

Roll of Honour

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Lest we Forget

World War I



212152 GUNNER

H. C. DYER

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY

28th FEBRUARY, 1917

Thy Will Be Done

Herbert Clarence DYER

Herbert Clarence Dyer was born at Upton Lovell in 1898 to parents Frederick & Eliza Ann Dyer (nee Reynolds). Herbert's parents had married at Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Heytesbury, Wiltshire in 1877. Herbert's birth was registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1898.

The 1901 Census records Herbert Dyer as a 2 year old, living with his family at 42 Frome Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. His parents were recorded as Frederick Dyer (Brewery Hand, aged 44, born Upton Lovell) & Eliza A. Dyer (aged 4, born Heytesbury). Herbert was the second youngest of 8 children listed in this Census – William (Porter, G.W.R, aged 21, born Heytesbury), Frederick (Woollen Cloth worker, aged 18, born Heytesbury), Frank (Grocer's Errand Boy, aged 15, born Heytesbury), Florence (aged 13, born Upton Lovell), Beatrice E. (aged 10, born Upton Lovell), Elsie M. (aged 4, born Upton Lovell) then Herbert & Doris M (aged 3 months, born Trowbridge).

The 1911 Census records Herbert Dyer as a 12 year old, living with his family in a 5 roomed dwelling at Buckland, Denham, near Frome, Somerset. His parents were listed as Frederick Dyer (Estate Labourer, aged 55) & Eliza Ann Dyer (aged 53). Herbert's parents, according to the census, had been married for 34 years & had 11 children in total, with one deceased. There were five of their children listed on this Census – Frederick (Printer, aged 28), Frank (Wood Turner, aged 24), Elsie (aged 14), then Herbert & last was Doris (aged 10).

Herbert Clarence Dyer enlisted & was posted to Royal Field Artillery. He was given the rank of Gunner & a service number of 212152. Records show that Gunner Herbert Clarence Dyer was attached to 5th Reserve Brigade of Royal Field Artillery.

Gunner Herbert Clarence Dyer died on 28th February, 1917. He died on home soil. A death was registered for Herbert C. Dyer, aged 19, in the district of Steyning, in the county of Sussex.

Gunner Herbert Clarence Dyer did not have a Medal Index Card which indicates he did not enter a Theatre of War.

Gunner Herbert Clarence Dyer was buried in Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery in Sussex – Plot Number ZGV. 44. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission & as such he has a CWGC headstone. The CWGC lists Gunner Herbert Clarence Dyer, 212152, aged 18, as the son of Mr and Mrs F. Dyer, of Buckland-Dinham, Frome, Somersetshire.

Brighton City (Bear Road) Cemetery, Sussex

There are 275 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war and a further 102 of the 1939-1945 war commemorated in this site. The 1939-45 commemorations include 3 unidentified Merchant seamen and 1 unidentified British soldier.

The city of Brighton had become an important hub for the treatment of wounded during the Great War. Brighton (and Hove) were transformed by the presence of many military hospitals required to treat the increasing number of casualties returning from the Front. As a seaside resort, the city was ideally suited to entertaining the young men and distracting them from the horrors of war, but more importantly, Brighton played its part in retraining the seriously injured and preparing them for their integration back into society after life-changing injury.

Photo of Gunner H. C. Dyer's Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.



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