



Name: George Frederick

Position: Private

DOB-DOD: 1887- 15 September 1916

BT archive records show that in 1913 George Frederick lived in Stepney, London, and worked at Central Telephone Office, the site where BT Centre is now situated, before joining the British Army.

George died during the battle of the Somme in 1916 and was remembered by his parents Thomas and Rosina Cambridge, of 81, Upper North St., Poplar, London. He also served at Gallipoli. He is buried at Combles Communal Cemetery Extension on the Somme in France with 534 of his comrades in arms. The poignant inscription "LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM" bears testament to the heartfelt sorrow his loss had on his family.

In an extract from the 1911 census (see below) George is shown living at 413 Commercial Road in Stepney London.

1	Thomas Cambridge	Head	48		Married	26	9	9	2	Fishmonger	92
2	Rosina Cambridge	Wife	48	48	Married	26	9	9	2		
3	Rosina Cambridge	Daughter	23	23	Single					Assistant	92
4	Albert Cambridge	Son	18		Single					Assistant Fishmonger	
5	Hornice Cambridge	Daughter	16	16	Single						
6	George Frederick Cambridge	Son	14								
7	Hilda Cambridge	Daughter	11	11							
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Although no official records have been found of George's final battle, it can be assumed that he was involved in the following recorded actions.



The Royal Fusiliers memorial at Holborn in London, commemorating the 22000 men of the regiment who lost their lives in the Great War. Image courtesy of the trainmanchuff collection at flickr.com, with thanks.

Guillemont

Fusiliers Resting

16th-18th Aug 1916. The 4th Battalion commanded by Major Meade failed to make headway. All the officers were killed or wounded and the men suffered 160 casualties. 1st Battalion had 23 casualties from Royal Artillery fire on 10th Aug and Lt W van Grierson bravely rescued men who had been buried but was killed in the process. Pte Tanner and Cpl Silcox rescued Pte Lynch from no-man's land in daylight, under machine-gun fire. The 1st Battalion succeeded in capturing Guillemont station on 17th Aug but had 66 casualties.

21st Aug 1916. The 1st Battalion coped with a fire in the ammunition dump at Bernafay Wood. The mortar ammunition caused continual explosions which threw men into the fire. RSM Hack won the MC when he rescued injured men in the face of flying fragments. 2nd Lt Tiffany of the 12th Battalion rescued men from the fire. In the afternoon of the 21st Aug the battalion was in battle against targets named as Hill Street and Brompton Road. Capt Bell led 70 men of A Coy and won the DSO, and Lt Jacobs won the MC for displaying courage and coolness. Sgt Pye volunteered to deliver a message which won him the DCM