

# Codford War Graves



*Lest we Forget*

## World War I

L/17062 GUNNER

**KEI MARSH**

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY

5TH JANUARY, 1916



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Gunner K. Marsh is located in  
St. Mary's Churchyard, Codford – near south-east corner of Churchyard.*

## Kei MARSH

Kei Marsh was born in Burnley, Lancashire to parents Alfred & Margaret Marsh (nee Rawstron). His birth was registered in the Burnley district in December quarter of 1882. Four births were registered in Burnley with mother's maiden name of Rawstron – Alfred George Marsh (Birth registered 1876), Jessie Marsh (Birth registered 1878), Kei Marsh (Birth registered 1882) & Fred Marsh (Birth registered 1884, Death registered September quarter 1884).

On 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1905, Kei Marsh, aged 22, married Edith Ellen Maidens, aged 21, in St Andrew's Church, Burnley. Their marriage was registered in March quarter of 1905, in the district of Burnley, Lancashire. Kei Marsh was recorded as a Miner living at 6 Birchall St & his father's details were Alfred March – Engineer. Edith Ellen Maidens was recorded as a Winder living at 30 Thorn St & her father's details were Joseph George Maidens – Quarry \_\_\_\_\_.

A birth was registered in the sub-district of Burnley East (with the mother's maiden name of Maidens) for John James Marsh in June quarter 1906.

A birth was registered in the sub-district of Burnley East (with the mother's maiden name of Maidens) for Sarah Elizabeth Marsh in March quarter 1908. The Baptism records at St. Andrew's Church, Burnley record that Sarah Elizabeth Marsh was born on 28<sup>th</sup> January, 1908, to parents Kei & Edith Ellen Marsh. She was baptised on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1908. Kei Marsh was recorded as a Miner & the family lived at 49 Thorn Street, Burnley.

A birth was registered in the sub-district of Burnley East (with the mother's maiden name of Maidens) for Edith Annie Marsh in December quarter 1909.

The 1911 Census recorded Kei Marsh as a 29 year old Coal Miner, living with his wife & 3 children as Boarders with the Maidens family – his wife's family. Kei's wife was recorded as Edith E. Marsh (aged 29, born Hull, York). Kei & Edith had been married for 7 years & recorded that they had 3 children – one deceased. However the Census return recorded 3 children – John J. (aged 4, born Burnley), Sarah E. (aged 3, born Burnley) & Edith A. (aged 2 months, born Burnley). The Maidens family were living at 30 Thorn St, Burnley with Edith's widowed mother – Sarah Maidens & 6 of Edith's siblings.

A birth was registered in the sub-district of Burnley East (with the mother's maiden name of Maidens) for Beatrice Annie Marsh in June quarter 1911. The Baptism records at St. Andrew's Church, Burnley record that Sarah Elizabeth Marsh was born on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1911, to parents Kei & Edith Ellen Marsh. She was baptised on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1911. Kei Marsh was recorded as a Miner & the family lived at 30 Thorn Street, Burnley.

Beatrice Annie Marsh was buried on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1911, aged 8 months. Beatrice Annie Marsh was recorded as the daughter of Kei & Edith Marsh. She was buried in Wheatley Lane village, Ingamite Church in the parish of Fence in Pendle, near Burnley, Lancashire- in Section 8, Grave 476 & laid in Joseph George Maiden's grave – her maternal grandfather. The family were living at 99 Ardwick St, Burnley.

Two births were registered in June quarter, 1914 with the mother's maiden name of Madens – Daniel Marsh & Joseph George Marsh. On 17<sup>th</sup> April, 1914 Joseph George Marsh, son of Kei & Edith Marsh was buried, aged 14 days. He was buried in Wheatley Lane village, Ingamite Church in the parish of Fence in Pendle, near Burnley, Lancashire- in Section 8, Grave 476 & laid in Joseph George Maiden's grave – his maternal grandfather. The family were living at Hurley St, Burnley.

Kei Marsh enlisted at Nelson, Lancashire with the Royal Field Artillery in 1915. His Service Number was L/17062.

Gunner Kei Marsh died on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 1916 from pneumonia whilst training at Codford, Wiltshire.

A death for Kei Marsh, aged 34, was registered in the March quarter, 1916 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Gunner Kei Marsh was buried in the Churchyard of St. Mary's, Codford, near south-east corner of the Churchyard. His death is acknowledged by Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such he has a CWGC headstone.

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## Newspaper Report

### BURNLEY COLLIER

#### DIES FROM PNEUMONIA WHILE IN TRAINING

The death occurred on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., at Codford St. Mary's Hospital, of Dvr. Kez Marsh, of the Royal Field Artillery. Deceased, whose home is at 24 Hurley Street, Burnley, had been in training at Heytesbury, where he had an attack of pneumonia, to which he succumbed. Prior to joining the Army in May of last year, Pte Marsh was employed at the Beehole Colliery, where he was very popular. He was 34 years of age and leaves a wife and three children.

*(Burnley News)*

\*\*Note: Newspaper report incorrectly named Gunner Kei Marsh as a Driver & his name as Kez.



Gunner Kei Marsh of Royal Field Artillery

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St Mary's Churchyard, Codford – Kei Marsh's headstone is 2<sup>nd</sup> from right (of 5 CWGC headstones)

(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth – 2013)

Photo of Gunner K. Marsh's Headstone in St. Mary's Churchyard, Codford.



*(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth- 2012)*