

Codford St. Mary

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



45197 PRIVATE

HERBERT POOLMAN

2ND BN DURHAM LIGHT INFANTRY

27th AUGUST, 1918

Herbert POOLMAN

Herbert Poolman was born at Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire to parents Thomas & Caroline Blanche Poolman (nee Tiller). His birth was registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the March quarter of 1888.

The 1891 Census records Herbert Poolman as a 3 year old living with his family at Codford St. Mary. His parents were listed as Thomas Poolman (Rural Postman, aged 58, born Codford St. Mary) & Caroline B. Poolman (aged 36, born Damerham, Wilts). There were 4 children – Fanny Tiller (aged 10), Frederick W. (aged 6) then Herbert & Frank (11 months).

The 1901 Census records Herbert Poolman as a 13 year old domestic servant living at Grocers Shop South End, Fordingbridge, Hampshire with Philip Tiller (Widower, aged 76, Grocer & Baker), Philip's son-in-law – Daniel Palmer (Journeyman Baker, aged 20), Daniel's wife - Fanny (aged 20) & their son Godfrey (aged 5 months). It appears the Philip Tiller was Herbert's maternal grandfather.

Herbert Poolman married Alice Maud Grant in the June quarter of 1910 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

The 1911 Census records Herbert Poolman as a 23 year old Farm Labourer, living with his wife Alice Poolman (aged 23, born Chitterne, Wiltshire) in a 4 roomed dwelling at West Hill, Heytesbury.

The following births were registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire with the mother's maiden name of Grant – Mabel J. Poolman – March quarter, 1914 & Kathleen M. Poolman – December quarter, 1917.

Herbert Poolman originally enlisted with the Army Service Corp before being transferred to the West Riding Regiment. He originally enlisted at Warminster, Wiltshire. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 22158 while he was with the West Riding Regiment. His residence was listed as Codford, Wiltshire. Private Poolman's records show that he was transferred from West Riding Regiment to the Durham Light Infantry & was attached to 2nd Battalion. His service number with the D.L.I. was 45197.

Pte Herbert Poolman died on 27th August, 1918 as a Prisoner of War, aged 30 years.

The Durham Light Infantry fought in every major battle of the Great War - at Ypres, Arras, Messines, Cambrai, on the Somme and in the mud of Passchendaele. The Regiment was awarded six Victoria Crosses but the cost to the Regiment and County was horrific with nearly 13,000 men dead and thousands more gassed, wounded or taken prisoner.

Pte Herbert Poolman was one of 19 Prisoners of War, in this area, that could not be individually identified. 9 of those unidentifiable Prisoners of War are buried at Valenciennes (St. Roch)

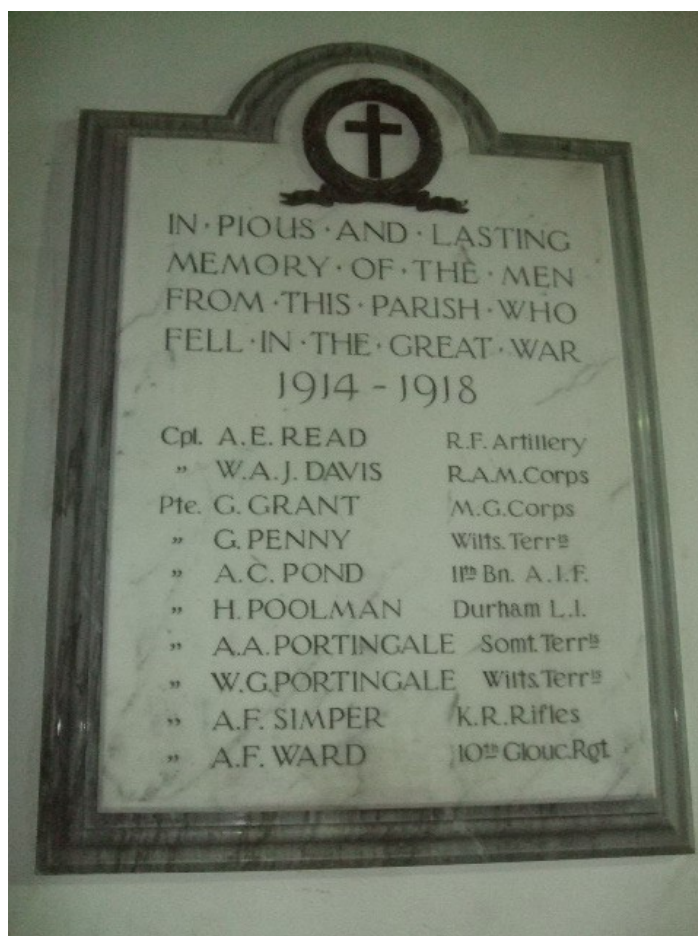
Communal Cemetery, France – Plot IV, Row A. The other 10 unidentifiable Prisoners of War are buried at Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery Extension, France. As these 19 Prisoner of War soldiers could not be identified individually, they are commemorated at both Cemeteries with a P.O.W. Special Memorial. Their deaths are acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Pte H. Poolman as the son of Mrs T. Poolman; husband of A.M. Poolman of 53 Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire.

Pte Herbert Poolman was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card does not show a date he had entered a Theatre of War.

H. Poolman is remembered as a Casualty of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for Codford St. Mary.

Pte H. Poolman of Durham Light Infantry is remembered on the World War 1 Memorial plaque in St. Mary's Church, Codford, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

Valenciennes P.O.W. Special Memorial

Photo of Pte H. Poolman's Memorial Headstone at Valenciennes Communal Cemetery



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Private Herbert Poolman's British War Medal & Victory Medal (22158 Pte, W. Rid. R.) along with his Memorial (Death) Plaque were sold at auction on 25th March, 2013 for £150.

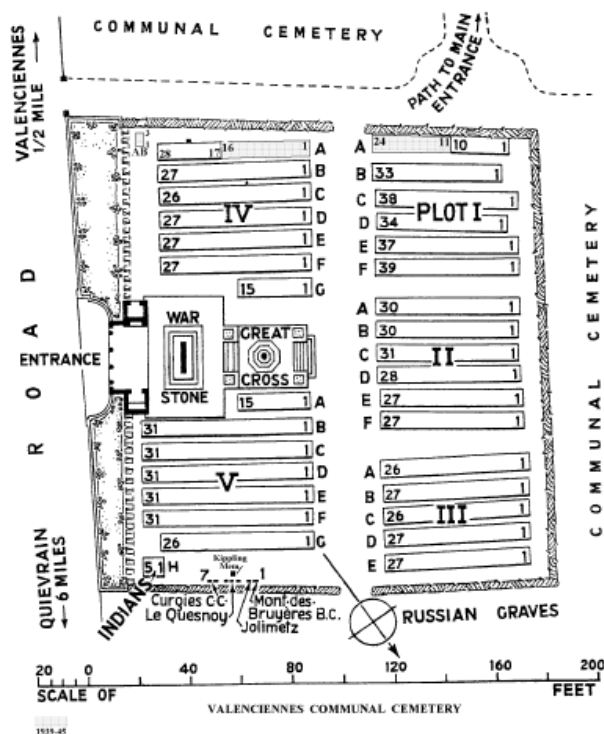
Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery

Valenciennes (St Roch) Communal Cemetery is situated on the north-east side of Valenciennes.

The cemetery now contains 885 Commonwealth burial and commemorations of the First World War. 37 of the burial are unidentified. Special memorials commemorate 19 casualties who died as prisoners of war, of whom 9 are buried here & 10 at Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery Extension, none of whom could be individually identified; all are therefore commemorated at both sites. The cemetery also contains 34 burials from the Second World War, all but one of them airmen.



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Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery Extension

Le Quesnoy is an old town in the Department of the Nord, 15 kilometres south-east of Valenciennes. Le Quesnoy was captured by the New Zealand Division, without bombardment, on the 4th November, 1918.

The Cemetery Extension adjoins that part of the Communal Cemetery where the British graves are placed. There are now over 100 World War One & a small number of World War Two casualties commemorated in this site – a total of 126.

Special memorials are erected to 19 soldiers from the United Kingdom who died as Prisoners of War, of whom 10 are buried here & 9 at Le Quesnoy Communal Cemetery Extension, none of whom could be individually identified; all are therefore commemorated at both sites.

