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World War 1



241998 PRIVATE

A. F. PERRETT

HAMPSHIRE REGIMENT

20TH JULY, 1917 AGE 31

My Son

Thou Hast Done Well

God Bless Thy Soul In Peace

Albert Frank PERRETT

Albert Frank Perrett was born at Over Wallop, Hampshire in 1885 to parents Albert Edwin & Eizabeth Perrett (nee). His birth was registered in the district of Stockbridge, Hampshire in the December quarter of 1885.

The 1891 Census recorded Albert F. Perrett as a 5 year old Scholar living with his parents at Hurstbourne Tarrant, Hants in a 4 roomed dwelling. Albert was the only child listed & his place of birth was listed as Over Wallop, Hants. His parents were listed as Albert Perrett (Labourer Agricultural, aged 29, born Milston, Wiltshire) & Elisabeth (aged 33, born Gomeldton, Wiltshire).

The 1901 Census recorded Albert F. Perrett as a 16 year old Stable Lad Groom living at Park House Stables, Sipton Bellinger, Hampshire with 13 other Stable Lads. John Powney, aged 33 & Trainer of Race Horses was listed as Head of Household & his brother Hugh Powney, aged 23 as Assistant Trainer Race Horses. Albert's parents were recorded as living at Foxcott, Hampshire in a 4 roomed dwelling – Albert Edwin Perrett (Shepherd on a Farm, aged 39) & Elizabeth Emily Perret (aged 39). No children were listed in this Census.

The 1911 Census recorded Frank Perrett as a 25 year old, Groom in Racing Stables living with his parents in a 3 roomed dwelling at 160 Knighton, Durrington, Salisbury, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as Albert Perrett (Cowman and Gardener, aged 49) & Elizabeth Perrett (aged 49). Albert & Elizabeth Perrett had been married for 29 years & had a total of four children, one having since died. No one else was listed on this Census for this household. The Address Cover for this household lists "Knighton, Figheldean, Amesbury". (Knighton is near Durrington but in the border area for Figheldean).

Albert Frank Perrett enlisted at Aldershot, Hants with the Worcestershire Regiment. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 32323. He was residing at Durrington at the time of enlisting. He was later transferred to the Territorial Force of the Hampshire Regiment with a new service number of 241998.

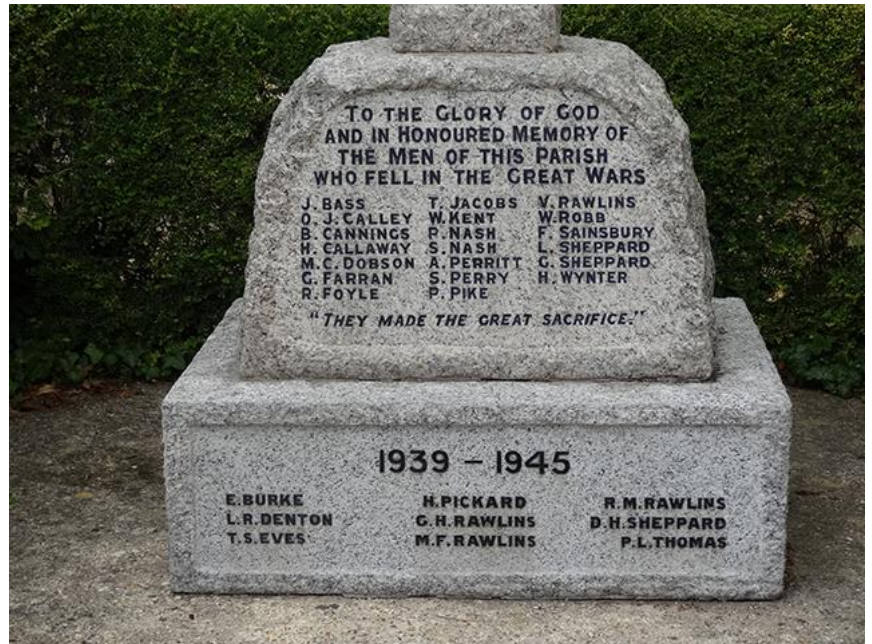
Private Albert Frank Perrett died of wounds on 20th July, 1917, aged 31 years. He was attached to 2nd/5th Battalion, Hampshire Regiment at the time of his death.

Private Albert Frank Perrett is buried in Deir El Belah War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine – Plot – D. 22. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC lists Private Albert Frank Perrett, 241998, 2nd/5th Bn., Hampshire Regiment as the son of Albert Edwin Perrett, of 160 Knighton, Durrington, Salisbury, Wilts.

Private Albert Frank Perrett was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card does not show when or where he first entered a Theatre of War.



A. Perritt is remembered on the Figheldean War Memorial, Wiltshire.



Figheldean War Memorial

(Photo on left by D & M Ball 2005 & photo on right by Dave Healing 2015)

A. F. Perritt is remembered on the Roll of Honour Plaque in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Figheldean, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Dave Healing 2015)

Deir El Belah War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine

Deir El Belah is in Palestine about 16 kilometres east of the Egyptian border, and 20 kilometres south-west of Gaza.

On 28 February 1917, the cavalry of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force entered Khan Yunus, midway between the Egyptian border and Deir el Belah causing the Turks to withdraw to Gaza and Beersheba. The railway was pushed forward to Deir el Belah, which became the railhead in April 1917, and an aerodrome and camps were established there.

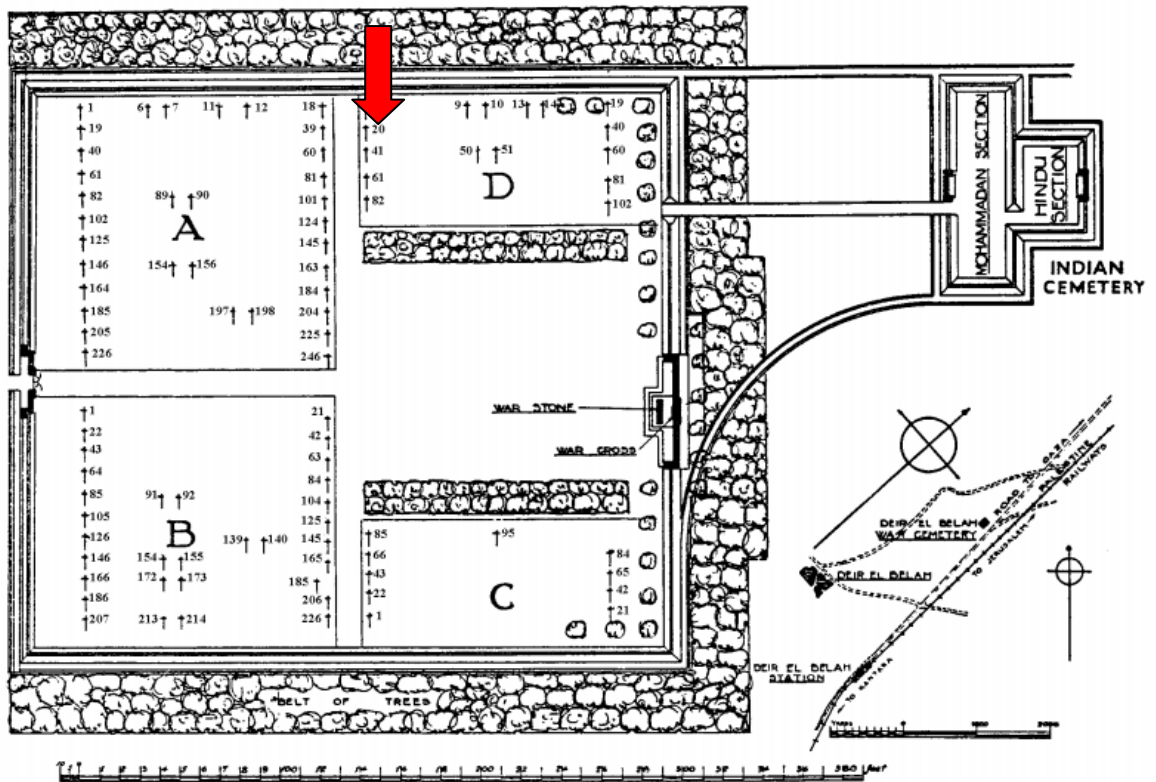
The cemetery was begun towards the end of March and remained in use until March 1919. Most of the burials were made either from field ambulances from March to June 1917, or from the 53rd, 54th, 66th and 74th Casualty Clearing Stations, and the 69th General Hospital, from April 1917 until the Armistice with Turkey. A number of graves, the majority of which were originally at Khan Yunus, were brought into the cemetery after the Armistice.

The cemetery contains 724 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, the names are now recorded on panels erected within the cemetery. Five of these burials are unidentified. There are also ten war graves of other nationalities, two being unidentified.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission is saddened to have to report that Deir El Belah War Cemetery was damaged during a bomb attack in April 2008. The bomb severely damaged the Stone of Remembrance and Cross of Sacrifice but no graves were affected. The Commission appreciates the distress this news may cause to families of those buried at Deir el Belah but we wish to reassure the public that the damage will be assessed and repaired when it is safe to do so and access and materials can be secured.

(Information & Photo from CWGC)





DEIR EL BELAH WAR CEMETERY