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World War 1



M2/121520

W. G. FRY

ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Wilfred George Fry

Wilfred George Fry was born at Hindon, Wiltshire on 12th January, 1896 to parents John & Emily Fry (nee Davis). His birth was registered in the district of Tisbury, Wiltshire in the March quarter of 1896. Wilfred's parents had married at St. John the Baptist Church, Hindon, Wiltshire in 1888.

The 1901 Census recorded Wilfred G. Fry as a 5 year old, living with his family at The Dean, Fonthill Gifford, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as John Fry (Shoeing & Jobbing Smith, aged 40, born Ashmore, Dorset) & Emily Fry (aged 35, born Hindon). There were 5 children listed in this Census, all stated to be born at Fonthill Gifford – Harold J. M. (aged 10), Elsie B. (aged 7), then Wilfred, Hilda E. (aged 2) & Gladys M. (aged 6 months).

The 1911 Census recorded Wilfred G. Fry as a 15 year old Baker, living with his family in a 5 roomed dwelling at High Street, Hindon. His parents were listed as John Fry (Blacksmith, aged 50) & Emily Fry (aged 45). John & Emily Fry had been married for 23 years & had 7 children, with one child deceased. There were 5 children listed in this Census, all stated to be born at Hindon – Harold J. M. (Mason's Labourer, aged 20), then Wilfred, Hilda Emilie (aged 12, at school), Gladys May (aged 10, at school) & Dora Kathleen (aged 5, at school).

Wilfred George Fry enlisted at Central London Recruiting Depot on 23rd September, 1915 with Army Service Corps – Mechanical Transport Branch. He was a 19 year old, Motor Lorry Driver from High Street, Hindon. His religion as Church of England & his next-of-kin was listed as his father – John Fry of High Street, Hindon. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 121520.

Pte Wilfred Fry was on Home duties from 23rd September, 1915 to 12th October, 1915. He embarked from Southampton on SS *Empress Queen* as part of Expeditionary Force to France on 13th October, 1915 & disembarked at Havre on 14th October, 1915. Pte Fry was attached to 569 Motor Transport (M.T.) Coy, 16th Motor Ambulance Convoy.

Pte Wilfred Fry was admitted to Hospital from 23rd to 29th December, 1915. He was on leave from 27th November, 1916 to 7th December, 1916.

Pte Wilfred Fry was written up for an offence on 4th February, 1917 in the field – “Neglecting to obey 3rd Army Traffic Order. Driving against the traffic”. He was awarded forfeiture of 3 days' pay.

Pte Wilfred Fry was written up for an offence on 18th September, 1917 – “_____ by neglect of equipment on Ambulance – wrench, chisel, file – cost 2/6 “ He was punished by having to make good the cost.

Pte Wilfred Fry was on leave from 25th December, 1917 to 8th January, 1918. Pte Wilfred Fry was admitted to City of London Military Hospital at Clapton from 10th January, 1918 until 26th January, 1918 with vomiting, while he was on leave in UK. He rejoined his Unit from Hospital on 28th January, 1918.

Pte Wilfred Fry was transferred to UK for release on 23rd July, 1919 & demobilised on 22nd August, 1919.

Army Service Corps – Motor Ambulance Convoys

Motor Ambulance Convoys were specialised motorised transport used on the lines for evacuation of casualties.

A man's chances of survival depended on how quickly his wound was treated. Medical treatment was to start as soon as feasible, and as near to the front line as possible, for this reason Regimental Aid Posts were set up. The Battalion Medical Officer, his orderlies and stretcher-bearers, attended these. The Field ambulance was the next medical assistance. Further up the line were the Casualty Clearing Stations which were to facilitate movement of casualties from the battlefield on to the hospitals. A Casualty Clearing Station was a very large unit, and could hold a minimum of 50 beds and 150 stretchers in order to treat a minimum of two hundred sick and wounded at any one time. This was the first line of surgery. The CCS's collected the casualties from the MDS's by sending forward the Motor Ambulance Convoys (MAC's) that were attached to them. The ambulances of the MAC's were

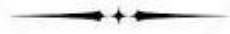
Army Service Corps vehicles (ASC) and each had an ASC driver and an RAMC (Royal Army Medical Corp) attendant. In exceptional circumstances a Field Ambulance would be attached to assist.

Pte Wilfred G. Fry was entitled to 1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. His Medal Index Card shows that he entered a Theatre of War – France on 14th October, 1915.



1915 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal

Wilfred George Fry died in September, 1982, aged 82 years. His death was registered in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire.



Army Service Corps Recruitment Posters

