



Civilian Custodian of Stonehenge & Retired Serviceman

Frank Henry Roland

Surname	Given Names	Rank	Number	Regiment	Attachment	Date of Death		Age at Death	
						Year	Date		
Roland	Frank Henry	Retired Company Sergeant Major				1940	27-Sep	41	
Date of Birth									
Date of Birth		Place of Birth	Father		Mother		Baptised		
Year	Date		Surname	Given Names	Maiden Name	Given Names	Year	Date	Place
1898	17-Oct	Guernsey	Roland	Peter Francis	Mobuchon	Félicité Marie Augustine			
Census Information									
Year	Surname	Given Names	Status	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	Relationship to Head		
Hubits, St. Martins, Guernsey, Channel Islands									

1901	Rouland	Peter	Married	38	Mason	St. Laurence, Jersey	Head
	Rouland	Felicite	Married	33		France	Wife
	Rouland	Mathide		9		Vale, Guernsey	Daughter
	Rouland	Adia		8		Vale, Guernsey	Daughter
	Rouland	Peter		6		Vale, Guernsey	Son
	Rouland	Adeline		4		Guernsey	Daughter
	Rouland	Frank		2		St. Martins, Guernsey	Son
	Rouland	Henri		1		St. Martins, Guernsey	Son
Ville Amphrey, St. Martins, Guernsey, Channel Islands							
1911	Roland	Peter Frank	Married	46	Stone Mason	Jersey	Head
	Roland	Phillis	Married	41		Guernsey	Wife
	Roland	Peter Frank	Unmarried	16	Stone Mason	Guernsey	Son
	Roland	Francis		12	Scholar	Guernsey	Son
	Roland	Harry		11	Scholar	Guernsey	Son
	Roland	James William		9	Scholar	Guernsey	Son
	Roland	Edward Clement		8	Scholar	Guernsey	Son
	Roland	Ernest John		6	Scholar	Guernsey	Son
Yildiz Barracks, Constantinople, Turkey							
1921	Roland	Frank	Married	22 years 6 months	Lance Corporal, 1st Battalion Hampshire Regiment	St. Martins, Guernsey	Serving Soldier
H M Office Works, Stonehenge Road, Amesbury							
1939	Roland	Frank H.	Married	17 October 1908 (1898)	Custodian Ancient Monuments. H. M. O. W.		Head
	Roland	Rhoda E.	Married	13 April 1897	Unpaid Domestic Duties		Wife
There is one closed record linked to this entry in the 1939 register.							
Military Service Record							
Enlistment Details							
Year	Date	Place	Age	Trade		Religion	

			Years	Months	Days			
1917	15-Jun		19				Roman Catholic	
Physical Description								
Height		Complexion	Eye Colour	Hair Colour	Distinguishing Marks			
Feet	Inches							
Next of Kin								
Surname	Given Names	Status	Relationship	Abode				
Roland	Peter Frank	Married	Father	Guernsey				
Military Career Details								
Year	Date	Regiment	Notes					
1917	15-Jun	Royal Guernsey Light Infantry	Enlisted, although there is a story he attempted to enlist earlier in the war at Southampton but the Recruiting Officer believed him to be under age and he returned home					
1917	02-Dec		Embarked at Southampton					
1917	04-Dec		Disembarked at Rouen to join his Battalion					
1918	26-Jan		Sustained an injury to his side					
1918	Jan-Feb		Contracted Bronchitis					
1918	12-Feb		Returned injured to England					
1918	13-Feb		Posted to Guernsey					
1918	22-Jun		Appointed acting Lance Corporal (unpaid)					
1918	24-Jun		Sent to School of Instruction as a Lewis Gunner at Hayling Island, Hampshire					
1919	01-Feb		Compulsorily retained for Army Occupation as Lance Corporal					
1919	09-Jul	Hampshire Regiment	Transferred as a motor driver					
1919	October		Deployed to Ireland to assist the Royal Irish Constabulary in preserving order. They were stationed in Victoria Barracks, Cork. They engaged in escort duties, patrols, searching for IRA leaders and special operations against the IRA. It was dull and dangerous. Different standards applied from those in the recent Irish Troubles and there were tit for tat action and counteraction some more serious than others.					
1921	8th-27th February		Left Ireland and between 8 and 27 February 1921 was on board ship bound for Constantinople. There he joined the Army of the Black Sea. They were stationed in Istanbul at the Yildiz barracks overlooking the Bosphorus. They provided protection for the Sultan whose palace was across the road. Detachments went to training camp at Kachuk Chekmedje.					
1921	28-Jun	At this time the Battalion witnessed the remnants of General Wrangle's White Russian Army fleeing from the Bolsheviks coning down the Bosphorus from the Black Sea. The little ships were packed with starving people. Their plight was so bad that the Battalion gave up a day's pay and rations for the refugees. They were given the job						

			rounding up Bolsheviks, men and women, who had filtered through with the refugees.							
1921	16-Dec		Posted to Cairo, Egypt							
1922	May		Posted to Mustapha Barracks, Alexandria							
1922	15-Jun		The Battalion furnished the guard of honour with the King's Colour on the arrival of HE the High commissioner, Field Marshall Lord Allenby.							
1923	26-Nov		The Battalion moved from Alexandria to Cairo taking over the Citadel.							
1924	January		The Battalion furnished a guard of honour for Prince Arthur of Connaught to King Fuad of Egypt							
1925	26-Jan		Embarked aboard HT Marglen from Port Said, Egypt bound for England and to barracks at Plymouth, Devon							
1925	01-Apr		Promoted to Corporal							
1928	07-Nov		Posted to Germany; Re-engaged for 21 years							
1929	08-Dec		Posted to the UK							
1932	25-Feb		The Battalion left Catterick after two years							
1932	25-Feb		The Battalion the moved to Albany, Pankhurst on the Isle of Wight.							
1935	14-Oct		Promoted to Colour Sergeant/Company Quartermaster Sergeant							
1936	03-Jan		Regiment moved to Corunna Barracks, Aldershot							
1936	12-Jun		Promoted to Warrant Officer Class II, Company Sergeant Major							
1936	22-Sep		Posted to Palestine sailing aboard the SS California from Southampton arriving at Haifa on 1st October after which they moved onto Jerusalem							
1937	19-Nov		Posted back to the Corunna Barracks, Aldershot							
1938	27-Apr		Discharged from the army at own request after 18 years of service							
Details of Death										
Date of Death		Cause of Death	Theatre of War	Ships Name	War Gratuity Paid					Recipient
Year	Date				Year	Date	£	s.	d.	
1940	27-Sep	Peritonitis after a burst ulcer.	Non Military Death							
Grave Location										
Cemetery								Plot Number		
Amesbury Cemetery										
War Memorials and Commemorations										
Memorial Name and Location								Panel Number		
Other Significant Information										

Frank Henry was baptised Francis Harry Rouland
Frank's eldest brother Peter was killed in action on 9th September 1916 whilst serving with the Royal Irish Regiment
Francis Harry Roland married Rhoda Ellen Curtis on 29th April 1919 in St. Josephs Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter Port, Guernsey
Ruth Felicite Marie (also recorded as Ruth Phyllis Mary) was born to Frank and Rhoda at the Citadel on 29 September 1924.
Frank was employed by the Department of Works as Custodian of Stonehenge sometime in 1938, carrying out caretaking duties such as grass cutting around the stones. He also scoured Salisbury Plain marking ancient mounds etc. so that they did not get ploughed over by local farmers. He held this post until his death.
Frank died at the Salisbury Infirmary
Probate through Administration was granted to his widow, Rhoda Ellen Roland on the 15th October 1940. He left an estate value of £125

