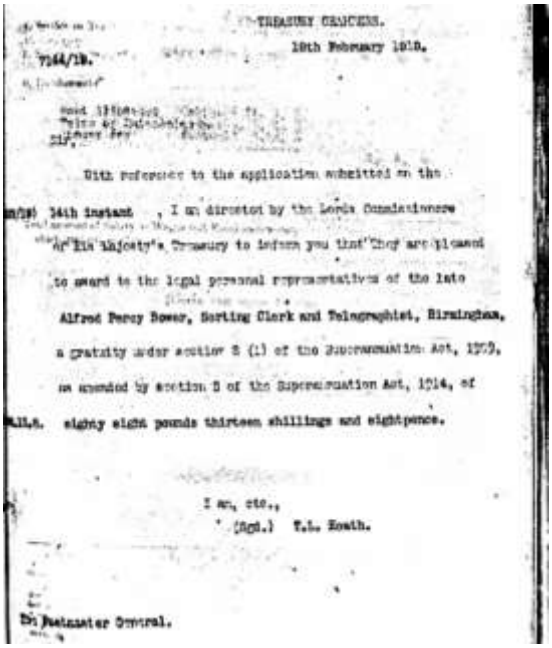
| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Alfred Bower | M | 52 | 2nd class Supt. Postal telegraph | b Kings Norton |
| Rachel Bower | M | 51 | Married 30 years - 4 children | b Carmarthen |
| Nellie Laura Bower | U | 25 | Senior telegraph clerk | b Birmingham |
| Alfred Percy Bower | U | 18 | Temporary postal sorting clerk | b Birmingham |
| Agnes Hastings | | 14 | Domestic servant | b Minworth |

**Alfred Percy Bower was an employee of the Post Office prior to enlisting.**

**1912 UK Postal Service Appointment Books 1737 – 1969 The Postal Museum, Dublin**



Born on 14 March 1893. Appointed on 12 July 1909 at Birmingham.



TREASURY CHAMBERS.

19th February 1919.

7144/19.

With reference to the application submitted on the 14th instant, I am directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to inform you that they are pleased to award to the legal personal representatives of the late Alfred Percy Bower, Sorting Clerk and Telegraphist, Birmingham, a gratuity under section 2 (1) of the Superannuation Act, 1909, as amended by section 3 of the Superannuation Act, 1914, of £88. eighty eight pounds thirteen shillings and eightpence.

I am, etc.,
(Sgd.) T.L. Heath.

The Postmaster General.

Superannuation of 88 pounds 13 shillings and 8 pence paid to his estate

**Royal Mail Pension and Gratuity Records 1860 – 1970**

**Post Office Memorial**

Alfred Percy Bower was commemorated on the Birmingham Head Post Office Staff Memorial (WMR 17293)

**Probate**

**BOWER** Alfred Percy of 29 Lansdowne-road Handsworth **Birmingham** second-lieutenant 1st Somerset Light Infantry died 1 November 1918 in France Administration (with Will) **Birmingham** 6 December to Alice Elizabeth Hollis (wife of Edward Hollis). Effects £464 19s. 2d.

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

**His link with Sutton Coldfield is not very clear, although it appears that he was listed on the 1918 Electoral Roll as residing at "Conoor", Walmley Road.**

**This was his sister's household.**

**1921 census Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield**

William John Owen. 36, born in Birmingham. Headmaster at Handsworth Technical School.
Minnie Frances Owen, 37, born in Birmingham. House duties.
Eric William Bower Owen, 12, born in Sutton Coldfield
Donald Alfred Bower Owen, 10, born in Sutton Coldfield.
Ruby Leila Owen, 8, born in Sutton Coldfield.

**Marriage**

The marriage between William John Owen and Minnie Frances Bower was registered March 1908 West Bromwich 6b 1037

**1911 census Birch Holme, Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William John Owen | M | 26 | Engineering teacher in technical school |
| Minnie Frances Owen | M | 27 | Married 2 years 2 children |
| Eric William Bower Owen | | 1 | |
| Donald Alfred Bower Owen | | one month old | |

**Probate**

**OWEN** William John of Conoor Walmley-road Walmley **Warwickshire** died 14 January 1932 at General Hospital Birmingham Probate **Birmingham** 23 February to Minnie Frances Owen widow. Effects £2004 17s. 7d.

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

This is the link to Conoor, Walmley Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Alfred probably lived here with his sister in order to be on the 1918 Electoral Roll.

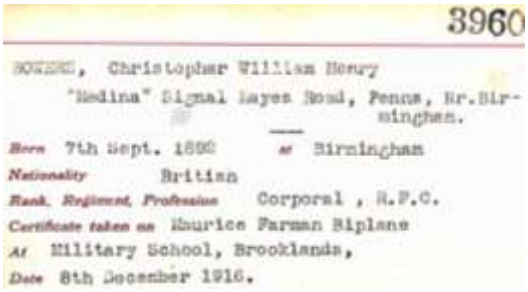
**Deaths**

The death of Charles A Bower was registered March 1916 Kings Norton 6d 134, aged 57.

The death of Rachel Bower was registered December 1917 West Bromwich 6b 700, aged 57.

**CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM HENRY BOWERS**

**Christopher Bowers was born in 1893 in Aston. He enlisted as a Pilot Sergeant (Corporal) in the Royal Air Force (Royal Flying Corps) 2 (Aux) School of Ariel Gunnery – number 932.**



3960

[redacted], Christopher William Henry
"Medina" Signal Hayes Road, Penns, Nr.Birmingham.

Born 7th Sept. 1893 at Birmingham
Nationality British
Rank, Regiment, Profession Corporal , R.F.C.
Certificate taken on Shurice Farman Biplane
At Military School, Brooklands,
Date 8th December 1916.

Corporal
Christopher William Henry
Bowers, R.F.C.
3960
8 Dec. 1916

**Great Britain Royal Aero Club Aviators Certificates 1910 – 1950**

**Record Card and Photograph 1916**

He died whilst flying in action on 1 May 1917, probably in Scotland. The type of plane he flew was an FE 26.

He is buried at the Girvan, Ayrshire (Doune) Cemetery in Scotland, Plot D1.

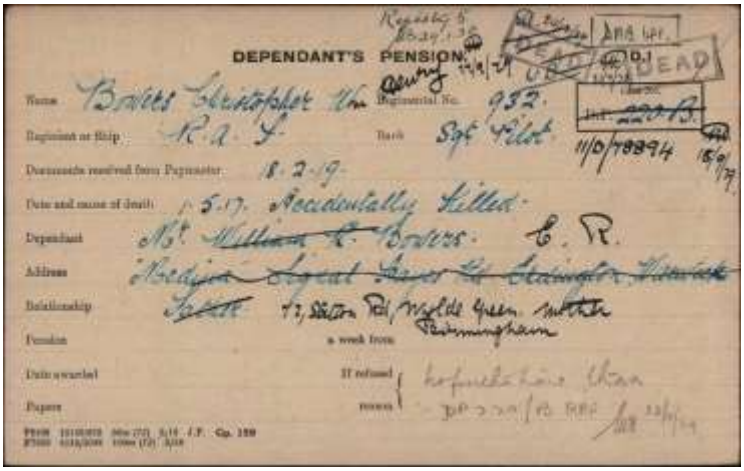
**Findagrave Doune Cemetery Memorial ID 68801655 uploaded on 22 April 2011**

**1914 Star Army Scripture Readers piece 2054 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920**

**WO 329 Ref 2504**

Christopher's father, William was sent £1 19s 1d effects, and a war gratuity of £18 10s on 16 June 1919

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 - 1929**




William R Bowers of 72 Station Road, Wylde Green was awarded a pension on 23 September 1919

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923**

**Fold 3 Ancestry.co.uk**

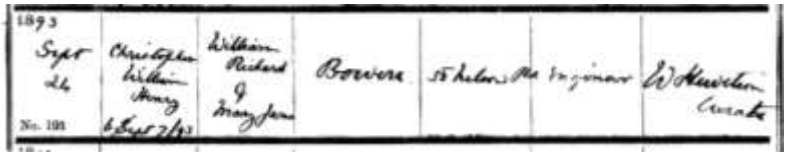
Christopher William H Bowers is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

**Christopher William Henry Bowers was the son of William and the late Mary Bowers**

**Birth**

The birth of Christoper William H Bowers was registered December 1893 Aston 6d 356

**Baptism on 24 September 1893 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston parish church**




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

**1901 census College Road, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William R Bowers | M | 32 | Engineer ammunition works | b Croydon, Surrey |
| Mary Bowers | M | 32 | | b Devises, Wilts |
| Christopher W Bowers | | 7 | | b Birmingham |
| Victor Bowers | | 3 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census "Adderley House", Arden Road, Saltley Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Richard Bowers | W | 42 | Superint. Engineer in Ammunition | b Croydon, Surrey |
| Christopher W Bowers | U | 17 | Apprentice Engineer | b Aston |
| Victor S Bowers | | 13 | | b Saltley |
| Margaret Randall | W | 48 | Housekeeper | b Buckinghamshire |

**Death**

The death of Mary Jane Bowers was registered December 1909 Aston 6d 123, aged 40.

**Marriage**

The marriage between William R Bowers and Emma Geiger was registered September 1911 Aston 6d 574.

**1916 Electoral Roll**

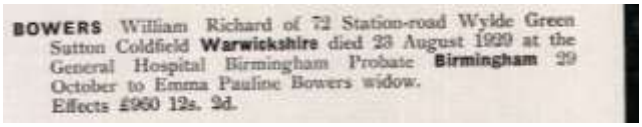
William R Bowers lived at "Medina", Signal Hayes Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**1921 census Signal Hayes Road, Sutton Coldfield**

William Richard Bowers, 53, born in Croyden. Mechanical engineer – The Sutherland Meter Co, Ltd., Witton – out of work.
Emma Pauline Bowers, 33, born in Stuttgart, Germany. Household duties.
Margaret Christine Bowers, 3, born in Sutton Coldfield

In 1929, William R Bowers was living at 72 Station Street, Sutton Coldfield (Electoral Roll).

**Probate**


**BOWERS** William Richard of 72 Station-road Wylde Green Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 23 August 1929 at the General Hospital Birmingham Probate **Birmingham** 29 October to Emma Pauline Bowers widow. Effects £960 12s. 2d.

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

**JOHN FREDERICK BRADBURY**

**John Frederick Bradbury was born in 1896 at Ladywood, Birmingham. He enlisted on 10 November 1915 at Sutton Coldfield, originally with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 15581. He then transferred to the Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 2nd Battalion - Private 25344**

He was killed in action on 1 October 1918 (France & Flanders) at the age of 22.

BRADBURY, Pte. J., 25344. 2nd Bn. Oxf. and Bucks Light Inf. 1st Oct., 1918. Son of Mary Bradbury, of 4, Colls Lane, Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. IV. B. 29.

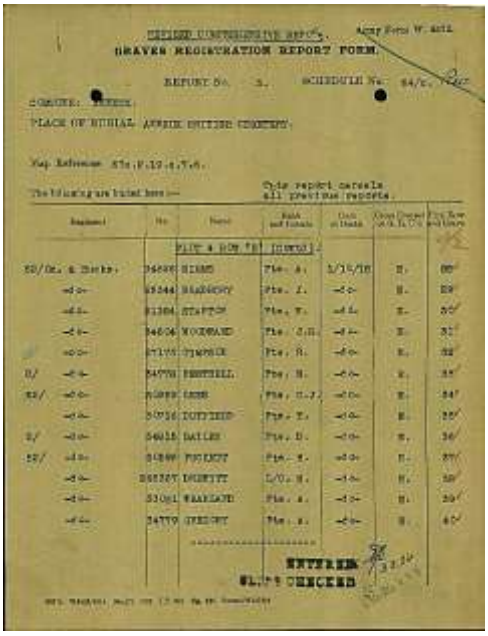
**UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921**

"According to a letter from his officer and chaplain, he was killed instantaneously by a machine gun bullet.

His mother was Mary Bradbury of 4 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield."

**Sutton Coldfield News 12.10.1918**

He is buried at the Anneux British Cemetery, France – Plot IV.B.29


GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

**Grave photograph and form with thanks to Nick Bradbury**

**Uploaded to Ancestry trees on 24 March 2018 and 3 June 2018**

**With thanks**

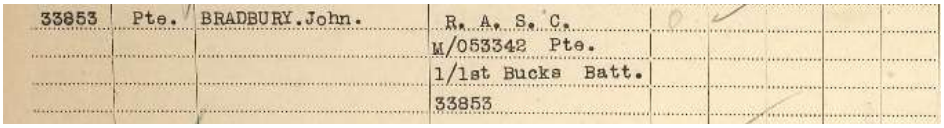
J Bradbury is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (Matthew Rhodes)

His full army service records have not been found.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B3, page 486.

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1929**




**UK WW1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1361 Piece 1361**

His mother Mary received £16 17s 9d effects plus a war gratuity of £13 10s in 1919

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 797501 – 799000 Reference 483**

**John Frederick Bradbury was the son of Frederick and Mary Bradbury.**

He was born on 16 October 1896 at Ladywell Walk, sub-district of St Martin, Birmingham.

His father was Frederick Bradbury, a general hawker. His mother was Mary Bradbury, late Gallagher, formerly Nugent.

**Birth certificate copy uploaded to Ancestry trees on 20 April 2018 by Nick Bradbury – with thanks.**

**1901 census 4 Ladywell Passage, Market Hall Ward, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Bradbury | M | 42 | Fishmonger | b Ashby de la Zouch |
| Mary Bradbury | M | 45 | | b Walsall |
| Annie Bradbury | U | 18 | | b Hednesford |
| Daniel Bradbury | | 13 | | b Derby |
| John Bradbury | | 4 | | b Birmingham |

**Death**

The death of Frederick Bradbury was registered March 1906 Birmingham 6d 116, aged 52.

**1911 census** – John and Mary have not been found.

**1918 Electoral Roll**

John Bradbury is listed at 4 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield on the 1918 Electoral Roll, and this was his mother's address when he died.

It is not known when they moved to Sutton Coldfield.

**1921 census**

Mary Bradbury was not found on this census.

Nothing further is known about her.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM BRADFORD**

**Frederick William Bradford was born in 1895 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Lichfield with the 1st Battalion Scots Guards - Private 7496. He was a boy soldier.**

It appears that he joined the Scots Guards as a boy soldier, as he was found in Egypt with the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards in 1911.

His regimental number was 7296. Date of attesting was 18 August 1909 at Lichfield. Aged 14. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Killed in action on 26 October 1914. Awarded the 1914 Silver Star.

**Scots Guards Enlistment Registers 1799 – 1939**

**Trustees of the Scots Guards Charitable Fund**

He was disembarked to France on 13 August 1914.

No further military records were found for him online other than index links on Findmypast.

He was killed in action on 26 October 1914 at Ypres (France & Flanders).

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

**Findagrave Memorial ID 177952745; C.W.G.C find-war-dead Debt of Honour**

**The National Archives 7496, Rank Private: Corps Scots D1443456**

**British Army Service Records transcript only – Findmypast**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals SG/104B, page 84 and the 1914 Star Medal SG/,1 page 27.

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry and Long Service Medals and Awards – Findmypast**

**British Army Medal Index Cards 1914 – 1920 WO372/3**

"In cherished memory of dear Billy, 1st Scots Guards, killed in action in France on October 26th 1914.

Sadly, missed by his sorrowing parents, sister and brother."

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 25.10.1919**

**Frederick William Bradford was the son of John and Sarah Bradford.**

**1901 census 12 Tithe Barn Lane, Long Eaton, Derbyshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bradford | M | 23 | Signalman | b Pontypool |
| Sarah Bradford | M | 21 | | b b Hardwick, Gloucs |

**1911 census 1st Battalion Scots Guards – EGYPT (overseas posting)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Bradford | 16 | Boy soldier | b Sutton Coldfield |

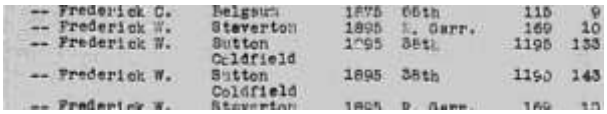
**1911 census 10 Coleshill Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bradford | M | 44 | Club Steward | b Pontypool, S Wales |
| Sarah Bradford | M | 39 | Married 20 years with 3 children | b Hardwick, Gloucs |
| Lillian Bradford | U | 19 | Manages fruit shop | b Bamfurlong, Gloucs |
| Charles Bradford | U | 17 | Groom | b Bamfurlong, Gloucs |

**Birth**

Frederick William Bradford was found on the Army Births and Baptisms Register p 284 (AB 91)

His birth was registered twice in 1895 in Sutton Coldfield – 38th R. Garrison entries 1195 133 line 31 and 1190 143 - 38th Foot



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| -- Frederick C. | Belgaum | 1875 | 66th | 115 | 9 |
| -- Frederick W. | Staverton | 1895 | R. Garr. | 169 | 10 |
| -- Frederick W. | Sutton Coldfield | 1895 | 38th | 1195 | 133 |
| -- Frederick W. | Sutton Coldfield | 1895 | 38th | 1190 | 143 |
| -- Frederick W. | Staverton | 1895 | R. Garr. | 169 | 10 |

**British Armed Forces and Overseas Births and Baptisms – Findmypast**

**GRO Regimental Birth indices 1761 – 1924 Archive Ref REG1**

**John Bradford**

John Bradford had served in the army since the age of 19. He signed up in London on 31 January 1884 with the Grenadier Guards. He had also served with the 3rd Battalion S W Borderers. He transferred to the Scot's Guards on 28 January 1891 and was discharged on 27 January 1896. His trade was listed as a plasterer.

He enlisted with the Royal Garrison Regiment as Sergeant 977 at London on 18 March 1901. He had been under army engagement with colours for 7 years and in army reserve for 9 years. He was home on 18 March 1901 and in Halifax, NS (? Nova Scotia) between 20 September 1902 for one year. He had served in the London campaign in 1885.

His wife was Sarah of 39 Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield – but she was later with the regiment. John Bradford married Sarah Scrivens in London on 1 November 1890.

He had three children, Lillian, born on 7 March 1893: Charles, born on 13 December 1893 and Frederick William, born on 13 August 1895. He was discharged from the R.G.R on 30 September 1905.

John Bradford then enlisted as Sergeant 7540 with the South Staffordshire Regiment at Lichfield on 4 January 1906. He was then 41 years 9 months old. He still gave his trade as plasterer. He had been under army engagement with colours for 7 years and with the Royal Reserve Engagement for 292 days, and with the R.G.R for 4 years 292 days, he was discharged after 14 years' service on 29 April 1907. He had served in Egypt, Halifax NS and Cyprus.

With his father being an army man, we can see why Frederick joined up at the age of 14.

**1921 census 10 Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Bradford | Head | 53 | M | Married | Pontypool | — | — | Bank Manager | Lloyds Bank | 700 |
| Sarah Bradford | Wife | 49 | F | Married | Bamfurlong | — | — | Home Duties | | |
| Lillian Bradford | Daughter | 14 | F | Single | Pontypool | | | | | |
| William Stratton | Boarder | 65 | M | Widower | Birmingham | | | Retired Bank Manager | Lloyds Bank Ltd | 1750 |

It seems that by 1921, John Bradford had gone up in the world to be a bank manager at Lloyds Bank, Colmore Row, Birmingham.

The family were not found on the 1939 Register. Nothing further is known.

**HENRY WILFRED BRASSINGTON**

**Henry W Brassington was born in 1896 at Aston. He enlisted with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion – Private 255**

He was killed in action on 3 September 1916 in the Battle of Guillemont on the Somme.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Findmypast**

He was buried at the Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Somme; Plot XX1V K.4

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56584605 uploaded by Glenlivet on 7 August 2010**

**Photograph by Peter Moore on 20 October 2015**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals – L/104 B4, page 906.

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry and Long Service Medals and Awards – Findmypast**

His father was sent £3 10s 4d effects plus a war gratuity of £9 on 19 September 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 - 1929**

Henry W Brassington is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings).

He is also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

He is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey School Memorial (Dave Phillips)

**Henry Wilfred Brassington was the son of Henry and Louisa Brassington**

"He was educated at King Edwards School Birmingham, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield and Ratcliffe College, Leicester.

He was a member of Boldmere Swimming Club. He was a member of Boldmere Church. He is commemorated on the memorials for the church and swimming club.

He was employed by Messrs Lister Lea & Sons, Architects.

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After initial army training his foot again gave him problems and he was put on a list awaiting discharge. He volunteered for work on a hospital ship but that fell through. Then he was suddenly drafted to the front in June 1916."

**Sutton Coldfield News 10.3.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Henry Wilfred Brassington was registered December 1896 Aston 6d 423

**Baptism**

Henricus Wilfridus Brassington was born on 18 October 1896 and baptised on 7 November 1896 at St Joseph, Birmingham to father Henrici Bernardi Brassington.

**England Select Births and Christenings 1538 – 1975**
**FamilySearch Family History Library 1999508.**

**This seems to have been a Catholic Church in Nechells – The National Archives.**

**1891 99 Frederick Street, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henry Brassington | M | 68 | Retired cooper | b Tamworth |
| Martha Brassington | M | 48 | | b Wombourne |
| Henry B Brassington | U | 23 | Architect | b Aston |
| Lucy B R Brassington | | 12 | School | b Aston |
| Maria Brassington | | 8 | School | b Aston |

**1901 census "St Wilfred", Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henry B Brassington | M | 33 | Architect assistant | b Birmingham |
| Louisa Brassington | M | 30 | | b Aston |
| Henry W Brassington | | 4 | | b Aston |
| Basil E Brassington | | 1 | | b Aston |
| Sarah Growse | M | 71 | Mother in law | b Worcester |

**1911 census 201 Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Henry B Brassington | M | 43 | Architect – employer | b Birmingham |
| Louisa Brassington | M | 40 | Married 15 years – 2 children | b Aston Manor |
| Henry W Brassington | | 14 | | b Aston Manor |
| Basil E Brassington | | 11 | | b Aston Manor |
| Bertha M Brough | U | 22 | Domestic servant | b Penkridge |

**1921 census, 201 Station Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Henry B Brassington, 53, born in Birmingham. Architect, employer at 19 Curzon Street.
Louisa Brassington, 50, born in Aston. Home duties.
Basil Edward Brassington, 22, born in Aston. Quantity surveyor at 10 Temple Street.

**1939 Register 73 Vernon Road, Edgbaston**

Henry B Brassington, born on 14 March 1868. Retired architect.
Evelyn M Brasington, born on 6 April 1879.
Ivy Simmons, born on 25 December 1920. Domestic help.

Louisa Brassington died in on 26 May 1928 at the Woodleigh Nursing Home, Wylde Green.

**Ancestry trees with thanks.**

**Marriage**

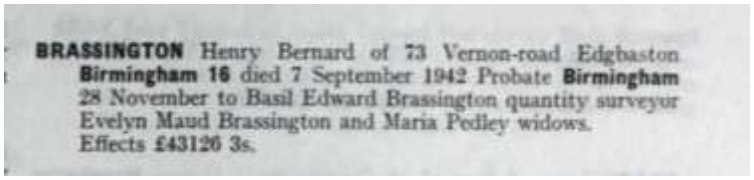
The marriage between Henry B Brassington and Evelyn M Breedon was registered June 1923 Birmingham South 6d 659.

"Henry Bernard Brassington was an Alderman at Sutton Coldfield Town Council during the 1930's.

He had been a member of the former Tamworth Board of Guardians."

**Tamworth Herald Saturday 12 September 1942**

**Probate**



**BRASSINGTON** Henry Bernard of 73 Vernon-road Edgbaston **Birmingham 16** died 7 September 1942 Probate **Birmingham** 28 November to Basil Edward Brassington quantity surveyor Evelyn Maud Brassington and Maria Pedley widows. Effects £43126 3s.

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

"Alderman H B Brassington died at his residence in Edgbaston on Monday. He was an architect and frequently appeared as a professional witness for brewery companies at Midland Licensing Sessions. He was seventy for years of age. He was twice married and is survived by a widow and one son. Another son was killed in the last war."

**Birmingham Post September 1942**

**Midland Wills**

"Alderman Henry Brassington, architect of 73 Vernon Road, Edgbaston and formerly of Station Road, Wylde Green, a member of Sutton Coldfield Council for a number of years died on September 7. He left £43,126 gross, £41,502 net. He left £100 to the Little Sisters of the Poor, Harborne, and £50 to the Sisters' of Nazareth, Rednal."

**Birmingham Mail December 30th 1942**

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

**Private 255 Henry Wilfred Brassington**
**15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Sunday 3rd September 1916**
**Aged: 19**

The British Fourth and Sixth Armies were to attack the spur that overlooked Combles at twelve noon on Sunday September 3rd, 1916. The main part of the spur was covered by Leuze Wood, whilst the tip of the spur was protected by Falfemont Farm.

The 13th Brigade, consisting of the 14th and 15th Royal Warwicks and 2nd King's Own Scottish Borderers, had as its objective a line running from Wedge Wood to Point 48, including Falfemont Farm.

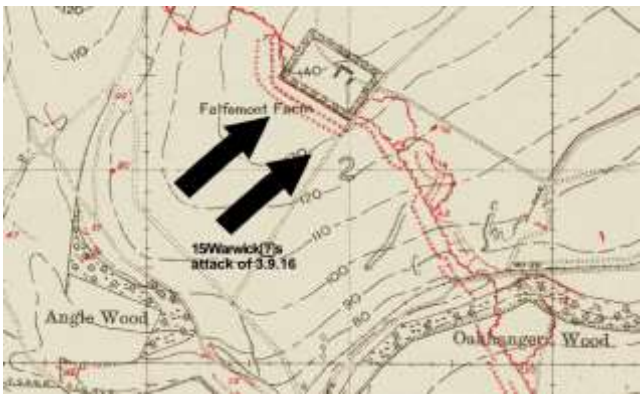
The 2nd KOSB's made a preliminary attack at 9.00 am and disappeared from view. It was assumed that they had gained their objective, but in reality, most were either dead or wounded in front of the German barbed wire.

The artillery support needed for the KOSB's had been used to deal with a German counterattack further south. The 2nd KOSB's suffered nearly 300 casualties as they were cut down by machine-gun and rifle fire.

At 12 noon the main attack commenced. Two platoons of C Company, 14th Royal Warwicks attacked the German line in the valley to the right of Wedge Wood.

It ground to a halt in No Man's Land and the remaining two platoons of C Company moved up to support them. At 1.00 pm the A and B Companies of the 14th and 15th Royal Warwicks renewed their attack on Falfemont Farm.

With Falfemont Farm still in German hands, the 14th Royal Warwicks attacking to its left lost heavily to machine-gun fire. The attack in front of the farm was even more disastrous as the supporting creeping barrage, fired from the British artillery, started behind the advancing troops. The attack soon came to a halt on the slopes to the Farm.




As darkness approached on the 3 September the 15th Royal Warwicks made their way back to Casement Trench, their original jumping off point.

They had suffered 66 killed and 165 wounded, whilst the 14th Royal Warwicks lost 86 killed and 216 wounded.

Very few of those killed are buried in any known grave and are now commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

Henry Brassington is buried in Delville Wood Cemetery, Longueval, Plot 24, Row K, Grave 4

His gravestone is inscribed 'R.I.P.'

Henry Brassington was commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial situated at King Edwards Square, and on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial, Sutton Park.

“Henry Wilfred Brassington was born on 18 October 1886 in Aston but lived most of his life in Sutton Coldfield.

He was the son of Henry Bernard (architect at James & Lister, Lea & Sons) and Louisa Brassington of ‘St. Wilfred’s, 201 Station Road, Wylde Green in Sutton Coldfield.

Henry entered Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School in 1906 and upon leaving school in 1911 he was educated at Ratcliffe College, near Leicester between January and July 1912.

In 1912, he injured his foot in a cycle accident and despite a series of operations it was still proving troublesome.

Ignoring the problem, he enlisted in the 3rd Birmingham Battalion (16th Royal Warwickshire Regiment) at the outbreak of war.

He managed his initial training well but after the move to Bolton Hall, Wensleydale (where the Battalion became part of the 32nd Division), his foot began to give him trouble.

He was transferred into the 17th (Reserve) Battalion to await a discharge.

He tried to volunteer to work on a hospital ship but that fell through.

Whilst waiting for a discharge, he was put in a draft of soldiers and sent out to join the 15th Royal Warwicks in June 1916.

The Ratcliffian still recorded Henry as missing in January 1917, but he had been killed in the attack on Falfemont Farm on 3 September 1916.”

**David Phillips - Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School**

**With thanks**

**Emmanuel Church, Wylde Green Great War Commemoration - Rob Rolfe with thanks**

“He was educated at King Edwards School Birmingham, Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield and Ratcliffe College, Leicester.

He was a member of Boldmere Swimming Club.

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After initial army training his foot again gave him problems and he was put on a list awaiting discharge. He volunteered for work on a hospital ship but that fell through.

Then he was suddenly drafted to the front in June 1916.”

**Sutton Coldfield News 10.3.1917**

**The War Diary notes:**

"At 9 a.m. on 3rd September 1916, the King's Own Scottish Borderers attacked Falfemont farm near Guillemont. The attack failed due to heavy machine gun fire. The 15th Warwicks (2nd Birmingham Pals) received orders to repeat the attack at 1 p.m.

"Men went over splendidly, but machine-gun fire again held up the advance, and line came back. Casualties heavy. Officer casualties unfortunate, several fell before attack was actually launched. No question as to the courage of the men and not their fault that the attack did not succeed…… 1 officer killed, 7 wounded. 30 Other Ranks killed, 144 wounded, 49 missing."

Private Brassington died in this attack. He is buried in the Delville Wood cemetery near to where he was killed.

**With thanks to Dave Phillips and Rob Rolfe**

**RAYMOND DOUGLAS BRATT**

**Raymond Bratt was born in 1893 in Handsworth. He resided in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Leamington Spa with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps – TT 02274 and later was transferred to the 12th Battalion Somerset Light Infantry - Lance Corporal 37911.**

He died of wounds on 24 September 1918 (France & Flanders) at the age of 25.

**Index to war deaths 1914 – 1921 Army Bratt Raymond L/Cpl. 37911 S.L.I 1918 1.60 220**

He possibly died at a casualty clearing station, as there were three based in Doingt at that time .

**Soldiers Died in The Great War 1914 – 1919 Findmypast**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

He was buried at Doingt Communal Cemetery Extension, Perronne, Picardie, France. Plot I. B. 40

"He was the son of Arthur John and Amelia Harriet Bratt of 7 Western Road, Wylde Green"

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56403854**

**Photograph by Jonathan Cann. Uploaded by Glenlivet on 7 August 2010**

**See below for further information.**

**Army Medal Roll**

Raymond Bratt was awarded the British and Victory Medals.

**Britain First World War Campaign Medals WO 329/897**

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards 1914 - 1920**

His father was sent £20 1s 3d effects and £14 war gratuity on 16 July 1919

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 812501-814000 Ref 493**

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Bratt Raymond Douglas 37911

Somerset L.I. L. Cpl.

Dis of Wounds.

Mrs Bratt

Holly Lodge Western Rd Wylde Green Birmingham

Mother, Father

A pension of 7 s 6d was awarded from 8 April 1919, firstly to Amelia Bratt of Holly Lodge, Western Road, Wylde Green and after she died, to Arthur John Bratt of 78 Elizabeth Road, New Oscott.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 029/0107/Bra-Bre Fold 3**

He is commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

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

He is also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration (Rob Rolfe)

**Raymond Douglas Bratt was the son of Arthur John and Amelia Harriett Bratt of 7 Western Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**.

**Baptism on 9 May 1893 at St Silas, Lozells**

Raymond Douglas Bratt was born on 25 February 1893 to parents Arthur John and Amelia Harriet Bratt of Hazelwood, 93 Holly Road, Handsworth. Arthur worked for Tinman's Furniture Manufacturers.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 48/2 Archive Roll 9**

**1901 census Laburnum Villas, Station Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur J Bratt | M | 35 | Tinman's Furniture Manufacturers | b Aston |
| Amelia H Bratt | M | 33 | | b Saltley |
| Raymond D Bratt | | 8 | | b Handsworth |
| Ernest R Bratt | | 4 | | b Handsworth |
| Cyril J Bratt | | 3 | | b Handsworth |
| Evelyn M Bratt | | 1 | | b Handsworth |

**1911 census "Holly Lodge", Western Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur John Bratt | M | 45 | 'Tinman' Furniture Manufacturer | b Aston |
| Amelia Harriett Bratt | M | 44 | | b Aston |
| Raymond Douglas Bratt | U | 18 | Die punching for printing trade | b Handsworth |
| Ernest Reginald Bratt | | 14 | Wholesale jewellery warehouse boy | b Handsworth |
| Cyril John Bratt | | 13 | | b Handsworth |
| Evelyn May Bratt | | 11 | | b Handsworth |
| Gordon Eustace Bratt | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Phyllis Christina Bratt | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Kenneth Vincent Bratt | | 6 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

The couple had been married for 18 years. They had 9 children, two of whom had died .

**1921 census 7 Western Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

Arthur Bratt was 55, from Aston. He owned the Tinman's Furnishing Manufacturers at 99 Mott Street, Birmingham and Metal carting and press workings. He was an employer of one person.
Amelia Bratt was 53 and did home duties.
Evelyn Mary Bratt was 21. She was a press worker at Educational Metal Sundries Ltd, 98 Mott Street – out of work.
Phyllis Christina Bratt was 16 and helped her mother.
Ernest Reginald Bratt was 25 and married. He was a textile salesman for Wilkinson & Reddell Ltd, 42 Cherry Street, Birmingham.
Gladys May Bratt was 23, from Aston and was a daughter in law.
Gordon Eustace Bratt was 20 and single. He was a horse man at Wylde Green Farm.
Kenneth Vincent Bratt was 10 and at school.
Iris May Bratt was one, granddaughter.

**1939 Register 414 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Arthur J Bratt, born on 31 March 1866. Metal smith (lead).
Amelia H Bratt, born on 2 November 1868. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

The death of Amelia Harriet Bratt was registered March 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 859, aged 74.

The death of Arthur John Bratt was registered March 1959 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1443, aged 92

**Raymond Douglas Bratt is on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration**

**Raymond Douglas Bratt, Lance Corporal 37911 Somerset Light Infantry**

Raymond Bratt was born on 25th February 1893 in Handsworth, the eldest of nine children of Arthur John Bratt, who worked in supplying metal goods for furniture, and Amelia Harriett Latham. Raymond was baptised on 9th April at St. Silas in Lozells.

**Arthur Bratt**

**Amelia Latham**

The family moved to Sutton Coldfield in 1900 and lived in Western Road. Seven of the children had survived by 1911.

After working as a die puncher in the printing trade, Raymond enlisted in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps as TT02274. The primary job of the Corps was to care for the animals used by the army – horses, mules and pigeons.

At some point Raymond transferred to the 12th (West Somerset Yeomanry) Battalion, Somerset Light Infantry. It is not known where or for how long Raymond served in the infantry.

The Battalion had served in Egypt and in May 1918 landed in France, where they fought in the Second Battle of the Somme, the Battles of the Hindenburg Line, and the final advance in Artois and Flanders.

The War Diaries of the 12th Somersets during September 1918 make grim reading. On the 2 September, for instance, the Battalion suffered heavy artillery bombardment by shrapnel and gas shells. 11 officers and more than 200 other ranks were killed or wounded on that day alone. The diary reports that “the line was easily held.”

Raymond was wounded at some point, and died of wounds on the 24 September 1918, seven weeks before the end of the war.

Raymond is buried at the Doingt Communal Cemetery Extension. His family received £20 18s 3d from Raymond’s back pay, and a War Gratuity of £14.

**The cap badge of the Somerset Light Infantry**

The word *Jalalabad* refers to a battle in the first Anglo-Afghan War in Victorian times.

The army barracks in Taunton, the county town of Somerset, was named Jalalabad Barracks after the battle and that area of the town is still known as 'Jalalabad'**.**

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe – Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration**

**Thanks also go to Tina Best – Ancestry family trees**

**EDGAR JOHN BROMWICH**

See also the information about his brothers William H Bromwich and Harold Ellson Bromwich, who served in the war and survived, and his brother Leslie Frank Bromwich, who was also killed in action on 4 June 1916

**Edgar John Bromwich was born in 1890 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion - Private 312**

He was killed in action on 4th June 1916, aged 26 (France & Flanders).

Unofficial reports suggest that he was killed by a mine explosion.

BROMWICH, Pte. Edgar John, 15/312. 15th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Killed in action 4th June, 1916. Age 26. Son of William and Helen Bromwich, of 25, High St., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. I. D. 14.

BROMWICH, Lce. Cpl. Leslie Frank, 15/308. 15th Bn. Royal Warwickshire Regt. Killed in action 4th June, 1916. Age 19. Son of William and Helen Bromwich, of 25, High St., Sutton Coldfield, Birmingham. I. C. 62.

Brothers Egar John and Leslie Frank Bromwich in the same Battalion and died on the same day.

**UK Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

He was buried at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Plot I.D. 14

**Lives of the First World War 1914 – 1918**

**Findagrave Index Memorial ID 180586752 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 21 June 2017**

Bromwich family cenotaph in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery

“In loving memory of Edgar John and Leslie Frank Bromwich”

**Findagrave Memorial ID 80586752 - uploaded by Glenlivet**

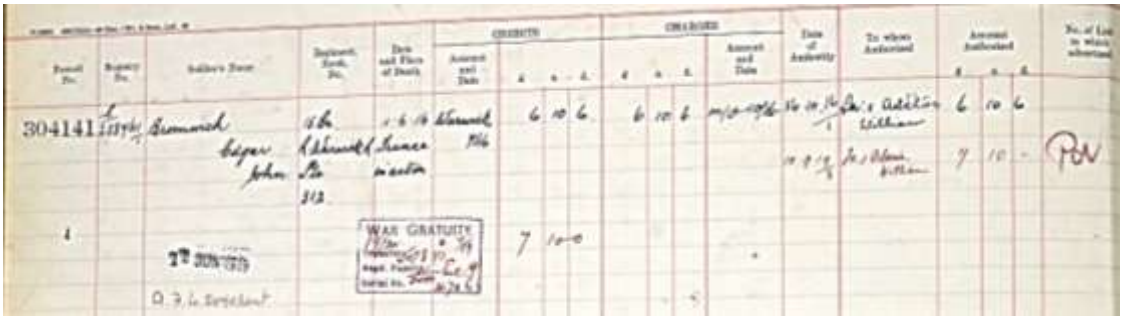
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B5, page 979, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 64. The card is annotated ‘Killed in Action’.

**British Army Medal Index Cards 1914 – 1920 WO372/3**

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry and Long Service Medals and Awards 1914 – 1920**

**Britain First World War Campaign Medals TNA WO 329/738**




Edgar’s father William was sent £6 10s 6d effects and a war gratuity of £7 10s in 2019

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers’ Effects 1901 – 1929 304001-305500 Reference 155**

**Edgar John Bromwich is also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey School Memorial**

**Edgar John Bromwich was the son of William and Helen Bromwich and he resided at 25 High Street, Sutton Coldfield.**

**Birth**

The birth of Edgar John Bromwich was registered March 1890 Aston 6d 432

**Baptism on 9 February 1890 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield**

Edgar John baptised to William and Helen of High Street. Baker.

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

**1891 census High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bromwich | M | 30 | Baker and grocer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Helen Bromwich | M | 32 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William H Bromwich | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Elsie S Bromwich | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edgar J Bromwich | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Richard Bromwich | W | 55 | Father | b Stratford on Avon |
| Emma J Harrison | U | 17 | Visitor | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Charles Hickes | U | 22 | Baker | b Sheldon |
| Florence R Hassall | U | 65 | Servant | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census 25 High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bromwich | M | 40 | Master Baker employer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Helen Bromwich | M | 42 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Elsie S Bromwich | | 15 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William H Bromwich | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edgar J Bromwich | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Hilda A Bromwich | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold E Bromwich | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Leslie F Bromwich | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Margery H Bromwich | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Harrison | U | 28 | Shop assistant | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Annie Phillips | | 15 | General Servant | b Norton Canes |
| Ada Hawkins | | 13 | General Servant | b Weeford |

**1911 census 25 High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bromwich | M | 50 | Baker/confectioner/employer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Helen Bromwich | M | 52 | Married 26 years - 7 children | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William H Bromwich | U | 23 | Baker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edgar J Bromwich | U | 21 | Clerk | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold E Bromwich | | 15 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Margery H Bromwich | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Louisa Burton | M | 28 | Servant | b Walsall |

**Probate**

**BROMWICH** Edgar John of 25 High-street Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** private 15th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 4 June 1916 in France Administration **Birmingham** 14 August to William Bromwich confectioner. Effects £366 16s. 9d.

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

**Edgar John Bromwich is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's School Memorial**

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

**Private 15/312 Edgar John (Eddie) Bromwich**
**15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Sunday 4th June 1916**
**Aged: 26**

Private E. Bromwich was in the front-line trench when the German mine blew. He was at first reported missing for several days, as the Germans had taken prisoners, but he was later confirmed as dead.

Eddie Bromwich is buried in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras Plot 1, Row D, Grave 14

'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away'.

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

"Edgar attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1904 and 1905.

After school, he worked for the Birmingham Gas Company at their Sutton Coldfield office for three years and then at their Head office for three more years.

He then joined his father in Bromwich Catering (bakers, confectioners, grocers and sellers of boots and shoes).

He was a keen footballer and swimmer.

He enlisted in the 2nd Birmingham Battalion (15th Royal Warwicks) on 4 September 1914."

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

**With thanks.**

**More about the Bromwich family**

William and Helen were not found on the 1921 census.

**Deaths**

The death of William H Bromwich was registered June 1933 Sutton Coldfield 6d 55, aged 73.

The death of Helen Bromwich was registered June 1939 Sutton Coldfield 6d 686, aged 81.

**William H Bromwich**

There was a William H Bromwich, listed by Andy Coles, who served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – as Private 242981.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104B5, page 981. He survived the war.

No military history was found online to say which William H Bromwich this was.

Nothing further can be added.

**Harold Ellson Bromwich**

Harold Ellson Bromwich joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and served as a Sergeant, Corporal and Second Lieutenant – number 311

He entered the war in France on 21 November 1915. He was wounded in 1916 and was in hospital.

He survived the war and was discharged on 28 May 1918.

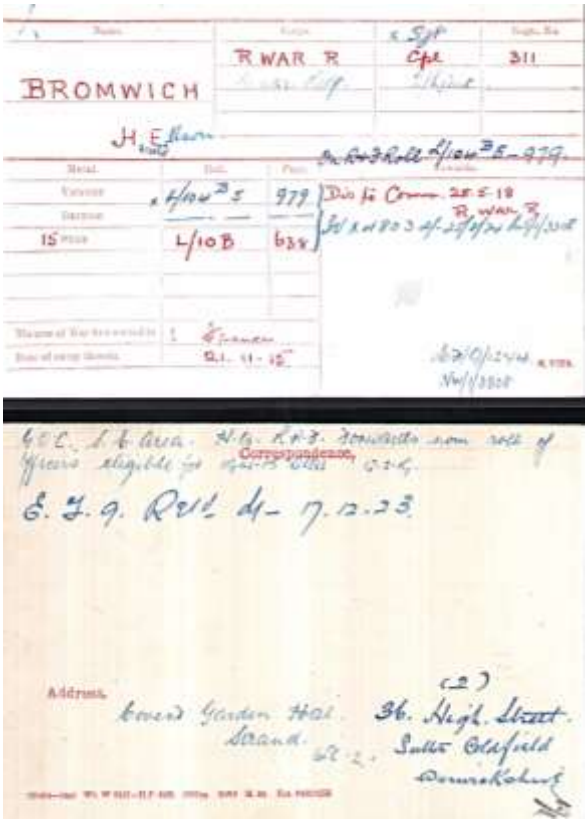
With thanks to Andy Coles

This was the only war related document found online.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104B5, page 979.

He was awarded the 1915 Star Medal L/10 B, page 638.




**UK British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

**LESLIE FRANK BROMWICH**

Leslie Frank Bromwich was the brother of Edgar John Bromwich, who was also killed in the war.

**Leslie Frank Bromwich was born in 1897 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion - Lance Corporal 308**

He was killed in action on 4 June 1916 in France & Flanders, at the age of 19.

Unofficial reports suggest that he was killed by a mine.

Brothers Egar John and Leslie Frank Bromwich in the same Battalion and died on the same day.

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**"Brothers in arms"**

He was buried at the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras - Plot 1.C.62

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56710943 Maintained by Glenlivet added 8 August 2010**

**See Edgar Bromwich above for the family memorial in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the 1915 Star Medal R78/8C, page 606.

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry and Long Service Medals and Awards 1914 – 1920 WO 372/3**

His father William Bromwich was sent £9 14s 8d effects plus a war gratuity of £7 10s on 7 November 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 281501 – 283000 Reference 140**

**Leslie Frank Bromwich is commemorated on the Bishop Vesey's School Memorial**

**"Leslie Frank Bromwich was the son of William and Helen Bromwich.**

Leslie was born on 13 January 1897 and went to Handley Castle School, Worcester after leaving Bishop Vesey's Grammar School where he attended between 1907 and 1911, where he was successful as a scholar and sportsman.

He was articled to Messrs. Squires and Co.; chartered accountants, Colmore Row, Birmingham in 1913 and he gave promise of a brilliant career. He enlisted in the 2nd Birmingham Battalion (15th Royal Warwicks) on 4 September 1914.

One of Leslie and Edgar's comrades wrote to his parents: "We all feel their loss very keenly, but this consoling thought I would offer you - and to my mind it is a great consolation - they both died nobly doing their duty."

**Sutton Coldfield News 24.6.1916**

**Leslie F Bromwich is commemorated on the Hanley Castle Grammar School WW1 Memorial**

**Remember the Fallen website**

**YMCA**

Leslie Frank Bromwich was a member of the YMCA.

The YMCA sent a letter in September 1916 to his parents, sending their condolences for the loss of both of their sons.

**John Day, Sutton Coldfield YMCA, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War Project**

**Birth**

The birth of Leslie Frank Bromwich was registered March 1897 Aston 6d 476.

**Baptism on 21 March 1897 at Holy Trinty, Sutton Coldfield**

To parents William and Helen of High Street. Father a baker.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms Index 1538 - 1900**

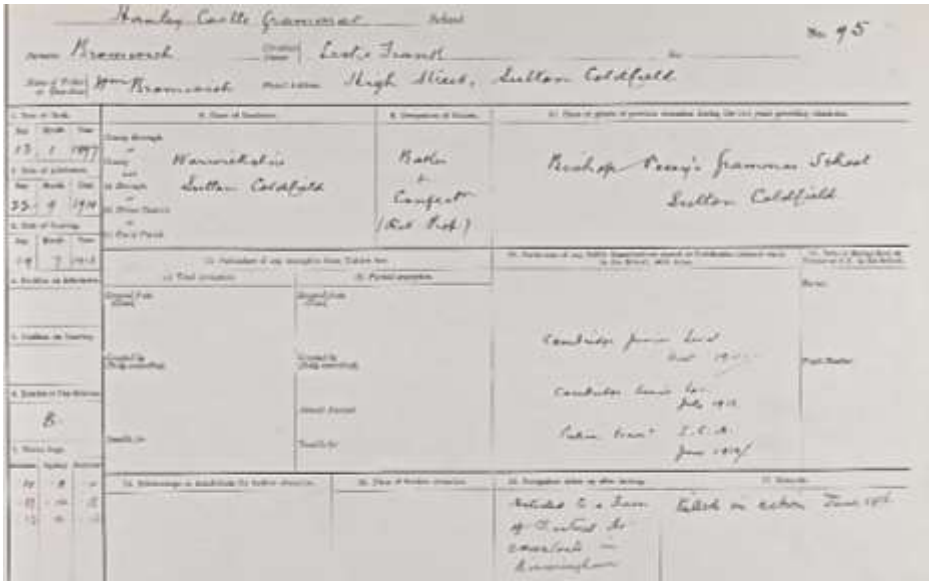
**1901 census 25 High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bromwich | M | 40 | Master Baker employer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Helen Bromwich | M | 42 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Elsie S Bromwich | | 15 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William H Bromwich | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edgar J Bromwich | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Hilda A Bromwich | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold E Bromwich | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Leslie F Bromwich | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Margery H Bromwich | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Harrison | U | 28 | Shop assistant | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Annie Phillips | | 15 | General Servant | b Norton Canes |
| Ada Hawkins | | 13 | General Servant | b Weeford |

**1911 census 25 High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Bromwich | M | 50 | Baker/confectioner/employer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Helen Bromwich | M | 52 | Married 26 years -7 children | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William H Bromwich | U | 23 | Baker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edgar J Bromwich | U | 21 | Clerk | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harold E Bromwich | | 15 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Margery H Bromwich | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Louisa Burton | M | 28 | Servant | b Walsall |

**School entrance to Hanley Castle Grammar, Worcestershire**


Hanley Castle Grammar School
No 95
Bromwich Leslie Frank
Bromwich William High Street, Sutton Coldfield
Warwickshire Sutton Coldfield
Baker & Confectr (Ret Ref)
Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Sutton Coldfield
Cambridge Junior Local 1911
Cambridge Senior Local July 1913
Matric Exam I.C.A. June 1914
B.
Matric C. & Exam of Counties Assn Cricket XI Birmingham
Cricket XI Junior June 1914

**National School Admission Registers and Logbooks 1870 – 1914 45 BA1033_2 Page 95**

**Probate**

**BROMWICH** Leslie Frank of 36 High-street Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** lance-corporal 15th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 4 June 1916 in France Administration **Birmingham** 14 August to William Bromwich confectioner. Effects £246 12s.

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

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

**Lance Corporal 308 Leslie Frank Bromwich**
**15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Sunday 4th June 1916**
**Aged: 19**

Lance Corporal L. Bromwich of 'VII' Platoon, 'B' Company was in the front-line trench when the German mine blew.

Leslie Bromwich is buried in Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras, Plot 1, Row C, Grave 62

'The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away'.

Leslie Bromwich is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial, Sutton Park.

**David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School**

**With thanks**

**EDWARD BROWN**

**Edward Brown was born in 1887 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion - Lance Corporal 1093**

He also acted as a bugler and barber in the army.

He was reported missing on 23 July 1916 and assumed killed in action on that date.

He was killed at the Battle of the Somme. He was aged 30.

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

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B5, page 1020, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 67

He entered the France theatre of war on 21 November 1915.

His army records were not found online and little else is known about his war experience.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

Brown Edward 1093
R. Warwicks. (14th Bn) Pte. (L/Cpl) 1572.
13 3 17. 2.9.16. 20.3.17.
22.7.16.
Wife Georgina, 7 Ryland Avenue 8.9.16.
Ryland Rd Sutton Coldfield.
Edward Isaac 26.2.10 26.2.26.
Gordon Seymour 19.10.12 19.10.28
Daniel Alec Georgina 7.7.14. 7.7.32.
30 F. 13.3.17. 3.
26/3 from 4.9.17.
£5 part authorised 10.8.17 (Cash)
Pension 30/6. 26/3 — 2.4.17.
Date awarded 22.3.17.
If refused, reason
Papers

His widow Georgina was awarded a pension of 26 s 3d from 2 April 1917 and her children.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 - 1923 Reference 029/-120/Bro-Bro Fold 3**

“Before the war he worked as a bricklayer.”

**Sutton Coldfield News 21.7.1917**

“Edward (Ted), the dearly beloved husband of Georgina Brown, killed in action 23 July 1916.

Sadly missed by wife, children, mother, sisters and brothers”.

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 2.8.1919**

Edward Brown lived at 7 Riland Avenue, Sutton Coldfield in 1914/15 (Electoral Roll) .

**Edward Brown was the son of Edward and Emma Brown. He was the husband of Georgina Brown.**

The birth of Edward Brown was possibly registered June 1887 Aston 6d 428 or 42(59)

**1891 census High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Brown | M | 49 | Railway signalman | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Brown | M | 38 | | b Smethwick |
| Harry Brown | | 18 | Butcher | b Alrewas |
| Ellen Brown | | 16 | General servant | b Alrewas |
| Letitia Brown | | 13 | General servant | b Alrewas |
| Mary Brown | | 11 | | b Alrewas |
| Frank Brown | | 7 | | b Alrewas |
| Edward Brown | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Isabella Brown | | 18 months | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census "The Hawthorns", Lower Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Brown | M | 49 | Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Brown | M | 47 | | b Oldbury, Worcs |
| Mary Brown | U | 21 | Waitress | b Alrewas, Staffs |
| Frank Brown | | 16 | Painter | b Alrewas |
| Edward Brown | | 14 | Postal messenger | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Isabel Brown | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Florence Brown | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Leonard Brown | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| John Brown | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Marriage**

The marriage between Edward Brown and Georgina Whitehouse was registered September 1909 Aston 6d 668

**1911 census 47 Reddicap Heath, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Brown | M | 24 | Bricklayer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Georgina Brown | M | 25 | Married 2 years - 1 child | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Edward Ivan Brown | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census 7 Riland Avenue, Sutton Coldfield**

Georgina Brown, 34, widow, born in Walsall Wood. Dressmaker at Friends Institute, Moseley Road. Birmingham.
Edward Ivan Brown, 11, born in Sutton Coldfield. Father dead.
Gordon Seymour Brown, 8, born in Sutton Coldfield. Father dead.
Isobel Elsie Georgina Brown, 6, born in Sutton Coldfield. Father dead.

The Friends Institute was a meeting place for the Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers. The building is at 220 Moseley Road. It is Grade 11 listed and now used as a community facility. The original building was paid for by the Quaker brothers, James and Richard Cadbury.

A war memorial was installed on the staircase.

**Wikipedia, Historic England.**

**1939 Register 7 Riland Road (sic), Sutton Coldfield**

Georgina Brown, born on 5 September 1886. Widow. Domestic duties.
Gordon S Brown, born on 19 October 1912. Single. General labourer.
Isabel Elsie G Brown, born on 7 July 1914. Photographic worker, developing, printing etc.

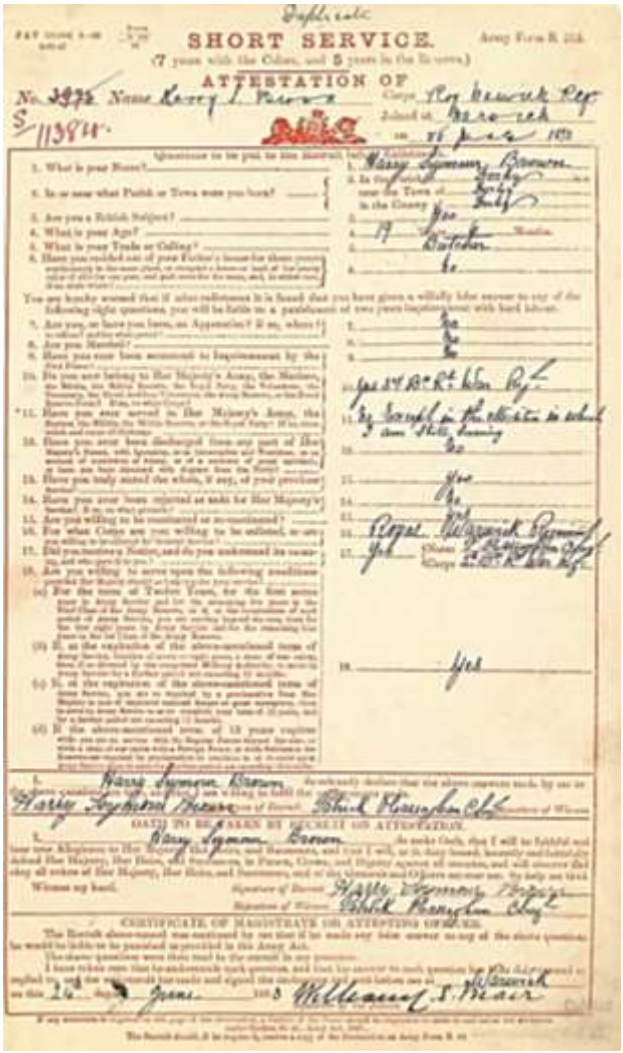
**Death**

The death of Georgina Brown, born on 5 September 1886 was registered June 1974 Birmingham 32 1432, aged 88.

**HARRY SEYMOUR BROWN**

**Harry Seymour Brown was born in 1873 in either Derby or Alrewas. He enlisted at Suffolk Street, Birmingham with the Royal Army Service Corps in 1915 - Private 256 and 11384. He later transferred to the 21st Battalion, Rifle Brigade - Rifleman 203607 and 3959.**

He had previously served in the army during the Boer War in South Africa. He enlisted on 25 June 1893 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment as Private 3975, later S/11384.



SHORT SERVICE.

(7 years with the Colors, and 5 years in the Reserve.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 3975 Name Harry Seymour Brown Corps Royal Warwick Regt

S/11384. Enlisted at Birmingham on 25 June 1893

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Attestation.

1. What is your Name? Harry Seymour Brown.
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? Derby in the Town of Derby in the County of Derby
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 19 Years 6 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Butcher
6. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? No

You are hereby warned that if, after enlistment, it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any of the following eight 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? No
8. Are you Married? No
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Imprisonment by the Civil Power? No
10. Do you now belong to Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Royal Navy, the Volunteers, the Yeomanry, the Royal Artillery Volunteers, the Army Reserve, or the Royal Garrison Regt.? If so, state particulars. Yes 3rd Battn Royal Warwick Regt
11. Have you ever served in Her Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, or the Royal Navy? If so, state when and cause of discharge. By transfer to the Colours in which I am still serving
12. Have you ever been discharged from any part of Her Majesty's Forces, with ignominy, as a deserter or otherwise, or on account of misconduct or fraud, or of a sentence of penal servitude, or been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy? No
13. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? Yes
14. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for Her Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? No
15. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
16. For what Corps are you willing to be enlisted, or are you willing to undergo the usual Service? Royal Warwick Regiment
17. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its contents? Yes (Name of Regt. 3rd Battn Royal Warwick Regt. Corps 2nd Battn Rifle Brig.)
18. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions, provided Her Majesty shall so long require your services?

(a) For the term of Twelve Years, for the first seven years in Army Service and for the remaining five years in the Army Reserve, or if, at the termination of such period of seven years, you are serving beyond the same, then for the first eight years in Army Service and for the remaining four years in the first Class of the Army Reserve. Yes

(b) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, fourteen years have not elapsed since you first entered the Army, to complete the period of fourteen years' Service in the Army and Army Reserve by a further period not exceeding 12 months. Yes

(c) If, at the expiration of the above-mentioned term of Army Service, you are not entitled to a pension, to complete the period of Army Service which will entitle you to a pension, and to remain in the Army Reserve for the remainder of the twelve years. Yes

(d) If the above-mentioned term of 12 years expires while you are on service with the Regular Forces abroad, to remain with your corps in the Regular Forces abroad, or with a draft proceeding to join your corps, or to be invalided to the United Kingdom, or to be transferred to the Army Reserve, or to be discharged in the country where you may be serving. Yes

I, Harry Seymour Brown, do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing to fulfil the engagements mentioned therein. Harry Seymour Brown Signature of Recruit. Edwd Hampton Clk Signature of Witness

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

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

Witness my hand, Signature of Recruit Harry Seymour Brown

Signature of Witness Edwd Hampton Clk

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE ON ATTESTING OF RECRUIT.

The Recruit above-named was sworn and attested before me at the time and place above-mentioned, and I have taken care that he understands each question put to him before he answers it, and that each answer is entered as he has given it, and that he has made the proper answer to each question. The Recruit above-named was then duly sworn to the truth of his answers to the above questions.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question be duly entered as replied to, and the Recruit has made and signed the Declaration before me at Birmingham as above mentioned, this 26 day of June 1893 Wilkinson S. Muir

**Royal Hospital Chelsea Pensioner Soldier Service Records 1760 -1920 piece 4430 WO 97 Fold 3**

**Army Service Record**

He enlisted at Suffolk Street, Birmingham on 21 August 1914 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 5th Battalion.

He was sent to Egypt in 1915, soon after re-enlisting.

He was transferred to the 21st Rifle Brigade (Midlands) on 25 September 1915 – Private 256. He had previously served with the ASC.

He was aged 41, and lived at “Malvern House”, Park Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was married. His place of birth was Derby. He worked as a butcher.

He was examined in Birmingham on 2 December 1914. He was 5’ 4 ½” tall, weighed 119 pounds and his chest measured 34”.

He was declared fit to be placed on Class III National Reserve as qualifying prior to 11 August 1914, which he signed on 30 January 1915.

On 4 October 1915, he signed the Imperial Foreign Service Obligation to be transferred to the Territorial Force at the Midland Battalion HQ, Halton Camp.

He was at 'home' between 2 December 1914 and 29 December 1915. He was embarked on 30 December 1915 to Devonport. He was disembarked at Alexandria on 14 January 1916. He was embarked at Suez on 18 September 1918 and disembarked at Bombay on 1 October 1918.

On 10 November 1918, he was admitted to hospital at Fyzabad with influenza and died on 19 November 1919.

His widow was Laura Ellen Brown of "Malvern House", 6 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield.

His children were Annie, born on 23.9.1899; Muriel, born on 22.7.1903; Harry, born on 16.11.1904 and Margaret, born on 5.10.1906.

His parents were Edward and Emma Brown of "Melrose", Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield.

His living siblings were Frank, 36; Leonard, 21; John, 18; Ellen, 40; Letitia, 37; Isabel, 25 and Florence , 22.

On 21 August 1919, his regimental plaque and scroll were sent to his widow, along with his personal effects consisting of cards, letters, photos, wristwatch and pince-nez.

Laura Ellen Brown and her children were awarded an army pension of 30 s 10 d on 9 June 1919.

He died on 19 November 1918 in India from Influenza, at the age of 48.

**British Army WW1 Service Records 1914 – 1920**

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 - 1923**

He was buried at the Fyzabad Cantonment Cemetery and is commemorated on the Madras War Memorial.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals TP/105 B2, page 178.

This appears to be the same man with extra army numbers.

**British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**

**Harry Seymour Brown was the son of Mr & Mrs Brown of "Melrose", Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield. He was the husband of Laura Brown.**

"He was married with four children. He had worked as a butcher for Mr Evans, Butchers of 34 Parade, Sutton Coldfield, and in 1915 for Mr H Harrison, Builder of Jockey Road."

**Sutton Coldfield News 22 November 1919**

"In loving memory of my dear husband H. S. Brown who died in India from influenza November 19th 1918. Ever lovingly remembered by his wife and children; also, father, mother, brothers and sisters".

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 1919**

**Birth**

The birth of Harry Seymour Brown was registered March 1873 Derby 7b 437

**1891 census High Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Brown | M | 40 | Railway signalman | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Emma Brown | M | 38 | Laundress | b Smethwick |
| Harry Brown | | 18 | Butcher | b Alrewas sic |
| Ellen Brown | | 16 | General servant | b Alrewas |
| Letitia Brown | | 13 | | b Alrewas |
| Mary Brown | | 11 | | b Alrewas |

**1901 census**

Harry has not been found on this census. His family lived at Lower Queen Street, Sutton Coldfield.

His father was Edward, 49 and a gardener from Sutton Coldfield. His mother was Emma, 47 and from Oldbury. They had five children living with them: Mary, 21; Frank, 17; Edward, 14; Isabel, 10; Florence, 9; Leonard, 6 and John, aged 2

**Marriage at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield on 7 June 1898**

Harry Seymour Brown, Bachelor, aged 27, Army Service Corps, resident at Woolwich. Father Edward Brown, labourer.

Laura Ellen Badland, Spinster, aged 26, resident at Sutton Coldfield. Father Joseph Badland, deceased.

**Birmingham C of E Marriages and Banns 1754 – 1910 DR(B) 52/3**

**1911 census 10 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harry Seymour Brown | M | 39 | Carter for general haulier | b Derbyshire |
| Laura Ellen Brown | M | 39 | Married 12 years – 4 children | b Liverpool |
| Annie Brown | | 12 | | b Woolwich |
| Muriel Brown | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harry Seymour Brown | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Margaret Brown | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Marriage**

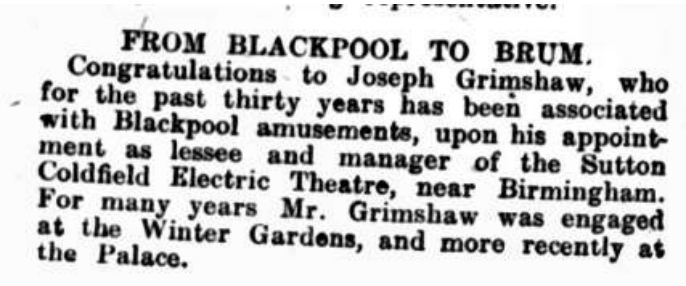
The marriage between Laura E Brown and William H Green was registered september 1920 Tamworth 6b 1277

**1921 census 26 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield**

William Harding Green, 48, born in Malvern. Cabinet maker for Hall Brothers, Parade, Sutton Coldfield.
Laura Ellen Green, 48, born in Liverpool. Housewife.
Annie L Brown, 22, born in London. Pianist. Mr Grimshaw's Electric Theatre, Sutton Coldfield.
Muriel E Brown,17, born in Sutton Coldfield. Dispenser, Mr Walker, Chemist, Parade, Sutton Coldfield.
Harry S Brown, 16, born in Sutton Coldfield. Electrician. Tubes Ltd, Bromford, Birmingham.
Ernest Green,15, born in Sutton Coldfield. School.
Margaret Brown, 14,born in Sutton Coldfield. School.
Dennis Green, 10, son, mother dead, born in Sutton Coldfield. School.

This is where Annie L Brown was employed in 1921. Mr Grimshaw was living next door to Annie.

**Mr Grimshaw's Electric Theatre**



FROM BLACKPOOL TO BRUM.

Congratulations to Joseph Grimshaw, who for the past thirty years has been associated with Blackpool amusements, upon his appointment as lessee and manager of the Sutton Coldfield Electric Theatre, near Birmingham. For many years Mr. Grimshaw was engaged at the Winter Gardens, and more recently at the Palace.

**Kinematograph Weekly 19 August 1920**

**British Newspaper Archive – Findmypast**

**1921 census 28 Park Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Boarding in the household of James Martin.

Joseph Grimshaw, 66, born in Whitfield, Lancashire. Widower. Cinema proprietor, employer.

**JOHN RAYMOND BROWN**

**John Raymond Brown was born in 1896 in Clapham, London. He lived in Erdington. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry 5th Battalion - Corporal 10912**

He was killed in action on 22 June 1915 (France & Flanders).

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres, panels 37 and 39.

“He was the son of John and Annie Brown of Eldon Lodge, Penns Lane, Walmley.”

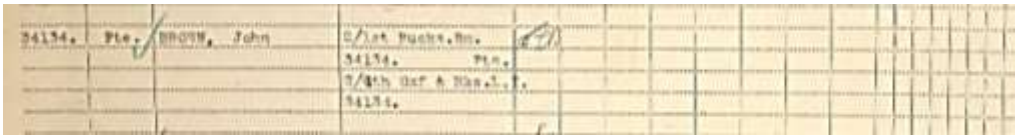
**Findagrave Memorial ID 11982816, Maintained by Glenlivet. Added on 13 October 2005.**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/106 B3, page 565 and 1915 Star Medal L/4B, page 29

**British Army World War 1 Medal Roll Index Cards 1914 - 1920**




**UK World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920**

His father was sent his son’s effects of £3 17s 7d and a war gratuity of £4 on 31 July 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers’ Effects 1901 – 1929 197501-199000 Reference 86**

John Raymond Brown was also commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

He attended King Edward’s School, Camp Hill and was commemorated on the Camp Hill Old Edwardians Roll of Honour, one of seven men killed.

**With thanks to Alistair John Bullock family tree on Ancestry, uploaded on 6 January 2017.**

**John Raymond Brown was the son of John and Annie Brown of "Eldon Lodge", Penns Lane, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield.**

**Birth**

The birth of John Raymond Brown was registered March 1896 Lambeth, 1d 529

**1901 census 17 Fearnley Road, Yardley**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Brown | M | 31 | Coachbuilder's manager | b Birmingham |
| Annie Brown | M | 36 | | b Birmingham |
| Raymond Brown | | 6 | | b London |
| Marjorie Brown | | 3 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census 3 Anderton Road, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Brown | M | 41 | Manager- coach builders | b Birmingham |
| Annie Brown | M | 46 | Married 16 years, 6 children all alive | b Birmingham |
| Raymond Brown | | 16 | | b London |
| Marjorie Brown | | 13 | | b Birmingham |
| Stella Brown | | 9 | | b Birmingham |
| Joan Brown | | 7 | | b Birmingham |
| Frank Brown | | 4 | | b Birmingham |
| Nancy Brown | | 3 | | b Birmingham |
| Alice Bates | U | 23 | General servant | b Tipton |

The family appear to have moved to Penns Lane, Walmley after 1911.

**1921 census Penns Lane, Sutton Coldfield**

John William Brown, 51. Managing director coach builder and motor service at John Buckingham, 332 Bradford Street, Birmingham.
Annie Beatrice Brown, 56. Home duties.
Marjorie Brown, 23. Clerk at Lloyds Bank, New Street, Birmingham.
Annie Beatrice Brown, 13. School.

**Deaths**

John William Brown died in 1947 and Annie Beatrice Brown died in 1949.

**With thanks to Alistair John Bullock family tree on Ancestry**

**ROLAND BUSHELL**

**Roland Bushell was born in 1887 at Handsworth. He received his commission in December 1916 and was a Second Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery (Territorial) 282nd Brigade. He has two regimental numbers – SMFA Brigade Gunner 3425 and RFA. T.F. 836681**

He was promoted from the ranks from Gunner with the 3rd South Midland Field Artillery Brigade and commissioned in 1916.

The London Gazette dated 12 January 1917 states "ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY – Cadet Roland Bushell to be 2nd Lieutenant (on probation) 23 December 1916."

**London Gazette Supplements August 1914 – January 1920**

He was sent to France in January 1917. He was sent home in June 1917 as the result of an accident when an ammunition wagon drove over him, then he was sent back to the front in August 1917.

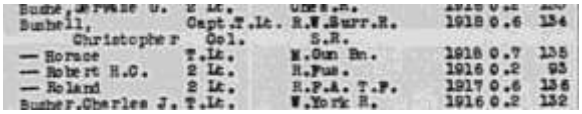
His Colonel wrote that on 26 September 1917, Roland Bushell was rendering aid to an injured man when he was severely wounded when a shell burst. He died soon afterwards.

Roland Bushell died of wounds on 26 September 1917.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**British Army Royal Artillery Officers Deaths 1850 – 2011 Regimental & Service Records**

**British Army Service Records Transcript only – Findmypast**



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bushell, Christopher | Capt.T.Lt. Col. | R.W.Surr.R. S.R. | 1918 | 0.6 | 134 |
| — Horace | T.Lt. | M.Gun Bn. | 1918 | 0.7 | 135 |
| — Robert H.C. | 2 Lt. | R.Fus. | 1916 | 0.2 | 93 |
| — Roland | 2 Lt. | R.F.A. T.F. | 1917 | 0.6 | 136 |
| Busher,Charles J. | T.Lt. | W.York R. | 1916 | 0.2 | 132 |

**Index to war deaths 1914 – 1921 Army Officers GRO**

He was buried at the Gwalia Cemetery, Ypres, (Poperinge), Plot II.C.16

"Husband of M Bushell of 58 Hagley Road, Birmingham".

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 11404667**

**International War Graves Photography Project 22 July 2005**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the RFA Victory and British Medals OFF/132, page 512 E.

He was serving in Belgium at the time he died. His medals were sent to May Ellis, widow of Flat 5, St Aubyns Court, St Aubyns, Hove Sussex on 16 March 1922.

**UK British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

**UK World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1020 WO329 Ref 2160**

His effects of £51 and £6 5s 8d, plus a war gratuity of 7s 4d was sent to his widow.

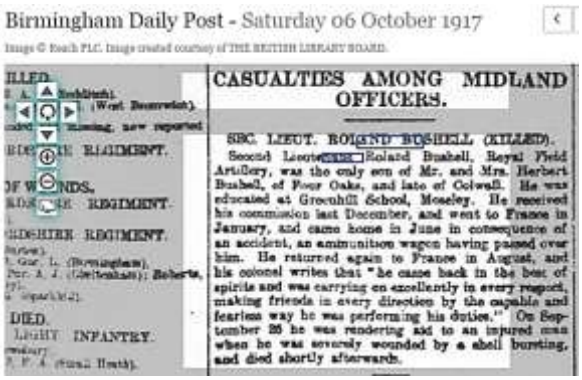
**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929**

**Widows of Army Officers 1917 – 1919 The National Archives PMG 45/1**

**Care of H J Frost Esq., 57 Colmore Row, Birmingham Army Payments**

Roland Bushell is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

There is a Great War Memorial at Moseley School, but it is not accessible online - Imperial War Museum.


Birmingham Daily Post - Saturday 06 October 1917

CASUALTIES AMONG MIDLAND OFFICERS.

SEC. LIEUT. ROLAND BUSHELL (KILLED).

Second Lieut. Roland Bushell, Royal Field Artillery, was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bushell, of Four Oaks, and late of Colwall. He was educated at Greenhill School, Moseley. He received his commission last December, and went to France in January, and came home in June in consequence of an accident, an ammunition wagon having passed over him. He returned again to France in August, and his colonel writes that "he came back in the best of spirits and was carrying on excellently in every respect, making friends in every direction by the capable and fearless way he was performing his duties." On September 25 he was rendering aid to an injured man when he was severely wounded by a shell bursting, and died shortly afterwards.

**British Newspaper Archive**

**"Roland Bushell was the only son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Bushell of "Shillingford", Hartopp Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. And the husband of May Bushell.**

"He was the husband of Mrs M Bushell of 58 Hagley Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham and he was educated at Greenhill School, Moseley, Birmingham."

**Sutton Coldfield News 13.10.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Roland Bushell was registered June 1887 West Bromwich 6b 760

**1891 census Francis Road, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert Bushell | M | 31 | Jeweller gold | b Birmingham |
| Agnes Bushell | M | 28 | | b Handsworth |
| Roland Bushell | | 3 | | b Handsworth |
| Eva Bushell | | 9 months | | b Handsworth |

**1901 census The Hawthorns, Oakland Road, Kings Norton, Worcestershire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert Bushell | M | 41 | Jeweller employer | b Birmingham |
| Juliet Bushell | M | 38 | | b Handsworth |
| Roland Bushell | | 13 | | b Handsworth |
| Eva Bushell | | 10 | | b Handsworth |
| Muriel Bushell | | 1 | | b Moseley |

**1911 census "Hambleton House", Upper Colwall, Herefordshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert Bushell | M | 51 | Manufacturing jeweller – employer | b Birmingham |
| Agnes Juliet Bushell | M | 48 | Married 22 years with 3 children | b Handsworth |
| Roland Bushell | U | 23 | Manufacturing jeweller – employer | b Handsworth |
| Eva Bushell | U | 20 | | b Handsworth |
| Minnie Bushell | | 11 | | b Moseley |
| Annie Brydges | U | 22 | Cook | b Tedstone, Warks |
| Annie Pritchard | U | 19 | Housemaid | b Lubley, Worcs |

**Marriage on 5 October 1912 at Trinity Church, Hampstead, London**

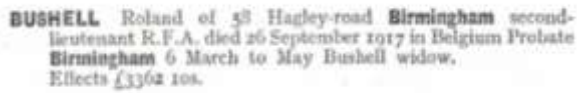
Roland Bushell, bachelor, aged 25, manufacturing jeweller of Hambleton, near Malvern. Father Herbert Bushell, manufacturing jeweller.

May Ellis, 25, spinster of 27 Broadham Gardens, Hampstead, London. Father Edward James Ellis, tapestry merchant.

**London C of E Marriages and Banns 1754 – 1939 PS1/TR1/004**

In 1911, May Ellis lived at Bayswater in a women's hostel. She was a draper's typist. She had been born in London.

**Probate**



**BUSHELL** Roland of 58 Hagley-road **Birmingham** second-lieutenant R.F.A. died 26 September 1917 in Belgium Probate **Birmingham** 6 March to May Bushell widow. Effects £3362 10s.

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

**1921 census Shillingford, Hartopp Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Herbert Bushell, 61. Jeweller, employer. 32 Northampton Road. Birmingham
Agnes J Bushell, 58. Home duties.
Muriel Bushell, 22.
Beatrice Wood, 21. General domestic servant.

**1921 census** – May Bushell was not found on this census.

May Bushell may have married but a definitive trace was not made.

Nothing further can be added about May Bushell.

**FRANK STANDLEY BUTLER**

**Frank S Butler was born in 1896 in Lichfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 8th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 2626. He was later transferred to the 1/8th Battalion ,Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was given a new number - Private 331034**

**Army Service Record**

These are rather damaged, but Frank Butler enlisted at Aston Barracks, Birmingham on 4 September 1914.

He was aged 19. He was 5' 6 ½ "tall and had a chest measurement of 34 ½". He was found fit for service. He was a grocer's assistant of 20 Beech Road, Erdington, Birmingham.

He was embodied to 8 Unit on 4.9.1914. He was reposted to 18th Unit on 3.2.1917, and then to the 1/8th Unit on 20.6.1917.

He was in England between 4.9.14 – 21.3.1915, then posted to France between 22.3.1915 and 5.7.1916. He had been slightly wounded on 7 January 1916.

He was reposted between 6.7.1916 – 15.6.1917 and then again between 16.6.1917 – 17.8.1917, the day he was killed in action. In all he served 2 years and 348 days in service.

The War Office wrote to both his father (1.12.1917) and his mother Sarah Jane Butler (21.7.1920) about his personal effects, sending his plaque and scroll and forwarding any medals due.

He was killed in action on 17 August 1917 during the Battle of Langemarck (France & Flanders), aged 20.

"On the day he died the temperature was 72 degrees F, the weather was clear and there was no rainfall." (SDBD)

**UK British Army World War 1 Service Records 1914 – 1920**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Passchendaele, Leper, Panels 23 to 28 and 163A

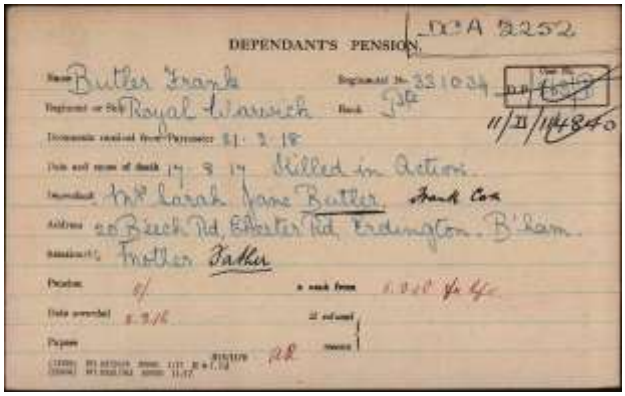
**Findagrave Memorial ID 11967427 Added 13 October 2005**

**International War Graves Photography Project**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104B6, page 1175, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 79.

**UK British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**


DEPENDANTS' PENSION.

DCA 3252

Butler Frank

Royal Warwick

11/II/14840

Killed in Action.

Mrs Sarah Jane Butler. Frank Cox

20 Beech Rd, Elmster Rd, Erdington. B'ham.

Mother Father

5/-

5.3.18

A pension award of 5s from 5 March 1918 was awarded to Sarah Jane Butler and Frank Cox Butler.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3 034/0143/But – But**

Frank Standley Bulter was commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour

(Graham Jennings)

**Frank Standley Butler was the son of Frank Cox Butler and Sarah Jane Standley.**

**Birth**

The birth of Frank Bulter was registered December 1896 Lichfield 6b 486

**Baptism on 1 November 1896 at St Mary, Lichfield**

Frank Standley Butler to parents Frank Cox and Sarah Jane Butler.

**Staffordshire Baptisms 1837 – 2017 index only L74 117.**

**Marriage**

The marriage between Frank Cox Bulter and Sarah Jane Standley was registered December 1893 Lichfield 6b 747

**1901 census 30 Bakers Lane, Lichfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Standley | M | 66 | Brewer employer | b Lichfield |
| Sarah Standley | M | 60 | | b Lichfield |
| Annie Standley | U | 29 | | b Lichfield |
| John Standley | U | 24 | Brewers son worker | b Lichfield |
| Harry Standley | U | 20 | | b Lichfield |
| Frank Bulter | | 4 | Grandson | b Lichfield |

**1911 census 20 Beech Road, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Cox Butler | M | 43 | Wire salesman | b Derby |
| Winnie D Butler | | 16 | Daughter | b Lichfield |
| Frank Standley Butler | | 14 | Son Grocer's errand boy | b Lichfield |
| Nancy Mary Butler | | 9 | Daughter | b Lichfield |
| Thomas William Butler | | 3 | Son | b Lichfield |

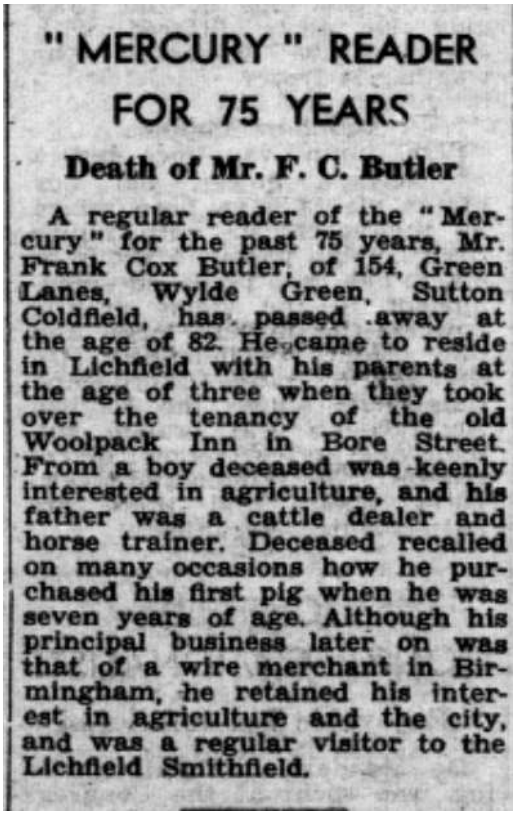
Sarah Jane Butler was not traced on the 1911 census.

Frank and Sarah Butler were listed as residing at 20 at Beech Road, Erdington, on the 1914/15 and 1918 Electoral Rolls.

**1921 census 20 Beech Road, Erdington (Sutton Coldfield)**

Frank C Butler, 53. Manager of wire warehouse, hard to read, M Griffiths 18-19 Smithfield Street. Birmingham.
Sarah Jane Butler, 53. Home duties.
Nancy Mary Butler, 19. Assists mother.
Thomas William Butler, 16. Assistant in wire warehouse.
Elsie Butler, 14.

**The Mercury 13 January 1950 (Lichfield)**



"MERCURY" READER FOR 75 YEARS

**Death of Mr. F. C. Butler**

A regular reader of the "Mercury" for the past 75 years, Mr. Frank Cox Butler, of 154, Green Lanes, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, has passed away at the age of 82. He came to reside in Lichfield with his parents at the age of three when they took over the tenancy of the old Woolpack Inn in Bore Street. From a boy deceased was keenly interested in agriculture, and his father was a cattle dealer and horse trainer. Deceased recalled on many occasions how he purchased his first pig when he was seven years of age. Although his principal business later on was that of a wire merchant in Birmingham, he retained his interest in agriculture and the city, and was a regular visitor to the Lichfield Smithfield.

**British Newspaper Archive**

**JOSEPH HENRY CAPENER**

**Joseph Henry Capener was born in 1893 in Birmingham. He enlisted in Winchester at the outbreak of war with the Kings Royal Rifles, 11th Battalion – Rifleman R/6254**

**Army Service Record -** The quality of the records is very poor and hard to read.

He joined at Winchester on 4.11.1914, but his address is not filled in. He was posted on 10.11.1914 to France. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 18.11.1915, and to Corporal on 1.9.1916. He asked to be demoted back to rifleman on 12.12.1916.

He was wounded in action on 15 September 1916 and suffered burns on 7 February 1917. He was sent to hospital in England between 23 February 1917 and 23 May 1917. He then returned to the front.

He died of wounds on 8 August 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 24.

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

His next of kin was Amelia Capener of “Midland Cottages”, Hewell Road, Barnt Green ,near Bromsgrove.

After Joseph died, his mother was sent his effects of knife, watch/guard and strap, a case, photos, his disc and his purse.

She was also sent his medals as well as the regimental scroll and plaque. In addition, she was also sent the Princess Mary Christmas 1914 gift that had been sent to every soldier serving at that time.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 -1919**

He was buried at the Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Ypres, Plot II.F.9

**Findagrave Memorial ID 12517293 Maintained by Glenlivet Added 26 November 2005**

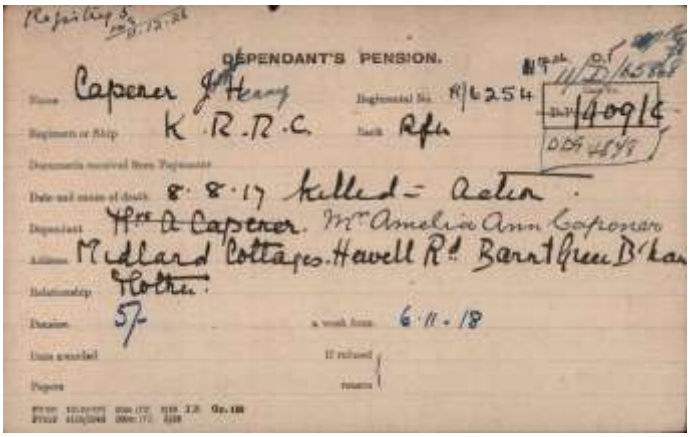
**Photo by Pearlady**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals M/101B21, page 2615, and the 1915 Star Medal M/2B , page 523.

**UK British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

**UK World War 1 Service Medal and Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1525**




**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923**

**Reference 039/0154/Can – Cap Fold 3**

£19 14s 8d effects and a war gratuity of £13 was sent to his widow on 10 October 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 Reference 313**

Joseph Henry Capener is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Roll of Honour (Matthew Rhodes).

**Joseph Capener was the only son of Louis and Amelia Capener.**

"Joseph Capener moved to Sutton Coldfield from Barnt Green after the 1911 census, and prior to enlisting had worked as a gardener for Mr E. J. Wood of Broomie Close, Sutton Coldfield.

He resided at 71 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield before he enlisted."

**Sutton Coldfield News 18.8.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Joseph H Capener was registered March 1893 Birmingham 6d 10

**Baptism on 8 January 1893 at St John, Ladywood, Birmingham**

Joseph Henry Capener to parents Lewis sic and Amelia Ann of 4 Clark Street. Father was a gardener.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1885 – 1896 EP111/2/2/1 Archive Roll 1**

**1901 census "House Lodge", Lindhurst, Lickey near Bromsgrove**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Louis Capener | M | 38 | Domestic gardener | b Cleeve, Gloucs |
| Amelia Capener | M | 39 | | b Birmingham |
| Ellen Capener | | 15 | | b Birmingham |
| Elsie Capener | | 12 | | b Birmingham |
| Harry Capener | | 8 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census "Midland Cottages", Hewell Road, Barnt Green near Bromsgrove**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amelia Capener | W | 49 | | b Birmingham |
| Ellen Capener | U | 25 | Domestic servant | b Birmingham |
| Harry Capener | U | 18 | Gardener | b Birmingham |

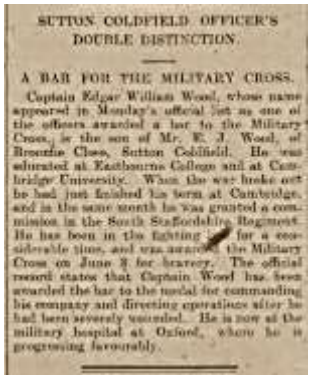
Amelia had been married for 29 years prior to being widowed. She had five children, two of whom had died. This had been crossed out by the enumerator.

**1921 census Hewell Road, Barnt Green**

Amelia Capener, 60, widow. Home duties.
John William Smith, 63, married. Boarder. Railway signalman. Midland Railway at Barnt Green.
Gertrude Clissold, 41, single. Sick nurse out of work, visitor.

**E J Wood – employer of Joseph Capener**

This seems to be the correct man - **The Tamworth Herald 16 September 1916**

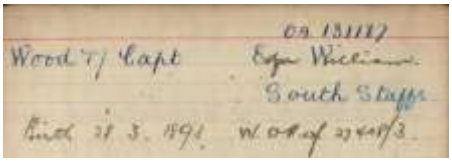


SUTTON COLDFIELD OFFICER'S DOUBLE DISTINCTION.

A BAR FOR THE MILITARY CROSS.

Captain Edgar William Wood, whose name appeared in Monday's official list as one of the officers awarded a bar to the Military Cross, is the son of Mr. E. J. Wood, of Broomfie Close, Sutton Coldfield. He was educated at Eastbourne College and at Cambridge University. When the war broke out he had just finished his term at Cambridge, and in the same month he was granted a commission in the South Staffordshire Regiment. He has been in the fighting line for a considerable time, and was awarded the Military Cross on June 3 for bravery. The official record states that Captain Wood has been awarded the bar to the medal for commanding his company and directing operations after he had been severely wounded. He is now at the military hospital at Oxford, where he is progressing favourably.

**British Newspaper Archive**



Wood E J Capt Edgar William South Staffs

Died 21.3.1921 WO 374/73

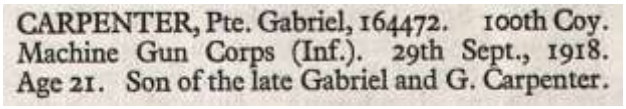
**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Officers Survived Fold 3**

**In 1911, Ernest John Wood lived at 'Burnham', Castle Bromwich.**

Ernest John Wood was 46 and from Pensnet. He was the manager at a box works – employer.
His wife was Jane Elizabeth, 45 from Stourbridge. They had been married 20 years and had 2 children.
Gwendoline Jane Wood was 19 from Wordsley.
Edgar William Wood was 18 from Wordsley. He was a student.
They had three servants.

**GABRIEL CARPENTER**

**Gabriel Carpenter was born in 1897 at Bridgtown, Cannock. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 3100 Warwickshire Yeomanry, either the 2/1st or 3/1st Regiment. He later transferred to the 100th (Warwick and South Notts Hussars) Machine Gun Corps, as Private 164472**


CARPENTER, Pte. Gabriel, 164472. 100th Coy.
Machine Gun Corps (Inf.). 29th Sept., 1918.
Age 21. Son of the late Gabriel and G. Carpenter.

This family information seems to be at odds with what living family members stated.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission 1914 – 1921 Vis-en-Artois**

He was killed in action on 29 September 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 21.

**Information from Philip Wilson, Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum Trust, Trustee and Archivist, The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick CV34 4EW**

"3100 Gabriel Carpenter joined the Warwickshire Yeomanry at some stage after 1 January 1916, for he only qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory medal. He would have survived the sinking of the Leasowe Castle. (see www.warwickshire-yeomanry-museum.co.uk/mobilisation-ww1)

He was posted at some stage to the 100th (Warwick and South Notts Hussars) Battalion, Machine Gun Corps and given a new number – 164472).

He had the misfortune to be killed in action on 29 September 1918, although on page 201 of Adderley's 'Warwickshire Yeomanry in the Great War' – the casualty returns for the period September to November 1918 - has him killed in action on 1 October 1918.

164472 Carpenter can be found on page 484 of 'The County of Warwickshire Roll of Honour 1914 – 2005' by Kenneth Fowler. His entry is not entirely correct for he served with the 100th Battalion Machine Gun Corps and not the 100th Company. Fowler says he was killed in action during the Battle of St Quentin Canal on 29 September 1918 (work in progress)."

**With many thanks to Philip Wilson and Warren Smith for this information.**

**Extracts only**

The Leasowe Castle was used as a troop ship and had been torpedoed on 20 April 1917 and repaired.

"On 22 May 1918, orders were received for the 100th (Warwickshire and South Notts) Battalion Machine Gun Corps to embark from Alexandria to France. Once embarkation was completed the ship was taken out into the harbour and anchored, remaining until 5 am on 26 May 1918 when she sailed as one of a convoy. At 12.25 am about 100 miles from Alexandria, the Leasowe Castle was struck by a torpedo."

Survivors were rescued and returned to Egypt." ( Gabriel Carpenter must have been one of the men rescued and taken to Egypt.)

Extracts from "Leasowe Castle" by Philip Wilson, archivist at Warwickshire Yeomanry Museum © 2024

**Very many thanks go to Philip Wilson for this most interesting addition about the life of Gabriel Carpenter.**

Gabriel Carpenter has no known grave and is commemorated on the Vis-Artois Memorial, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Panel 10.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56665093/Gabriel-carpenter**

**Maintained by Glenlivet uploaded 8 August 2010**

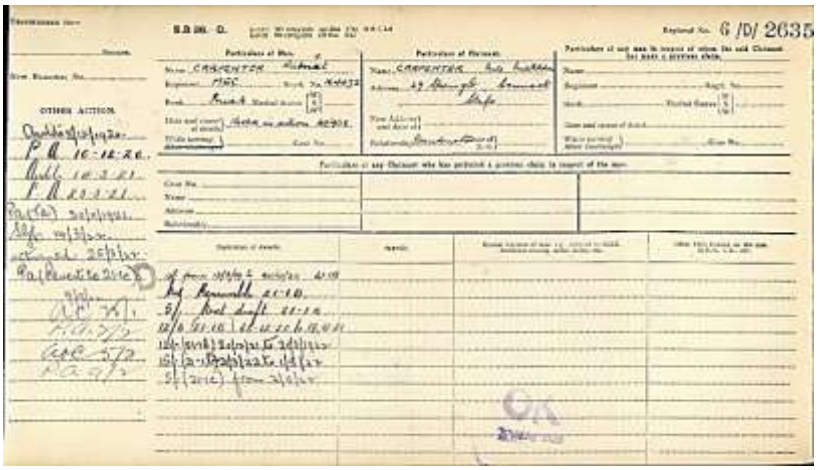
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MGC C/101 B 108, page 8974.

**British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

Matilda Carpenter, grandmother, was sent his effects of £9 11s 10d and £4 12s 4d, plus a war gratuity of £14 on 2 January 1920.

**UK World War 1 Register of Soldiers Effects 1901 – 1929 772001-773500 Reference 466**




Mrs Matilda Carpenter of 27 Spring Street, Cannock was listed on his pension ledger.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Fold 3 Reference 698/06d**

Gabriel Carpenter is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (Matthew Rhodes)

**Gabriel Carpenter Scroll and Plaque – with thanks to Jane Guest**

**Gabriel Carpenter**

**Grandparents Gabriel and Matilda Carpenter**

**Dates not known**

With many thanks to Jane Guest, granddaughter of David and Ada Tuffley for sharing these photographs, medals and information about her family.

**Gabriel Carpenter was the son of the late Gabriel and Emma Carpenter, formerly Robinson, and the grandson of Gabriel and Matilda Carpenter, formerly Beech.**

**Birth**

Although born or baptised in Cannock, it appears that the birth of Gabriel Carpenter was registered September 1897 Aston 6d 393

**Baptism**

Baptised on 10 March 1898 at St Luke, Cannock to parents Gabriel and Emma Carpenter.

**Staffordshire Baptisms 1813 – 1900 Family History Library 6114803, page number 88. No image.**

**Gabriel Carpenter married Emma Robinson on 8 November 1896 at St Clements Church, Nechells in Birmingham**.

Gabriel was a bachelor, aged 24, and worked as an edge tool maker.

He resided at 23 Argyll Street, Nechells. His father was Gabriel Carpenter, deceased, a tool grinder.

Emma Robinson was a spinster, aged 30, of 52 Railway Terrace, Nechells. Her father was William Robinson, deceased, a die forger.

**Staffordshire C of E Marriages and Banns 1754 – 1939 DRO 50 124 Archive Roll 10**

Gabriel was not found on the 1901 census.

**In 1901, Emma Carpenter was possibly living at 8 court, 1 house. Victoria Road, Aston.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Emma Robinson | W | 64 | | b Birmingham |
| Matilda Robinson | U | 42 | | b Birmingham |
| Emma Carpenter | ? | 40 | Status crossed out | b Birmingham |
| John Jones | U | 40 | Boarder | b Handsworth |

In 1911, there was a Mrs E Carpenter living at 4 house, 5 court, Ashley Street, Birmingham, St Luke. She lived with Mrs C Gray. It is not known if this is the correct woman.

**1911 Summary Book only – no further details are given.**

Gabriel Carpenter was not found in 1911.

**1921 census 9 Stoneleigh Villas, Church Lane, Birmingham**

Living in the household of Alfred George Ashton, aged 30, tube cutter at Tubes Ltd, Rockey Lane, Aston.

Gabriel Carpenter, born in 1873 in Cannock, status is down as NK. Edge tool maker, Yates and Co, Rockey Lane, Aston

This seems to be the correct man.

**Death**

The death of Gabriel Carpenter (senior) was registered June 1923 Cannock 6b 502, aged 50, born in 1873.

Probate was proved in London on 7 August 1924, with administration to Betsy Carpenter, Spinster. Effects: £82.4s.2d .

**With thanks to Jane Guest.**

Nothing further is known about Emma Carpenter. It seems that Gabriel and Emma parted after their son was born and he was brought up by his grandmother.

**1891 census Cross Street, Bridgtown, Cannock**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gabriel Carpenter | M | 59 | Edge tool maker | b Churchtown |
| Matilda Carpenter | M | 51 | | b Churchtown |
| Ambrose Carpenter | U | 22 | Edge tool worker | b Bridgtown |
| Percy Carpenter | U | 20 | Edge tool worker | b Bridgtown |
| Gabriel Carpenter | U | 18 | Edge tool maker | b Bridgtown |
| Benjamin Carpenter | | 13 | | b Bridgtown |
| William Decimus Carpenter | | 11 | | b Bridgtown |
| Mabel Carpenter | | 9 | | b Bridgtown |

**Death**

The death of Gabriel Carpenter was registered June 1891 Cannock 6b 385, aged 59.

Gabriel Carpenter (senior) of Bridgtown, Cannock, died on 19 June 1891. Thanks to Jane Guest.

**1901 census Spring Street, Bridgtown, Cannock**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Matilda Carpenter | W | 61 | | b Wyrley Bank, Staffs |
| Ernest A Carpenter | U | 32 | Postman | b Bridgtown |
| William Carpenter | U | 21 | Edge tool works warehouseman | b Bridgtown |
| Matilda Carpenter | U | 19 | | b Bridgtown |
| Gabriel Carpenter | | 3 | Grandson | b Bridgtown |

**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 |

In 1911, Matilda Carpenter lived at 27 Spring Street, Cannock. This was the address on the pension ledger form above.

**1921 census 27 Spring Street, Cannock**

Matilda Carpenter, 81, widow. Home duties.
Betsy Carpenter, 55, single. Does nothing for a living.
William D Carpenter, 42, single. Invalid.

**1939 Register 151 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield**

Ada Tuffley, born on 10 October 1875. Widow. Incapacitated.
Matilda Carpenter, born on 1 January 1840. Widow. Incapacitated.
Raymond W Guest, born on 2 March 1908. Married. Warehouse packer and police war reserve.
Ada Guest, born on 24 November 1913. Married. Domestic duties.
William Tuffley, born on 24 January 1903. Stonemason.
Frances Margaret Tuffley, born on 10 November 1905. Married. Domestic duties.

**The Walsall Observer and South Staffordshire Chronicle Saturday January 13 1940**

**CENTENARIAN READS LOVE STORIES.**

Now living with her daughter at Sutton Coldfield, Mrs. Matilda Carpenter, formerly of Cannock Chase, celebrated her 100th birthday last week. She left Cannock seven or eight years ago and is still very active, being able to dress herself and get about, and she still like to read love stories.

She celebrated her birthday on New Year's Day with a large gathering of relatives and friends, who took her many presents and good wishes, and she blew out the 100 lighted candles on her birthday cake with the aid of a small pair of bellows. She received a congratulatory telegram from the King and Queen and the Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton Coldfield paid her a visit.

**British Newspaper Archive Findmypast**

Matilda died in Sutton Coldfield in 1940, aged 100.

Her death was registered March 1940 Sutton Coldfield 6d 1233, aged 100.

**David William Tuffley**

David William Tuffley, husband of Ada Carpenter, also died as a result of the Great War.

See his entry below for further details.

**ARTHUR CARTER**

**Arthur Carter was born in 1885 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment; 10th Battalion - Private 21024**

He was killed at the Battle of the Menin Road.

"The 10th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment were the reserve regiment for the 57th Brigade which attacked just east of Battle Wood.

The temperature was 66 degrees F, and it was overcast with no rainfall." (SDBD)

He was killed in action on 20 September 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 32.

No further army records were found online.

He was buried at the Bedford House Cemetery Enclosure No 4, Zillebeke, Plot XII.L.19

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**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B6, page 1258

Arthur Carter is commemorated on the Whitehouse Common Roll of Honour at St Chad's Church, Hollyfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**"Arthur Carter was the youngest son of Mrs Carter of Whitehouse Common Road, Sutton Coldfield".**

**Sutton Coldfield News 10.11.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Arthur Carter was registered June 1885 Aston 6d 414

**Baptism on 25 December 1887 at Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield**

Arthur Carter of Sutton Coldfield to Arthur and Ellen. Father was a labourer.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1887 PG 2973 DR(B) 2/16**

**1891 census Whitehouse Common, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Carter | M | 44 | Labourer | b Minworth |
| Ellen Carter | M | 43 | | b Curdworth |
| Frederick Carter | U | 19 | Farm worker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Samuel Carter | | 14 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| James Carter | | 10 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Carter | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Carter | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Carter | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census Whitehouse Common, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur Carter | M | 54 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Carter | M | 53 | | b Curdworth |
| Samuel Carter | U | 23 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| James Carter | U | 21 | Bricklayer's labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Carter | U | 19 | Farm worker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Carter | | 16 | Waggoner on farm | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Carter | | 13 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census Whitehouse Common, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur Carter | M | 64 | Farm labourer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Carter | M | 63 | Married 31 years with 4 children | b Curdworth |
| Arthur Carter | U | 26 | Waggoner for general haulier | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Carter | M | 23 | Married 1 year no children | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Esmey Carter | | 2 | Grand - daughter | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Townsend | M | 37 | Son in law – cowman on farm | b Coynton, Warks |
| John Mason | U | 66 | Boarder – labourer on farm | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census Whitehouse Common Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Ellen Carter, 73, born in Warwickshire. Widow. General domestic servant, private.
Esme Carter, 13, born in Sutton Coldfield. Both parents dead. School.

**Deaths**

The death of Arthur Carter was registered December 1911 Aston 6d 476, aged 64.

The death of Ellen Carter was registered March 1928 Tamworth 6b 483, aged 79.

**EDWARD CARTWRIGHT**

**Edward Cartwright was born at Tipperary, Cork, Ireland on 19 June 1899. He enlisted with the Royal Air Force 104 Squadron – as a Lieutenant.**

He was killed in action on 22 August 1918, aged 19 (Western Front)

“On the day he died, he was flying a DH 9 with Lieutenant A. G. L. Mullen, who was also killed.

104 Squadron suffered their heaviest losses of the war on 22 August 1918, losing seven DH 9 planes on a bombing raid on Mannheim.

They were attacked on their way to the objective and again whilst bombing. At one point there were perhaps forty enemy fighters engaging them. Two DH 9’s were lost before Mannheim, and another five over it.”

**Source: ‘*The Sky Their Battlefield’* by Trevor Henshaw – reproduced online**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour – mentioned in despatches**

**Airmen Died in the Great War 1914 – 1910 “Pilot in DH 9 D5729 aircraft. Mentioned in Dispatches**

**“Native of Sutton Coldfield”**

Christian Names in full: Edward — Surname: Cartwright.
Date of Birth: 19th June 1899 — Permanent Home Address: Eskrooke, Sutton Coldfield & Birmingham — Present Service — Engagement
Name of Person to be informed of Casualties: Name: F. J. Cartwright — Address: Eskrooke, Sutton Coldfield & Birmingham — Relationship: Father
2/Lt. Gen. List — P.I. 18832
MOVEMENTS — MOVEMENTS (continued)
SERVICE CONSIDERED FOR THE GRANT OF WAR MEDALS
APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

**RAF Officer Service Records 1918 – 1919 TNA AIR 76 Piece 79**

He was buried at the Roppenheim Communal Cemetery (France) at the west end immediately right of the entrance.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals BV C225

Edward Cartwright was commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield United Reform Church Memorial

**Imperial War Museum Memorial ID WMR 38680**

He was also commemorated on the Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School Roll of Honour (David Phillips)

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

**Lieutenant Edward Cartwright**
**104th Squadron, Royal Air Force**
**Died: Thursday 22nd August 1918**
**Aged: 19**

104th (Bomber) Squadron, commanded by Major J C Quinnell, were equipped with the DeHaviland 9 (DH.9). The squadron's motto 'STRIKE HARD' was particularly apt because it was engaged in continuous and heavy attacks with heavy losses during 1918.

At dawn on 22nd August 1918 Nos. 104 and 99 Squadrons set of for Mannheim. The climb to 12,000 feet exhausted a great deal of fuel and seven crippled machines soon retired. The remaining machines of No. 99 Squadron attacked Hagneau Aerodrome, leaving No. 104 Squadron more prone to German interceptor scouts attacking from 14,000 ft.

**From Major General Trenchard's monthly report to the War Office**

> 'On the 22nd August ten machines of No.104 Squadron reached the Badische Aniline und Soda Fabrik chemical works at Mannheim and dropped bombs from 11,500 ft. On their way to Mannheim the formation was very heavily attacked and lost two machines. Severe fighting continued over the objective, but useful results were observed. Seven bombs burst on the Factory and four fires broke out.
>
> One direct hit was scored on a large new building immediately south of the Factory, and a fire was also caused in a Factory on the east of the River. The hostile machines pressed their attack throughout the return journey and five more of our machines fell. The enemy lost three machines during the fighting, and others were driven down out of control.'

Lt. Cartwright's aircraft (D5729) was seen to spin down shortly after the target. He was acting formation leader at the time. With eleven men prisoners of war and three killed in action, the broken squadron was scratched from the Order of battle.

The Independent Force flew 2,865 hours, dropped 100 tons of bombs and destroyed 19 hostile aircraft during August 1918. However, it had 27 machines missing with a high proportion of those being DH 9s; questions were being asked about the effectiveness of this aircraft.

Edward Cartwright is buried in Roppenheim Communal Cemetery, Bas-Rhin, France.

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

"Edward Cartwright attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1912 and 1916. He was known as Paddy II to his school friends. He was a sergeant in the cadets, football captain and Blue House captain in 1916. During a visit to the school in the spring of 1918 he described with great enthusiasm the first direct hit he obtained on a filing factory and the 'bust-up' that followed. Edward had been 'Mentioned in Despatches' while with 104 Squadron.

Paddy is buried with Lieutenant Arnold George Leighton Mullen of the 5th Durham Light Infantry, attached to 104th Squadron, who was the observer of the aircraft. His older brother 2nd Lt. J D Cartwright survived the War."

**David Phillips, Bishop Vesey's Grammar School, with thanks.**

**Lieutenant Edward Cartwright**

**Photograph courtesy of David Phillips**

**Edward Cartwright was born on 19 June 1899 and was the son of Thomas James and Ann Cartwright of "Erlescote", Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

**1911 census "The Croft", Woodlands Park Road, Kings Norton**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas James Cartwright | M | 55 | Estate agent – employer | b Ashton under Lyme |
| Ann Cartwright | M | 47 | Married 22 years – 5 children | b Ashton under Lyme |
| Tom Ashton Cartwright | U | 21 | Electrical engineer – council | b Denbigh |
| Walter Harold Cartwright | U | 19 | Estate agent office assistant | b Tipperary, Cork |
| Harry Bertram Cartwright | U | 16 | Student | b Tipperary, Cork |
| James Dennis Cartwright | | 14 | Student | b Tipperary, Cork |
| Edward Cartwright | | 11 | Student | b Tipperary, Cork |
| Jane Cartwright | U | 22 | Cook | b Aston |

The Cartwright family were listed at 104 Victoria Road on the 1914/15 and 1918 Electoral Rolls.

**1921 census 104 Victoria Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Thomas James Cartwright, 65, born in Ashton under Lyme. Land agent, own account, at home and Ireland.
Ann Cartwright, 57. Home duties.
Tom A Cartwright, 32, single, born in Wales. Electrical engineer for Birmingham Corporation, Dale End, Birmingham.
Alice Preston, 16, born in Croyden. Domestic servant.
Jane Blacksage, 54, born in Wales, visitor.

**1939 Register Nursing Home, 64 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Ann Cartwright, born on 7 October 1863. Widow. Private means.

**Deaths**

The death of Thomas J Cartwright was registered March 1927 Tamworth 6b 646

The death of Ann Cartwright was registered September 1940 Sutton Coldfield 837

**James Dennis Cartwright**

James Dennis Cartwright was a Second Lieutenant with the 1/5 th South Staffordshire Regiment – no service number was found.

He entered the war in France on 4 June 1916. He was wounded on 3 July 1916 and returned to England.

The only document found for him was the Hospital Admissions and Discharges Register - 6 June to 4 September 1916.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE BOOK

FIELD SERVICE

Age 19, 8 months service, 1 month with field force. Transferred to Panama or Lanfrane?

It seems he had a gunshot wound.

**The National Archives MH106/1003 British Officers Findmypast**

No further records were found, for James Dennis Cartwright, therefore his service number is still not known.

**HOWARD PARKER CASHMORE**

**Howard Parker Cashmore was born in Aston on 28 May 1885.**

**He originally enlisted with the Imperial Territorial Yeomanry of Staffordshire County (according to his attestation record in Canada, which was in his own handwriting).**

**However, other records suggest he enlisted with the Warwickshire Yeomanry as a trooper. He served for a total of three years as a trooper.**

**He ended up in the 42nd Battalion of the Quebec Regiment of the Canadian Infantry – Private 472066**

"Howard enlisted in the 65th Battalion Canadian Infantry on 14 June 1915 in Wadena, Saskatchewan, stating his trade as electrical engineer.

He was granted 'Harvest Leave' between 31 July and 15 September 1915, and sailed from Montreal in the "S. S. Corsican" on 25 September 1915, arriving in England on 4 October 1915. He was transferred to the 7th Field Company, 3rd Divisional Canadian Engineers as a sapper on 5 February 1916 and embarked for France on 3 April 1916.

He had been at the Front for two months when, on 10 June 1916, he was sent to the 3rd Divisional Rest Station with shell shock, returning to his unit on 15 June 1916. On 1 April 1917, Howard was transferred to the 42nd Battalion (The Canadian Black Watch) in time for their attack on Vimy Ridge.

From 15 May 1917, another spell was spent at Base, presumably with shell shock, and he rejoined his unit on 19 May 1917. He was killed in action less than a month later, on the 9 June 1917. He was aged 31 when he died."

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

**With thanks**

**Army Service Record**

He had served on the front in France for eighteen months. He had been hospitalised when suffering from shell shock twice.

He had just come back to the front from hospital when he was killed during the night of 8th/ 9th June 1917.

According to his Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force papers, he was born on 28 May 1885 in Birmingham, and he was an electrical engineer. The address was in Quebec but is hard to make out.

His wife was Beatrice Mary Cashmore. Howard was 5' 7 ½" tall and had a chest measurement of 37 ½". He had a dark complexion, blue eyes and brown hair. He was C of E and was declared fit for service.

According to the Canadian War Graves Circumstances of Casualty records, he was killed by a shell during a raid on enemy positions on the early morning of 9 June 1917 at La Folie Sector, close to Lens, France.

Howard Parker Cashmore was buried at La Chaudiere British Military Cemetery, Vimy, France, Plot III, Grave 1, Row 7

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56436327 Maintained by Laverne's granddaughter**

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**Canadian Virtual War Memorial Index 1900 – 2014 via Ancestry.co.uk**

ATTESTATION PAPER

No. 472066

Folio.

CANADIAN OVER-SEAS EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT BEFORE ATTESTATION.

(ANSWERS)

1. What is your name? Howard Perley Cashmore
2. In what Town, Township, or Parish, and in what Country were you born? Bonnyville Alta
3. What is the name of your next-of-kin? Joseph Cashmore
4. What is the address of your next-of-kin? Bonnyville Alta
5. What is the date of your birth? 27th June 1895
6. What is your trade or calling? Electrical Engineer
7. Are you married? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Do you now belong to the Active Militia? No
10. Have you ever served in any Military Force? Served in the Imperial Army 1 year 6 mos 5 yrs Navy
11. Do you understand the nature and terms of your engagement? Yes
12. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Canadian Over-Seas Expeditionary Force? Yes

Signed Howard Perley Cashmore (Signature of Man.)

Signed [illegible] (Signature of Witness.)

DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

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

Signed Howard P. Cashmore (Signature of Recruit.)

Date June 1915. [illegible] (Signature of Witness.)

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY MAN ON ATTESTATION.

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

Signed Howard P. Cashmore (Signature of Recruit.)

Date June 1915. [illegible] (Signature of Witness.)

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE.

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

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

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and takes the oath before me, at Edmonton this 27 day of June 1915.

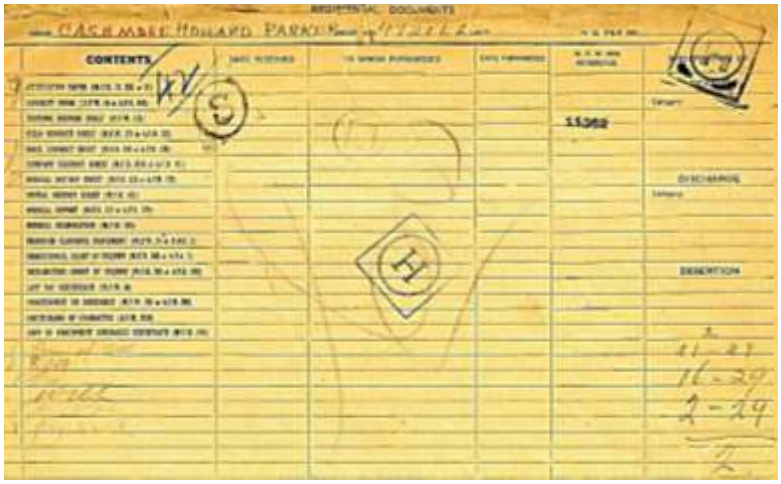
Signed [illegible] (Signature of Justice.)

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

Signed [illegible] (Approving Officer.)

Gorman Perley & Co

**Canada World War 1 CEF Attestation Papers 1914 – 1918 Ottawa Library and Archives**

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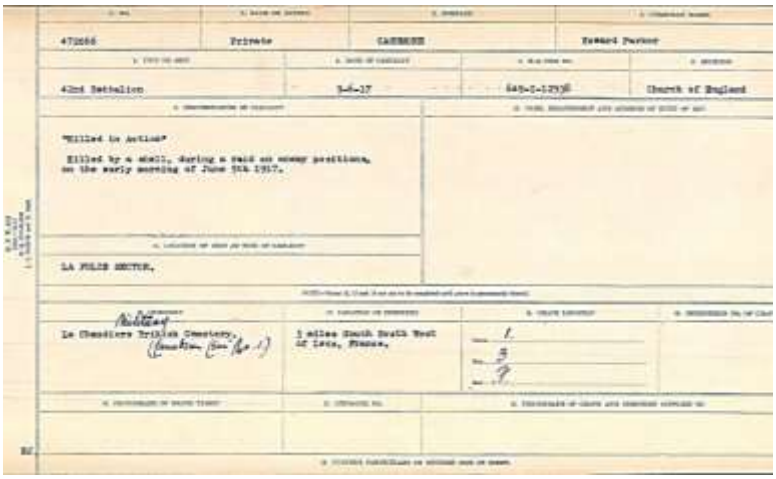


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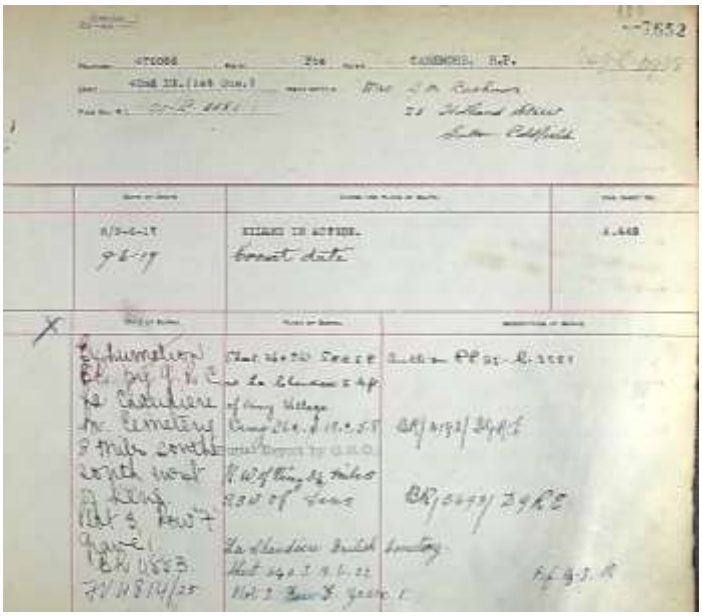



His wife was Mrs B M Cashmore of 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

**Canada CEF Commonwealth War Graves Registers 1914 -1919 RG 150 Box 64**

**Howard Cashmore was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs W Cashmore of "Wynyates", Station Road, Wylde Green.**

"He was educated at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. He emigrated to Canada where he worked as a farmer. He was a keen amateur photographer.

He left a widow and a young son. His wife lived at 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield at the time of his death."

**Sutton Coldfield News 28.7.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Howard Parker Cashmore was registered June 1885 Aston 6d 412

**Baptism on 13 June 1885 at St Peter and St Paul, Aston**

Howard Parker Cashmore, born on 6 May 1885, to parents William and Mary of The Village, Aston. Gin maker.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 41 AR 646**

**1891 census Mahurangi Villa, Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Cashmore | M | 38 | Gun maker | b Birmingham |
| Mary H R Cashmore | M | 35 | | b Aston |
| Howard P Cashmore | | 5 | | b Aston |
| Sarah Dayman | U | 15 | Servant | b Wolverhampton |
| Sarah Briggs | M | 49 | Visitor | b Handsworth |

**1901 census Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Cashmore | M | 48 | Gun maker | b Birmingham |
| Mary H R Cashmore | M | 45 | | b Aston |
| William F Cashmore | U | 19 | Gun maker | b Erdington |
| Howard P Cashmore | | 15 | | b Aston |
| Marjorie R Cashmore | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary Martin | U | 30 | Domestic servant | b Rowley |

**1911 census 69 Station Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Cashmore | M | 58 | Gun manufacturer – employer | b Birmingham |
| Mary Hannah R Cashmore | M | 55 | Married 21 years – 3 children | b Aston |
| Marjorie Ruth Cashmore | U | 21 | | b Wylde Green |
| Florence Brown | U | 32 | Domestic servant | b Lichfield |
| Edith Cooper | U | 19 | Domestic servant | b Dordon |

**Shipping manifest**

Howard Parker Cashmore sailed on the Empress of Britain on 12 March 1909 from Liverpool to St John, New Brunswick, Canada. He sailed as a single man.

**Baptism**

Baptism of Howard Parker Cashmore, born to Howard Parker Cashmore and Beatrice Mary Gibbs

**Index only Saskatchewan Birth Index 1875 – 1919 Genealogy Index Searches Ancestry.co.uk**

**From the Crutchley Family Tree on Ancestry., with thanks**

Beatrice Mary Gibbs was born about 1888 but a place was not given. A marriage in Canada was not found.

A general search of Canadian records did not find anything further about her or her child/ren.

**1911 census 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Gibbs | M | 57 | Jobbing gardener | b Castle Bromwich |
| Elizabeth Gibbs | M | 58 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Beatrice Gibbs | U | 25 | Nurse | b Sutton Coldfield |

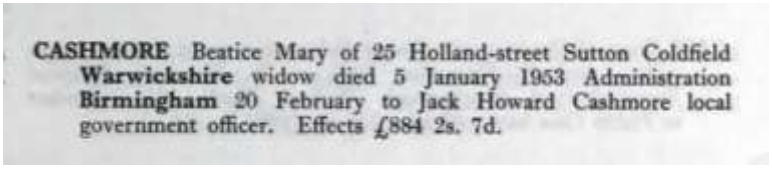
**1921 census 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

George Gibbs, 67, born at Castle Bromwich. Jobbing gardener out of work.
Elizabeth Gibbs, 69, born at Sutton Coldfield. Home duties.
Beatrice Cashmore, 35, widow. Born in Sutton Coldfield. Monthly nurse.
Jack Cashmore, 7, born at Margo, Saskatchewan, Canada. Kindergarten school.

**1939 Register 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

Elzabeth Gibbs, born on 26 July 1851. Widow. Domestic duties.
Beatrice M Cashmore, born on 5 May 1886. Widow. Certified midwife retired.
Jack H Cashmore, born on 27 November 1913. Wages and Costs clerk.

**Probate**



**CASHMORE** Beatice Mary of 25 Holland-street Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** widow died 5 January 1953 Administration **Birmingham** 20 February to Jack Howard Cashmore local government officer. Effects £884 2s. 7d.

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

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

**Private 472066 Howard Parker Cashmore**
**42nd Battalion Canadian Infantry**
**(Quebec Regiment - the Canadian Black Watch)**
**Died: Saturday 9th June 1917**
**Aged: 31**

On the night of 8/9 June the 42nd Battalions objective in a Brigade Raid were the German Acorn (Front Line) and Adept (Second line) trenches 75 yards west of the Lens-Arras railway on the outskirts of Avion (north of Vimy) and hold them for a time before retiring.

The Raid was a success with twenty-six prisoners and two machine guns captured.

German shelling of the captured trenches caused: killed 4 other ranks; wounded 2 officers and 45 other ranks. 9 officers and 420 other ranks from the battalion took part in the raid.

Private Cashmore died on the night of 8/9 June 1917.

Howard Cashmore is buried in La Chaudiere Military Cemetery, Vimy, Plot 3, Row F, Grave 1

The inscription reads: "Death divides but memory clings".

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

"After school he served in the Staffordshire Yeomanry for three years and was considered a good shot.

Howard emigrated to Canada in 1909 and became a farmer.

He was a keen and highly successful amateur photographer, producing some remarkably artistic results.

His elder brother emigrated to Australia.

He was married to Beatrice Mary Cashmore (nee Gibbs) who had moved from Margo, Saskatchewan to 25 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield in 1915.

Howard and Beatrice Mary Cashmore had one son."

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

**With thanks**

**HOWARD VICTOR CASHMORE**

The Sutton Coldfield War Memorial does not list Howard Victor Cashmore, but he is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings). It has been decided that he should be commemorated in this research.

**Howard Victor Cashmore was born on 4 February 1896 in Birmingham. He enlisted in Birmingham with the 1st /8th TA Battalion T A, Warwickshire Regiment (South Midland Division) – Private 3157, later promoted to Sergeant**.

Howard Victor Cashmore died on 1 July 1916 in France and Flanders. He was killed in action.

He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial, Pier & Face, Panel 9A, 9B and 10B.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 12362083 Uploaded by Glenlivet 15 November 2005**

Howard Victor Cashmore is commemorated on the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 'Book of Remembrance' at St Mary's Church, Warwick, and the 'Birmingham Book of Remembrance' at the Birmingham Hall of Remembrance.

Howard V Cashmore is commemorated on the King Edward Grammar School, Aston Roll of Honour (Sylvia Williams)

**He is listed in 'The Somme and the Ancre 1916-1917, part VIII of the Campfield- Chilton Records'**

Sgt Howard Victor Cashmore 3157 1st/ 8th Bn. RWR, died 1.7.1916

**The Battalion**

"The 1st/ 8th Battalion were based at Aston Cross.

They had just left for summer camp when war was declared, and they were instantaneously recalled back to Birmingham.

They were mobilised on 5 August 1914 and moved with the brigade to Chelmsford in Essex during the second week of August.

They commenced training and were then sent to Folkestone en route to Boulogne, France on about 22 March 1915.

They then moved on to Cassel on about the 3 April 1915.

They were concentrated with the division and on 13 May 1915, formed the 143rd Brigade 48th (South Midland) Division.

In June 1916, Howard Victor Cashmore was promoted to sergeant.

The Battalion progressed to the Somme Salient and saw action during the Battle of the Somme (1.7.1916 – 18.11.1916) at the first phase known as the Battle of Albert (1.7.16 – 13.7.16)

During the first day of the battle, while assaulting the German defensive line known as the Quadrilateral (Heidenkop).

Howard Victor Cashmore was killed in action. He was aged 20."

**With thanks to David Eason and Graham Jennings, Royal Sutton Coldfield Great War** Project.

**Rob Rolfe Emmanuel Church Great War Commemoration**

**"Howard Victor Cashmore, Sergeant 3157, Royal Warwickshire Regiment**

Howard Victor Cashmore does not appear on the Emmanuel Commemoration, nor on the central Sutton Coldfield Memorial. He does appear on the memorials of both King Edward Aston and St Michael's, Boldmere.

Howard was one of eleven children of Herbert Henry Cashmore, a foreman joiner/carpenter, and his wife Ellen Eliza Morris, who lived at 'Braemore' in Little Green Lanes. They would have seen Emmanuel Church being built.

This Howard is not related to Howard Parker Cashmore – Howard Victor's father took his surname from his mother and refused to name his father on his marriage certificate.

Born on 4th February 1896, Howard was baptised on 8th March 1986 at St Clements, Nechells.

In 1911, he was working as a house painter/paperhanger.

Howard enlisted in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 1st/8th Battalion as Private 3157. The 1st/ 8th Battalion were based at Aston Cross. They had just left for summer camp in 1914 when war was declared, and they were recalled to Birmingham.

The Battalion were mobilised on 5 August 1914 and moved with the brigade to Chelmsford in Essex during the second week of August. On 22nd March 1915 the battalion disembarked at Le Havre.

Howard was promoted to Sergeant in June 1916. On the first day of the Battle of the Somme, Howard Victor Cashmore was killed in action. He was aged 20.

Howard's father received £11 15s 3d, and a later War Gratuity of £10. Sergeant Cashmore has no known grave.

He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial."

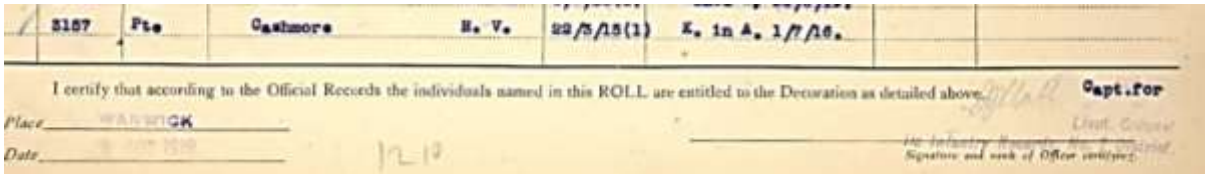
**With thanks to Rob Rolfe. Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1920 RWR P1845811**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B6, page 1890, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 84.

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**




**WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 RWR 1914/1915 Star WO329 Ref 2626**

# Cashmore, H. V., *Sgt.*, R. *War.* R.

**Birmingham Roll of Honour 1914 – 1918**

**The National Roll of the Great War**

His father was sent £11 15s 3d effects plus a £10 war gratuity on 27 September 1919

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 323 501 – Ref N/A**

His dependent Mrs Ellen E Cashmore was awarded 7s 6d pension from 3 March 1917

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1924 Ref 037101621 Fold 3**

**Howard Victor Cashmore was the son of Herbert Henry and Ellen Eliza Cashmore**

**Baptism on 8 March 1896 at St Clement, Nechells.**

To parents Herbert Henry and Ellen Eliza of 54 Eliot Street. Father was a joiner.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 DRO 50/6 Archive Roll 6**

**1901 census 54 Eliot Street, Nechells St Clement, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert H Cashmore | M | 42 | Carpenter | b Hatton, Warks |
| Ellen E Cashmore | M | 41 | | b Clifford Chambers |
| Herbert M Cashmore | U | 19 | Library assistant | b Birmingham |
| Ernest A Cashmore | U | 17 | Clerk at whiskey distillery | b Birmingham |
| Archibald Cashmore | | 16 | Carpenter | b Birmingham |
| Percy G Cashmore | | 12 | | b Birmingham |
| Barry A Cashmore | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| Frank H Cashmore | | 7 | | b Birmingham |
| Howard V Cashmore | | 5 | | b Birmingham |
| Olive M Cashmore | | 2 | | b Birmingham |
| Dorothy M Cashmore | | 5 months old | | b Birmingham |

Clifford Chambers is in Gloucestershire

Herbert Henry Cashmore married Ellen Eliza Morris on 19 December 1880 at Islington.

**1911 census "Braemore", Little Green Lanes, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herbert Henry Cashmore | M | 52 | Foreman joiner worker | b Hatton, Warwickshire |
| Ellen Eliza Cashmore | M | 51 | Married 30 years – 11 children | b Clifford Chambers |
| Herbert Maurice Cashmore | U | 29 | Public librarian city council | b Birmingham |
| Horace Edgar Cashmore | U | 25 | House painter/ paper hanger, emp. | b Birmingham |
| Percy George Cashmore | U | 22 | Plumber – employer | b Birmingham |
| Barry Augustus Cashmore | U | 20 | Plumber | b Birmingham |
| Frank Harry Cashmore | U | 17 | Designer of art metal work | b Birmingham |
| Howard Victor Cashmore | | 15 | House painter/paper hanger | b Birmingham |
| Olive Maud Cashmore | | 12 | | b Birmingham |
| Dorothy May Cashmore | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| Frederick Charles Cashmore | | 6 | | b Smethwick |

**1921 census 121 Chester Road, New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield**

Herbert H Cashmore, 62, born at Hatton. Widower. Carpenter for H Hyde Builders & Contractors, Oakfield, Sparkhill.
Plus, a married couple and their daughter were boarding with him. No obvious relationship to Herbert.

**Deaths**

The death of Ellen E Cashmore was registered September 1918 Birmingham 6d 162, aged 65.

The death of Herbert H G Cashmore was registered March 1939 Solihull 6d 1059, aged 80.

**Other sons of Herbert and Ellen Cashmore that served during the Great War**

**Horace Edgar Cashmore**

Horace Edgar served with the Berkshire Regiment then was transferred to the Labour Corps - Private 26869

He lived at 493 Belchers Lane, Ideal Village, Birmingham. He was aged 30 when he enlisted. He worked as a decorator. He was 5' 4 ½ inches tall and had a chest measurement of 36".

He was attested on 11 December 1915 at Reading (Army Reserve) and then posted on 10 June 1916.

He was promoted to Lance Corporal on 7 September 1916.

He was transferred to the Labour Corps on 28 April 1917 and posted on 5 June 1917.

He was promoted to Corporal on 1 December 1917 and acting sergeant on 30 November 1918.

He was discharged on 25 February 1919.

His wife was Elsie Helena Hart. They were married on 30 May 1914 at Ward End Church, Birmingham

Horace Edgar Cashmore of 4 Hatfield Road, Weston Super Mare, died on 15 December 1959 at the Mendip Hospital in Wells.

Probate was at Bristol on 18 January 1960 with administration to Barclays Bank Ltd. Effects: £1836 2s 10d.

**Ernest Albert Cashmore**

Ernest Albert Cashmore served with the Royal Flying Corps – number 32218

He enlisted on 14 June 1916 at Birmingham, at the age of 32 years, 11 months.

He lived at 34 Sycamore Road, Erdington. He was married and worked as a carpenter.

His wife was Fanny, nee Boswell, and they were married on 6 June 1908 at St Clements Church, Nechells.

They had one daughter, Nellie, who was born on 28 December 1912.

Ernest Cashmore was posted to the G. E. A. campaign on 10 October 1916 and served until 28 November 1917.

He was discharged from service on 21 January 1919 as he was no longer medically fit to serve.

**JOHN CASHMORE**

**John Cashmore was born in 1894 at Shustoke, Warwickshire. He enlisted at Warwick with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment; 9th Battalion – Private 4766**

He was killed in action on 10 August 1915 at Gallipoli (Balkans), aged 21.

The 9th Battalion had been involved in the Suvla landings.

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1910 Royal Warwickshire Regiment P1845117**

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Helles Memorial in Gallipoli – Panel 35-38

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour 1915 Halles Memorial**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 86357103 uploaded by Glenlivet 3 January 2018**

**John Cashmore**

**Lives of the First World War 1914 – 1918 "We Remember"**

**War Memorials Register 1914 – 1918 All Saints Church Cross WMR 17349 Sutton Coldfield**

**Imperial War Museum**

John Cashmore is commemorated on the family grave at St James Church, Hill, Sutton Coldfield.

**Findagrave Photograph**

John Cashmore was commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals – L/104 B6, page 1891, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 85

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

**British Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards WO 372/4**

Index only, an army pension was awarded to his mother and a war gratuity to his father. Ancestry.co.uk

No further military history was found online.

**John Cashmore was the son of William and Emma Cashmore of 9 Four Oaks Common Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

**Birth**

The birth of John Cashmore was registered December 1894 Meriden 6d 447

**1901 census Back Lane, Shustoke, Warwickshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Cashmore | M | 43 | Waggoner on farm | b Coleshill |
| Emma Cashmore | M | 42 | | b Over Whittaker |
| Daniel Cashmore | U | 18 | Navvy | b Shustoke |
| Percy Cashmore | | 13 | | b Shustoke |
| William Cashmore | | 10 | | b Shustoke |
| Harry Cashmore | | 8 | | b Shustoke |
| John Cashmore | | 6 | | b Shustoke |
| Frank Cashmore | | 2 | | b Shustoke |

Coleshill, Over Whitaker and Shustoke are in north Warwickshire.

**1911 census 9 Four Oaks Common Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Charles Cashmore | M | 53 | Gardener | b Coleshill |
| Emma Cashmore | M | 52 | Married 20 years, 8 children 2 died | b Over Whittaker |
| John Cashmore | | 16 | Errand boy at hardware shop | b Shustoke |
| Frank Cashmore | | 12 | | b Shustoke |
| Alfred Cashmore | | 7 | | b Shustoke |

**1921 census 9 Four Oaks Common Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

William C Cashmore, 63, private gardener at Chalford.
Emma Cashmore, 63. Home duties.
Harry Cashmore, 28, single. Domestic gardener.
Frank Cashmore, 22, single. Labourer at Little Aston Golf links.

**1939 Register 76 Four Oaks Common Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Emma Cashmore, born on 22 May 1858. Widow. Domestic duties.
Frank Cashmore, born on 22 January 1899. Married. Golf groundsman.
Edith H Cashmore, born on 18 Aoril 1903. Married. Domestic duties.
Sidney Cashmore, born on 17 July 1927. School.

**Deaths**

The death of William C Cashmore was registered March 1923 Birmingham 6d 335, aged 65.

The death of Emma Cashmore was registered March 1946 Sutton Coldfield 6d 790, aged 87.

**More about Daniel Cashmore**

**Baptism**

Baptised on 25 June 1882 at Nether Whitacre to parents William and Emma. Father was a labourer.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Eng/09000/99 DR(B) 90/5**

**Marriage**

The marriage between Daniel Cashmore and Frances Elizabeth Parker was registered March 1909 Aston 6d 575

**1911 census 209 Bristol Road, Northfield, Worcestershire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel Cashmore | M | 28 | Stockman on farm | b Nether Whitacre |
| Frances E Cashmore | M | 30 | Married one year one child | b Nether Whitacre |
| Leslie William Cashmore | | 1 | | b Northfield |

**War records**

Daniel Cashmore served as Private 14298 with the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. He died on 14 April 1918 in Belgium. He was killed in action.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

Frances Elizabeth Cashmore was given a £5 grant and a pension of 25s 5d from 23 December 1918.

Her children were Leslie William, born on 27 January 1910, and Winifred May, born on 12 August 1913.

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 037/0162/Car-Cas Fold 3**

No further records were found.

**1921 census 784 Bristol Road, Smethwick, Worcestershire**

Frances Elizabeth Cashmore, 41. Home duties.
Leslie William Cashmore, 11, born in Northfield.
Winifred May Cashmore, 7, born in Northfield.
Edna Cashmore, 4, born in Northfield.
Frances Ida Cashmore, 1, born in 1920 in Northfield
Charles Shore, 41, single, born in London, boarder. Electrical fitter at Princess Mary Centre, Rednal convalescence home.

**1939 Register 99 Elmdale Crescent, Birmingham**

Frances E Cashmore, born on 5 May 1888. Widow. Domestic duties.
Winifred Cashmore, born on 12 August 1913. Drapery shop assistant.
Edna Cashmore, born on 11 June 1917. Drapery shop assistant.
Charles Shore, born on 28 December 1877. Machine pipe screw fitter. Single.

**Death**

The death of Frances Elizabeth Cashmore was registered December 1955 Birmingham 9c 482, aged 75.

**SYDNEY NORTON CAVIT**

**Sydney Norton Cavit was born in Wolverhampton on 9 April 1898. He enlisted on 13 May 1916 at Warwick with the 7th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment (Reserve) - Private 6225. He was transferred to the 1st Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 30 August 1917 – Private 267663**

Sydney Norton Cavit was killed in action on 4 October 1917 (France & Flanders).

His army service records state that he was buried about half a mile SW of Langemarck and three quarters of a mile North of Ypres – this was the Cement House Cemetery at Langemarck, Ypres, Plot VIII.F.8

**Findagrave Memorial ID 1155989/s-n-cavit**

**International War Graves Photograph Project 12 June 2005**

**Army Service Record**

He was 18 years and one month old when he first enlisted at Warwick. He lived at “Mostyn”, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. He was a student. He was 5’ 8” tall and has a chest measurement of 35 ½”. His religion was Wesleyan.

After attestation he was posted to the 7th reserve on 14 May 1916, then posted on 28 July 1916 to the front (France & Flanders). He was then re-posted on 30 August 1917 to the 1st Battalion and given a new number – 267663.

Two identity discs were sent to Mr Joseph Cavit of 31 Stirling Road, Edgbaston.

**British Army World War 1 Service Records 1914 - 1920**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 RWR P1845109**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L104/B6, page 1309

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 739 Piece 0739 RWR**

His father was sent £2 17s effects and a war gratuity of £3 on 18 June 1919.

**Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 589001 -590500 Ref 344 National Army Museum**

**UK World War 1 Pensions, Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 014/0076 Fold3**

**Sydney Norton Cavit was the son of Joseph John Cavit and Frances Ellen Cavit.**

"John Cavit was a Manager and House Furnisher and the family lived at Mostyn, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield and later at 31 Stirling Road, Edgbaston in Birmingham.

He attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 1912 and 1916. Sydney achieved the Leaving Exhibition award from the school in 1916.

He attested with the 3/7th Royal Warwickshire Regiment from school on 13 May 1916, at the age of 18 years and 1 month. He joined the Army Reserve. On 24 November 1916, he was posted to the 7th RWR.

On 22 August 1917, he embarked for Rouen, France and was posted to the 1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment on 30 August 1917."

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

**Birth**

The birth of Sydney C Cavit was registered June 1898 Wolverhampton 6b 591

**1901 census 56 Compton Road, Wolverhampton**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Cavit | M | 46 | Managing director homes own acc | b Northampton |
| Frances Cavit | M | 42 | | b Pottersbury, N'hants |
| Naomi Cavit | W | 77 | Mother | b Northampton |
| Alice M Cavit | U | 22 | | b Wolverhampton |
| John Cavit | U | 21 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Charles Cavit | U | 20 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Florence Cavit | | 15 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Edit M Cavit | | 9 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Sydney N Cavit | | 2 | | b Wolverhampton |

**1911 census "Mostyn", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph John Cavit | M | 56 | Furniture salesman | b Northampton |
| Frances Ellen Cavit | M | 52 | Apartment letting | b Pottersbury, N'hants |
| Alice Ann Cavit | U | 32 | Dentist's assistant | b Wolverhampton |
| Edith Mary Cavit | U | 19 | Elementary school teacher | b Wolverhampton |
| Dorothy Elaine Cavit | U | 17 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Sydney Norton Cavit | | 12 | | b Wolverhampton |

Joseph and Frances had been married for 23 years.

**Marriage 8 March 1888 at Holy Trinity, Westminster, London**

Joseph John Cavit of Wolverhampton and Frances Ellen Scrivenor, youngest daughter of the late Richard Scrivenor of Paulespury, Northampton.

**Northampton Mercury 10 March 1888, British Newspaper Archive.**

**1921 census 31 Stirling Road, Birmingham**

Jospeh John Cavit, 66, born in Northampton. Upholsterer, own account.
Frances Ellen Cavit, 62. Home duties.
Frances Mabel Cavit, 36. Qualified Teacher of Deaf, Own account.
Edith Mary Cavit, 30. Certified teacher Mrs Ruspini, The Mount, Leamington Spa.
Dorothy Eleanor Cavit, 27. Teacher, Birmingham Corporation.

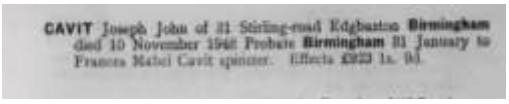
**1939 Register 31 Stirling Road, Birmingham**

Jospeh John Cavit, born on 11 July 1854. Widower. Retired upholsterer.
Edith M Cavit, born on 13 April 1891. Shorty hand typist secretary.
Dorothy Cavit, born on 27 July 1984. Domestic duties.

**Death**

The death of Frances E Cavit was registered June 1938 Birmingham 6d 254, aged 79.

**Probate**


CAVIT Joseph John of 31 Stirling-road Edgbaston Birmingham died 10 November 1946 Probate Birmingham 31 January to Francis Mabel Cavit spinster. Effects £823 1s. 9d.

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

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

**Private 267663 Sydney Norton Cavit**
**1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Thursday 4th October 1917**
**Aged: 19**

The 1st Royal Warwicks, (10th Brigade, 4th Division) were attacking to the North of the Langemarck-Poelcapelle Road.

The long-term aim was to attack through the Houthulst Forest and outflank the northern end of the Passchendaele Ridge.

The attack commenced at 6.00 am with the Warwicks in reserve.

The Laudetbeek Marsh and 19 Metre Hill were crossed and consolidated.

At 3.00 pm the Germans counter-attacked but they were beaten off when the 1st Warwicks and 1st East Lancs came to assist, together with enfilade fire from the 29th Division on their left.

Two companies of the 1st Warwicks filled a gap between the 4th and 29th Divisions.

Private Cavit and thirteen other ranks were killed in the fighting.

Sydney Cavit is buried in Cement House Cemetery, Langemarck: Plot 8, Row F, Grave 8.

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

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

**With thanks**

**GEORGE NELSON CHAMBERLAIN**

**George Nelson Chamberlain was born in 1889 at Little Sutton, Hill, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham in May 1915 with the Royal Army Service Corps, 629th Company – 27th Motor Corps, Motor Mechanic– M2/100210**

He was killed in action on 28 August 1917 (France & Flanders) ,aged 28.

He had been in an ambulance convoy when he was killed.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

He was buried at the Rocquigny Equancourt Road British Cemetery, Manancourt, near Baffume – Plot I.B.16

**Findagrave Memorial ID 56580960 uploaded by War Graves on 7 August 2010 no image**

"Husband of Elizabeth A Chamberlain of Halfway House, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield."

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour find-war-dead**

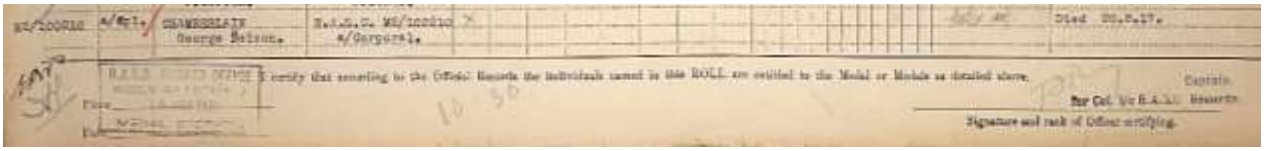
George Nelson Chamberlain is commemorated on the St James Church, Hill, Roll of Honour

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

George Chamberlain was also commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RASC/101 B68, page 6900, and the 1915 Star Medal RASC/5B4, page 3784




**UK World War 1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1986**

**Britain Campaigns, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards Rank A/Corporal WO 37214**

Elizabeth Amelia Blight (remarried) had been awarded a pension of 15 s from 4 March 1918 and a £5 gratuity. Address was Halfway House, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks.

**UK WW 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 041/0167/Cha- Cha Fold 3**

No other army records were found online.

**George Nelson Chamberlain was the son of George and Isabella Alice Olive Chamberlain of "The Grange", Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield. He was the husband of Elizabeth Chamberlain.**

"He got married on 22 May 1915. His wife's mother lived at the "Halfway House Public House", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks. The wedding reception was held at the Halfway House and the honeymoon was in London."

**Sutton Coldfield News 16.9.1916**

"He was the eldest son of George and Alice Olive Chamberlain. He enlisted in May 1915 and went to the front in August 1915. He was a motor mechanic in the R.A.S.C. and his last home leave was in November 1916."

**Sutton Coldfield News 1.9.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of George N Chamberlain was registered December 1889 Aston 6d 409

**Baptism at St James, Hill on 7 December 1889**

Parents were George and Isabella Olive of Little Sutton. Father was a gardener.

**Warwickshire Records Office DRB 012312, page 52 1877 – 1901**

**1891 census Hill (next building was the Fox and Dogs), Little Sutton.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Chamberlain | M | 30 | Farmer & Gardener | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Isabella Chamberlain | M | 28 | | b Worcester |
| George N Chamberlain | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census Little Sutton, Hill abode not given**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Chamberlain | M | 39 | Farmer own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Alice Chamberlain | M | 38 | | b Worcester |
| Nelson Chamberlain | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Chamberlain | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Olive Chamberlain | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Reginald Chamberlain | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census Mere Green, Sutton Coldfield** (no abode specified)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Chamberlain | M | 51 | Grocer/ general dealer own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Alice Olive Chamberlain | M | 48 | Assists with business | b Worcester |
| Nelson Chamberlain | U | 21 | Motor engineer – own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| William Chamberlain | U | 18 | Motor engineer – own account | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Olive Chamberlain | | 16 | Apprentice – hard to read | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Reginald Chamberlain | | 14 | Apprentice motor engineer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Alfred Davies | U | 23 | Boarder | b Redditch |

George and Alice had been married for 22 years. They had five children, one of whom had died.

**Marriage on 22 May 1915 at St James Church, Hill, by licence**

George Chamberlain, 25, bachelor of Mere Green Road. Motor driver army service corps. Father George Chamberlain, grocer.
Elizabeth Amelia Johnson, 25, spinster of Lichfield Road. Father Joseph Johnson, rivetter & plater.

Witnesses William H Chamberlain and Olive Chamberlain.

**Warwickshire Records Office Parish Registers DRB 0123/7 p 225**

**In 1911, Elizabeth Johnson resided at the Halfway House, Lichfield Road.**

She was single, 21 and assisted in the bar and house for William Butler, 75, Inn Keeper and his wife Sarah.

**1921 census Halfway House, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Sarah Johnson, 59, born in Birmingham. Widow. Inn Keeper.
Elizabeth A Chamberlain, 31, born in Birmingham. Widow. Home duties.
Amelia Parker, 48, single. Sister.
Clara Faulkner, 18, single. General domestic servant.

No children appear to have been registered to George Nelson and Elizabeth Chamberlain. (FreeBMD)

**Marriage**

The marriage between Elizabeth A Chamberlain and George H Blight was registered June 1924 Tamworth 6b 933

**1939 Register 33 Clarence Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Elizabeth A Blight, born on 18 December 1890. Married. Domestic duties.
Richard H Blight, born on 27 July 1926. School.
Ernest A Humphries, born on 10 March 1884. Regular army retired. Turf accountant.

No further trace was found of George H Blight.

**Death**

The death of Elizabeth A Blight was registered June 1949 Birmingham 9c 94, aged 59.

Alfred Davis (see the 1911 census above) also served during the Great War and was killed in action on 3 September 1918 in France.

See his entry below.

**REGINALD BERTRAM CLIVE CHOPPING**

**Reginald Chopping was born in 1893 at Grassingdale in Lancashire. He enlisted with the 2nd City Battalion in Birmingham 1914 and later was transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Brigade 15th Battalion - Private 163. He served as a signaller.**

He was killed in action on 28 August 1916, at Delville Wood (France & Flanders), aged 23.

**Soldiers died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Royal Warwickshire Regiment P1845162**

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

"He was the son of Walter Clive and Alice Maud Chopping of 'Fairlight', Lichfield Road, Four Oaks."

**Findagrave Memorial ID 2359810 uploaded by Glenlivet on 15 November 2005**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour Thiepval Memorial**

He is commemorated on the Four Oaks Memorial.

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

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

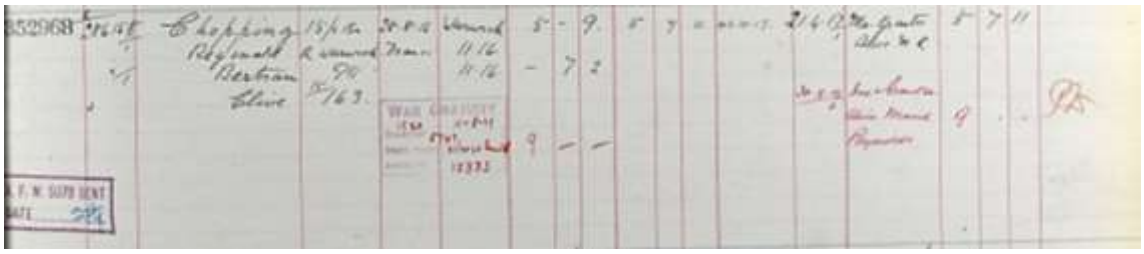
**Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions St James, Hill. Midland Ancestors Parish Registers**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals – L/104 BY, page 1394, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 93.

**Britain Campaigns, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards**

**British Army Medal Index Cards 1914 – 1920 WO 372/4**



His mother was sent £5 7s 11d effects and a war gratuity of £9 on 11 August 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 352001-35300 Ref 187 National Army Museum**

Dependant's Pension to Walter Clive Chopping, father. Awarded 5 s a week from 6 November 1918

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 042/01761 Fold 3**

**Reginald Chopping was born at Grassingdale, Lancashire and was the son of Walter Clive and Alice Maud Reynolds Chopping of "Fairlight", 177 Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Dean Close School, Cheltenham and was employed at the National Provincial Bank, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham."

**Sutton Coldfield News 16.9.1916**

**Birth**

The birth of Reginald B C Chopping was registered June 1893 Toxteth Park 8b 212

**Baptism**

Reginald Bertram Clive Chopping was born on 4 May 1893 and baptised on 28 May 1893 at St Paul's Church in Liverpool to Walter and Alice Chopping.

His father was an agent and the family lived at 15 Marmion Road, Liverpool.

**Liverpool C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1919 Liverpool Records Office Ref 283 PAL/2/2A**

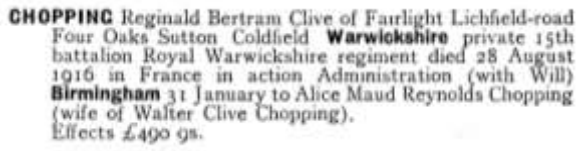
**1901 census "Fairlight", 177 Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Clive Chopping | M | 41 | Ret. Agent in office furniture | b Old Kent Road |
| Alice M Chopping | M | 37 | | b Pembroke |
| Gordon Chopping | | 9 | | b Liverpool |
| Reginald C Chopping | | 7 | | b Liverpool |
| Alice Storer | U | 22 | Domestic servant | b Brownhills |

**1911 census "Fairlight", Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter C Chopping | M | 51 | Private means | b London |
| Alice Chopping | M | 47 | Married 21 years – 2 children I died | b Pembroke |
| Reginald Chopping | | 17 | Bank Clerk | b Liverpool |
| Mary Bird | U | 21 | Domestic servant | b Cannock |

**Probate**



**CHOPPING** Reginald Bertram Clive of Fairlight Lichfield-road Four Oaks Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** private 15th battalion Royal Warwickshire regiment died 28 August 1916 in France in action Administration (with Will) **Birmingham** 31 January to Alice Maud Reynolds Chopping (wife of Walter Clive Chopping). Effects £490 9s.

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

**1921 census Fairlight, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Walter C Chopping, 62. Brass foundry manager retired.
Alice Maud Chopping, 58. Home duties.
Herbert J Hanley, 38, married. Handyman servant.
Amelia E Hanley, 34, married. Domestic servant.

**Deaths**

The death of Walter C Chopping was registered March 1931 Tamworth 6b 595, aged 71.

The death of Alice M R Chopping was registered March 1934 Sutton Coldfield 6d 757, aged 70.

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

**Private 163 Reginald Bertram Clive Chopping**
**15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment**
**Died: Monday 28th August 1916**
**Aged: 23**

On the evening of the 27th of August 1916, the 15th Warwick's were digging new front-line trenches near Falfemont Farm.

This farm was described as 'one of the strongest redoubts ever made by the engineering skills of the Germans' according to the divisional history.

It lay 2.5 km in front of Combles (the mid-September target) and next to Wedge Wood. They worked under heavy shelling and suffered 14 killed.

They returned to their former positions during the day whilst the German artillery did their best to destroy the new line.

On the evening of the 28th of August, they went forward to repair the damage and strengthen the trenches. Patrols were sent forward to study the wire in front of Falfemont Farm. Another 34 casualties were suffered on that day.

Reginald had gone up to the Front Line with the machine gunners, where he was killed.

Reginald Chopping is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial: Pier and Face 9A, 9B and 10 B.

He is also commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and St James Church, Mere Green.

"Reginald Bertram Chopping attended the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. He entered Bishop Vesey's Grammar School in 1902 and after leaving the school in 1907, he attended Deans Close School, Cheltenham for four years, the last two spent in the Officers Training Corps.

His brother Gordon was also a pupil at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School. He died in 1904, aged 13.

"Reginald Chopping was employed by the National Provincial Bank, Bennett's Hill in Birmingham.

He joined the 'III' Platoon, 'A' Company, 2nd Birmingham Battalion (15th Royal Warwickshire Regiment) in September 1914 and he later became a signaler.

After he died, the Chaplain of the Field Ambulance attached to the Battalion wrote to his parents "He was a great personal friend of mine, and in his quiet way had a great influence with his company.

He was always a quiet, conscientious Christian, never made a complaint, and was always the first to do anything that was wanted – nothing upset him".

Walter Clive Chopping was a hardware agent for coffin furniture."

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

**With thanks**

**CHARLES PHILLIP CLARK**

**Charles Phillip Clark was born in 1884 in Erdington. He enlisted at Erdington with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment; 15th Battalion - Private 164**

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

He died during the Battle of Guillemont on the Somme.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 - 1919**

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

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

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B7, page 1416, and 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 94

Campaign :— 1914-15

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| (A) CLARK | 5/R War R | Pte 164 | | |
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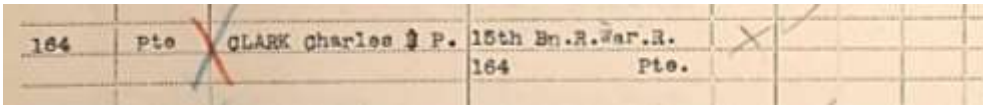
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**UK World War 1 Service Medal & Awards Cards 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 739**

377894 Clark Charles Philip 15th Bn. R Warwick Regt. 164

£5 3s 3d effects, plus a war gratuity of £9 was sent to his father on 25 September 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 19101 – 1929 377501-379000 Ref 204**

**National Army Museum**

No further military records were found online.

**Charles Clark was the son of Sydney George and Mary Clark, who resided at "Iraq", Birmingham Road, Middleton, near Tamworth (in 1916).**

**Baptism on 13 June 1884 at St Barnabas Church, Erdington.**

Charles Phillip Clarke (sic) to parents Sydney and Mary of High Street. Father was a Boot Factor.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP 74/2/214 (as Clarke)**

**1901 census 89 Millhead Lane, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney Clark | M | 35 | Draper's clerk | b Birmingham |
| Mary Clark | M | 40 | | b Salop |
| Charles P Clark | | 6 | | b Erdington |
| Cyril J Clark | | 5 | | b Handsworth |

**1911 census "Hawthorns", Upper Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney Clark | M | 44 | Debt collector for credit - draper | b Birmingham |
| Mary Clark | M | 50 | Married 17 years with two children | b Rudge, Salop |
| Charles Phillip Clark | | 16 | Warehouse lad cycle trade | b Erdington |
| Cyril John Clark | | 15 | Electrical worker | b Handsworth |
| Eleanor Farmer | U | 43 | Visitor | b Rudge, Salop |

**1921 census 22 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

George Sydney Clark, 55, married. Draper's clerk at L S Richards, 148 High Street, Aston.
Mary Clark, 61, married. Home duties.
Cyril John Clark, 25, single. Electrical fitter at George Ellison, Aston Lane, Perry Barr.

**1939 Register**

A definitive match for Sydney (George) or Mary Clarke (Clarke) has not been found.

A possible match for Cyril J Clark, born on 17 February 1896 was found at 94 Wellesley Street, Stoke on Trent. He was single and an automobile electrician working with diesel pumps.

Nothing further is known about this family.

**ALBERT WILLIAM CLARKE**

**Albert William Clarke was born in 1899 at Allesley near Coventry. He resided in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Worcestershire Regiment; 2nd Battalion – Private 52283**

He was killed in action on 4 July 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 19.

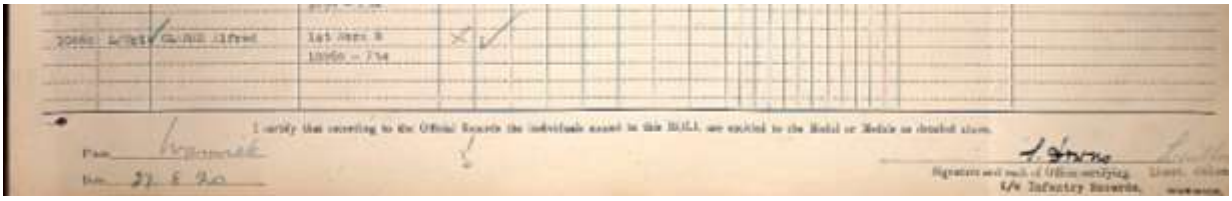
He was buried at the Nine Elms Cemetery, Poperinge in Belgium, Plot XI.F.5.

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B6, page 1230.

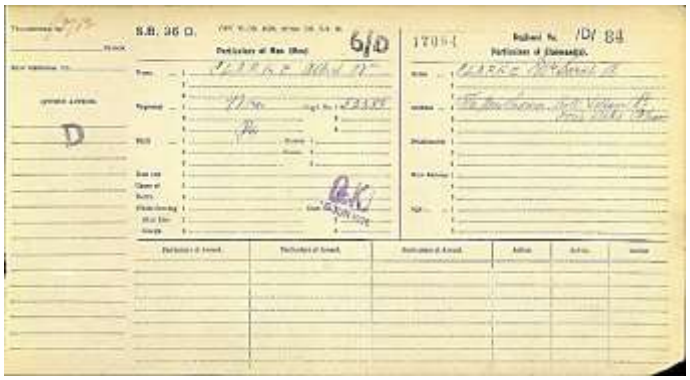
**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**



**UK WW1 Service Medals & Awards Cards 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 1158**

His father was sent £6 7s 10d effects plus £5 10s war gratuity on 3 December 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 737501-739000 Ref 446**




**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 045/0182(Cla - Cla) Fold 3**

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Clarke Albert W 53283
3rd Worcesters
21.11.18
Killed in action France
Pte Albert Alice Clarke
The Beeches Lichfield Rd Four Oaks B'ham
Boiler

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 045/0182(Cla - Cla) Fold 3**

Albert William Clarke was a church official at St James Church, Hill. He was commemorated on their Roll of Honour.

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

**Albert William Clarke was the son of Albert John and Sarah Alice Clarke of "The Beeches", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.**

"In loving memory of Private Albert W Clarke, aged 19, killed in action in France July 4th 1918.

Eldest and dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Clarke. Sadly missed by Mother and Dad and Brother. Re-Union our abiding hope"

**Sutton Coldfield News, In Memorium** – date not known

**Birth**

The birth of Albert William Clarke was registered March 1899 Meriden 6d 498 – Mother Knight.

**1901 census 99 Solihull Road, Yardley, Worcestershire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert John Clarke | M | 32 | Domestic gardener | b Tamworth |
| Sarah Alice Clarke | M | 31 | | b Smethwick |
| Albert William Clarke | | 2 | | b Allesley |
| George Long | U | 48 | Boarder | |

**1911 census "The Beeches", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Albert John Clarke | M | 42 | Domestic gardener | b Tamworth |
| Sarah Alice Clarke | M | 41 | Married 3 years with 2 children | b Smethwick |
| Albert William Clarke | | 12 | | b Allesley |
| Arthur John Clarke | | 9 | | b Sparkhill, B'ham |

**1921 census The Beeches, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Albert John Clarke, 52. Domestic gardener for A E Ansell, brewer, Herondale, Hartopp Road
Sarah Alice Clarke, 51. Dome duties.
Arthur John Clarke, 20, single. General tool maker at The Yote Manufacturing Co, Mere Green Road.

**1939 Register 57 Hill Village Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Albert J Clarke, born on 14 September 1868. Retired gardener.
Sarah A Clarke, born on 28 November 1869. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

The death of Albert John Clarke was registered June 1946 Sutton Coldfield 6d 579, aged 76.

It is not known when Sarah died.

**ARTHUR CLARKE**

**Arthur Clarke was born in 1883 at Walsall. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He was formerly Private 24388 and was transferred to the Gloucestershire Regiment 13th (Service) (Forest of Dean) Battalion (Pioneers) - Private 38091**

He was killed in action on 17 September 1917, aged 33.

"On the day he died, the temperature was 67 degrees F, it was overcast but there was no rainfall on 17 September 1917." (SDBD)

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Gloucester Regiment P1175537**

" He was the husband of Alice Clarke of 22 Riland Grave, Sutton Coldfield."

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour Find War Dead**

He was buried at the Voomezeele Enclosures, Ypres, Plot I.J.7

**Photograph by Peter Moore 2014**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/101 B5, page 925.

**British First World War Campaign Medals 13th Gloucester Regiment No 38091 WO329/1138 TNA**

**Britian Campaign Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards Army Medal Index Cards WO372/4**

No further military records were found online.

"He was educated at Town School, Sutton Coldfield, and prior to enlisting had worked as a milkman for Mr Hancox of Belwell Lane, Four Oaks.

He joined the army under the Derby Scheme on 10 March 1917.

His officer wrote that he and a number of others were in charge of some trolleys on a trench when a shell burst amongst them, killing him instantly."

**Sutton Coldfield News 1.12. 1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Arthur William Clarke was possibly registered June 1883 Walsall 6b 771

Arthur Clarke (plus variations of surname) was not found on the 1891 census.

In 1891, Harriet Clarke, a widow, aged 45, possibly worked as a domestic servant for James Hargreaves.

James Hargreaves was a Railway Agent and they lived at 29 Fellows Road, Blackburn, Lancashire.

**1901 census 1 Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Glover | W | 50 | Carter for farm | b Fillongley, Warks |
| William Glover | | 9 | Ag Lab | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Clarke | | 16 | Boarder – farm labourer | b Walsall |
| Harriet Clarke | W | 54 | Housekeeper | b Manchester |

**1911 census 45 Ryland (sic) Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arthur Clarke | M | 26 | Milkman | b Walsall |
| Alice Clarke | M | 24 | Married under 1 year. 1 child | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Clarke | | 7 months old | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Harriet Clarke | W | 60 | Mother | b Manchester |
| William Glover | U | 19 | Boarder – milkman | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Marriage**

The marriage between Arthur Clarke and Alice Higgs was registered June 1910 Aston 6d 488

**1921 census 22 Riland Avenue, Sutton Coldfield**

Alice Clarke, 34, born in Sutton Coldfield. Widow. Home duties.
Arthur Clarke, 10, born in Sutton Coldfield. School.
Doris Clarke, 9, born in Sutton Coldfield. School.
Marjorie Clarke, 5, born in Sutton Coldfield. School.
Harriet Clarke, 80, born in Manchester. Widow. Mother in law.
Edith May Higgs, 21, born in Sutton Coldfield. Single. Sister. Domestic servant.
William York Higgs, 20, born in Sutton Coldfield. Single. Nephew. Out of work.

**1939 Register 22 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Alice Clarke, born on 12 December 1886. Widow. Paid domestic help.
Marjorie Clarke, born on 6 January 1916. Dressmaker.
Doris Bagnall, born on 5 November 1911. Widow. General store assistant.

**Death**

The death of Alice Clarke was registered September 1956 Sutton Coldfield 9c 799, aged 69.

**NATHANIEL FUHRMANN CLARKE**

**Nathaniel F Clarke was born in 1885 at Wellington, New Zealand. He became a Second Lieutenant with the Royal Flying Corps (13th Training Squadron).**

He was accidentally killed whilst flying on 1 June 1917, aged 32.

"He was flying a BE2e with Air Mechanic First Class W Fozard, who was also killed. On the day he died, he had landed to enquire about his position due to fog. When he took off, the plane nosedived into the ground.

He was born in New Zealand in 1885 and moved to the UK in 1886. He was educated at Bromsgrove School. Upon leaving school he went to work for Messrs George Clarks, Marine Engineering Works in Sunderland.

He then went to Chile to work in the nitrate fields, then after that contract ended, he became an assistant manager for the Aranoa Railway Company. At the start of the war, he asked to be released from his contract but was not released until late 1916.

He was married and had one daughter. His wife was Anita B Clarke and she resided at 108 Oakwood Court, Kensington, London. His parents were Mr and Mrs Edward F Clarke of "Enderwood", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

He was the brother of F. A. Clarke (Frederic Alexander) who received a military medal whilst serving as a stretcher bearer with the New Zealand Forces."

**Birmingham Daily Post Monday 4 March 1917 Findmypast**

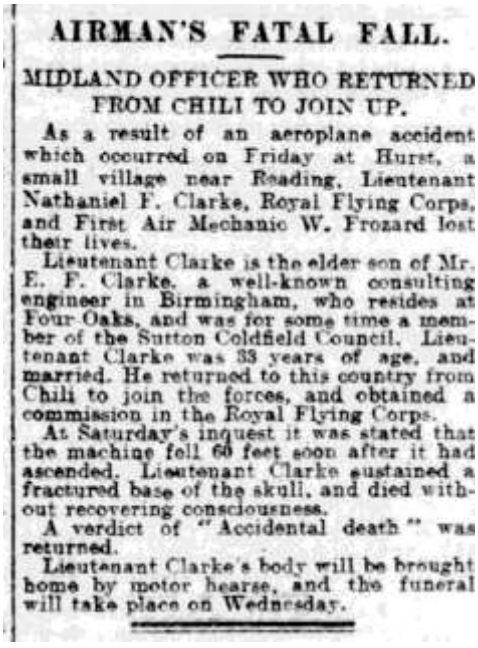
**Sutton Coldfield News 12.1.1918**

"He was born at Wellington New Zealand. He worked and lived in Chile and later lived in London."

**Sutton Coldfield News 9.6.1917**

The London Gazette dated 10 April 1917 stated, "General List (RFC). The undermentioned cadets to be temp. 2nd Lts (on prob):- 17 March 1917 – including Nathan F Clarke.

**London Gazette – Paul Harrison with thanks**



AIRMAN'S FATAL FALL.

MIDLAND OFFICER WHO RETURNED FROM CHILI TO JOIN UP.

As a result of an aeroplane accident which occurred on Friday at Hurst, a small village near Reading, Lieutenant Nathaniel F. Clarke, Royal Flying Corps, and First Air Mechanic W. Frozard lost their lives.

Lieutenant Clarke is the elder son of Mr. E. F. Clarke, a well-known consulting engineer in Birmingham, who resides at Four Oaks, and was for some time a member of the Sutton Coldfield Council. Lieutenant Clarke was 33 years of age, and married. He returned to this country from Chili to join the forces, and obtained a commission in the Royal Flying Corps.

At Saturday's inquest it was stated that the machine fell 60 feet soon after it had ascended. Lieutenant Clarke sustained a fractured base of the skull, and died without recovering consciousness.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

Lieutenant Clarke's body will be brought home by motor hearse, and the funeral will take place on Wednesday.

**Evening Dispatch 4 July 1917**

**UK & Ireland Newspapers Archive, Obituary Index 1800's - current**

He was buried in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot B “C” 251 (this is not a Commonwealth War Grave).

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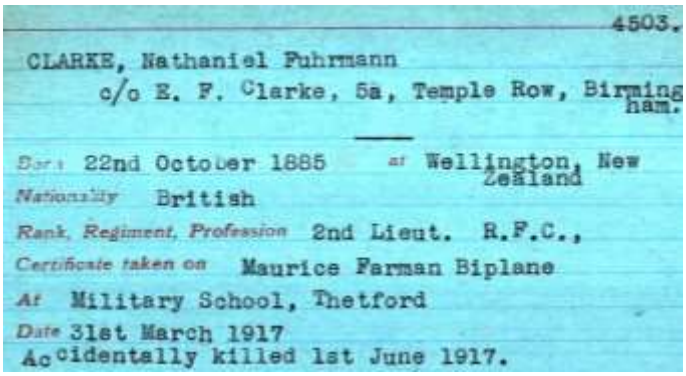
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CLARKE, Nathaniel Fuhrmann
c/o E. F. Clarke, 5a, Temple Row, Birmingham.

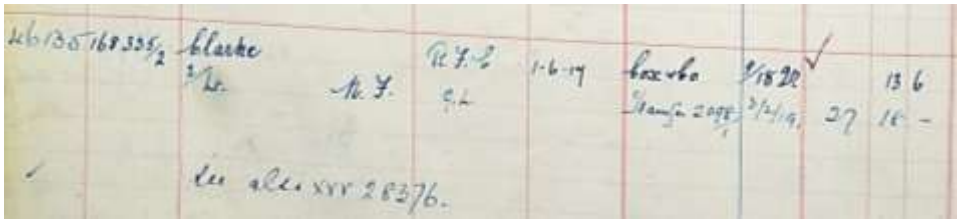
Born 22nd October 1885 at Wellington, New Zealand
Nationality British
Rank, Regiment, Profession 2nd Lieut. R.F.C.,
Certificate taken on Maurice Farman Biplane
At Military School, Thetford
Date 31st March 1917
Accidentally killed 1st June 1917.

**Great Britain Royal Aero Club Aviation Certificate and photograph – Ancestry.co.uk**

Nathaniel Fuhrmann Clarke was commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

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

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**



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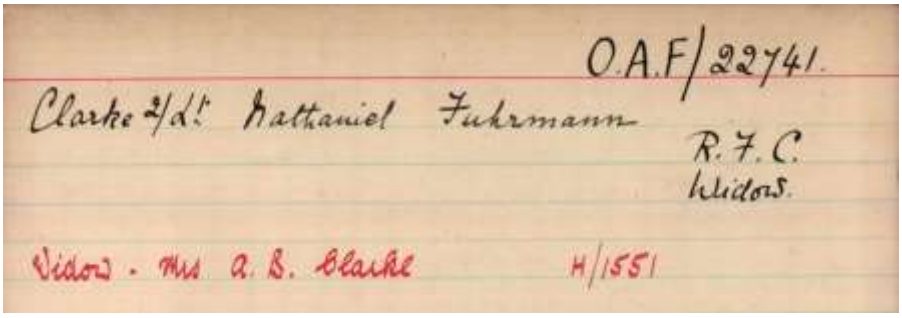


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**Nathaniel Fuhrmann Clarke was the son of Edward and Edith Clarke**

We can follow his life after he arrived in England before the 1891 census and was sent to live with an aunt and uncle. He was born in New Zealand on 22 October 1885.

His birth was registered on the New Zealand Birth Index 1840 – 1902 for 1886 to parents Edward F and Edith Emily Clarke Reference 1886/2179.

**1891 census "The Oaks", Woodmanston, Surrey**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Harry B James | M | 45 | South American Merchant | b Walsall |
| Lucy C James | M | 39 | | b Bloomsbury, London |
| Inez James | | 6 | | b Chile |
| Adrian James | | 10 months old | | b Marylebone, London |
| Nathaniel F Clarke | | 5 | Nephew | b Wellington, NZ |
| Francis J Clarke | | 3 | Nephew | b Wellington, NZ |

The family employed 9 live -I n servants.

In 1901, Nathaniel F Clarke was a boarder at Bromsgrove School, Worcestershire. He was 15 and was born in Wellington, New Zealand.

**1901 census 59 Stanmore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward F Clarke | M | 43 | Consulting civil engineer | b Bloomsbury, London |
| Edith E Clarke | M | 43 | | b Wellington, NZ |
| Mary A Clarke | | 12 | | b Aldridge |
| Frederic A Clarke | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Constance M Clarke | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Grace L Clarke | | 1 | | b Edgbaston |

**1911 census "Enderwood", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward F Clarke | M | 53 | Consulting civil engineer | b Bloomsbury, London |
| Edith Emily Clarke | M | 53 | Married 28 years 7 children 2 died | b Wellington, NZ |
| Mary Acland Clarke | U | 22 | | b Aldridge |
| Frederic Alexander Clarke | U | 19 | Pupil to farmer | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Grace Lawford Clarke | | 11 | | b Birmingham |

**Shipping Manifest**

The Ship Orita arrived at Liverpool on 25 September 1916 from Chile, last stopping at Rio Janeiro.

Nathaniel Fuhrmann Clarke, aged 30, Accountant of Victoria Chambers, 5a Temple Row; Birmingham was a first class passenger along with his wife Anita Beatrice Clarke, aged 33 and daughter Frances Beatrice Clarke, aged 1.

**Ancestry Shipping Manifests**

It appears that Victoria Chambers, 5a Temple Row, Birmingham, was the company address of his father Edward F Clarke, as he is listed there in various trade directories.

The couple must have got married abroad as no marriage in the UK was found for them.

**1921 census and 1939 Register**

Nothing was found for either Anita Beatrice Clarke or Frances Beatrice Clarke.

It is not known what happened to them after the war.

**Probate**

Nathaniel F Clarke 2nd Lieutenant RFC died 1.6.1917 at Wokingham, Berkshire.

Probate was granted on 16.10.1918 in London to Anita Beatrice Clarke, widow.

Effects: £2246. 19s. 10d

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

**1921 census Honily Hall, Kenilworth**

Edward Fuhrmann Clarke, 63, born in London. Consulting Engineer in Birmingham, employer.

This may have been a hotel at the time.

**1921 census 25 Prospect Street, Aberystwyth**

Edith Emily Clarke, 63, born in New Zealand. Boarder. Private means.
Grace Lawford Clarke, 21, born in Birmingham. Boarder. Draper's assistant.

In 1939, Edward and Edith were not found.

In 1939, Grace Clarke, born on 12 July 1900, was at 414 Bordesley Green, Birmingham. She was a draper's assistant.

Nothing further can be added.

**NORMAN CLEAVE**

**Norman Cleave was born in 1897 at Aston. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall in December 1915 with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 10th Battalion– Private 210858. He was promoted to Second Lieutenant in the 6th Battalion (Territorial).**

He was killed in action at Mons on 8 November 1918 at the age of 21.

He was buried at the Malplaquet Communal Cemetery, Taisnieres- Sur- Hon. The Plot is west of the main path.

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**Findagrave Memorial ID 37923526 maintained by Glenlivet uploaded on 4 June 2009.**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RWR.OFF.158, page 231, and the R & F Roll L/104B7, page 1475.

He entered the theatre of war in France on 8 August 1916.

He was awarded RWR Colours on 27 August 1918.

**British Army World War 1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**

No further military records were found online.

**Norman Cleave was the son of Mr and Mrs Walter Cleave of "The Bracken", Somerville Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

**Birth**

The birth of Norman Cleave was registered December 1897 Aston 6d 99

**Baptism on 3 November 1897 at All Saints, Small Heath**

Norman Cleave to parents Walter and Marie Kate of Tennyson Road. Father was a manager.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 EP79/2/214**

**1901 census Glenthorne, Tennyson Road, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Cleave | M | 27 | Manager at Athletic goods | b Aston |
| Marie K Cleave | M | 29 | | b Aston |
| Eric W Cleave | | 4 | | b Aston |
| Norman Cleave | | 3 | | b Aston |

**1911 census 70 Tennyson Road, Bordesley, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Cleave | M | 39 | Manager at athletic goods maker | b Birmingham |
| Marie Kate Cleave | M | 41 | Married 15 years – 3 children | b Birmingham |
| Eric Walter Cleave | | 14 | | b Birmingham |
| Norman Cleave | | 13 | | b Birmingham |
| Bessie Cleave | | 3 | | b Birmingham |
| Annie Pincher | U | 18 | General servant | b Walsall |

On the 1918 Electoral Roll, the family lived at “Winstanton”, Goldieslie Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**1921 census 19 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Walter Cleave, 47. Athletics goods maker, employer.
Marie K Cleave, 49. Home duties.
Eric W Cleave, 24. Assists father in business.
Bessie Cleave, 14. School.
Beryl Cleave, 6. Born in Wylde Green.

**1939 Register 2 Beeches Walk, Sutton Coldfield**

Walter Cleave, born on 4 July 1873. Gentleman’s’ Outfitter employer.
Marie K Cleave, born on 15 July 1871. Domestic duties.
Beryl Cleave, born on 5 November 1914. Single. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

The death of Walter Cleave was registered June 1945 Sutton Coldfield 9c 803, aged 74.

The death of Marie K Cleave was registered September 1948 Stourbridge 9d 162, aged 76.

**Eric Walter Cleave**

**It appears that Eric Cleave also joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment – Private 27684**

No other military records were found but he did have an Army Medal Card.

The only details given are that he was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B7, page 1475.

Eric Walter Cleave survived the war and married Winifred M Bunch in South Birmingham in 1930

**Probate**

Eric Walter Cleave of “The Peak”, College Road, Maney, Sutton Coldfield, died on 26 December 1953 at the Cottage Hospital, Sutton Coldfield.

Administration was granted in Birmingham in December 1954 to Winifred Maud Cleave, widow.

Effects: £6022.12s.6d

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

**BERTRAM EVELYN GEORGE CLIBBERY**

**Bertram Clibbery was born in Birmingham on 21 February 1881. He enlisted with the 49th Battalion Canadian Infantry (Alberta Regiment) - Sergeant 432331**

In 2024, Bertram Clibbery's Canadian war history was partially discovered.

His attestation papers for the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force give these details. His service number was A32331. He was born in Birmingham and his next of kin was his mother Mary Ann Clibbery of 5 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield.

His occupation was that of storekeeper. He was single, aged 32, willing to be vaccinated and serve overseas. He enlisted on 5 January 1915 at Edmonton. His oath was witnessed by John Merrick and C Weaver.

He was 5 feet 3 inches tall with a chest measurement of 38 inches. He was of fair complexion and had grey eyes and fair hair. His religion was C of E., and he was certified as fit for duty.

Attached to these army records on Ancestry.com, are those of his brother John Charles Clibbery. His service number was 18484. He enlisted on 14 January 1915.

His date of birth was 14 January 1893. He was single and worked as a die sinker. He was willing to be vaccinated and serve overseas. His next of kin was Mary Ann Clibbery of Laburnum House, Sutton Coldfield.

He was aged 21 years and 9 months. He was 5 feet 5 inches tall and had a fair complexion, grey eyes and fair hair. His chest measured 34 inches.

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**Library & Archives Ottawa Canada Soldiers of the First World War 1914 – 1918**

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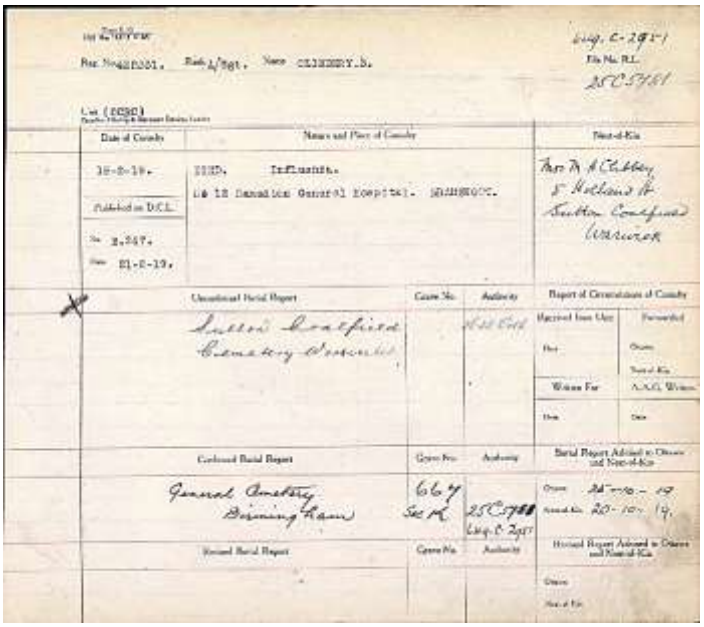

**Canadian World War 1 Canadian Expeditionary Force**

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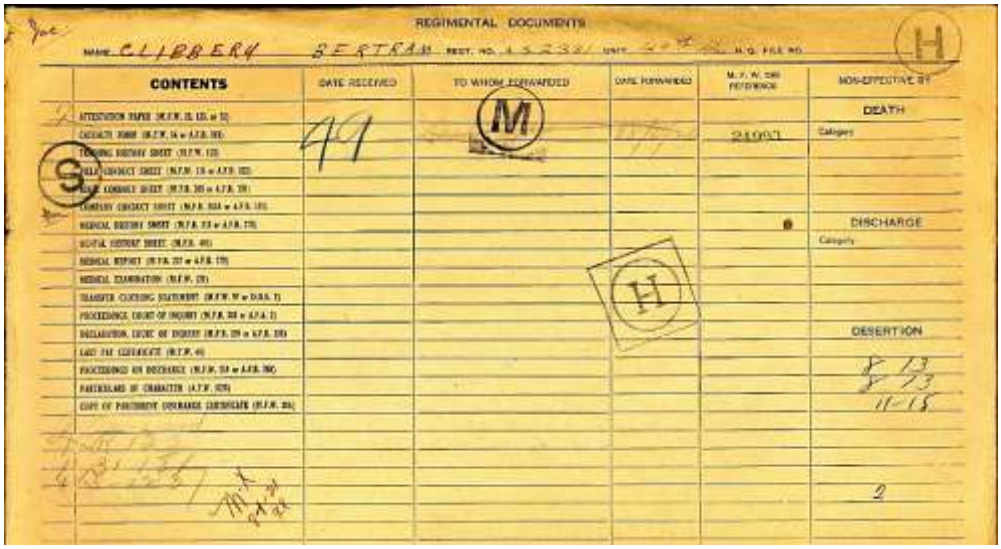
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**Canada CEF Personnel Files 1914 – 1918 RG 150 Volume Box 1797 -20 Fold 3**

Bertram Clibbery died on what looks like 18 February 1919 from Influenza. He died at the 12th Canadian General Hospital at Bramshott.

The military hospital was based at the Canadian Army's Bramshott camp. It was between Bramshott and Liphook, Hampshire, and it became the 12th Canadian Hospital on 12 October 1917.

**The Wartime Memories Project**

His death was registered during the March quarter of 1919 at Petersfield, Hampshire.

Bertram Clibbery was buried at Birmingham General Cemetery (Key Hill), Icknield Street, Hockley, Plot K.666

**Findagrave Memorial ID 203803456 died on 18 February 1919. Key Hill Cemetery Grave K667**

**Uploaded by Hockley Lass on 13 October 2019**

**Canada Virtual War Memorials Index 1900 – 1921**

Bertram Clibbery is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (Matthew Rhodes)

**Bertram Evelyn George Clibbery was the son of the late George and Mary Clibbery**

**Birth**

The birth of Bertram Clibbery was registered June 1881 Aston 6d 375.

**Baptism**

Bertram Evelyn George Clibbery was baptised on 6 April 1881 at St James the Less, Ashted, Birmingham. His parents were George and Mary Ann Clibbery of Webster Street. George Clibbery was a cooper.

The entry gives his date of birth as 21 February 1881.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 Archive Roll 673.**

**1881 census 43 Webster Street, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Clibbery | M | 24 | Cooper | b Birmingham |
| Mary A Clibbery | M | 24 | | b Birmingham |
| William Clibbery | | 1 | | b Birmingham |
| Bertram Clibbery | | 1 month old | | b Birmingham |

**1891 census 15 Gower Street, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Clibbery | M | 34 | Cooper | b Birmingham |
| Mary A Clibbery | M | 34 | | b Birmingham |
| William Clibbery | | 11 | | b Birmingham |
| Bertram Clibbery | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| George A Clibbery | | 7 | | b Birmingham |
| Ethel K Clibbery | | 2 | | b Birmingham |

**1901 census 30 Snow Hill, Birmingham** – in the household of John Armitage, licenced victualler

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bertram Clibbery | U | 20 | Barman | b Birmingham |

**1911 census 5 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mary Ann Clibbery | W | 54 | | b Birmingham |
| William Joseph Clibbery | U | 31 | Brewers Clerk | b Birmingham |
| George Albert Clibbery | U | 27 | Cabinet maker | b Birmingham |
| Ethel Kate Clibbery | U | 22 | Shop assistant | b Birmingham |
| John Charles Clibbery | U | 18 | Die sinker apprentice | b Birmingham |
| Marion Clibbery | | 15 | | b Birmingham |

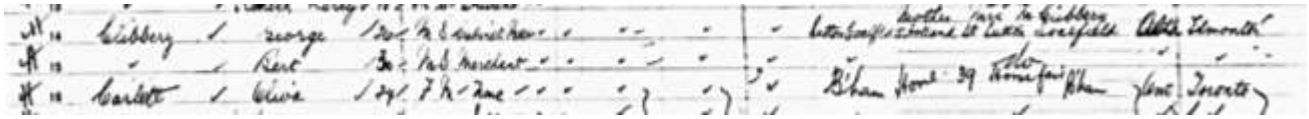
**Canada**

Bertram Clibbery sailed to Montreal aboard the 'S. S. Teutonic' on 1 November 1906, departing from Liverpool. He was single and gave no occupation on the manifest.

**US Index to Alien Arrivals at Canadian & Pacific Seaports 1904 – 1944**

**NA Washington DC Record group No 85 Records of Immigration and Naturalisation Service 1784 – 2004**

**He and his brother George Clibbery sailed on the ship Teutonic from Liverpool to Nova Scotia on 9 March 1910**



George Clibbery was 26 and a cabinet maker. Bert Clibbery was 30 and a what looks like merchant. Destination Edmonton, Alberta.

Their next of kin was Mrs M Clibbery of 5 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield.

He then sailed back to Liverpool from Halifax, Nova Scotia arriving at Liverpool on 21 December 1911. He was listed as single, and his occupation was that of clergyman.

**US Atlantic Ports Arriving and Departing Passenger & Crew List 1820 – 1959 T 1151**

**Portland Maine 1893 – 1943 Roll 14**

Whilst in Canada, Bertram Clibbery applied for a homestead and land. An application for entry for a homestead was made by Bertram Clibbery of Edmonton.

He applied for the SW quarter of section 30 in township 59, 161 acres. Application made on 9 April 1910, number 2130325.

He was aged 27 and his last place of residence was Ontario, and his occupation was that of farmer.

However, on 23 November 1911, he applied to the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, file number 2130325 for abandonment of the SW quarter of 530 Township 59 Range 23, West 4th Meridan.

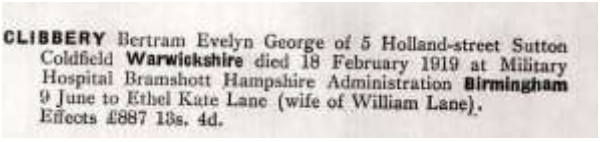
This was cancelled in accordance with the abandonment he had executed, and the land be made available for re-entry. Bertram Clibbery 325 Jasper Avenue North. Last of Edmonton.

Reason – "cannot go into reason at present time" 9.4.1910.

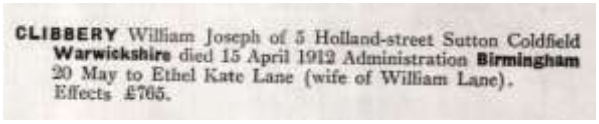
**Alberta Canada Homestead Records 1870 – 1930**

It seems that Bertram Clibbery was not a settled man, finally joining the army in 1915.

**Probate – year 1933**



**CLIBBERY** Bertram Evelyn George of 5 Holland-street Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 18 February 1919 at Military Hospital Bramshott Hampshire Administration **Birmingham** 9 June to Ethel Kate Lane (wife of William Lane). Effects £887 13s. 4d.



**CLIBBERY** William Joseph of 5 Holland-street Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** died 15 April 1912 Administration **Birmingham** 20 May to Ethel Kate Lane (wife of William Lane). Effects £765.

Ethel Kate Lane was the sister of Bertram Clibbery. She married William Lane in 1916 at Sutton Coldfield.

Ethel Kate Lane was also the executor of her brother William Joseph Clibbery of 5 Holland, Street, Sutton Coldfield who died on 15 April 1912.

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

**1921 census 5 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield**

Mary Clibbery, 63, widow. Home duties.
Marian Clibbery, 25, single,
Ethel Kate Lane, 32, married. Home duties.
William Lane, 34, married, born in Moseley. Builder's manager for Charles Henry Lane, 76 Woodbridge Road, Moseley.

**Deaths**

The death of George Clibbery was registered March 1908 Aston 6d 309, aged 51.

The death of Mary A Clibbery was registered December 1931 Tamworth 6b 437, aged 75.

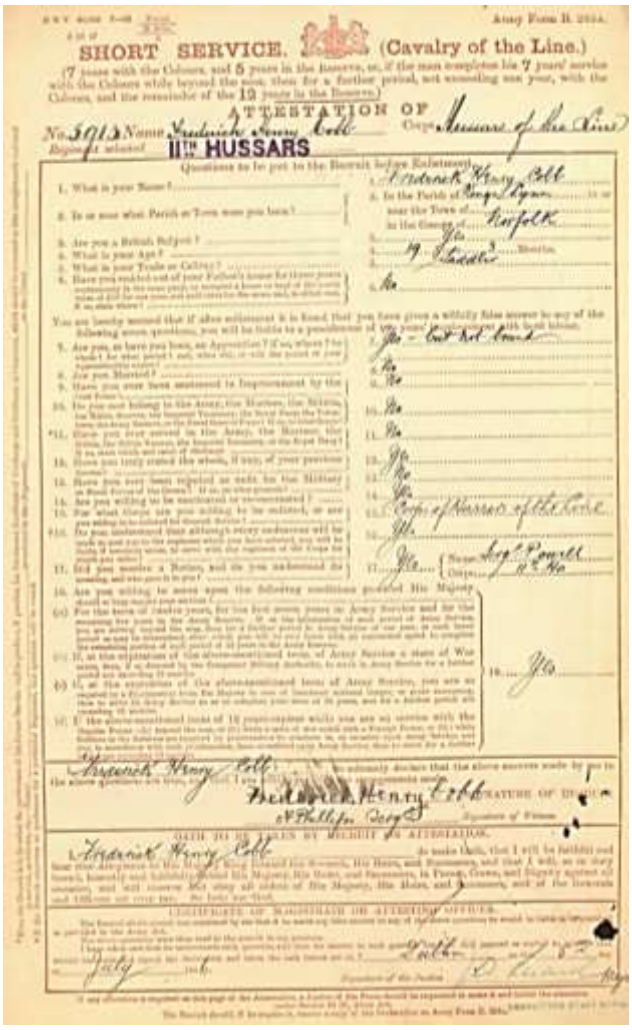
**FREDERICK HENRY COBB**

**Frederick Henry Cobb was born in Kings Lynn on 29 March 1887. He resided in Four Oaks. He enlisted in Sutton Coldfield with the Welsh Regiment – Private 73575, Durham Light Infantry ,1/6th Battalion – Corporal 91642**

In 1906, Frederick Henry Cobb had enlisted with the 11th Hussars, Corps Hussars of the line, service number 5913, He was born in Kings Lynn and was aged 19 years 3 months. His occupation was that of saddler.

He attested on 5 July 1906 at Dublin. In 1906, the Hussars were stationed in Ireland. In 1908, they were at Shorncliffe, England. In 1911, they were at Aldershot. In 1914, they were serving in France and Flanders. In 1906, there was a lot of political upheaval in Ireland.

**British Armed Forces Records online.**



SHORT SERVICE. (Cavalry of the Line.)

ATTESTATION OF

No. 5913 Name Frederick Henry Cobb Corps Hussars of the Line

Regiment selected 11th HUSSARS

Frederick Henry Cobb, born in 1887 in Kings Lynn. Hussars of the Line Service Number 5913. No date of discharge was given.

**Royal Chelsea Hospital Pensions – Soldier Service Records 17601920. Reference WO 97 Fold 3.**

Frederick Henry Cobb died on 1 November 1918, whilst he was a Prisoner of War in Germany.

He was buried at the Quedlinburg Cemetery. This cemetery and graves were later relocated to the Niederzehren Cemetery, Cassel in Germany. He was buried in Plot VIII.D.19

**Germany Findagrave Index 1600 – current. Memorial ID 18400893.**

**Maintained by Glenlivet 14 March 2007**

**Army Service Record**

Frederick Henry Cobb of “Belwell House”, Four Oaks, was aged 29 years and 8 months on enlistment. He worked as a tailor, outfitter and cycle exporter. He was married.

He had previously served in the army with the (unreadable) Hussars. He requested that he be posted to either- the RFC, (unreadable) ASC or Machine Gun Corps as a hearing signaller.

He enlisted in Sutton Coldfield on 31 January 1917, and was approved as fit for service on 5 February 1917 at Grove Park.

His wife was Alice Eveline Cobb, formerly Bate. They were married at the Wesleyan Trinity Church in Walsall on 3 April 1912. They had a child, William Bate Cobb, who was born on 19 December 1915 at Four Oaks.

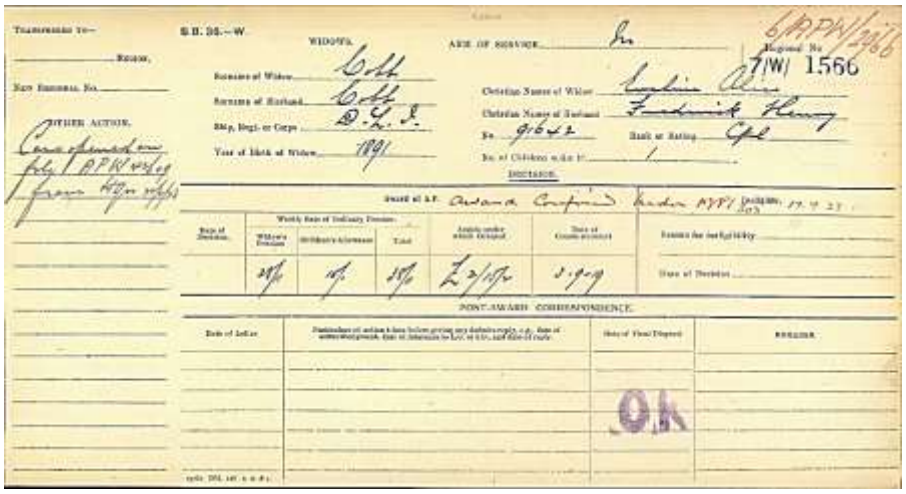
Frederick H Cobb was not found on the 1911 England or Wales census. The Hussars were not found at Aldershot. Possibly he was serving with the Welsh Regiment at this time. He was not found anywhere on the 1911 census. His family were not found in 1911.

**Army Medal Roll**

These show that Frederick H Cobb was firstly a Corporal with the Welsh Regiment as Private 73575 and then a Corporal with the Durham Light Infantry, Number 96142.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals O/1/103 B29, page 5701.

**WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Reference 1619**



Eveline Alice Cobb, widow of Frederick Henry Cobb of Durham Light Infantry No 91642, was awarded a widow’s pension of 28 s 11 d and a child’s award of 10s from 3 September 1919.

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 637/069pw 6/apw/296, 7/W/1566 Fold 3**

In 1918, Frederick Cobb resided at “Belwell House”, Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

Prior to the war, he had run a business as a tailor at “Belwell House”, Belwell Lane, so presumably he had lived above the premises.

“In loving memory of Frederick H Cobb who died at Quedlinbergh, Germany on November 1st 1918.

Fondly remembered by his wife, Eveline A. Cobb of “Belwell House”, Four Oaks”

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 1.11.1919**

**Frederick Henry Cobb appears to have been the son of Charles and Jane Cobb of Norfolk.**

**Birth**

The birth of Frederick Henry Cobb was registered June 1887 Kings Lynn 4b 365

**1891 census Brick Yard, Kings Lynn, Norfolk**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Cobb | M | 30 | Harness maker | b Thaxton |
| Jane Cobb | M | 28 | | b Kings Lynn |
| Charles H Cobb | | 5 | | b Kings Lynn |
| Frederick H Cobb | | 3 | | b Kings Lynn |

**1901 census Long Row, Grimston, Norfolk**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Cobb | M | 41 | Saddler | b Thaxton, Norfolk |
| Jane Cobb | M | 37 | | b Kings Lynn |
| Frederick H Cobb | | 13 | | b Kings Lynn |
| Walter P Cobb | | 9 | | b Kings Lynn |
| Bertie W Cobb | | 6 | | b Kings Lynn |

The family were not found in 1911.

**1921 census Ingledels, White Hill, Kinver, Staffordshire**

William Bate, 64, born in Birmingham. Married. Depository of metal by electricity, employer- retired.
Fanny Bate, 62, born in Birmingham. Married. Home duties.
Eveline Cobb, 38, born in Birmingham. Widow. Home duties.
William Bate Cobb, 5, born in Four Oaks. Father dead.

**1939 Register 217 Lichfield Road, Walsall**

Alice E Cobb, born on 11 October 1881. Widow. Private means.
William B Cobb, born on 19 December 1915. Single. Assistant surveyor.

**Death**

The death of Eveline A Cobb was registered December 1946 Walsall 9b 615, aged 65.

**Marriage**

The marriage between William B Cobb and Mavis E Spiers was registered June 1941 Walsall 6b 1878

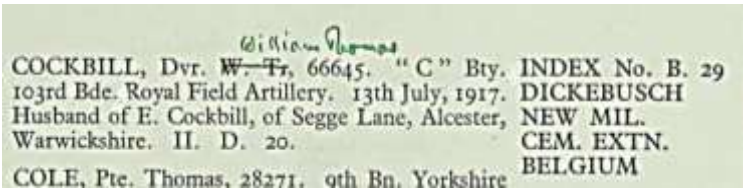
**Death**

The death of William Bate Cobb was registered September 1990 Kingsbridge, Devon 990 volume 21 page 1250

**WILLIAM THOMAS COCKBILL**

**William Thomas Cockbill was born in 1894 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Field Artillery – Gunner/ Driver 66645**

It seems that our earlier research was based on conflicting information, some of it arising from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. For example, they have him married to an E Cockbill of Segge Lane, Alcester. This marriage related to another soldier altogether and no marriage for our William was found.


COCKBILL, Dvr. ~~W. Tr.~~ 66645. "C" Bty. INDEX No. B. 29
103rd Bde. Royal Field Artillery. 13th July, 1917. DICKEBUSCH
Husband of E. Cockbill, of Segge Lane, Alcester, NEW MIL.
Warwickshire. II. D. 20. CEM. EXTN.
BELGIUM
COLE, Pte. Thomas. 28271. 9th Bn. Yorkshire

List for Dickebusche New Military Cemetery Extension. Death down as 13 July 1917.

**Graves Registration Report Form D.A.D.G.R. & E. Report 7.**

**Schedule 10c. No.5 District. Serial Number 553. Plot 2.**

**Imperial War Graves Commission Record on C.W.G.C website**

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919** records have his birth parish as Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield which is correct. His enlistment at Birmingham is correct.

He was a Gunner, numbers 1014 and 66645 with the RHA and RFA. He was killed inaction on 23 April 1917.

**National Army Museum Records**

**Findagrave appears to have incorrect information.**

William Thomas Cockbill has a Memorial ID of 99498057.

This is maintained by Glenlivet and dated 27 May 2019. The date of death is given as 25 April 1917 and states that he is buried in Sutton Coldfield Cemetery. This appears to be incorrect information.

No image or other information is given of note.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission website states that William Thomas Cockbill, service number 66645, Royal Field Artillery, "C" Bty, 103rd Bdg, died on 13 July 1917.

Buried or commemorated at Dickebusche New Military Cemetery Extension, plot 11 D 20, Belgium.

https://www.cwgc.org/find-records/find-war-dead/casualty-details/.442919/william-thomas-cockbill/

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RFA/199 B, page 1971, and the 1915 Star Medal RFA/6.A.B., page 4894.

Campaign — 1914-15.

(A) COCKBILL R7A 4pr 1014

(B) WT R7A/1 100

Action taken Dead

THEATRE OF WAR. (1) France

QUALIFYING DATE. 19-5-15

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Card 1914 – 1920**

R.F.A. REGIMENT OR CORPS.

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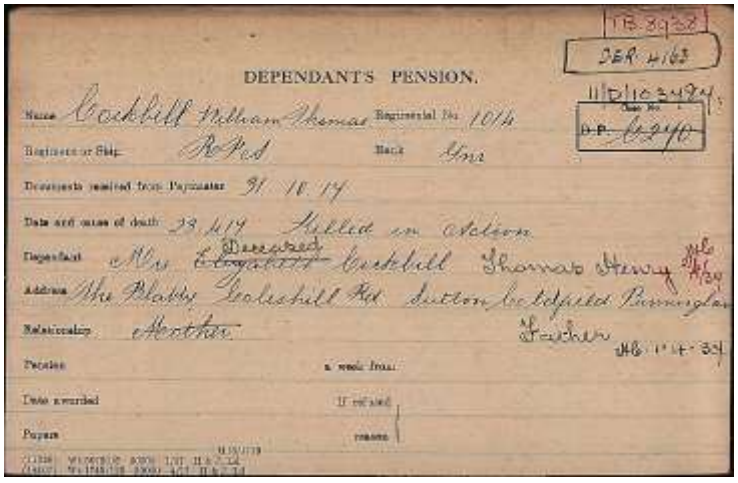
**UK WW1 Service Medal & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO 329 Ref 37 Piece 0037 RFA**

475219 Gnr. Cockbill William Thomas R.F.A. Gnr. 1914.

His mother Elizabeth was sent £14 5s 5d effects and a war gratuity of £12 on 13 June 1919.

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1920 475001- 476500 Ref 269**

**National Army Museum**


DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

Name Cockbill William Thomas Regimental No. 1014

Regiment or Ship R.F.A. Rank Gnr

Documents received from Paymaster 31.10.17

Date and cause of death 23.4.17 Killed in Action

Dependant Mrs Deceased Cockbill Thomas Henry

Address The Flatts Cockshill Rd. Sutton Coldfield Birmingham

Relationship Mother

Pension a week from

Date awarded If refused

Papers reason

Killed in action 23 April 1917.

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 11/D103787 Fold 3**

**William Thomas Cockbill was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cockbill**

"He went to the front in early 1915. He was wounded twice, first he suffered a hand wound on his 21st birthday that required two weeks in hospital in France and then he suffered from shrapnel wounds in the leg.

He was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Cockbill of "The Blabbs", Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield. He was educated at Town School. He was a choirboy with the Reddicap Hill Mission.

Prior to going to war, he worked for Mr J. Clifford, a farmer in Walmley. His officer stated that he was killed instantaneously by a bomb."

**Sutton Coldfield News 12.5.1917**

"In loving memory of our dear son Gunner William Thomas Cockbill, Royal Field Artillery, killed in action April 23rd 1917.

Over the ocean where a brave young soldier sleeps
There is a dear old house in England where a mother often weeps
Not one day have we forgotten him since he bade his last farewell
But someday we hope to meet him, where no passing tears are shed.

From Mother, Dad, brothers and sisters."

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 26.4.1919**

**Birth**

The birth of William Thomas Cockbill was registered September 1894 Aston 6d 409

**1901 census Reddicap Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Cockbill | M | 32 | Coal salesman | b Long Marston |
| Elizabeth Cockbill | M | 32 | | b Bloxwich |
| William Cockbill | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen E Cockbill | | 4 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mary A Cockbill | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census "Blabbs Cottages", Coleshill Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Henry Cockbill | M | 42 | Dustman for corporation | b Long Marston |
| Elizabeth Cockbill | M | 42 | Married 17 years, 7 children all alive | b Bloxwich, Staffs |
| William Thomas Cockbill | U | 17 | Butcher – shop | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Ellen Elizabeth Cockbill | U | 18 | Domestic servant | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Marjorie Cockbill | | 15 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Frank Henry Cockbill | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Annie Cockbill | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Samuel James Cockbill | | 6 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Alfred Joseph Cockbill | | 3 weeks old | | b Sutton Coldfield |

Long Marston is in Gloucestershire

Thomas Henry Cockbill was listed at "The Blabbs", Sutton Coldfield on the 1914/15 and the 1918 Electoral Rolls.

**1921 census** – none of the family were found.

**1939 Register 32 Riland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Joseph Spencer, born on 27 January 1904. Married. Builder's labourer for corporation.
Annie Spencer, born on 1 June 1903. Married. Domestic duties.
Thomas H Cockbill, born on 25 March 1869. Widow. Corporation general labourer.

**Deaths**

The death of Elizabeth Cockbill was registered March 1937 Sutton Coldfield 6d 871, aged 67.

The death of Thomas H Cockbill was registered December 1941 Sutton Coldfield 6d 667, aged 72.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH COFIELD**

**William Joseph Cofield was born in 1881 in Aston. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Army Service Corps – Private 273741 and he transferred to the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 1/4th Battalion – Private 35713**

He died on 4 May 1917 at sea. He was on board the hired transport boat "Transylvania" (14,315 tons) when it was sunk by a submarine off Cape Vado, a few miles south of Savona.

The ship was en-route to Salonika with reinforcements. In addition to the crew, there were 398 casualties.

**C.W.G.C History**

"The Transylvania was an anchor liner being used as a troop ship. It left Marseilles on 3 May 1917 and was torpedoed by a U63 a few miles off Savona, Italy.

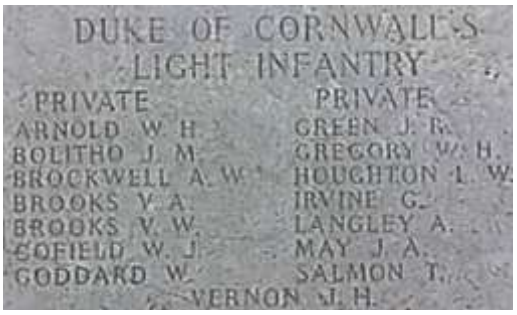
The engine room was hit by the first torpedo. It was carrying about 3400 people, including 69 nurses, who were all saved. A destroyer had come alongside to rescue the people on board when a second torpedo caused more severe damage. One and a half hours later it sank with either 412 or 413 souls lost (records seem to differ)."

**Source: Wikipedia**

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 – enlisted at Sutton Coldfield. Died at sea.**

**Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry 1st, 4th Battalion 35713. Formerly 273741 AST. MJ.**

**William Joseph Cofield is commemorated on the Savona Town Memorial, Italy.**




**Findagrave Memorial ID 21592238**

**Savona Memorial, Citta Metropolitana de Genova, Liguna, Italy**

**Photo by Ken Rathgeber 2017. Maintained by Glenlivet 16 September 2007**

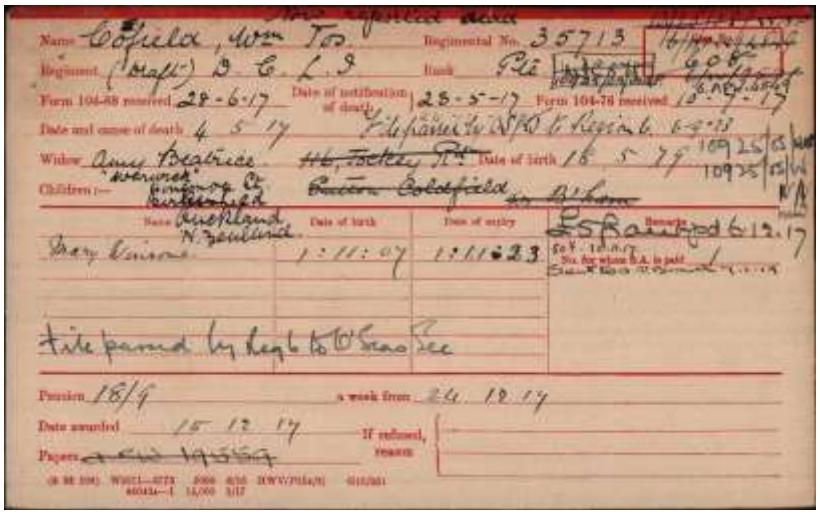
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the British Medal C/1/101, A2, page 59.

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

His widow, Amy B Cofield, was sent £3 effects and £3 war gratuity on 18 August 1919

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 625001-62500 Ref 368**



It seems that Amy Beatrice Cofield moved from 116 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield to "Warwick", Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead, Auckland, New Zealand. Her daughter had been awarded 18s 9d from 15 December 1917 to 24 October 1917. (Address found on NZ map and still exists)

**WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 10925105/Wap Fold 3**

**William Joseph Cofield was the son of William and Elizabeth Cofield and the husband of Amy Beatrice Sutch**

**Birth**

The birth of William Joseph Cofield was registered December 1881 Aston 6d 362

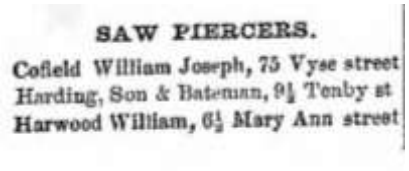
**1901 census 99 Ninevah Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William John Cofield | M | 54 | Saw piercer | b Birmingham |
| Elizabeth Cofield | M | 40 | | b Birmingham |
| William Joseph Cofield | U | 19 | Saw piercer | b Birmingham |
| Mabel Mildred Cofield | | 12 | | b Birmingham |
| Frederick John Cofield | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Marriage**

The marriage between William Joseph Cofield and Amy Beatrice Sutch was registered December 1902 Solihull 6d 1219

**1905 Kelly's Directory for Birmingham**



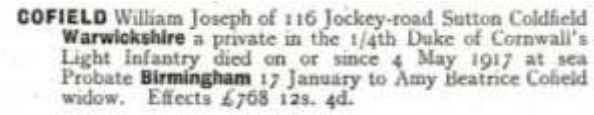
SAW PIERCERS.

Cofield William Joseph, 75 Vyse street
Harding, Son & Bateman, 9½ Tenby st
Harwood William, 6½ Mary Ann street

**1911 census 4 Oxford Villas, Chester Road, New Oscott, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Joseph Cofield | M | 29 | Saw piercer- jewellery/ metalwork | b Aston |
| Amy Beatrice Cofield | M | 32 | Married 9 years with 1 child | b Halesowen |
| Mary Winsome Cofield | | 3 | | b Shirley, Warks |
| Polly Sabel | U | 40 | Boarder – drapery assistant | b Rowley Regis |

**Probate**



**COFIELD** William Joseph of 116 Jockey-road Sutton Coldfield **Warwickshire** a private in the 1/4th Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry died on or since 4 May 1917 at sea Probate **Birmingham** 17 January to Amy Beatrice Cofield widow. Effects £768 12s. 4d.

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

**1921 census** – Amy and Mary were not found.

**Emigration**

Amy B and Mary W Cofield sailed from Liverpool to New Zealand via Quebec, Canada and USA on 21 November 1919 aboard the ship 'Empress of France'. Amy was 43 and a widow and Mary was 12.

**UK & Ireland Outward Passenger Lists 1890 – 1960**

**Canada Incoming Passenger Lists 1865 – 1935**

**US Index to Alien Arrivals at Canadian Atlantic & Pacific Seaports 1904 – 1944**

**1923 Wise's Directory of Auckland**

Amy lived at Hinemoa, Birkenhead, Auckland.

**Death**

Amy Beatrice Cofield of 30 Marama Terrace, Birkenhead, Auckland, Anglican, died on 17 September 1959 and was cremated on 19 September 1959 at Purewa Cemetery.

**New Zealand Cemetery Records 1800 – 2007**

**Marriage**

Mary Winsome Cofield married Charles Percival Moore in 1934. He was a clerk.

**New Zealand Marriage Records, Folio 3121**

On the 1957 electoral roll, they couple lived at 30 Marama Terrace and Charles was a clerk.

**New Zealand Electoral Rolls 1853 - 2010**

**HARRY ALBAN PALMER COHEN**

**Harry Alban Palmer Cohen was born in 1896 in Harborne, Staffordshire (now Birmingham). He resided in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Rifle Brigade 7th Battalion "A" Company – Rifleman B/1908**

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

**Army Service Record**

These survive but are in a very poor state and hard to read.

Harry Cohen, born in Harborne, signed up on 29 August 1914 at Birmingham. He was aged 19 years and 20 days. His trade was fitter in the motor industry, and he had served his apprenticeship with the Wolseley Motor Company.

He signed up with the King's Royal Rifle Corps, 7th (Service) Battalion, Rifle Brigade.

He was transferred to Winchester on 1 September 1914 and posted on 3 September 1914 – presumably to France as place is left blank. He had leave in England between 15 January 1916 and 7 February 1916. He was reported missing on 21 March 1918.

A letter was sent to his mother Maude Cohen of "Vesey's Manor House", Sutton Coldfield on 8 December 1918 enquiring about where to send his belongings. These items, including his 'Princess Mary's Gift' from Christmas 1914 were sent on 27 June 1919 from Winchester.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory Medal B/1908 (page not given) which was sent to his parents address.

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

**British Army Service Records First World War Burnt Documents, The National Archives, WO 363**

**No other records have been found online.**

Harry Cohen was also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

**Harry Cohen was the son of John Alban Cohen and Maude Cohen of "Vesey's Manor House", Sutton Coldfield, and Pratchett Street, Birmingham.**

"He was reported missing on 21 March 1918 at St Quentin. He was preparing to take up his commission as an officer when he was killed. He left his apprenticeship at the Wolseley Works in August 1914 to enlist with the army."

**Sutton Coldfield News 30.8.1919**

**1918 Electoral Roll**

Harry Cohen was listed on military service at 33 Eastern Road, Sutton Coldfield.

**Birth**

The birth of Harry Alban P Cohen was registered September 1896 Kings Norton 6c 489

**Baptism at Harborne on 4 October 1896**

To parents John Alabn and Maude Cohen.

**England Births & Baptisms 1538 – 1975 Index only Findmypast**

**1901 census Rotton Park Road, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Cohen | M | 30 | Accountant's clerk | b Birmingham |
| Maude Cohen | M | 28 | | b Birmingham |
| Harry Cohen | | 4 | | b Birmingham |
| Richard Cohen | | 7 months old | | b Birmingham |
| Edith Gibbs | U | 18 | Housemaid | b Birmingham |

**1911 census 71 Gillott Road, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Cohen | M | 40 | Rate collector, Parish of Birmingham | b Birmingham |
| Maude Cohen | M | 38 | Married 16 years, 5 children, 1 died | b Birmingham |
| Harry Cohen | | 14 | | b Birmingham |
| Richard Cohen | | 10 | | b Birmingham |
| John Cohen | | 2 | | b Birmingham |
| Roger Cohen | | 1 | | b Birmingham |
| Winnie Taylor | U | 19 | Domestic servant | b Birmingham |

**1921 census Vesey Manor House, Sutton Coldfield**

John Alban Cohen, 50. Brass founder, employer, The Foundry, Pritchett Street, Birmingham.
Maude Cohen, 48. Domestic duties.
Richard Ernest Palmer Cohen, 20. Birmingham medical school student.
John Palmer Cohen, 12. School.
Roger Palmer Cohen, 11. School.
Benjamin Palmer, widower, 76, father in law. Pawn Broker own account retired.
Winnie Taylor, 30. Domestic servant.
Ida Overton, 17. Domestic servant.

**1939 Register 'The Dra', Bidford Prior, Evesham, Warwickshire**

John Alban Cohen, born on 10 March 1871. Master Brass Founder.
Maude Cohen, born on 19 December 1872. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

The death of John Alban Cohen was registered June 1943 Evesham 6c 187, aged 72.

The death of Maude Cohen was registered June 1949 Birmingham 9c 135, aged 76.

**CYRIL GEORGE COLBOURN**

**Cyril George Colbourn was born in 1897 at Lea Moors in Staffordshire. He enlisted at Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment - Private 23158 and was transferred to the Machine Gun Corps 62nd Company – Private 86609**

He was killed in action on 4 October 1917 (France & Flanders) in the Battle of Broodseinde.

"On the day he died the temperature was 60 degrees F. It was overcast with 4.6 mm of rainfall." (SDBD)

**Army Service Record**

Cyril Colbourn of 5 Hill Cottage, Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, was aged 18 years old and single when he signed up on 19 November 1915 in Birmingham. His occupation was that of book binder.

He was from Lea Moor, Walsall, Staffordshire.

He was 5' 8" tall with a chest measurement of 33 inches. He was of fair complexion. He had a 'congenital myocardia' (heart defect) but was declared fit to serve.

Hi next of kin was his father, John and his mother was Elizabeth. His siblings were Victor, 18; Norman, 7; Ethel, 20; Lucy, 14 and Mary, 11.

His religion was Wesleyan.

He embarked on 21 April 1917 at Folkstone and disembarked the same day at Boulogne. He joined B Depot on 24 April 1917 and later joined 62 Coy. Field, on 14 May 1917. He was killed in action on 4 October 1917.

His personal effects and medals were sent to his parents on 4 May 1922.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the
granted in respect of the service of
Dated 8th May 1922
Signature John Wm Colbourn

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**UK British Army WW1 Service Records 1914 – 1920 WO 363 Burnt Records.**
**The National Archives**

Cyril Colbourn has no known grave and is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial, Arrondissment Leper, West Flanders, Belgium, Panel 154 - 159 and 163A.

COBB W
COCKERILL
COLBOURNE
COLDHAM A
COLLINS A V
COLLINSON S H
CONNAL J
COOPER E H

**Findagrave Memorial ID 1970024 Maintained by Paul R and uploaded 13 October 2003**

**General Register Office War Deaths Army and other Ranks 1914 – 1921**

Cyril George Colbourn Reference ARR1, page 351, line 120 MGC

**Army Medal Rolls**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals MCG/101 B56, page 4734

**UK WW1 Service Medals & Award Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 1747**

**British Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards 1914 – 1920**

**British Army Medal Cards WO 372/4 The National Archives**

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.

D.1

Name Colbourn Cyril George. Regimental No. 56609

Regiment or Ship M. G. C. Rank Pte

Documents received from Paymaster 1-2-19.

Date and cause of death 4-10-17. Killed in Action

Dependent Mrs John William Colbourn

Address 5 Hill Cottages Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield

Relationship Father

Pension 5/6 21-11. Week from 23-1-19.

Date awarded 26-4-19. If refused, reason

Papers PQ

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 048/0193/ Cog- Col Fold 3**

Cyril George Colbourn was commemorated on the St James Church Roll of Honour

**Tina Ambrose, St James Church**

Cyril George Colbourn is also commemorated on the Four Oaks Methodist Church WW1 Memorial.

**War Memorial Register Four Oaks Methodist Church C.W.M.R. 386281 Sutton Coldfield**

**Cyril Colbourn was the son of John William and Elizabeth Colbourn of 5 Hill Cottages, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.**

"In ever loving memory of our dearly loved son Cyril George who fell in action 4.10.1917. The influence of his life will ever live in the hearts of all at home".

**In Memorium Sutton Coldfield News 4.10.1919**

**1914/1915 Electoral Roll**

He previously resided at "Hill View", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield.

**Birth**

The birth of Cyril G Colbourn was registered September 1897 Walsall 6b 718 – Mother Holmes

**1901 census "Victoria Terrace", Bloxwich, Walsall**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John W Colbourn | M | 29 | Brick layer | b Bilston |
| Elizabeth Colbourn | M | 27 | | b Walsall |
| Cyril Colbourn | | 3 | | b Bloxwich |
| Ethel Colbourn | | 2 | | b Bloxwich |

**1911 census "Hill Cottages", Lichfield Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John William Colbourn | M | 39 | Brick layer for builder | b Bilston, Staffs |
| Elizabeth Colbourn | M | 37 | Married 16 years 6 children- 1 died | b Walsall |
| Cyril George Colbourn | | 13 | School & hairdresser's assistant | b Walsall |
| Ethel Mary Colbourn | | 12 | | b Walsall |
| Victor William Colbourn | | 10 | | b Walsall |
| Lucy Elizabeth Colbourn | | 6 | | b Walsall |
| Mary Alice Colbourn | | 3 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census 5 Hill Villas, Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John W Colbourn, 50. Bricklayer for B Streather & Sons, Four Oaks.
Elizabeth Cobourn, 47. Home duties.
Ethel M Colbourn, 22. Home duties.
Victor Colbourn, 20. Tool setter at Brampton Brothers, Cycle accessories, Chester Street.
Lucy Elizabeth Colbourn, 16. Typist/clerk at Wesleyan General, Steelhouse Lane.
Mary Alice Colbourn, 13. School.
Norman Wilfred Colbourn, 9. School.

**1939 Register 471 Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

John W Colbourn, born on 4 June 1871. Bricklayer.
Elizabeth Colbourn, born on 5 October 1873. Invalid.
Ethel M Colbourn, born on 31 December 1919. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

The death of Elizabeth Colbourn was registered June 1950 Sutton Coldfield 9c 871, aged 76.

The death of John W Colbourn was registered March 1957 Sutton Coldfield 9c 988, aged 85.

**FREDERICK WILLIAM COLE**

**Frederick William Cole was born in 1899 in Sutton Coldfield. He had been a reservist in the Warwickshire Yeomanry – Private 60159. He attested at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 16th Battalion – Private 43452.**

He was killed in action on 10 October 1918 (France & Flanders,) aged 18.

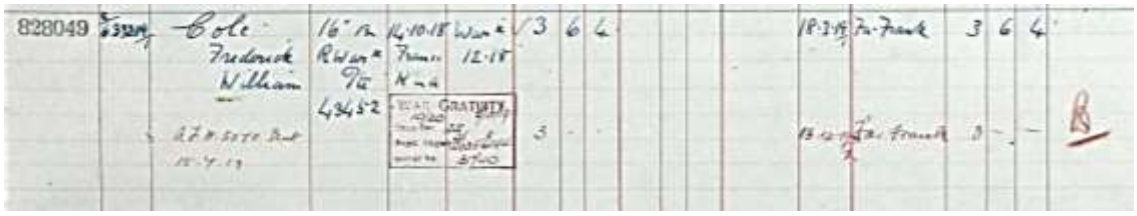
(Some online records state he died on 14 October 1918).

He was buried at the Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension, Plot III.A.2.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Findmypast.**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B7, page 1542.




His father Frank Cole was sent £3 6s 4d effects and a £3 war gratuity on 19 October 1919.

**UK WW1 Soldiers Effects from Forces War Records Fold 3**

No further records were found online in 2024. Cole and Coles were searched.

Frederick William Cole was commemorated on the Roll of Honour of the Methodist Church, South Parade, Sutton Coldfield.

**Frederick William Cole was the son of Frank and Mary Cole of "Ballaglas", Royal Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Town School, Sutton Coldfield. He was a member of the Wesleyan Chapel, Parade, Sutton Coldfield, where he had attended Sunday School.

Prior to enlisting he was in the employ of Mr C F Marston, Architect & Surveyor of Masonic Hall Chambers, Sutton Coldfield.

After enlisting with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, he underwent training at Dover and went to the front on 11 August 1918."

**Sutton Coldfield News 26.10.1918**

**Birth**

The birth of Frederick William Cole was registered December 1899 Aston 6d 464

**1901 census 8 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Cole | M | 38 | Plumber | b Biston |
| Mary Walters Cole | M | 36 | | b Bilston |
| Dora Mary Cole | | 12 | | b Biston |
| Elizabeth Harriet Cole | | 10 | | b Bilston |
| Annie Sarah Cole | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Issac Cole | | 5 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Frederick William Cole | | 1 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1911 census 110 Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Cole | M | 48 | House plumber | b Bilston, Staffs |
| Mary Walters Cole | M | 46 | Married 23 years – 5 children | b Bilston |
| Dora Mary Cole | U | 22 | Typist | b Bilston |
| Elizabeth Harriet Cole | U | 20 | Serving maid | b Bilston |
| Phoebe Annie Cole | U | 17 | Improver to dressmaker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Isaac Cole | | 15 | Boy help in builders yard | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Frederick William Cole | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census 'Ballaglas', Royal Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Frank Cole, 58. Plumber at J Wood, Plumbers & Builders, High Street, Sutton Coldfield.
Mary Walters Cole, 56. House duties.
Dora Mary Cole, 32, single. Clerk for London Central Meat Co, Charterhouse Square, London.
Edith Harriet Cole, 30, single. Dress maker own account at home.
Isaac Cole, 25, single. Carpenter at J Wood, Plumbers & Builders, High Street, Sutton Coldfield.

**1939 Register 8 Tamworth Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Edith H Cole, born on 6 March 1891. Designer.
Mary W Cole, born on 18 September 1864. Widow. Domestic duties.
George Boyd, born on 7 January 1869. Widower. Surgeon, retired.

**Deaths**

The death of Frank Cole was registered December 1932 Sutton Coldfield 6d 608, aged 71.

The death of Mary W Cole was registered December 1942 Sutton Coldfield 6d 611, aged 78.

**Isaac Cole**

The military records were found for Isaac Cole, who survived the war.

He enlisted at Brierley Hill on 7 September 1914 with the 5th Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment – Private 9084, at the age of 19 years 1 month. He was single, lived at "Ballaglas", Royal Road, Sutton Coldfield and was employed by J Wood of Sutton Coldfield as a carpenter.

He was 5' 10" tall, had grey/brown eyes and a 33 ½ inch chest measurement. He was of fair health. He had 6/6 right eye vision with glasses but 'bad' eyesight in the left eye.

He was posted to France between 1.5.1915 – 27.12.1915 with the 5th Battalion. He was then transferred to the 28th Battalion on 21.5.1916. He was in hospital between 26.10.1915 – 13.12.1915 because of a gun - shot wound to the abdomen sustained on 13.10.1915. He was demobilised to the army reserve on 12 March 1919.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals F/101, B18, page 2260, and 1915 Star Medal F/2B1, page 78.

**ALBERT HENRY COLES**

**Albert Coles was born in 1880 at Packington in Warwickshire. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Berkshire Regiment – Private 25731 and was transferred to the Welsh Regiment 13th Battalion - Private 55409**

He died of wounds on 7 September 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 37.

He probably died at a casualty clearing station as there were two based in Varennes in September 1919 (C.W.G.C. Cemetery History)

He was buried at the Varennes Cemetery, Plot III.H.17.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919, Findmypast**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals J/1/104 B19, page 7259,

No further military records were found online.

Albert Coles was commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (Matthew Rhodes)

**Albert Henry Coles was the son of John and Eliza Coles from Oxfordshire, and the husband of Emily Florence Coles of 64 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield.**

**Birth**

The birth of Albert H Coles was registered March 1880 Meriden 6d 474

**Baptism on 7 March 1880 at Little Packington**

Albert Henry Coles to parents John and Eliza. Father was a labourer.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 Warwick Records Office Engl 1 09000 80**

**1891 census "Witton Farm Cottage", Witton Farm, Aston**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Coles | M | 62 | Agricultural Labourer | b Roxton |
| Eliza Coles | M | 50 | | b Roxton |
| Louisa Coles | | 15 | | b Statton, Oxfordshire |
| Albert Coles | | 11 | | b Little Packington |
| Beatrice Gilbert | | 4 | Grand - daughter | b Little Sutton |

**1901 census 52 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eliza Coles | W | 60 | Charwoman | b Roxton, Oxfordshire |
| Susannah Coles | U | 22 | Domestic servant | b Roxton, Oxfordshire |
| Albert Coles | U | 20 | Railway labourer | b Packington |

**1911 census 52 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Eliza Coles | W | 70 | | b Oxfordshire |
| Albert Coles | U | 30 | Jobbing gardener | b Packington, Warks |

Eliza Coles had 10 children, five of whom had died.

**Marriage** - This seems to be the most likely marriage

The marriage between Albert Coles and Emily Florence Clapton-Withers was registered March 1912 Chipping Norton 3a 1399

It is not known if the couple had any children, but none were found registered on FreeBMD.

**1918 Electoral Roll for Sutton Coldfield**

Albert Coles was living at 52 Duke Street and was listed as being on military service.

**1921 census 64 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield**

Emily Coles, 45 from Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. Widow. Home duties.
Eliza Coles, 80 from Roxton. Widow. Home duties.
Tom Rose, 50, single from Compton, Warwickshire. Timber man at public works.

**1939 Register 64 Duke Street, Sutton Coldfield**

Emily Coles, born on 20 February 1975. Widow. Domestic duties.
Tom Rose, born on 11 November 1876. Labourer at rubber works.

**Death**

The death of Emily Florence Coles was registered March 1947 Sutton Coldfield 9c 1299, aged 72.

**AUSTIN VERNON COLEMAN**

**Austin Vernon Coleman was born on 15 June 1897 at Edgbaston, Birmingham. He enlisted on 26 May 1915 at Handsworth with the Royal Army Medical Corps – Private 90806**

He died on 17 October 1917 (Salonika), aged 20, at the 60th General Hospital. He died from dysentery.

He was buried at the Kirechkő - Hortakői Military Cemetery, Greece, Plot 22.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 21489007**

**International War Graves Photography Project 10 September 2007 Image by jj83**

**Army Service Record**

Austin Vernon Coleman was aged 19 years and one month when he enlisted at Handsworth with the RAMC on 26 May 1915. He was single and worked as a salesman.

His religion was Unitarian. He was 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighed 130 pounds. His chest measurement was 34 inches. His medical was conducted at Holt in Norfolk.

Whilst serving in the army, he was twice hospitalised for influenza – between 2 April 1916 and 28 April 1916, and between 15 August 1916 and 17 August 1916. He had a dental extraction on 3 November 1916.

He was re-posted to the Regular Army Eastern Command on 7 February 1917.

He was then admitted to the 60th General Hospital on 18 August 1917 with dysentery.

Telegrams were sent to the war office: on 2 September 1917 he was dangerously ill.

On 8 September 1917, there was no change; on 15 September 1917, he was critical; on 29 September 1917, he was slightly improved; on 6 October 1917, there was no change.

He died on 17 October 1917 of dysentery.

A cable was sent to his father Mr Frank Cobden Coleman at (presumably his business premises) at 56 St Agnes Road, Moseley from the Woking War Station.

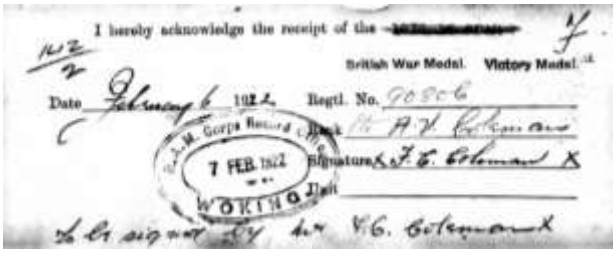
On 9 February 1918, Austin Coleman's personal effects were sent to his father at the above address.

They included: a body belt, letters, 2 notebooks, diary, dictionary, safety razor with blade in a case, pocketknife, pair of folding scissors, pencil case, postcards, pair woollen socks, pair woollen gloves, clothes brush, identity disc, tobacco pouch, woollen scarf, 13 handkerchiefs – 2 with lace edges, metal

watch, leather pocket wallet, 3 pairs of spectacles in cases, brushes, prayer book and a chess set in a bag.

On 23 September 1919, his regimental plaque and scroll were sent to his father at Llanrhos, Sutton Coldfield.

On 7 February 1922, his Victory and British Medals were sent to his father at 69 Station Road, Wylde Green.


I hereby acknowledge the receipt of the [redacted]
British War Medal. Victory Medal.
Date February 6 1922. Regtl. No. 90806
Rank Pte. Signature A V Coleman X
7 FEB 1922
WORTHING
A V Coleman X

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**British Army WW1 Service Records 1914 - 1920**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RAMC/101 B26, page 1824.

RAMC
B26
90806
COLEMAN
Auston V

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

ORIGINAL

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 2076**

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Coleman
Auston
Vernon
Pte.
90806
DATE 2/3/19

His father Frank C Coleman was sent £12 1s 2d effects and £10 10s war gratuity on 2 July 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1910 – 1929 464501 – 466000 Ref 62**

Austin Vernon Coleman is commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial.

Private A V Coleman is commemorated on page 234 of the 'Birmingham City Battalions' book by Sir William H Bowater.

He is listed on his employers page. They were Wilkinson & Riddell Ltd.

**Austin Coleman was the younger son of Mr and Mrs Frank Cobden Coleman of "Llanrhos", Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Epworth College, Rhyll and Bishop Vesey's Grammar School.

Prior to enlisting he was in the service of Messrs Wilkinson & Riddell, Warehousemen & Wholesale Drapers, 42 Cherry Street, Birmingham.

He went to Salonika in about May 1917 and contracted dysentery and was ill for two months before he died.

His elder brother had also served as a Private in the Cyclists Corps."

**Sutton Coldfield News 27.10.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Austin V Coleman was registered September 1897 Birmingham 6d 12

**1901 census 28 Selwyn Road, Rotton Park, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank C Coleman | M | 33 | Wholesale clothier – employer | b Burslem |
| Gertrude Coleman | M | 32 | | b Aston |
| Stanley Coleman | | 5 | | b Birmingham |
| Austin Coleman | | 3 | | b Birmingham |

**1911 census "Llanrhos", Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank C Coleman | M | 43 | Wholesale bespoke tailor, employer | b Burslem |
| Gertrude Coleman | M | 42 | Married 16 years – 3 children | b Birmingham |
| Stanley A Coleman | | 15 | | b Birmingham |
| Austin V Coleman | | 13 | | b Birmingham |
| Gertrude Coleman | | 6 | | b Birmingham |

**Stanley A Coleman**

There was an Army Medal Card for Stanley A. Coleman – Private 3811 19 London Rifles/ Private 12/44744 Royal Irish Rifles.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals B/104 B 20, page 3299.

No further information was found for Stanley A. Coleman.

**1921 census 69 Station Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Frank C Coleman, 53. Wholesale Bespoke Clothier at Coleman & Oldland Wholesale, Moor Street.
Gertrude Coleman, 52. Home duties.
Stanley Allforth Coleman, 25, single. Solicitor at Westwood Morris & Co., 36 Bennetts Street.
Gertrude Maud Coleman, 16. Home duties.
Esther Carter, 21, single. General domestic servant.

**1939 Register 8 Belwell Lane, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield**

Frank C Coleman, born on 12 July 1867. Married. Retired Tailor.
Beatrice Coleman, born on 23 July 1885. Married. Domestic duties.

**Marriage**

The marriage between Beatrice Wilkins and Frank C Coleman took place on 6 July 1931 in Bromsgrove – with thanks to Maxine Stephens tree on Ancestry.

**Deaths**

The death of Gertrude Coleman was registered September 1930 Tamworth 6b 378, aged 61.

Frank Cobden Coleman died on 28 November 1942 in Sutton Coldfield.

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

**Private 90806 Austin Vernon Coleman**
**60th General Hospital, Royal Army Medical Corps**
**Died: Wednesday 17th October 1917**
**Aged: 20**

From January 1916 the Headquarters for the XVI Corps was based at Kirechkoi, 2 km northeast of Salonika.

In September 1916, the 60th, 65th and 66th General Hospitals were set up in the area; the high and healthy country was thought to suit the treatment of the soldiers suffering from illness.

Private Coleman was admitted into the hospital where he served on 18 August 1917 with dysentery. He was reported as "Dangerously ill" on 25 August 1917 and his condition fluctuated over the next two months. He died of dysentery on 17 October 1917.

Austin Coleman is buried in Kirechkoi-Hortakői Military Cemetery, Greece, Grave 22.

The influenza epidemic of the autumn of 1918 filled three-quarters of the cemetery.

Austin Coleman is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square and All Saints Church Cross, Belwell Lane.

"Austin Coleman attended Bishop Vesey's Grammar School between 2nd May 1907 and 11th April 1911.

In May 1911 he went to Epworth College, Rhyll and then worked as a salesman in Messrs. Wilkinson and Riddell, wholesale drapers based at 42 Cherry Street, Birmingham.

Austin Coleman attested in the Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Force at Handsworth, as Private 256 on 26 May 1915, a month before his eighteenth birthday.

He joined the 3/1st North Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, later transferring into the 2/1 N.M.M.B.F.A. as a Bearer with the number 90806.

He was posted to the R.A.M.C. Regular Army Authority Eastern Command on 7 February 1917 and then on to Aldershot as an advanced party to the 60th General Hospital on 20 May 1917.

Austin travelled to Salonika on 8 June 1917.

His elder brother Private Stanley Allforth Coleman had been serving in the Cyclist's Corps but after an illness trained as a signaler.

He also had a younger sister Gertrude Maude."

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

**With thanks**

**FREDERICK HENRY DOUGLAS COLLIER**

**Frederick Henry Douglas Collier was born in 1893 in Erdington. He resided in Wylde Green at the time. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1st Battalion (City), at the start of the war – Private 23959**

He was killed in action on 11 April 1917 (France & Flanders).

He was the son of Mr F H and Mrs E R Collier of 28 Silverbirch Road, Birmingham.

He was a clerk and lived in Erdington and Wylde Green.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919, Royal Warwickshire Regiment P1845190**

**Commonwealth War Graves Commission Debt of Honour – find-war-dead**

**Fampoux British Cemetery**

He attended King Edwards School. He lived at 74 Orchard Road, Erdington and 'Bradley' Mayfield Road, Boldmere.

**Lives of the First World War 1914 – 1918**

He was buried at the Fampoux British Cemetery (near Arras), Plot A. 41.

Born to Frederick and Edith Rosetta Collier at Rollason Road, Edington. Baptised privately on 16 October 1893 at St Barnabas, Erdington.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 24500670 Uploaded by Sandy McKoy on 8 February 2008**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B7, page 1577.

**Britain Campaign, Gallantry & Long Service Medals & Awards. The National Archives WO37214**

He was awarded the 1914 - 1915 Star.

**British First World War Campaign Medals WO329/2626**

His father was sent £5 19s 9d effects and a war gratuity of £12 on 2 July 1919.

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 478001-479500 Ref 271 11/D/92863**

DEPENDANTS PENSION

His father, and then his mother, were awarded a dependant's Pension of 5 s a week from 17 December 1917.

**UK Army Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 050/0196/Col-Col. Fold 3.**

Frederick Henry Douglas Collier was commemorated on the St Barnabas, Erdington War Memorial.

**Warwickshire Monumental Inscriptions St Barnabas, Erdington Anglican.**

**Midland-ancestors-shop 1049D (BMSGH)**

**Frederick Collier was the son of Mr Frederick H Collier and Mrs Edith R Collier, formerly of 28 Silverbirch Road, Erdington.**

In 1917, his family lived at "Oakdene", Orchard Road, Erdington (Electoral Roll).

He was baptised at Boldmere Parish Church (sic) and confirmed at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield.

"He resided at "Bradley", Mayfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

Before his death, he had been wounded on the Somme on 22 July 1916, and had only been back on duty a short time before he was killed."

**Sutton Coldfield News 16.6.1917**

"Frederick Collier attended King Edwards School, Birmingham."

**Alison Wheatley, archivist King Edward School**

**Birth**

The birth of Frederick Heny D Collier was registered September 1893 Aston 6d 369

**Baptism at St Barnabas, Erdington on 16 October 1893.**

Born on 18 August 1893. A private baptism was performed. Parents Frederick and Edith Collier of Rollason Road. Frederick was a chemist's assistant.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1922 Ref Ep66/2/2/1 Archive Roll Reel 5**

**1901 census 74 Orchard Road, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Collier | M | 29 | Assistant druggist | b Erdington |
| Edith Collier | M | 29 | | b Hereford |
| Douglas Collier | | 7 | | b Erdington |
| Doris Collier | | 4 | | b Erdington |
| Roy Collier | | 1 | | b Erdington |
| Beryl Collier | | 6 months old | | b Erdington |
| Sarah Hallett | U | 21 | General domestic servant | b Pelsall |
| Florence Palton | | 15 | Nurse | b Tyburn |

**1911 census, “Bradley”, Mayfield Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frederick Harrison Collier | M | 39 | Druggist & Dry Salter | b Erdington |
| Edith Rosetta Collier | M | 39 | Married 18 years – 6 children 3 died | b Hereford |
| Frederick H D Collier | | 17 | Clerk at accountant’s | b Erdington |
| Doris Marian Collier | | 14 | | b Erdington |
| Leonard Roy Collier | | 11 | | b Erdington |
| Beryl C Collier | | 10 | | b Erdington |
| Kenneth Campbell Collier | | 9 | | b Erdington |
| Aubrey Lloyd Collier | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1921 census 28 Silverbirch Road, Erdington**

Frederick Harrison Collier, 50. Dry salter, employer at 92 High Street, Erdington.
Edith Rosetta Collier, 49. Home duties.
Doris Marion Collier, 24, single. Invoice clerk at The British Thomson Houston Co Ltd., Paradise Street.
Leonard Roy Collier, 21, single. Department salesman at Bell, Nicholson Ltd., Cannon Street.
Beryl Christine Collier, 20, single. Home duties.
Aubrey Lloyd Collier, 12. School.

**1939 Register 169 Orphanage Road, Erdington**

Frederick H Collier, born on 3 May 11871. Managing director of Dry Salters.
Edith R Collier, born on 3 August 1871. Domestic duties.
Beryl C Collier, born on 26 September 1900. Domestic duties.
Mary E Allsopp, born on 6 October 1891. Domestic servant.

**Deaths**

The death of Frederick H Collier was registered June 1955 Sutton Coldfield 9c 940, aged 84.

The death of Edith R Collier was registered December 1961 Birmingham 9c 59, aged 90.

**ARTHUR A COLLINS**

**Arthur Collins was born in 1894 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted at Sutton Coldfield with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment; 15th Battalion - Private 16200 (Lewis Gunner)**

He died of wounds on 9 May 1917, (France & Flanders), aged 24.

When he enlisted, he resided at Balsall Heath and was employed by Messrs Guest & Co., Pork Butchers of 'The Parade', Sutton Coldfield.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**Royal Warwickshire Regiment 15th Battalion, P184S162, soldier 16200.**

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Bay 3.

"Arthur A Collins was the son of Mrs Susan Butler, formerly Collins, of 37 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield and the husband of N Collins of 143 Highgate Street."

**Findagrave Memorial ID 124945782.**

**International War Graves Photography Project 11 February 2014**

His full army records were not found online.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B7, page 1581.

Arthur Collins is also commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings).

"Arthur Collins was the son of William, a market gardener and Susan Ballinger, the daughter of a boatman. Arthur's father died soon after Arthur was born and his mother married Walter Butler, another market gardener."

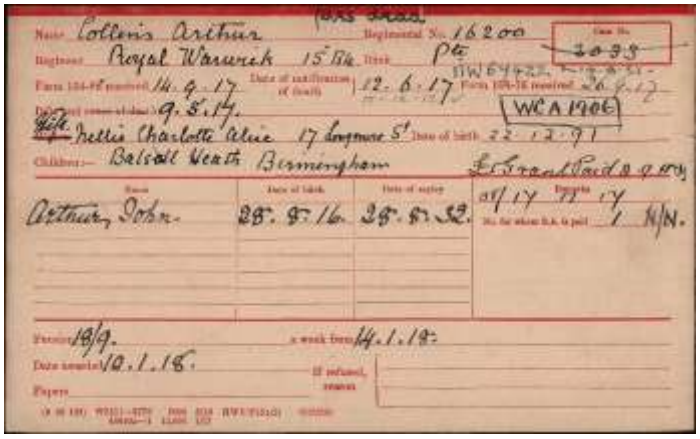
He is commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration.

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe.**

His widow, Nellie was sent £2 7s 2d effects plus £5 war gratuity on 12 April 1919.

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1910 – 1929 644501-646000 Ref 381**

**National Army Museum**


Name Collins Arthur Regimental No. 16200
Regiment Royal Warwick 15th Rank Pte 3093
Date of notification of death 12.6.17 WCA 1906
Wife Nellie Charlotte Alice 17 Longmore St Date of birth 22.12.91
Children — Balsall Heath Birmingham £5 Grant Paid 9.9.04
Name Arthur, John. Date of birth 28.8.16. Date of notice 28.8.32. 21/17 11th 17 No. for which D.A. is paid 1 N/N.
Pension 18/9. a week from 14.1.18.
Date awarded 10.1.18. If refused, reason
Papers

Nellie Charlotte Alice Collins was paid a £5 grant and was awarded a pension of 18s 9d from 14 January 1918. Her son was Arthur John, born on 28 August 1916. His award was to 28 August 1932.

**UK World War 1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 Ref 050/0197/Col- Col Fold 3**

**Birth**

The birth of Arthur Collins was probably registered June 1894 Aston 6d 260.

**1891 census Court Lane, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William H Collins | M | 34 | Market Gardener | b Erdington |
| Susan Collins | M | 29 | | b Birmingham |
| Harry Collins | | 2 | | b Erdington |
| Emma Collins | | 2 months old | | b Erdington |
| Elizabeth Bazeley | | 14 | Domestic servant | b Aston |

William Henry Collins died in the June quarter of 1896, aged 39.

**1901 census 37 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Butler | M | 39 | Market Gardener | b Erdington |
| Susan Butler | M | 40 | | b Birmingham |
| Annie Butler | | 13 | | b Erdington |
| Thomas Butler | | 1 | | b Boldmere |
| Harry Collins | | 12 | | b Erdington |
| Emma Collins | | 10 | | b Erdington |
| William Collins | | 5 | | b Boldmere |
| Elizabeth Hyde | U | 59 | Aunt – housekeeper | b Birmingham |

Susan Collins married Walter Butler in early 1899.

**1911 census 222-223 Broad Street, Birmingham**

This was the premises of S Ward Ltd, Lard Refiners/ Ham Curers

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Muffet | M | 39 | Manager | b Bromley, Kent |
| Arthur Collins | U | 16 | Assistant | b Boldmere |

**1911 census Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Walter Butler | M | 49 | Market Gardener | b Erdington |
| Susan Butler | M | 50 | Market Gardener | b Birmingham |
| Emma Collins | U | 20 | Market Gardener | b Erdington |
| William H Collins | U | 18 | Market Gardener | b Wylde Green |
| Thomas Butler | | 11 | | b Wylde Green |
| Walter Butler | | 8 | | b Wylde Green |

**1921 census 37 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

Walter Butler, 59. Market gardener employer.
Susan Butler, 60. Home duties.
Thomas Butler, 21, single. Assists market gardener- W Butler.
Walter Butler, 19, single. Assists market gardener- W Butler.

The death of Susan Butler was registered June 1939 Sutton Coldfield 6 686, aged 78.

**1921 census** – Nellie and Arthur John Collins were not traced.

**1939 Register 5 Albert Road, Birmingham**

Harriet Ashford, born on 10 December 1882. Single. Domestic duties.
Nellie C A Collins, born on 22 December 1892. Widow. Butcher's assistant.
Arthur John Collins, born on 28 August 1916. Single. Transport driver – wholesale.

Nothing further is known about Nellie and Arthur John Collins.

**FRANK HOWARD COLLYER**

**Frank Howard Collyer was born in 1890 in Daventry, Northamptonshire. He resided at Godalming, Surrey. He enlisted at Westminster in 1910 – Trooper 1428. He was a trooper with the Royal Horse Guards (The Blues).**

**Army Service Record**

Frank Howard Collyer, born at Daventry, aged 20 years 7 months enlisted on 19 August 1910 at London. He was a salesman.

Trooper Collyer received gun - shot wounds to his forearm, both thighs and a fracture to his left femur. He was laid out in the open for 50 hours before being rescued.

He was evacuated to the 2nd field ambulance on 15 May, and then to the 13th General Hospital in Boulogne on 24 May.

He then was shipped to the Endell Military Hospital, Bloomsbury, in London, which was run by female staff. His leg was amputated on 2 October 1915.

He had improved by 9 October, but succumbed to heart failure and septicaemia on 11 October 1915, aged 25.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919**

**UK Household Cavalry Records of Service 1799 – 1920 Fold 3**

**Burial**

Frank Howard Collyer was buried at the Eashing Cemetery, Godalming New Cemetery, Surrey, Plot KJ 1163.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 218376388. Uploaded by 'monoceros' on 10 November 2020.**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals JHC/1038, page 23 and the 1914 Star Medal JHC/1, page 6.

**British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 – 1920**

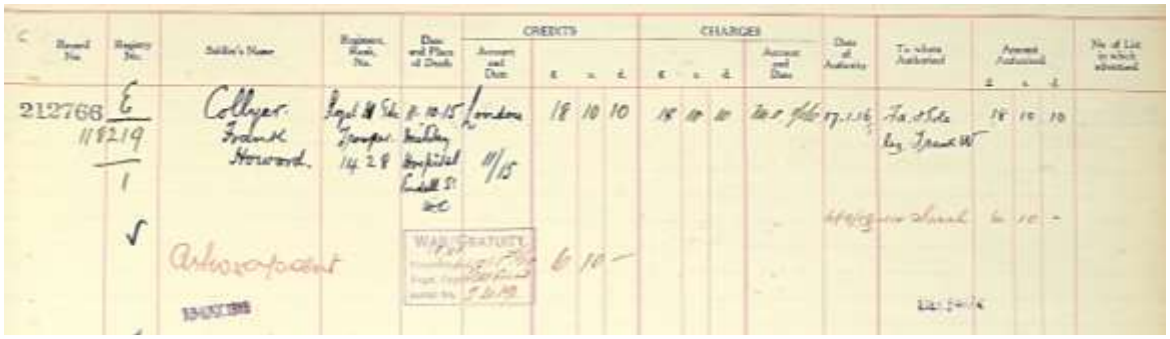
**Here is his entry in the De Ruvigney's Roll of Honour 1914 - 1919**

**Frank Howard Collyer.**

**COLLYER, FRANK HOWARD,** Trooper, No. 1428, A Squadron, Royal Horse Guards, elder *s.* of the Rev. Frank William Collyer, of Godalming, Congregational Minister, by his wife, Sarah, dau. of the late William Gosling, of Birmingham; *b.* Daventry, co. Northants, 7 Aug. 1890; educ. King Edward VI. Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield; went to South Africa in May, 1907, where, after a time, he entered the Assay Office of the Ferrina Gold Mine, Johannesburg; and while in South Africa belonged to the Witwatersrand Rifles (attached to the Machine Gun Section), of which his father was Chaplain; returned to England, and enlisted in the Royal Horse Guards in Aug. 1910; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from August, 1914, and died at Endell Street Military Hospital, Bloomsbury, 11 Oct. 1915, from wounds received in action at Ypres 13 May previously, when he was on the ground for over 50 hours before being picked up, and dragged himself nearly a mile towards the British trenches. He was a keen sportsman and a very good long-distance runner; *unm.*

It is not clear form the above article if Frank Howard Collyer attended both Bishop Vesey's Grammar School and King Edward VI School.

A marriage for Frank Howard Collyer was not found.



His widow, Sarah, was sent £18 10s 10d effects and £6 10s war gratuity on 6 September 1919.

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1921, 212501 – 214000, Ref 94**

Mrs Sarah Collyer of 19 Sugden Road, Clapham Common, mother.

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 051/0199/Col- Col Fold 3**

Frank Howard Collyer is commemorated on the memorial window of the Sutton Coldfield Congregational Church and on the Bishop Vesey's Grammar School Roll of Honour.

**Frank Howard Collyer was the son of the Rev. Frank and Sarah Collyer.**

**Birth**

The birth of Frank H Collyer was registered September 1890 Daventry 3b 114

**1891 census 47 Sheaf Street, Daventry, Northamptonshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank W Collyer | M | 28 | Congregational Minister | b Leicester |
| Sarah Collyer | M | 31 | | b Birmingham |
| Frank H Collyer | | 16 months old | | b Daventry |
| Ellen Ashwell | | 16 | Domestic servant | b Daventry |

Frank and Sarah Collyer have not been found on the 1901 or 1911 census.

**1911 census "The Combermere Barracks", St Leonard's Road, Windsor**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Howard Collyer | U | 20 | Trooper | b Daventry |

The marriage between Frank Collyer and Sarah Gosling was registered December 1889 Birmingham 6d 336

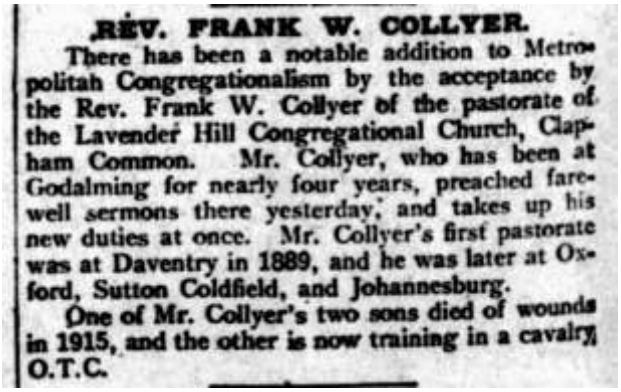
In the 1895 Kelly Directory for Oxfordshire, Rev. Frank William Collyer was listed at 40 Aston Street, Cowley.

## DAVENTRY.

THE REV FRANK W COLLYER, formerly of Daventry, is about to leave England to undertake new responsibilities in connection with the Central Congregational Church at Johannesburg. During a pastorate of over ten years at Sutton Coldfield, Mr Collyer has won a warm place in the affections of those among whom he has laboured, and in bidding him adieu his congregation has presented him with an illuminated address and a purse containing £120.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZE PRESENTATION.—A pre-

**The Rugby Advertiser Saturday 20 April 1907 British Newspaper Archive Findmypast**



## REV. FRANK W. COLLYER.

There has been a notable addition to Metropolitan Congregationalism by the acceptance by the Rev. Frank W. Collyer of the pastorate of the Lavender Hill Congregational Church, Clapham Common. Mr. Collyer, who has been at Godalming for nearly four years, preached farewell sermons there yesterday, and takes up his new duties at once. Mr. Collyer's first pastorate was at Daventry in 1889, and he was later at Oxford, Sutton Coldfield, and Johannesburg.

One of Mr. Collyer's two sons died of wounds in 1915, and the other is now training in a cavalry O.T.C.

**The Westminster Gazette 25 June 1917 British Newspaper Archive Findmypast**

No actual records have been found for the Collyer family for Sutton Coldfield. There were three Congregational Churches recorded in about 1955 at Park Road, Westwood Road and Britwell Road, but it seems that most congregational churches merged with the United Reform Movement.

Looking at the Imperial War Museum site, it seems likely that it would have been the Park Road church which is now on Brassington Avenue as a United Reform Church.

Reverend Frank William Collyer died on 1 May 1918 and was buried in the same cemetery as his son at Eashing Cemetery, Godalming, Surrey.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 218376389. Uploaded by monoceros on 10 November 2020**

The death of Frank W Collyer was registered June 1918 Wandsworth 1d 564, aged 56.

**1921 census 19 Sugden Road, Battersea, London**

Sarah Collyer, 61, born in Birmingham. Widow. Home duties.
Dorothy Blanch Collyer, 28, single, born in Birmingham. Clerk for government – Commissioners office, New Scotland Yard. Father dead.

**1939 Register**

Sarah Collyer was not found.

It is not clear what happened to Sarah Collyer after the 1921 census.

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

**Trooper 1428 Frank Howard Collyer**
**'A' Squadron Royal Horse Guards**
**Died: Monday 11th October 1915**
**Aged: 25**

The Royal Horse Guards (8th Brigade, 3rd Cavalry Division, and V Corps) were being used as a dismounted 'Cavalry Force' by May 1915.

During 5 – 8 May, the German XXVII Corps were pressing home their attacks against the British.

The 28 Division pushed it back from Frezenburg towards Wieltje and Potijze to the East of Ypres, supported by a ceaseless artillery barrage.

The 3rd Cavalry division relieved the British 28 Division in trenches north of the Menin Road between Verlorenhoek and Hooge on 12 May. They faced the German 53rd and 54th Reserve Divisions.

The Battalion Diary 13 May:

> "Germans opened heavy shell fire at 4 am on the front trenches and also on the reserve trenches. Part of 7th Brigade driven out of their trenches and retired leaving a gap in the front line which was occupied by the Germans. At 10 am we were ordered to counterattack."

The R.H.G. counter attacked from a position in the rear of Railway Wood northeast of Witte Poort Farm.

The attack was successful in not only recapturing lost ground but also reaching the German front line trenches.

Casualties for the attack were 5 officers and 12 other ranks killed, 6 officers and 85 other ranks wounded and 15 missing.

Trooper Collyer received gun-shot wounds to his forearm, both thighs and a fracture of the left femur during the attack and he laid out in the open for 50 hours before rescue.

On the 15th May, he was evacuated to the 2nd Field Ambulance, and on the 24th May to the 13th General Hospital, Boulogne.

On 25th May he was transshipped to the Military Hospital, Endell Street, Bloomsbury (which was run by female staff).

On 2nd October, his leg was amputated and by the 9th he was much improved.

He died of heart failure and septicemia at 2.50 pm on October 11th.

Frank Collyer is buried in Godalming New Cemetery, Surrey, England, Plot KJ, Grave 1163

He is also remembered on the Memorial Window in the Sutton Congregational Church and on the Sutton Coldfield Memorial, King Edwards Square.

**Imperial War Museum War Memorials Register War Memorial 38680.**

“Frank Howard Collyer was born at 45, Sheaf Street, Daventry in the autumn of 1890 and was the son of the Reverend Frank William and Sarah Collyer (later of 19 Sugden Road, Clapham Common, London).

His father was the Pastor of the Sutton Congregational Church from 1896 to 1907.

Frank was a keen sportsman and very good long-distance runner.

In 1907, he went to Johannesburg, South Africa with his father and joined the Witwatersrand Rifles.

On his return to England, he enlisted in the Royal Horse Guards on 19th August 1910, giving his trade as Salesman.

He was qualified as a scout.

His father, who lived at The Manse, Bridge Street, Godalming, was with his son when he died.

He felt the death of his son very much, his heart was affected, and he broke down.

He died in May 1918 and is buried with his son.”

**David Phillips Bishop Vesey’s Grammar School**

**With thanks**

**BERNARD CHARLES COLYER**

**Bernard Charles Colyer was born in 1894 in Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire. He lived in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Garrison Artillery 14th Siege Battery – Gunner 163201**

He died of wounds on 12 May 1918 (France & Flanders), aged 23.

He probably died at the 5th Casualty Clearing Station (C.W.G.C Cemetery History).

He was buried at the Aire Communal Cemetery, France, Plot II.J.26

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Reg 163201**

**CWWG gravestone plus his entry on the family plot at St Chad, Wishaw graveyard**

There are two entries on Findagrave for Bernard Colyer. One gives his burial place at Aire Communal Cemetery, Aire-sur- la-Lys, Department du Pas-de-Calais. Memorial ID 68984776. One as Memorial ID 56489888, Plot 11.J.26.

“Parents were Charles Joseph and Eliza of Yew tree Cottage, Bull Lane, Walmley.” The graveyard headstone has Joseph Charles Colyer, 1872 – 1940; Eliza Beddard Colyer, 1873 – 1963; Gunner Bernard Charles Colyer, 1894 – 1918 and Violet Eliza Colyer, 1907 – 1930.

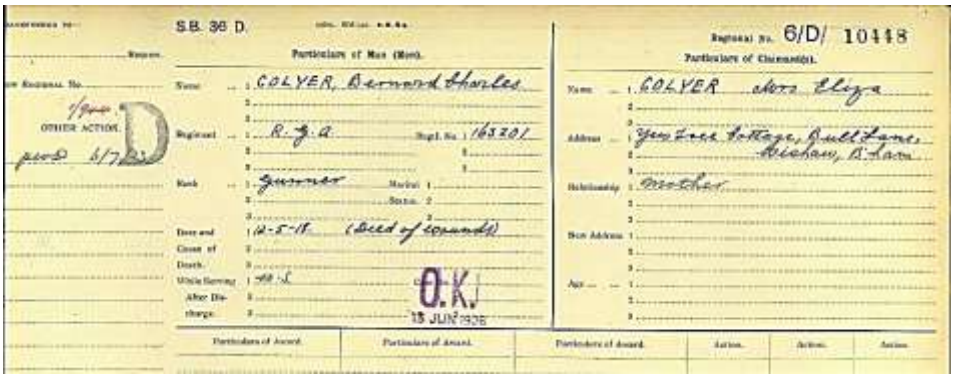
The St Chad’s Church details are Memorial ID 168984776, uploaded by John on 27 August 2016. Len took the photographs.

There is a family tree on Ancestry, and it looks like family members have visited the grave in France and added the family grave to Findagrave too.

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/196/B, page 9615.

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1920 WO329 Ref 291**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Particulars of Man (Men).

Regtl. No. 6/D/ 10448

Particulars of Claimant(s).

Name: COLYER, Bernard Charles

Regiment: R.G.A. Regtl. No.: 163201

Rank: Gunner

Date and Cause of Death: 12-5-18 (Died of wounds)

Where Serving: At Home

After Discharge:

O.K. 18 JUN 1920

Name: COLYER Mrs Eliza

Address: Yew Tree Cottage, Bull Lane, Walmley, Birmingham

Relationship: Mother

New Address:

Age:

Particulars of Award | Particulars of Award | Particulars of Award | Action | Action | Action

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1924 Prc Ledgers 1/944/6/D/10448 Fold 3**

671158 Gnr. Colyer, Bernard Charles. R.G.A. 12.5.18 Orew 1/8 14 8. 8 14 8 m.c. 4/1920 & 4/- to Mother. 8 14 8.

163201. France. Belgium.

WAR GRATUITY 3 - -

26.7.19

His father was sent £8 14s 8d effects and £3 war gratuity on 4 December 1919.

**Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1910 – 1929 670001-671500 Ref 398. National Army Museum**

Bernard C Colyer is commemorated on the Walmley War Memorial.

No further military history was found online.

**Bernard C Colyer was the son of Joseph Charles and Eliza Colyer of "Yew Tree Cottage", Bull Lane, Walmley**

**Birth**

The birth of Bernard C Colyer was registered December 1894 Berkhamsted 31 625

**Baptism on 14 October 1894 at Great Berkhamsted to parents Joseph Charles and Eliza Colyer.**

**Family History Library Select Births & Christenings 1538 – 1975 1951822**

In 1918, he was listed on the Electoral Rolls as residing at Springfield Road, Sutton Coldfield.

His parents were listed at Springfield Road on the 1919 Electoral Roll and had moved to Yew Tree Cottage by 1920.

**1901 census 25 Coles Lane, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Charles Colyer | M | 28 | Circular Sawyer | b Berkhamsted |
| Eliza Colyer | M | 28 | | b Wolverhampton |
| Bernard Charles Colyer | | 6 | | b Berkhamsted |
| William Thomas Colyer | U | 19 | Circular Sawyer | b Berkhamsted |

**1911 census 36 Deakin Road, Erdington**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Joseph Charles Colyer | M | 38 | Greengrocer and Milkman | b Berkhamsted |
| Eliza Colyer | M | 38 | Married 17 years – 2 children | b Wolverhampton |
| Bernard Charles Colyer | | 16 | Assists in business | b Berkhamsted |
| Violet Eliza Colyer | | 4 | | b Erdington |

**1921 census Bull Lane, Wishaw, Sutton Coldfield**

Joseph Charles Colyer, 49. Farmer, at home.
Eliza Colyer, 48. Home duties.
Violet Eliza Colyer, 14. Home duties.
Violet Cooper, 32, single from London. Helper with milk delivery.

**1939 Register Yew Tree Cottage, Bull Lane, Wishaw**

Charles J Colyer, born on 12 May 1872. Small holder, invalid.
Eliza Colyer, born on 3 January 1873. Domestic duties.

Samuel Younger, born on 6 July 1907. Single. Rubber tyre builder.

**Deaths**

The death of Charles J Colyer was registered December 1940 Lichfield 6b 797, aged 68.

The death of Eliza Colyer was registered December 1953 Sutton Coldfield 9c 907, aged 80.

**WILFRED COOMBE**

The first and surname varied on different records. In 1911, his father had listed him as Wilfrid Coombs.

**Wilfred Coombe was born in 1898 in Erdington, Birmingham. He enlisted in Birmingham and then later attested at Plymouth as a Gunner with the Royal Gun Artillery – Gunner 121435.**

**COOMBE, WILFRED,** Wireless Operator, Royal Garrison Artillery, only *s.* of William Coombe, of 8, High Street, Erdington, co. Warwick, by his wife, Julia Elizabeth, dau. of S. Webb; *b.* Erdington aforesaid, 24 Feb. 1898; educ. Council School there; was a Printer; enlisted 10 Oct. 1916; served with the Expeditionary Force in France and Flanders from 24 May, 1917, and died at La Panne 11 July following, from wounds received in action at the Battle of the Dunes. Buried in the Coxyde Cemetery, Belgium; *unm.*

He was injured and died of his wounds at La Panne on 11 July 1917, aged 19.

**UK De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914 – 1919 Volume 3**

**Army Service Record**

He resided on Sutton Road (Erdington/Sutton Coldfield border) prior to enlisting.

His service records show that he enlisted on the 31 May 1916 in Birmingham and was sent into the army reserve.

He lived at 8 High Street, Erdington and his next of kin was his father, William Coombe of the same address. He had been conscripted at the age of 18 years and 91 days.

He was a printer by trade. He was a single man. He was 5' 11 inches tall and his chest measurement was 33 ½ inches.

He then was re-attested at The Citadel in Plymouth with the Number 3 Depot RGA on 10 October 1916 (re-joined his colours). He was posted to the front on the same day.

His effects were sent to his father and comprised: 2 discs, letters, postcards, pipe, notebook, metal watch (broken) and case, pair gold rimmed glasses in case, pair of scissors, cotton bag, 3 or 5 coins, belt, purse, tobacco pouch and pocketbook.

**British Army WW1 Records 1914 - 1920**

**UK Soldiers' Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 11/D/91221**

He was buried at the Coxyde Military Cemetery, Koksijde, West Flanders. Belgium, Plot 1.1.28.

"Son of William and Julia Elizabeth Coombe of 8 High Street, Erdington"

**Findagrave Memorial ID 2506280, uploaded by Glenlivet on 25 November 2005**

**Photograph by International War Graves Photography Project**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals RGA/170B, page 7011, and RGA Clasp, page B7011

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1920**

DEPENDANT'S PENSION.
Coombe Wilfred
Royal Canna Artillery
11.7.17 Died of wounds B.E.F.
Mr William Coombe
8 High St Erdington
23-1-18
29-1-18

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1921 051/02061/Coo – Coo Fold 3**

**Birmingham Roll of Honour**

Wilfred Coombe Wireless operator RGA

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

**Wilfred Coombe was the son of William and Julia Elizabeth Coombe**

**Birth**

The birth of Wilfrid Coombe was registered June 1898 Aston 6d 379

**1901 census 27 South Road, Erdington, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Coombe | M | 47 | Groom and gardener | b Whitbourne, Here |
| Elizabeth Coombe | M | 42 | | b Coseley, Staffs |
| Louisa Coombe | | 12 | | b Boldmere |
| Gertrude Coombe | | 9 | | b Boldmere |
| Wilfred Coombe | | 3 | | b Erdington |

**1911 census 8 High Street, Erdington, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Coombe | M | 52 | Gardener | b Whitbourne, Here |
| Elizabeth Coombe | M | 52 | Married 25 years – 3 children | b Coseley, Staffs |
| Louisa Coombe | U | 22 | Tailoress | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Gertrude Coombe | U | 19 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Wilfred Coombe | | 13 | | b Erdington |

**1921 census 8 High Street, Erdington**

William Coombe, 68, born in Hereford. Widowed. General labourer, gardener.
Amy Gertrude Coombe, 29, single. Draper, own account at home.

**Death**

The death of Julia Elizabeth Coombe was registered June 1915 Birmingham 6d 307, aged 56.

She was buried on 26 April 1915 at St Barnabas, Erdington. She died at the General Hospital.

Janet McGregor Tree on Ancestry, with thanks.

William Coombe was not traced after the 1921 census.

**MATTHEW SYDNEY CORBY**

**Matthew Sydney Corby was born in 1881 at Levenshulme in Lancashire. He resided in Birmingham. He enlisted in March 1916 at Birmingham with the Worcestershire Regiment, 4th Battalion – Lance Corporal 30435**

He died of wounds on 13 October 1917 (France & Flanders), aged 36.

He probably died at a casualty clearing station as three were based in the vicinity (C.W.G.C. Cemetery History)

The 4th Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment attacked on 9 October 1917, in the Battle of Poelcapelle just north of Langemarck, and they met strong opposition from pillboxes along the railway embankment.

The Battalion came out of line on 11 October 1917.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Worcester Regiment P119S112, no image.**

He was buried at the Dozinghem Military Cemetery, Ypres, Plot XII.F.13

" Lance Corporal Matthew Corby served in the Worcester Regiment, 4th Bn., Service 30435. He was a solicitor in Birmingham and BA of University of Durham. He died aged 36. He was the son of Jane Corby and the late Matthew Corby."

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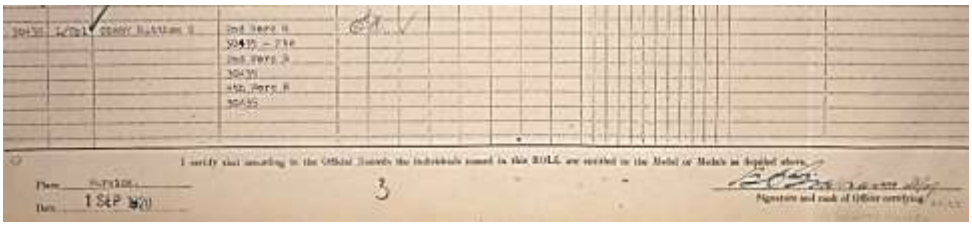
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/102 B7, page 1464.



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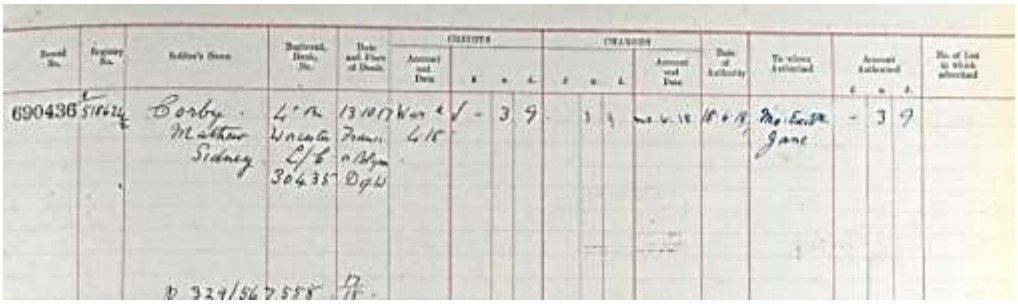

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| 690436 | 516[illegible] | Corby Matthew Sidney | L/Cpl | 13/10/17 | War & Res | £ | - | 3 | 9 | | | | | | | 18/6/18 | Mr Corby Jane | - | 3 | 9 | | | |

His mother Jane Corby was sent 3s 9d effects on 18 June 1918

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1921 689501-691000 Ref 411**

No further military history was found online.

**"He was the son of Jane Corby of "St Luke's Vicarage", 5 Endsleigh Gardens, Plymouth and the late Matthew Corby who had been a solicitor in Birmingham.**

Matthew Sydney Corby gained a B. A degree at the University of Durham (Law).

He resided at 13 Montague Street, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

He was a deputy Magistrate's Clerk at Sutton Coldfield Magistrates Court.

He was also a partner in a solicitor's firm, Messrs Herd, Nutt, Baker & Corby, whose offices were at Prudential Buildings, Corporation Street, Birmingham.

He was the Honorary Secretary of the Birmingham & Edgbaston Debating Society.

He had served in the Somme campaign and was invalided home and then returned to the front in May 1917."

**Sutton Coldfield News 3.11.1917**

**Birth**

The birth of Matthew Sydney Corby was registered September 1881 Chorlton 8c 721

**Baptism on 25 July 1882 at Redruth, Cornwall**

Matthew Sydney and John Ernest Corby of Levenshulme, twins, were born on 19 July 1881 to parents Thomas Matthew and Jane Corby. Their father was an engineer.

**Cornwall Parish Registers 1538 - 2010**

**1901 census 13 Montague Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jane Corby | M | 50 | | b Redruth, Cornwall |
| Sarah L Corby | U | 27 | | b France |
| Lucy M Corby | U | 26 sic | | b Birmingham |
| Matthew S Corby | | 19 | Undergraduate | b Manchester |
| John E Corby | | 19 | Engineer apprentice | b Manchester |
| Alice Oldham | | 16 | General servant | b Langley, Worcs |

**1901 census Redruth West End, Cornwall**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas M Corby | M | 54 | Agent Firth Steel | b Redruth, Cornwall |

Staying in his brother in law's household.

**1911 census 13 Montague Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jane Corby | W | 60 | Private means | b Redruth, Cornwall |
| Lucy May Corby | U | 31 | | b Handsworth |
| Matthew S Corby | U | 29 | Solicitor | b Levenshulme, Lancs |
| John Ernest Corby | U | 29 | Engineer | b Levenshulme |
| Joyce Hagley | U | 20 | Domestic servant | b Old Hill, Staffs |

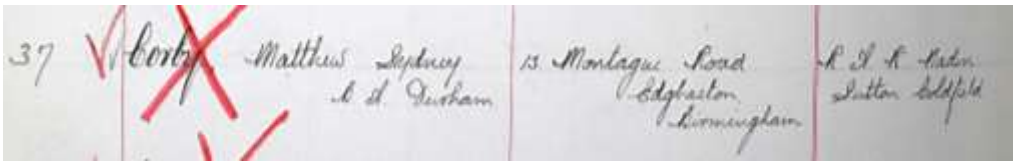
**Death**

Thomas Matthew Corby died on 7 April 1909 and was buried at St Nicholas, Kings Norton on 19 April 1909, aged 63.

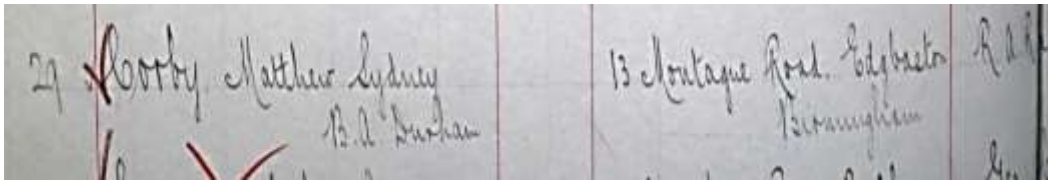
**Birmingham C of E Burials 1813 – 1964 EP4/2/2/5 Archive Roll M382/M383**

His probate shows that he was a commercial traveller and engineer of 13 Montague Road.

**UK & Commonwealth Law Society Exam Records 1836 – 1947**




**Intermediate Examination List of Candidates for 1908. Entry 37.**




**Final Examination List for Candidates for 1910. Entry 29.**

He was working for R. A. Reay-Nadin, a Barrister and Sutton Coldfield Town Clerk (1904 – 1937)

**The Street Names of Sutton Coldfield by Kerry Osbourne**

**UK City & County Directories 1766 – 1946, Birmingham 1913**

Matthew Sydney Corby, B.A., Solicitor was listed as -: see Herd, Nutt, Baker & Corby, Prudential Buildings, Corporation Street.

**Probate**

Matthew Sydney Corby of 13 Montague Road, Edgbaston, solicitor, a Lance Corporal in the 4th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment died 13.10.1917 in Flanders. Probate in Birmingham 24.12.1917 to Jane Corby, widow. Effects: £1349. 14s. 4d

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

**1921 census 99 Gatley Road, Stockport**

Jane Corby, 71, widow of Redruth was visiting the household of Arthur Corby, 44 from Birmingham he was a steel manufacturer's traveller for Thomas Firth and Sons. Also in the household were Elsie, 45 and Geoffrey, 13.

Jane Corby was not found in 1939.

The death of Jane Corby was probably registered December 1935 Plymouth 5b 310, aged 85.

**HAROLD JEROME COUCH**

**Harold Jerome Couch was born in 1896 in Aston. He lived at Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment 14th Battalion – Sergeant 599**

He was killed in action on 30 July 1916, aged 19.

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

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

"Serjeant Harold J Couch served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, C Coy., 14th Bttn. Service 599. Died aged 19. Son of George and Elizabeth Couch of 46 Mayfield Road, Sutton Coldfield."

**Findagrave Memorial ID 5616904. Uploaded by Glenlivet on 6 October 2010**

**Army Medal Roll**

He was listed as Private/Lance Corporal and latterly Sergeant.

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B8, page 1717, and the 1915 Star Medal L/1B, page 116.

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1920**

His father was sent £6 14s 4d effects and a war gratuity of £11 10s on 23 September 1919

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 341501 – 343000 Ref 180**

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 053/0215/Cou-Cou**

No further military records were found online.

Harold J Couch is commemorated on the King Edward Grammar School, Aston, Roll of Honour (Sylvia Williams)

Harold Jerome Couch was also commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

**Harold J Couch was the son of George and Elizabeth Couch of 46 Mayfield Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield.**

"He was educated at Aston Grammar School having won a scholarship whilst attending Green Lanes School, Sutton Coldfield.

He was an assistant scout master with the Boldmere Troop. He was a member of the Boldmere Swimming Club.

At the time he enlisted he was serving his articles with Messrs Banwell and Wakeman, Quantity Surveyors of 3 Newhall Street, Birmingham. At the front, he was engaged on sniping and observation duties."

**Sutton Coldfield News 19.8.1916**

**Birth**

The birth of Harold J Couch was registered September 1896 Aston 6d 433

**Baptism on 28 August 1896 at St Peter & St Paul, Aston**

To George and Elizabeth Couch of 169 Frederick Road, father was a clerk.

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

**1901 census "Bellevue Villas", Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Couch | M | 28 | Assistant cashier insurance office | b Oswestry |
| Elizabeth Couch | M | 28 | | b Birmingham |
| Harold J Couch | | 4 | | b Aston |
| Hilda Couch | | 2 | | b Wylde Green |
| George L Couch | | 11 months old | | b Wylde Green |

**1911 census "Ashleigh", Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Couch | M | 38 | Assurance clerk | b Oswestry |
| Elizabeth Couch | M | 38 | Married 15 years – 4 children | b Birmingham |
| Harold Jerome Couch | | 14 | | b Aston |
| Hilda Couch | | 12 | | b Wylde Green |
| George Leslie Couch | | 11 | | b Wylde Green |
| Edward Arnold Couch | | 11 months old | | b Wylde Green |

His parents resided at "Ashleigh" 258 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield in 1914 and 1918 (Electoral Rolls).

**1921 census 258 Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

George Couch, 49. Cashier Life Assurance office, Britannia Assurance Co. Ltd., Broad Street.
Elizabeth Couch, 48. Home duties.
George Leslie Couch, 21. Clerk in accounts office at Abbots Deeley Hill & Co., chartered accountants, 9 Bennetts Hill.
Edward Arnold Couch, 11. School.

**1939 Register 46 Mayfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

George Couch, born on 21 May 1872. Retired cashier, assurance.
Elizabeth Couch, born on 18 December 1872. Domestic duties.

**Deaths**

Elizabeth Couch of 46 Mayfield Road died on 13 December 1943 at 36 Rednal Road, Kings Norton. Effects were £1109 5s 10d

George Couch of 46 Mayfield Road died on 18 September 1949 at Parkview Nursing Home, Edgbaston. His effects were £12610 7s 5d.

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

**FRANK HENRY CRIPPS**

**Frank Henry Cripps was born in 1887 at Wishaw, near Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Shropshire Light Infantry 5th Battalion – Private 16330**

He was killed in action on 25 September 1915, (France & Flanders), aged 28.

**UK Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Shropshire Light Infantry P1045113**

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Panels 47 and 49.

**Findagrave Memorial ID 11987894, uploaded by Glenlivet 13 October 2005**

Frank H Cripps is commemorated on the Sutton Coldfield (Congregational) United Reform Church Memorial

**Imperial War Museum War Memorials Register War Memorial 38680.**

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

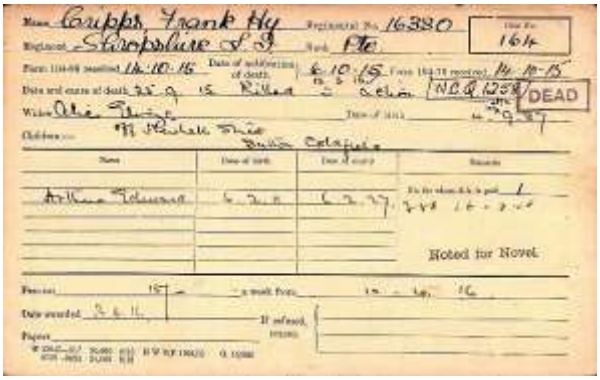
**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals J/1/102 B6, page 1565, and 1915 Star Medal J/1/8/B2, page 385.

**UK WW1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1920**

His widow, Alice Eliza was sent £2 8s 9d effects and £3 war gratuity.

**UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 217001-218500 Ref 97**




Alice Eliza Cripps of off Newhall Street, born on 4 September 1887, was awarded a pension of 15 s from 10 April 1916 for her son Arthur Edward between 6 February 1916 and 6 February 1927.

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 – 1923 056/0225/Cre-Cri Fold 3**

No further military records were found online.

**Frank Henry Cripps was the son of Edward and Joanna Cripps of Wishaw, near Sutton Coldfield and the husband of Alice E Cripps.**

**Birth**

The birth of Frank H Cripps was registered June 1887 Aston 6d 411

**Baptism**

Frank H Cripps was baptised on 29 May 1887 at Wishaw to Edward and Joanna of Wishaw. Father was a labourer.

**Warwickshire C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1910 PG 3366**

**1891 census Dunton Lane, Wishaw**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Cripps | M | 51 | Agricultural Labourer | b Oxford |
| Hannah Cripps | M | 49 | | b Oxford |
| Leah Cripps | U | 24 | | b Westbury, Warks |
| Elizabeth Cripps | | 14 | | b Wishaw |
| Rachel Cripps | | 7 | | b Wishaw |
| Frank Cripps | | 4 | | b Wishaw |

**1901 census 6 Church Lane, Wishaw**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edward Cripps | M | 62 | Cattle man | b Oxford |
| Anna Cripps | M | 57 | | b Westbury, Bucks |
| Edward F Cripps | | 16 | Carter on farm | b Wishaw |
| Frank H Cripps | | 13 | Carter on farm | b Wishaw |

**1911 census Church Lane, Wishaw, Warwickshire**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Frank Henry Cripps | M | 23 | Horse driver on farm | b Wishaw |
| Alice Eliza Cripps | M | 23 | Married 1 year 1 child | b West Bromwich |
| Arthur Edward Cripps | | 2 months old | | b Wishaw |
| John Cripps | W | 67 | Visitor | b Westbury, Bucks |

**Marriage**

The marriage between Frank Cripps and Alice Eliza Smith was registered June 1910 Lichfield 6b 609/699

**Family History Library 1471085 Ref ID 2:22 BOOK 1910**

In 1914, Frank Henry Cripps was registered on the Electoral Roll as living at 50 Holland Street, Sutton Coldfield

It is thought that Frank Cripps also lived at “The Reddicroft”, Sutton Coldfield.

It appears that Frank and Alice Cripps only had one child, Arthur Edward Cripps.

The birth of Arthur Edward Cripps was registered March 1911 Aston 6d 429.

**1921 census and 1939 Register**

Alice and Arthur Edward Cripps have not been found.

No obvious marriage was found for Alice Eliza.

No obvious death was found for Alice Eliza.

Nothing further is known.

**GEORGE WILLIAM CROSS**

**George William Cross was born in 1883 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted in Birmingham with the Royal Berkshire Regiment - Private 27090, and transferred to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, 1st Battalion - Private 21345**

He died of wounds on 11 April 1917 in France & Flanders.

He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, Bay 3.

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

**Army Medal Roll**

He was awarded the Victory and British Medals L/104 B9, page 1806.

**UK British Army WW1 Medal Rolls Index Cards 1914 - 1920**

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

He is commemorated on the St Michael's Church, Boldmere, Roll of Honour (Graham Jennings)

George William Cross is also commemorated on the Boldmere Swimming Club Memorial.

George William Cross is commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"George Cross was born in Boldmere in 1896, son of gardener George Cross and Ann Smith. The family lived in what is now Boldmere Village, then known as 'The Coldfield' and later at Rose Cottages in Boldmere Road.

George Senior and Ann had six children by 1911, all of whom survived. George Junior was not at home in 1911- he was working as a chauffeur/gardener in Balsall Heath and boarding there.

In 1911, George married Edith Scott, and their first child Evelyn was born at the end of the year. Edith Junior was born in 1913, and James in 1914. The new family by now was living in 'Over Norton' in Jockey Road.

George first joined the Royal Berkshire Regiment as Private 27090, and then transferred to the 14th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, Private 21345, and later joined the 1st Battalion.

For much of the war, the opposing armies on the Western Front were at a stalemate, with a continuous line of trenches from the Belgian coast to the Swiss border.

The Battle of Arras (also known as the Second Battle of Arras) was a British offensive on the Western Front during World War I. From 9 April to 16 May 1917, British troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. The British achieved the longest advance since trench warfare had begun, surpassing the record set by the French Sixth Army on 1 July 1916.

The British advance slowed in the next few days and the German defence recovered. The battle became a costly stalemate for both sides and by the end of the battle the British Third and First armies had suffered about 160,000 casualties and the German 6th Army 125,000 casualties.

One of the casualties was George William Cross. It was presumed that he was killed on 11 April 1917. Nothing more is known – his remains were never found. His widow Edith, alone with three children, received £1 12s 4d and a later War Gratuity of £3."

**The Arras Memorial at the entrance to the Faubourg D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras.**

**The memorial contains the names of 34,785 soldiers from Britain, South Africa and New Zealand who died at Arras and have no known grave.**

George is commemorated on the Arras Memorial, one of several such monuments in France and Flanders which honour those who died in battle during the Great War but have no known grave, their bodies having been destroyed or sunk in the mud and not found. The Arras memorial, designed by the famous Edward Lutyens, contains more than 34000 names.

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe, Emmanuel Church**

No other army records were found online.

**George Cross was the son of George Cross of Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield and the husband of Edith Cross of "Over Norton", Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield**

**Birth**

The birth of George William Cross was registered June 1883 Aston 6d 444 – Mother Smith

**1891 census The Coldfield, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Cross | M | 44 | Gardener | b Aston |
| Ann Cross | M | 35 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| May F Cross | | 11 | | b Boldmere |
| Ethel E Cross | | 10 | | b Boldmere |
| Florence Cross | | 9 | | b Boldmere |
| George W Cross | | 8 | | b Boldmere |

**1901 census "Rose Cottage", Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Cross | M | 55 | Gardener | b Aston |
| Ann Cross | M | 47 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Mabel F Cross | U | 21 | | b Boldmere |
| Florence M Cross | U | 19 | School Teacher | b Boldmere |
| George William Cross | U | 17 | Domestic Gardener | b Boldmere |
| Rose H Cross | | 9 | | b Boldmere |
| Harry Cross | | 5 | | b Boldmere |

**1911 census "Rose Cottage", Boldmere Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George Cross | M | 65 | Jobbing gardener | b Aston |
| Ann Cross | M | 57 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Rose Cross | U | 19 | | b Boldmere |
| Harry Cross | | 15 | | b Boldmere |

**1911 census 75 Clevedon Road, Balsall Heath**

Working in the household of Robert Thomas Tisdale, 66, Whip Thong maker of Birmingham

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| George William Cross | U | 28 | Chauffeur/ gardener | b Boldmere |

**Marriage**

The marriage of George William Cross and Edith Scott was registered December 1911 Aston

**George and Edith Cross had three known children**

| | |
|---|---|
| Evelyn M Cross | birth registered December 1911 Aston 6d 469 – Mother Scott |
| Edith M Cross | birth registered December 1913 Aston 6d 734 – Mother Scott |
| James Cross | birth registered December 1914 Birmingham 6d 332 – Mother Scott |

**1921 census Over Norton, Jockey Road, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield**

Edith Cross, widow, aged 34. Born at Holly Lane, Perry Barr. Sewing assistant at Princess Alice Orphanage, New Oscott.
Edith Margaret Cross, 8, born in 1912 in Handsworth. Father dead. School.

No trace of Evelyn and James was found in 1921.

The family were not traced in 1939.

It is not known what happened to Edith after 1921.

**ARTHUR CROWTHER**

**Arthur Crowther was born in 1888 in Sutton Coldfield. He enlisted on 3 February 1915 at Jung, Victoria, Australia with the Australian Infantry 22nd Battalion – Private 732**

He died from the effects of wounds on 2 November 1915, aged 27 at St Elmo, Malta.

CROWTHER, Pte. Arthur, 732. 22nd Bn. Australian Inf. Died of wounds 2nd Nov., 1915. Age 27. Son of Daniel Charles and Kathrine Lovell Crowther, of 56, Eastern Rd., Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, England. D. II. 3.

**UK Commonwealth War Graves 1914 – 1921 Australian Infantry 732**

**Army Records**

Arthur Crowther, C Company, 22nd Battalion joined on 3 May 1915. He was born in Sutton Coldfield and was a natural born British Subject. He was a famer. His father was D C Crowther of 56 Eastern Road, Wylde Green.

He originally enlisted on 26 January 1915. Taken and subscribed at Horsham, Victoria on 3 February 1915.

He was 26 years 8 months old. Height was 5 feet six and a half inches. He weighed 9 stone 3 pounds. Chest measured 32 – 35 inches. He had a medium complexion, light brown hair and eyes. He was Church of England. He was fit to serve.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps 22nd Battalion.

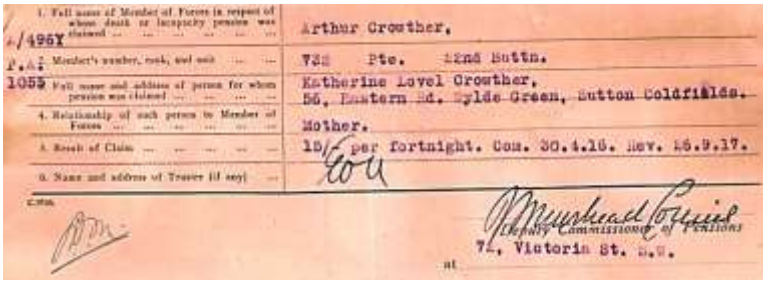
Regimental No. 732 Rank L/Cpl. Name Crowther Arthur

Enlisted (a) 3/2/15 Term of Service (a) For 4 mns. Service subject (see (b))

Date of promotion to present rank | Date of appointment to lance rank | Nominal position on roll of N.C.Os.

Extended Re-engaged Qualifications (c)

| Date | Where received | Particulars of wounds, sickness, exposure, etc., whether in the performance of duty or otherwise, and whether on service or not. Where sick, whether admitted to hospital or not. | Place | Date | Authority |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 20/10/15 | C.S. | To be L/Cpl. | Anzac | 20/10/15 | F. Return 20/10/15 D.O. 1388/20 |
| 28/10/15 | C.S. | Sick head | Anzac | 28/10/15 | F. Return 31/10/15 D.O. 1388/20 |
| 30/10/15 | 1st Aust. Casp. C.C.S.Egypt. | fracture skull | Anzac | 30/10/15 | C 4393 C4019 |
| 2/11/15 | S.S. Nova | " " " | Malta | 2/11/15 | A1.8.05 |
| 4/11/15 | St. Elmo Hosp. | GSW head sim. | Malta | 2/11/15 | D.O. 1388/20 C 4830 |
| 2/11/15 | Connaught Malta | " " died | Malta | 2/11/15 | A 18025 A 18049 Cas. F.S. 2016 D.O. 570/20 |
| 11/12/15 | C.S.M. R.M.C. | Buried in Pieta Burial Road 3 D 703 by Chaplain | Malta | 5-11-15 (?) | Major. |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2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... P.A. 1055 — 732 Pte. 22nd Battn.

3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... — Katherine Lovel Crowther, 56, Eastern Rd. Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfields.

4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... — Mother.

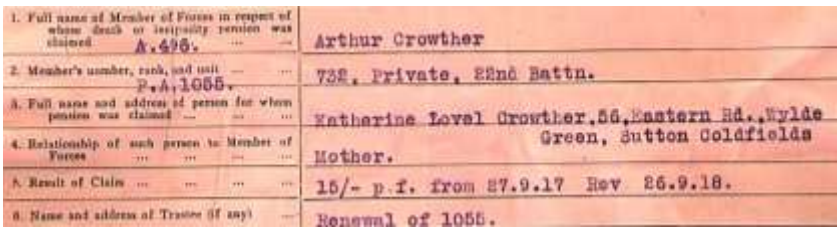
5. Result of Claim ... — 15/- per fortnight. Com. 30.4.16. Rev. 26.9.17.

6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ...

C.M.G.

Deputy Commissioner of Pensions

at 72, Victoria St. S.W.


1. Full name of Member of Forces in respect of whose death or incapacity pension was claimed A.496. — Arthur Crowther

2. Member's number, rank, and unit ... P.A.1055. — 732, Private, 22nd Battn.

3. Full name and address of person for whom pension was claimed ... — Katherine Lovel Crowther,56,Eastern Rd.,Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfields

4. Relationship of such person to Member of Forces ... — Mother.

5. Result of Claim ... — 15/- p.f. from 27.9.17 Rev 26.9.18.

6. Name and address of Trustee (if any) ... — Renewal of 1055.

**Australia WW1 Service Records 1914 – 1920 B2455**

**First Australian Imperial Force Personnel Dossiers**

He was buried at the Pieta Military Cemetery, Malta, Plot D II 3

"Son of Daniel Charles and Katherine Lovell Crowther of 56 Eastview Road, Wylde Green.

Born in May 1888. 732 Pt 22nd Infantry Battalion Australian Imperial Force"

**Findagrave Memorial ID 15268383 Photos and uploaded by Just Jack on 10 August 2006**

He is commemorated on the St Peter's Church, Maney, Roll of Honour (non-parochial) (Matthew Rhodes)

He is also commemorated on the Emmanuel Wylde Green Great War Commemoration

"Arthur Crowther was born in 1888 in Sutton Coldfield, one of eight children of Daniel Crowther, who was a gasworks manager and became a bricklayer, born in Cheltenham, and Katherine Goss, who had been a domestic servant, born in Devon.

Arthur was educated at Town School, Sutton Coldfield (the buildings are now occupied by the Baptist church). After school he went to work for Messrs Swain & Clayton, Jewellers and Enamellers, in Warstone Lane in Birmingham, and later worked for two years as a groom.

Arthur emigrated to Australia at the age of 22, sailing on the P&O *Geelong* on 2 March 1911, from London to Melbourne. He intended becoming a farmer. In 1914 Arthur was living with Elizabeth Crowther, born in Victoria, presumably his Australian wife, but she is not on the electoral register for 1915.

Australia had become a self-governing commonwealth in 1900, remaining a dominion of the British Empire, and the Defence Act of 1903 prohibited it sending conscripts overseas. An all - volunteer force was therefore founded when the Great War began and this was the Australian Imperial Force.

**Arthur's oath on joining the Australian Imperial Force**

The 22nd Battalion AIF was formed on 26 March 1915 at Broadmeadows Camp in Victoria. The battalion became part of the 6th Brigade of the 2nd Division. Most of the battalion embarked for Egypt on 8 May 1915.

The Battalion deployed to Gallipoli in the first week of September 1915, allowing some of the 2nd Brigade to be rested from their positions in the front line at ANZAC. Gallipoli was a disastrous campaign:

“In a military disaster more than 100 years ago, about 58,000 allied soldiers – including 29,000 British and Irish soldiers and 11,000 Australians and New Zealanders – lost their lives on the Gallipoli peninsula.

A further 87,000 Ottoman Turkish troops died fighting the allies and at least 300,000 more on both sides were seriously wounded.

Conceived by Winston Churchill as the First Lord of the Admiralty, the plan was to knock Ottoman Turkey, Germany’s ally, out of the war. The goal of the naval and land operation was to open up the Dardanelles straits, heavily mined and defended on its western shore by Turkish coastal forts and gun batteries on the 50 mile Gallipoli peninsula, to allied ships; and to capture Constantinople – present day Istanbul – and so link up with Russia. Churchill saw the campaign as a way of breaking the attritional deadlock on the western front.

The repeated British and French bombardments beginning in mid - February against Turkish positions proved ineffective. A final attempt to force a passage up the Dardanelles in March ended in three allied battleships being sunk and three badly damaged.

The two landings – one by British troops at Cape Helles, at the base of the peninsula, and the other on the western Aegean coast, in the area later known as Anzac Cove, by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps – were met by fierce and disciplined Turkish opposition.

Well dug in and heavily fortified on higher ground, they had been reinforced six times over. The allies had badly underestimated the capacity of the Turkish forces. Most did not advance more than a few hundred metres from the shore where they were pinned down.

The allies endured suffocating heat and were surrounded by rotting corpses that drew thick swarms of flies. They lacked water and thousands died from dysentery as disease spread. The campaign did divert large Turkish forces away from the Russians but did not produce the desired strategic success.”

**The Guardian, 2015**

Arthur Crowther was with the 22nd Battalion, ‘C’ Company. He had enlisted on 26 January 1915 in Melbourne.

The record shows that he was 5’ 6½” tall, with a 32” chest, and weighed 9 st 13 lbs. He sailed from Melbourne in May on H.M.A.T. Ulysses.

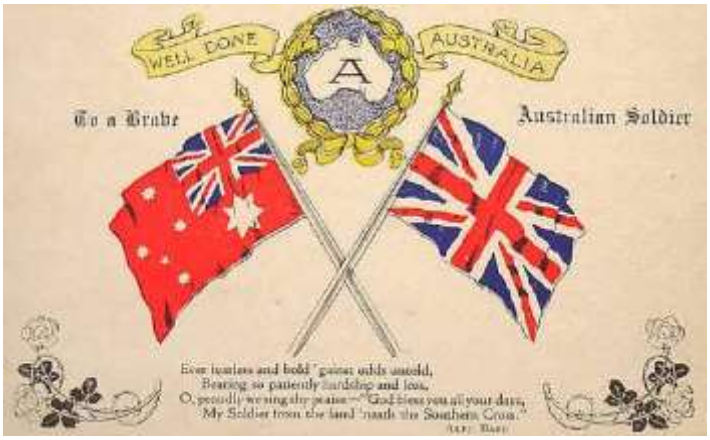
On 27 October 1915, Arthur was promoted to Lance - Corporal, but this was never to be officially confirmed. On 28th or 29th October, he was shot in the head. Evacuated to Malta by hospital ship, Arthur died on the 2 November, aged 27. He is buried in the Pieta Military Cemetery on Malta.

A letter from a chaplain to Arthur’s brother stated that he never recovered consciousness after receiving his wound.

Arthur’s mother received a war pension of 15 shillings a month – by that time the family lived in Eastern Road, near Wylde Green Station.

**Record of the award of medals and memorial scroll and plaque sent to Arthur's family**

For Australia, the First World War remains the costliest ever conflict in terms of deaths and casualties. From a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted, of whom more than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner.




**Contemporary postcard showing the (then) Australian flag**

**With thanks to Rob Rolfe**

**Arthur Crowther was the son of Daniel Charles and Katherine Lovell Crowther of 56 Eastern Road, Sutton Coldfield**

"He was educated at Town School, Sutton Coldfield. After school he went to work for Messrs Swain & Clayton, Jewellers and Enamellers, Warstone Lane in Birmingham and later for two years as a groom.

He emigrated to Australia in about 1911 and was involved in agriculture at Jung Jung, Victoria.

He enlisted in February 1915 and was posted in Egypt in May 1915.

A chaplain writing to his brother stated that he was admitted to St Elmo's Hospital in Malta on 2 November 1915 with a serious gun - shot wound to the head and although an operation was carried out, he died without regaining consciousness from the time the injury was sustained."

**Sutton Coldfield News 27.11.1915**

**Birth**

The birth of Arthur Crowther was registered June 1888 Aston 6d 417

**1891 census Sutton Coldfield no abode given**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Charles Crowther | M | 50 | Occupation illegible | b Cheltenham |
| L K Crowther | M | 39 | | b Sidmouth |
| G A Crowther daughter | | 14 | | b Sidmouth |
| I C Crowther son | | 12 | | b Sidmouth |
| M E Crowther daughter | | 11 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| G R Crowther son | | 9 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| G K Crowther daughter | | 8 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| A Crowther son | | 2 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

**1901 census "Mullion", Holland Road, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Catherine Lovell Crowther | M | 49 | | b Sidmouth |
| Stephen Charles Crowther | U | 22 | Clerk | b Sidmouth |
| Elizabeth Mary Crowther | U | 21 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Kate Goss Crowther | U | 18 | School pupil teacher | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Arthur Crowther | | 12 | | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Bertram Cecil Crowther | | 7 | | b Sutton Coldfield |

In 1901, Daniel Charles Crowther was boarding at 14 Tayler Road Aston. He was working as a bricklayer.

**1911 census "Hazledene", Eastern Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Daniel Charles Crowther | M | 69 | Bricklayer | b Cheltenham |
| Katherine Lovell Crowther | M | 59 | Married 35 years, 8 children all alive | b Sidmouth, Devon |
| Elizabeth Mary Crowther | U | 31 | Dressmaker | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Kate Goss Crowther | U | 28 | Elementary school teacher | b Sutton Coldfield |
| Bertram Cecil Crowther | | 17 | Accountant's clerk | b Sutton Coldfield |

**Shipping manifest 2 March 1911 on Ship 'Geelong', P & O Liner London to Melbourne, Australia**

Arthur Crowther 22 Farmer single man travelling alone.

**Shipping manifests – Ancestry.co.uk**

**1914 Electoral Roll for Wannon, Victoria, Australia**

Arthur Crowther of Jung – labourer
Elizabeth Anne Crowther – home duties. Presumably his wife whom he married in Australia.

**Ancestry.co.uk**

**No other Australian details were found.**

**1921 census Eastern Road, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield**

Daniel Charles Crowther, 80. No occupation
Katherine L Crowther, 69. Domestic duties.
Elizabeth M Crowther. 41. Dressmaker, own account.
Kate G Crowther, 38. Uncertificated teacher at Walmley Council School.

In 1939, Kate G, elementary school teacher and Elizabeth M, domestic duties lived at 56 Eastern Road.

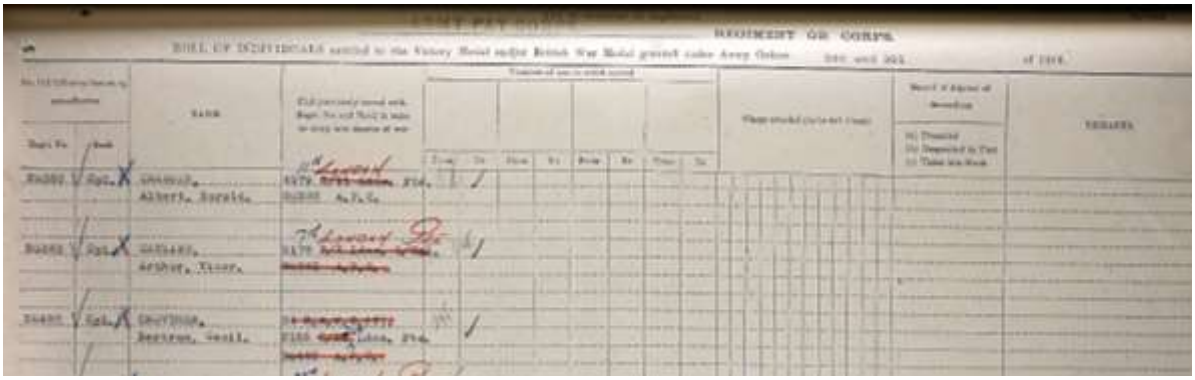
**Deaths**

The death of Daniel C Crowther was registered March 1929 Tamworth 6b 763, aged 87.

The death of Kathrine L Crowther was registered March 1930 Tamworth 6b 479.

**Bertram Cecil Crowther joined the 21st London Regiment/Army Pay Corps - Private 2166/ 20482**

Bertram Crowther was awarded the Victoria and British Medals APC C/101 B, page 169.

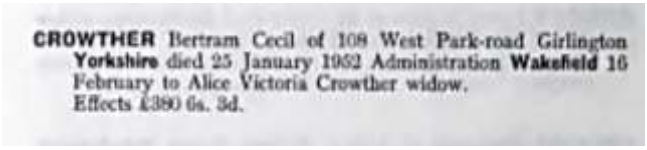


**Ww1 Service Medal & Awards Rolls 1914 – 1020 WO329 Ref 2122 Army Pay Corps**

**Marriage**

The marriage between Bertram Cecil Crowther and  Alice V L Blakeman was registered December 1919 Warwick 6d 1916

Bertram Crowther died on 25 January 1952 in Yorkshire.



**CROWTHER** Bertram Cecil of 108 West Park-road Girlington **Yorkshire** died 25 January 1952 Administration **Wakefield** 16 February to Alice Victoria Crowther widow. Effects £380 6s. 3d.

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

**NORMAN CROZIER**

**Norman Crozier was born in 1884 in Aston. He enlisted at Manchester with the Royal Army Service Corps - Reserve Supply Personnel Depot - Private S/ 365306**

He lived at Levenshulme, Lancashire at the time he enlisted.

He died on 16 January 1918, aged 33.

He died in the UK on active service (Home) – he drowned in Southampton Docks.

**Soldiers Died in the Great War 1914 – 1919 Army Service Corps**

Norman Crozier was buried at Sutton Coldfield Cemetery, Plot A. 392 (Not a Commonwealth War Grave)

"Private Norman Crozier served in the Army Service Corps Reserve Supply Personnel Depot (bath). He was the son of William Armstrong Crozier and Emily Bell Crozier, nee Dawson. He was the husband of Flora Crisp."

**Findagrave Memorial ID 98210879 Uploaded by Glenlivet on 3 October 2012**

**Birmingham Cemetery Records for Sutton Coldfield 1836 - 2017**

Flora Crozier was sent £3 16s 16 d effects on 14 April 1918 and and 9s 11d effects on 23 May 1918 and £3 war gratuity on 22 January 1920

**UK Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects 1901 – 1929 616001 – 617500 Ref 362 Fold 3**

Flora Crozier of 55 Burnage Hall Road, Levenshulme was awarded a pension of 13 s 9d from 22 July 1918

**UK WW1 Pension Ledgers & Index Cards 1914 -1923 056/0231/Cro-Cub Fold 3**

Norman Crozier was commemorated on the Four Oaks War Memorial

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

**Norman Crozier was the son of William and Emily Crozier and the husband of Flora Crozier of "Bradley", Mayfield Road, Sutton Coldfield**

**Birth**

The birth of Norma Crozier was registered December 1884 Aston 6d 383

**Baptism on 15 October 1884 at St Silas, Lozells**

Of 31 Burbury Street. Farther was a manager.

**Birmingham C of E Baptisms 1813 – 1884 Dro 75/54 Archive Roll 2**

**1891 census 1 St Peter's Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William A Crozier | M | 36 | Goldsmith manager | b Ireland |
| Emily B Crozier | M | 36 | | b Spalding |
| Herbert C Crozier | | 10 | | b Aston |
| Dora K Crozier | | 7 | | b Aston |
| Norman Crozier | | 6 | | b Aston |
| Alice Hulbert | U | 21 | Domestic servant | b France British |

**1901 census 11 Wye Cliffe Road, Handsworth**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| W A Crozier | M | 46 | Goldsmith | b Co Tyrone |
| E B Crozier | M | 46 | | b Spalding |
| Dora Crozier | | 17 | | b Aston |
| Norman Crozier | | 16 | Goldsmith | b Aston |
| Ida Crozier | | 9 | | b Handsworth |

**1911 census "Somerfield", Manor Hill, Sutton Coldfield**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| William Armstrong Crozier | M | 56 | Master Goldsmith - employer | b County Tyrone |
| Emily Bell Crozier | M | 56 | Married 32 years, 4 children, all alive | b Spalding, Lincs |
| Dora Crozier | U | 27 | | b Handsworth |
| Norman Crozier | U | 26 | Goldsmith – own account | b Handsworth |
| Ida Crozier | U | 19 | | b Handsworth |

**Marriage**

The marriage of Norman Crozier and Flora Crisp was registered March 1913 Huddersfield 9a 517

**The marriage took place on 26 March 1913 at St John, Huddersfield**

Norman Crozier was 29 and a bachelor of Bradley, Mayfield Road. He was a director.

Father was William Armstrong Crozier, director.

Flora crisp was 24 and a spinster of Clevelands, Clare Hill. Father was Arthur Edward Crisp, fruitier.

**West Yorkshire C of E Marriages & Banns 1813 – 1935 WDP 127/1/2/3**

Norman Crozier resided at "Bradley", Mayfield Road, Sutton Coldfield according to the 1914/15 Electoral Roll.

**Probate**

**CROZIER** Norman of 55 Burnage Hall-road Levenshulme near **Chester** private A.S.C. who was last seen alive on 15 January 1918 and who was found drowned on 16 January 1918 in the Southampton Docks Southampton Administration (with Will) **London** 22 March to Flora Crozier widow. Effects £1320.

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

**SOLDIER DROWNED AT SOUTHAMPTON.**

Mr. H. K. Pope, borough coroner, held an inquest yesterday at the Southampton Coroner's Court relative to the death of Private Norman Crozier, A.S.C., aged 33 years.—Flora Crozier, living at Levenshulme, Manchester, widow of the deceased, gave evidence of identification, stating that her husband was a commercial agent by occupation. She last saw him alive on Wednesday week in his usual health, and he was going abroad.—Capt. John Anderson Peters, R.A.M.C., stated that on Wednesday morning he was notified that the deceased was in the water in the Docks quite close to the starboard side of a ship. He was brought to the quayside, where artificial respiration was carried on for an hour and ten minutes unavailingly. Subsequently he was taken to the mortuary. Death was due to drowning. The bruise on the left side of the head was caused, in his opinion, by a fall, and probably made him unconscious, so that he could not save himself or call out. He understood deceased was not missed before being found in the water.—Gunner Stanley Pearce gave evidence as to seeing deceased in the water, and assisting to get him on to the quay, where everything possible was done to bring him round. It was quite possible for deceased to have fallen overboard and to have struck his head on the rolling chock, midship, which extended about 2ft. from the side of the vessel.—Dock Police-constable Collins testified to having searched the body in the presence of Capt. Peters.—The jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from drowning, but there was not sufficient evidence to show how he came in the water.

It seems that Norman Crozier was found in the water with a bruise to his head. Everything was done to try and save him to no avail. The corner's Court Jury returned a verdict of drowning but could not find the cause of how he was in the water.

**The Hampshire Independent Saturday 19 January 1918 British Newspaper Archive**

**1921 census and 1939 Register**

Flora Crozier was not found.

A possible marriage between Flora Crozier and Archibald Cowper was registered March 1921 Paddington 1a 110.

Flora and Archibald Cowper were not found in 1921 or 1939.

Nothing further is known about Flora Crozier.

**1921 census 'Greystones', Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield**

William A Crozier, 67. Manufacturing jeweller employer at Albion Street Works, Birmingham.
Emily B Crozier, 67. Home duties.
Herbert C Crozier, 41, single. Shipping clerk – out of work.
Dora Crozier, 38. Home duties.
William R Hayden, 38. Son in law. Dry salter, employer at 147 Vaughton Street, Birmingham.
Ida E Hayden, 28. Married. Home duties.

**Deaths**

The death of William A Crozier was registered March 1923 Tamworth 6b 472, aged 68.

The death of Emily B Crozier was registered June 1932 Birmingham South 6d 52, aged 72.

**References and acknowledgments**

The original handwritten research given to me in 2012 was done by a family friend, Andy Coles from 1998. The project was following up his research from early 2013.

In the introduction to the project, lists of original contributors and sponsors can be found.

Much of the original research was not done online and has been added to with online records available in 2013-2018. It has not always been possible to find the sources for these original records online.

It was decided to update the project in 2023, as many new records were available online.

As a genealogist and a local historian rather than a military historian, my interest lies with the families who lost loved ones.

How did they cope and come to terms with such devastation? For this reason, I have looked beyond the war years at the 1921 census and the 1939 Register, taken just as World War Two was breaking out.

Findagrave was not available in 2018 but has been of interest in this research.

The main sources drawn upon include Ancestry.co.uk; Findmypast; FamilySearch; The British Newspaper Archive and The National Archives.

We must not forget all the librarians who worked hard as well as those who researched school and church records.

So many individuals contributed memories about family members.

Thank you to everyone.

Genealogy information.

There were censuses in 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891, 1911 and 1921.

My abbreviations are these ; M, married; U, Unmarried; W, widowed; V, visitor; b, place of birth.

Births, marriage and deaths were recorded by the General Records office from September 1837. They were collated quarterly at local register offices and sent to London. These can be access on FREEBMD online. They show the place, for example Aston covered Sutton Coldfield and then part of Sutton Coldfield was covered by Tamworth and eventually Sutton Coldfield had its own office. The quarters were march, June, September and December. 6d 130 for example is the volume and page for ID.

Military information

Dave Phillips and Rob Rolfe did much early research and thanks go to them.

Recently, Paul Harrison has helped me with editing. His main interest is the men commemorated on the All Saints, Four Oaks Memorial Cross.

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Yvonne Moore May 2024