



Shrewton

World War I Casualty Biographies

Nurse Daisy Violet Dimmer

Daisy Violet Dimmer was born on the 1st of May 1887, her birth being registered in the June Quarter of that year in Amesbury Registration District. She was the daughter of Frank and Mary Dimmer of Shrewton and was baptised on Christmas Day 1887 at St. Mary, Shrewton. Her father was a Quartermaster serving with the Rifle Brigade who between 1887 and 1888 was in receipt of funds from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea. A note in the register of payments against Daisy's name states "posthumous child".

The 1891 census records the family living in Shrewton as follows:

Mary Dimmer. Head, Widow, 31, Living on her own means, born in Gibraltar; Frank E., Son, 11, born in Dublin; Ernest G., Son, 8, born in Dublin; Florence E, Daughter, 7, born in Aldershot; Hilda M., Daughter, 5. Born in Gibraltar; Daisy Violet, Daughter 3, born in Shrewton.

In the 1901 census, at Orcheston St. Mary, the family are:

Mary, Head, Widow, 41, living on her own means, born in Gibraltar; Florence, Daughter, 16, Pupil Teacher, born in Aldershot, Hampshire; Hilda M., Daughter, 15, born in Gibraltar; Daisy V., Daughter, 13, born in Shrewton

The 1911 census finds Daisy Dimmer, 23, working as a Lady's Maid to the Phillips Family of Unsted Park, Bramley, Godalming, Surrey.

During mid 1917 Daisy started working as a probationer nurse in the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Daisy Violet Dimmer died, aged 31, in the December Quarter of 1918. Her death being registered in the Reading St. Giles Registration District. According to a newspaper report of her funeral in the Reading Observer of 7th December 1918 she had been working in the Royal Berkshire Hospital as a probationer nurse. She contracted influenza which developed into pneumonia from which she never recovered.

Although Daisy was not serving as an army nurse at the time of her death she is commemorated on the Shrewton War Memorial.

Daisy Violet was buried on 4th December 1918 in Hemdean Road Cemetery, Caversham, Berkshire.

