



Holt

World War I Casualty Biographies

MORRIS, Ralph Hern

Ralph Hern Morris was born at Forton, Gosport, Hants in May 1879. His father Robert (1841) had been born in Ipswich and his mother Lucretia (1846) at Lifton, Devon. Robert was a sergeant in the Royal Marines and Stationed at Forton Barracks at the time of Ralph's birth.

The 1881 census records Lucretia living with her 6 children at Alverstoke in Hampshire. She is the wife of a Colour Sergeant in the Royal Marines. The 1891 census records the whole family living at Hunts Hall, Holt. It's difficult to know what exactly Hunts Hall was as at least 4 families were living there in 1891. Robert is an Army Pensioner and the census records him as being blind so that may explain the pension.

Ralph married Emily Anne Selfe at Devizes in 1904 and they went on to have 3 children - – Clarice, Robert Ralph George, Dora. They lived in Westbourne Terrace, Estcourt Street, Devizes.

The 1911 census shows Ralph as being billeted at Le Marchant Barracks, Roundway, Devizes. He is recorded as having the rank of sergeant and being a musician.

Ralph Hern Morris was awarded:
Victory Medal C/1/102 B9/ 1032
British Medal C/1/102 B9/1032

Ralph Hern Morris was killed in action on 21st March 1918, aged 38. He is buried at the Savy British Cemetery, Grave Ref. I.Q.11

Ralph Hern Morris, Company Sergeant Major, 4733, B Company Battalion Wiltshire Regiment

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