

Durrington

Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



11514 (ACTING) LANCE CORPORAL

S. T. HARVEY

CORPS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS

4th OCTOBER, 1917

Sydney Thomas HARVEY

Sydney Thomas Harvey was born at Lingwood near Norwich, Norfolk to parents Frederick Rudling & Harriet Emma Harvey (nee Lake). His birth was registered as Thomas Sydney Harvey in the district of Blofield, Norfolk in the December quarter of 1883.

The 1891 Census recorded Sidney Harvey as a 7 year old, living with his family at 7 Gildens Yard, Lingwood, Norfolk. His parents were listed as Frederick Harvey (Gardener, aged 30, born Wymmdham, Norfolk) & Emma Harvey (aged 28, born Lingwood, Norfolk). Sydney was the eldest of 4 children listed in this Census, all born at Lingwood – William W. (aged 6), Frederick F. (aged 4) & Hilda M. (aged 2).

The 1901 Census recorded Sydney T. Harvey as a 17 year old, Market Gardener's Son, living with his family at Moulton Street, Norfolk. His parents were recorded as Frederick Harvey (Market Gardener, aged 41) & Harriet E. (aged 39). Sydney was the eldest of 6 children listed in this Census – William W. (Horseman on a Farm, aged 16), Frederick F. (aged 14), Hilda M. (aged 12), Gladys L. (aged 6) & Reginald G. (aged 7 months).

Sydney Thomas Harvey enlisted at Norwich with the Royal Engineers on 30th September, 1902 for 3 years. He was given the rank of Driver & a service number of 11514. At the time of enlisting, Sydney was aged 19 years & worked as a Groom. His religion was listed as Church of England. He had not served in the Military previously.

On 1st July, 1904, Driver Sydney Harvey was written up for disobeying an order at Whitchurch Camp. He was given 10 days C.B. (Confined to Barracks) as punishment from 2 – 11 July, 1904.

On 29th July, 1905, Driver S. T. Harvey signed up to extend his Army Service to complete 8 years. At this time he had completed 2 years & 10 months of his original 3 year commitment – which expired on 29th September, 1905.

Driver Sydney Harvey was appointed L. Cpl on 2nd March, 1906.

On 21st March, 1907, Lce. Cpl. Sydney Harvey was written up for disobedience of orders at Bulford Camp. His punishment was to be deprived of Lance Stripe on 22nd March, 1907.

On 6th October, 1908, Driver Sydney Harvey was written up for using an Officer's bicycle without permission & being in the Officer's quarters when not on duty, while at Bulford Camp. He was given 14 days C.B. (Confined to Barracks) as punishment from 7 – 20 October, 1908.

On 11th May, 1909 a son was born at Durrington for Sydney Harvey & Lilian Sandilands. Reginald Frederick Harvey's birth was registered in June quarter, 1909 in the district of Amesbury.

On 15th May, 1909 Driver Sydney Harvey was transferred to Army Reserve at Bulford "with his consent before the expiration of his period for Army Service."

On 14th June, 1909 Sydney Harvey married Lilian Sandilands at the Register Office, Amesbury, Wiltshire.

On 5th June, 1910 Doris Emma Harvey was born, the daughter of Sydney & Lilian Harvey (birth registered September quarter, 1910, Amesbury).

The 1911 Census recorded Sydney Harvey as a Married, General Labourer, aged 28, living with his wife & children at his wife's parents Cottage, which consisted of 5 rooms, at 1 Spearmint Cottage Durrington. Lillian Harvey (aged 20 years) was listed as having been married for 2 years with 2 children (both still living) – Frederick (aged 2, born Durrington) & Doris (aged 10 months, born Durrington). The Head of the household was Edward Long – Lilian's stepfather (General Labourer, aged 49) & Lilian's mother - Martha Long (aged 40). Martha & Edward Long had been married for 14 years.

On 20th January, 1912 Gladys Lilian Harvey was born, the daughter of Sydney & Lilian Harvey (birth registered March quarter, 1912, Amesbury).

On 30th September, 1914 Driver Sydney Harvey re- engaged for 4 years. He had been mobilized at Chatham on 6th August, 1914.

On 23rd April, 1915 Harold Charles Harvey was born, the son of Sydney & Lilian Harvey (birth registered June quarter, 1915, Amesbury).

Internal Memos in November, 1914, within the Army show, that records for Sydney Harvey – “Will you please note that the eldest child shown thereon is illegitimate”. Further investigation showed that “Driver Harvey is recorded on the child's birth certificate as being the father and presumably therefore separation allowance will be issueable...” (This was in relation to Reginald Frederick Harvey who had been born 1 month before the marriage of Sydney & Lilian).

On 17th September, 1917, a fifth child for Sydney & Lilian Harvey was born – Winifred E. Harvey (birth registered December quarter, 1917 at Amesbury).

L. Cpl. Sydney Thomas Harvey died on 4th October, 1917 from wounds received in action.

L. Cpl Sydney Thomas Harvey's records show that at the time of his death he was attached to Royal Engineers, 2nd Pontoon Park. He had served 15 years & 5 days.

Lance Corporal S. T. Harvey is buried in Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, Belgium – Plot XX. H. 13. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such he has a CWGC headstone. The CWGC does not have any further information on him.

L. Cpl. Sydney T. Harvey was entitled to the 1914 Star, British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows that he entered a Theatre of War on 20th August, 1914.

Communications between Pensions Dept. & Salisbury Plain Divisional Command are found in L/ Cpl. Harvey's Service Record file – “With reference to your letter of December 24th, 1917 I beg to state that our visitor knows Mrs Harvey well, and is quite satisfied that the eldest boy, Reginald Frederick, was the son of L/Cpl. Sydney T. Harvey. He was christened Harry Harvey at the father's request in addition to the above names. Yours truly, L. Addy. Hon. Secretary”.

The Ministry of Pensions awarded Mrs Lilian Harvey, the widow of A. L/Cpl/ Sydney Thomas Harvey 2nd Platoon Park, Royal Engineers a Pension for herself & 5 children effective from 22nd April, 1918. Mrs Lilian Harvey's address was later changed to 126 Whitworth Rd, Gosport.

S. T. Harvey is remembered as a Casualty of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for Durrington.

Lance Corporal Sydney T. Harvey is also remembered on the Durrington War Memorial, Wiltshire.



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Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery

Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery is located 12 klms west of Ieper town centre.

During the First World War, the village of Lijssenthoek was situated on the main communication line between the Allied military bases in the rear and the Ypres battlefields. Close to the Front, but out of the extreme range of most German field artillery, it became a natural place to establish casualty clearing stations. The cemetery was first used by the French & in June, 1915, it began to be used by the casualty clearing stations of the Commonwealth forces.

From April to August, 1918, the casualty clearing stations fell back before the German advance and frilled ambulances took their places.

The cemetery contains 9,901 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 24 being unidentified. There are 883 war graves of other nationalities, mostly French & German. (CWGC)

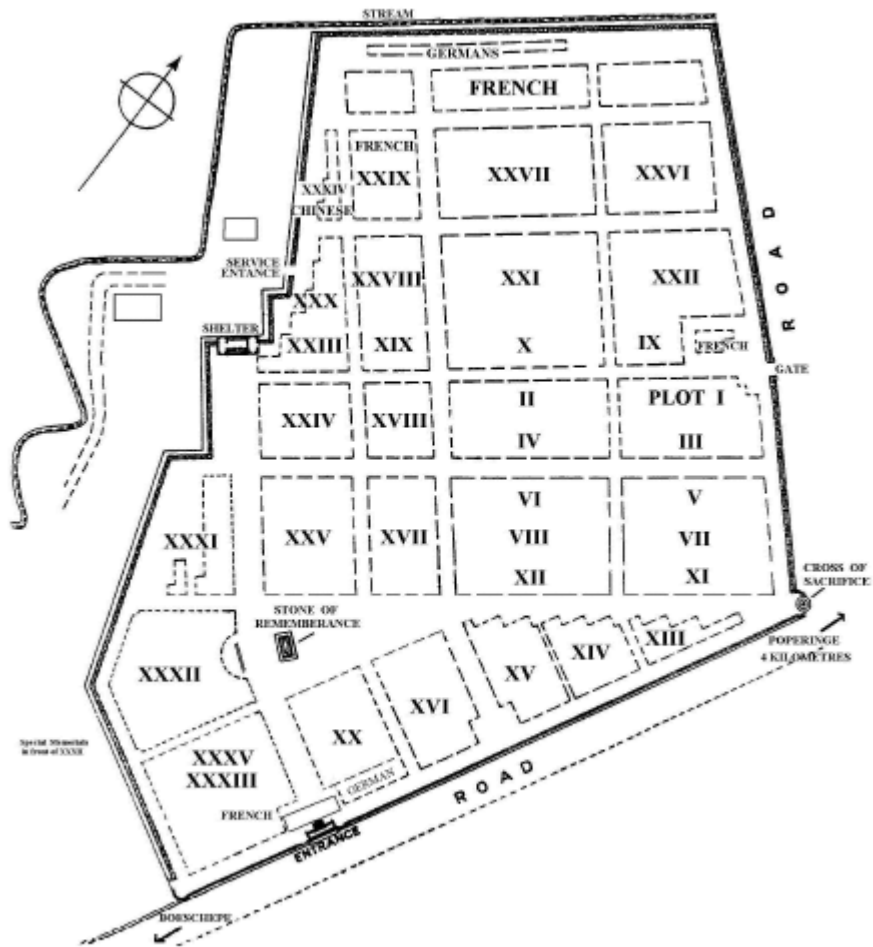


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