

# Roll of Honour

## Connected to Chicklade



*Lest we Forget*

### Boer War



2499 2ND LIEUT.

**A. C. F. HOMAN**

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY

11th MAY, 1900

## Arthur Charles Fitzgerald HOMAN

Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan was born 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1878 to parents John Frederick & Mary Louisa Homan (nee Bosworth). Arthur's birth was registered in the September quarter of 1878 in the district of Tisbury, Wiltshire. Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan was baptised on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 1878 at Tisbury.

The 1881 England Census recorded Arthur C. F. Homan as a 2 year old, living with his family at Parsonage House, Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Dorset. His parents were recorded as John F. Homan (Assistant Curate, aged 31, born Dolphinholme, Lancashire) & Mary L. Homan (aged 31, born Northamptonshire). No other children were listed in this Census.

In 1888 Rev. J. F. Homan was posted to Rector of Chicklade, Wiltshire.

The 1891 Channel Islands Census recorded Arthur C. F. Homan as a 12 year old Boarder & Scholar at Elizabeth College, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan joined the Royal Artillery in December, 1897. 2nd Lieutenant Homan volunteered at the outbreak of the Boer War and was accepted for special service and attached to the Cape Railway Pioneer Regiment. He served at Fort Knokke, Orange River, Modder River, and Naauwpoort and acted as adjutant to several companies. He also trained the signallers selected from the Regiment, and was afterwards employed repairing the bridges and line at Norval's Point.

[Extract from *The Last Post - Roll of Officers who fell in South Africa 1899-1902* by Mildred G. Dooner, published by Naval and Military Press]

Naauwpoort was one of five military posts established in the Cape Colony prior to the outbreak of the war. It was an important supply depot and a 'transport concentration station', one of three in the Cape Colony, where mules were gathered before being issued for regimental transport. On the invasion of the colony, Naauwpoort was evacuated on 3 November 1899, but not occupied before part of Maj-Gen A.G. Wauchope's 3rd infantry (Highland) brigade regarrisoned it on 19 November.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan died on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1900. He died of Enteric at Naauwpoort, South Africa. Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan was buried in British Military Graves Cemetery at Northern Cape, Colesberg district, Noupoot, South Africa. His Headstone was provided for by No. 2 Company, Railway Pioneer Regiment.



**Headstone of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan**

*(Photo courtesy of Charles M. Mayes)*

Headstone inscription reads:

In Memory Of

2<sup>ND</sup> Lieut. Fitz A. Homan

Royal Artillery Who Died At

Naauwpoort 11<sup>th</sup> May 1900,

Aged 21 Years

*“Day By Day We All Do Miss Him*

*Him We Knew And Loved So Well*

*But In Heaven We Hope To Meet Him*

*And Evermore With Him To Dwell”*

Erected As A Token Of Respect

By The Officers, Non-Com. Officers And Men

Of No. 2 Company, Railway Pioneer Regt.

To Which Company The Late Lieut. Was Attached.



**Headstone of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan**

*(Photo by Shane Spargo 2008 eGGSA Library)*



Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan is listed as a UK Casualty of the Boer War 1899-1902.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan was awarded Military medals for the South Africa – Boer War. He was assigned to Royal Artillery but attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Railway Pioneer Regiment.

Probate was granted in the Estate of Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1901.

“Homan, Arthur Charles Fitzgerald of Chicklade near Hindon, Wiltshire. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lieutenant in the Royal Artillery died 11 May, 1900 at Naauwpoort, Orange River Colony. Probate London 1 January to the Reverend John Frederic Homan clerk. Effects £270 4s. 1d.”

In the parish church of Tisbury, Wiltshire the officers and men of the Cape Railway Pioneer Regiment have placed a mural tablet to his memory. It is located near the west door.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan is also remembered on the Central London Royal Artillery – Boer War – Men Who Died War Memorial which is located on the corner of Horse Guards Parade and the Mall, at the north-east corner of St. James Park.



**Royal Artillery Boer War Memorial, London** (Photo by Freepenguin)

Second Lieutenant Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan is also remembered on the St. Peter Port Boer War Memorial located on the south side of St. Julian's Avenue in St. Julian's Gardens, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands.



**St. Peter Port Boer War Memorial** (*Photo from Roll of Honour*)

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## Newspaper Reports

Died May 11 at Naauwpoort, South Africa aged 21, Arthur Charles Fitzgerald Homan, 2nd Lieut. R.A., elder son of the Rev J. F. Homan, Chicklade, Salisbury. Jesus' mercy.

(*Western Gazette* - Friday 18 May, 1900)

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Guernsey in South Africa

Old Elizabethans

2499 Homan, Arthur C. Fitzgerald, Lieut., Royal Artillery (Cape Pioneer Regt)

- Died at Naauwpoort, enteric, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 1900.

(*The Star*, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, Channel Islands – 26 July, 1900)

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