

# **Baverstock**

## **Roll of Honour**



*Lest we Forget*

### **World War I**



**135416 GUNNER**

**H. G. BRADFORD**

**ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY**

**20TH DECEMBER, 1917**

## Henry George BRADFORD

Henry George Bradford was born at Salisbury, Wiltshire to parents Henry James & Annie Ada Bradford (nee Bowns). Henry's parents had married in the district of Alderbury, Wiltshire in 1891. Henry's birth was registered in the district of Alderbury, Wiltshire in the March quarter of 1895.

The 1901 Census recorded Henry Geo. Bradford as a 6 year old living with his family at *The New Inn* at Whiteparish, Salisbury. His parents were recorded as Henry James Bradford (Publican, aged 34, born Lynwood, Hants) & Annie Ada Bradford (aged 29, born Harnham, Wilts). Henry was the eldest of 2 children listed in the Census – younger sister – Nellie Elizabeth (aged 4).

The 1911 Census recorded Henry Bradford as a 16 year old Farm Servant (Carter on a Farm), living with his family in a 4 roomed dwelling at Blaxwell, Whiteparish, Salisbury. His parents were listed as Henry Bradford (Poultry Dealer, aged 45) & Annie Bradford (aged 40). Henry's parents had been married for 18 years & only had 2 children. Henry's younger sister was listed as Nellie Bradford (aged 14).

A Marriage was registered in the June quarter, 1914 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire between Henry G. Bradford & Eva A. Carter.

A birth was registered in December quarter, 1914, in district of Salisbury, for Henry J. Bradford, mother's maiden name – Carter. Another birth was registered in March quarter 1916, in district of Wilton, for George E. Bradford, mother's maiden name – Carter.

Henry George Bradford enlisted at Salisbury with the Royal Field Artillery. He was given the rank of Gunner & a service number of 135416.

Gunner Henry George Bradford died of wounds on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1917, aged 25 years.

Gunner H. G. Bradford is buried in Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel – Plot H. 7. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The CWGC lists Gunner H. G. Bradford as being attached to 391st Bty, 172nd Bde., Royal Field Artillery. He was the son of Harry and Annie Bradford of Whiteparish, Salisbury; husband of Eva Alice Miller (formerly Bradford) of 66 East Morden, Wareham, Dorset. (A marriage was registered in June quarter, 1921, in the district of Wareham, Dorset, between Eva A. Bradford & Arthur Miller).

Gunner Henry G. Bradford was entitled to the British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card does not show when he had entered a Theatre of War.

H. G. Bradford is remembered in the Dioceses of Salisbury Casualties of WW1 Memorial Book.

### Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel

RAMLEH WAR CEMETERY dates from the First World War, when Ramleh (now Ramla) was occupied by the 1st Australian Light Horse Brigade on 1 November 1917. Field Ambulances, and later Casualty Clearing Stations, were posted at Ramleh and Lydda from December 1917 onwards. The cemetery was begun by the medical units, but some graves were brought in later from the battlefields and from Latron, Sarona and Wilhema Military and Indian Cemeteries.

During the Second World War, this cemetery was used by the Ramla Royal Air Force Station and by various Commonwealth hospitals posted in turn to the area for varying periods.

The cemetery contains 3,300 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, 964 of them unidentified. Second World War burials number 1,168. There are also 891 war graves of other nationalities from both wars, and 525 non-war burials, many from the RAF and garrison stations that were at Ramleh in the inter war years and until the end of the British Mandate in Palestine in 1948.



*(Photos from CWGC)*



