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## World War I



SECOND LIEUTENANT

**B. M. R. DENNY**

THE KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT)

26TH OCTOBER, 1914

*Agnus Dei*

*Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi*

*Dona Eí Requiem Sempiternam*

## Barry Maynard Rynd DENNY

Barry Maynard Rynd Denny was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 1885 at Pontnewydd, Monmouthshire, Wales to parents Edward Denny & Alma Mary Denny (nee Chesshyre).

The 1891 Census recorded Barry M. R. Denny as a 6 year old (born Pontnewyde, Monmouth) living with his family at The Vicarage, Kempley, Gloucestershire. His parents were listed as Edward Denny (Vicar of Kempley, aged 37, born St. Leonard on Sea, Sussex) & Alma Mary Denny (aged 36, born Cheltenham, Gloucester). Barry Denny was one of 8 children listed on this Census – Alma M. M. (aged 14, born Cheltenham, Gloucester), Muriel M. (aged 13, born Walsall, Stafford), Clare J. M. (aged 10, born Plymouth, Devon), Edward M. C. (aged 8, born Plymouth, Devon), then Barry, John M. (aged 4, born Kempley, Gloucester), Maynard H. B. (aged 2, born Kempley, Gloucester) & Joan M. C. (aged 1, born Kempley, Gloucester). Also listed were 3 servants – Mary A Hyde (Cook, aged 19), Martha J. Baker (Parlourmaid, aged 16) & Catherine Whittaker (Nurse, aged 23).

The 1901 Census recorded Barry Maynard Denny as a 16 year old Pupil boarding at the Kings College, Taunton, Somerset. His place of birth was listed as Llanfrothen, Monmouthshire.

Barry Denny attended London University & graduated with a B.A. in 1909.

The 1911 Census recorded Barry Maynard Rynd Denny as a 27 year old Assistant Schoolmaster at Denstone College, Staffordshire.

Barry Maynard Rynd Denny attended Worksop College Cadets Corps. He was gazetted Second Lieutenant in the King's (Liverpool) Regiment (Special Reserve) in April, 1914.

Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny entered a Theatre of War on 12<sup>th</sup> August, 1914.

Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny died of wounds on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 1914.

Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny was buried in Ypres Town Cemetery, Belgium - Plot E. 1. 6. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny of 1st Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment) as the son of The Rev. Edward Denny, Rector of Codford St. Peter, Wilts, and Alme Mary, his wife. (Rev Edward Denny was appointed as Rector of Codford St. Peter in 1915, previously Vicar of St. Peter, Vauxhall, London).

### **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion King's (Liverpool) Regiment**

4<sup>th</sup> August, 1914 - Stationed at Talavera Barracks, Aldershot at the outbreak of war. Joined the 6th Brigade of the 2nd Division and under the command of Lieutenant-Colonel W.S. Bannatyne.

13<sup>th</sup> August, 1914 - Mobilised for war and landed at Havre as one of the original components of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF). They were one of the first Divisions engaged in action on the Western Front and remained there throughout the war.

Rest of 1914 - The Battle of Mons and the subsequent retreat, The Battle of the Marne, The Battle of the Aisne, First Battle of Ypres.

Extracts from History of the King's Regiment (Liverpool) 1914-1919 Volume 1 by Everard Wyrall

**8th September, 1914** - It was somewhere in the region of 8 p.m. when the King's men reached St. Siméon. No untoward incidents had taken place during the day, though everywhere there were numerous signs of the hurried retirement of the enemy. The battalion bivouacked in a field on the night of 7th September. At St. Siméon second reinforcements arrived—ninety-two N.C.O.'s and men under Lieut. Denny.

**24th October, 1914** - In good order the three companies of King's men advanced on Molenaarelsthoek and all went well until they reached the western outskirts of the village. The houses, had, however, been well prepared for defence by the Germans, who had loopholed all buildings, in some of which they had mounted machine guns. "A" Company was the first to be brought to a standstill by a perfect hurricane of bullets from the loop-holed houses. Casualties now became numerous, but, not to be denied, the King's men charged the houses and cleared the Germans from them. 'With the exception of about half a dozen outlying houses on the eastern side of the village, Molenaarelsthoek was in the hands of the 1st King's, but it was from these buildings that the heaviest machine-gun fire came. Twice they were charged by the two platoons of "D" Company' under Second-Lieut. B. M. R. Denny,' without success, the gallant young subaltern falling mortally wounded, and eventually the platoons fell back about fifty yards to a hastily-dug trench in which, for the time being, they took shelter.

Probate details – "Denny, Barry Maynard Rynd of St. Peters Rectory Vauxhall London, died 26 October, 1917 on war service. Administration Gloucester 21<sup>st</sup> January 1941 to Mowbray Charles Maynard Denny, Schoolmaster. Effects £784 17s. 11d."

Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny was entitled to 1914 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. According to his Medal Index Card he was also entitled to the Clasp. The Clasp was awarded with the 1914 Star which was sewn onto the ribbon, bearing the date '5th AUG. - 22nd NOV. 1914' which indicated that the recipient had served under enemy fire during that period.



**1914 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal**

Barry Maynard Rynd Denny is remembered in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour, UK 1914 – 1919.

"2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut., 1st Battn. King's Liverpool Regt., 2nd surviving son of the Rev. Edward Denny, of Moorstown, Co. Tipperary, and Drumlone, co. Fermanagh, M.A., Rector of Codford St. Peter's, Bath, formerly Vicar of St. Peter's, Vauxhill, and Member of the L.C.C. [gt.- gt. – godson of Col. Edward Denny, M.P., yr. brother of Sir Barry Denny, of Tralee, 1st Bart.], by his wife, Alma Mary, daughter of Charles John Chesshyre, of Bennington, co. Gloucester; born at Pontrewydd, co. Monmouth, 2 Jan. 1885; educated at King's College, Taunton, and London University, where he graduated B.A. in 1909. He took a leading part as an officer in Worksop College Cadet Corps, and trained for a commission in the Army Special Reserve at York in 1913 and at Aldershot, obtaining the highest place in the respective examinations. Gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the King's (Liverpool) regt. (Special Reserve), 4th April, 1914, he was shortly afterwards given the command of a fort at Crosby, in the north of England. Subsequently he went to the Front in command of a hundred men, being especially selected for the post and was mortally wounded near Ypres, 24 October, 1914, and died two days later. The following account of the action is taken from information given by officers and men from his regt. The Liverpools were required to take a village occupied by the enemy, between Ypres and Roulers. Advancing to the attack they found that all the houses were filled with Germans, who greeted them with a devastating fire. After four days' fighting the position was taken, but at a terrible sacrifice of life. Of the officers, five, including the Col., were killed, and six wounded, only a Capt, and a subaltern being left. Lieut. Denny gallantly led a charge not only once, but a second time against some houses strongly held by the enemy, and fell

mortally wounded in the second charge, with his last words urging on his men. His three brothers, Edward Maynard Coningsby Denny, 2nd Lieut., Duke of Cornwall's L. I.; Mowbray Charles Maynard Denny, Lieut., 11th King's Liverpool Regt.; and Michael Maynard Denny, Sub-Lieut., H.M.S. Royal Sovereign, are all (1916) on active service.”



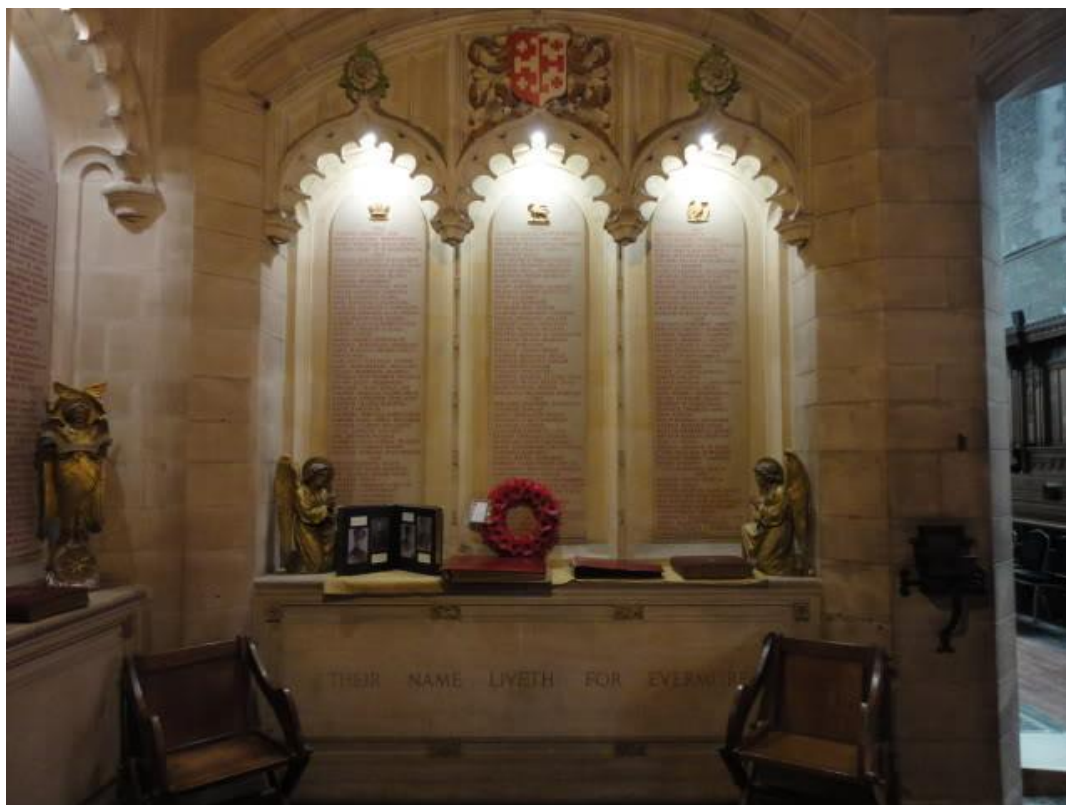
Second Lieutenant B. M. R. Denny is remembered on the Worksop College Memorial to the Fallen, Nottinghamshire.



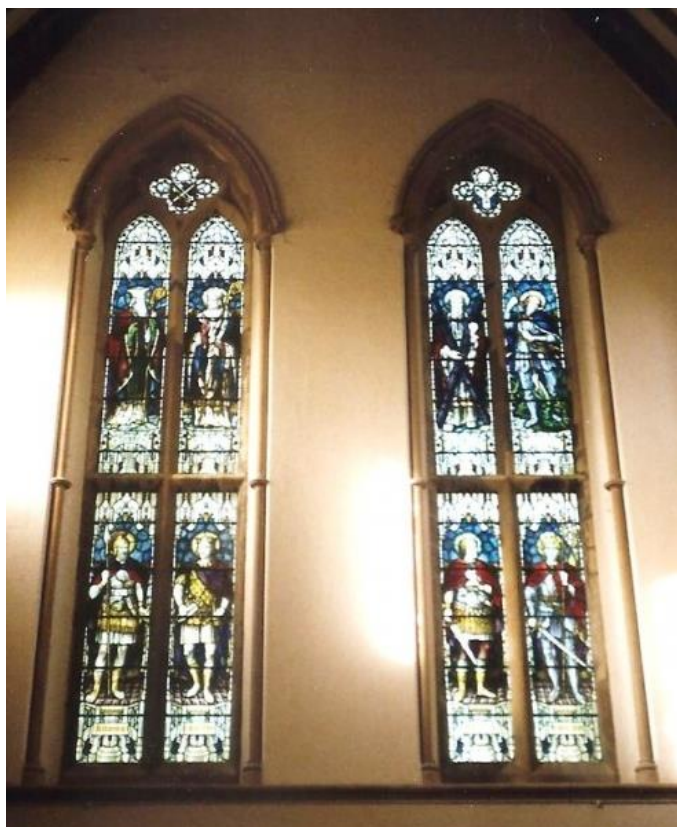
(Photo by Roger Capel)



Barry Maynard Rynd Denny is also remembered on the Denstone College Roll of Honour, Staffordshire



Second Lieutenant Barry Maynard Rynd Denny is also remembered at St. Katharine's Church Southbourne, Bournemouth, England. The west stained glass windows, were erected in honour of the Southbourne Men who died in The Great War 1914-1918.



(Photos by Major R. Coleman 2004)





## Ypres Town Cemetery, Belgium

Ypres Town Cemetery is located 1 Km east of Ieper town centre, on the Zonnebeekseweg, connecting Ieper to Menen on the N345.

From October 1914 to the summer of 1918, Ypres (now Ieper) formed the centre of a salient held by Commonwealth (and for a while French) forces. From April 1915, the town was bombarded and destroyed more completely than any other town of its size on the western front.

YPRES TOWN CEMETERY, close to the Menin Gate, was used from October 1914 to May 1915, and once in 1918. The cemetery contains 145 Commonwealth burials of the First World War, grouped in plots among the civil graves.

The EXTENSION, on the east side of the town cemetery, was also begun in October 1914 and was used until April 1915, and on two further occasions in 1918. The Extension was much increased after the Armistice when 367 graves were brought in from small cemeteries and isolated positions east and north of Ypres.

There are now 598 Commonwealth casualties of the First World War buried or commemorated in the extension. 137 of the burials are unidentified and there are special memorials to 16 servicemen known or believed to be buried among them. Second World War burials number 43, of which 13 are unidentified.

*(Information from CWGC)*



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Second Lieutenant B. M. R. Denny has the following inscription on his headstone, located in Ypres Town Cemetery, Belgium:

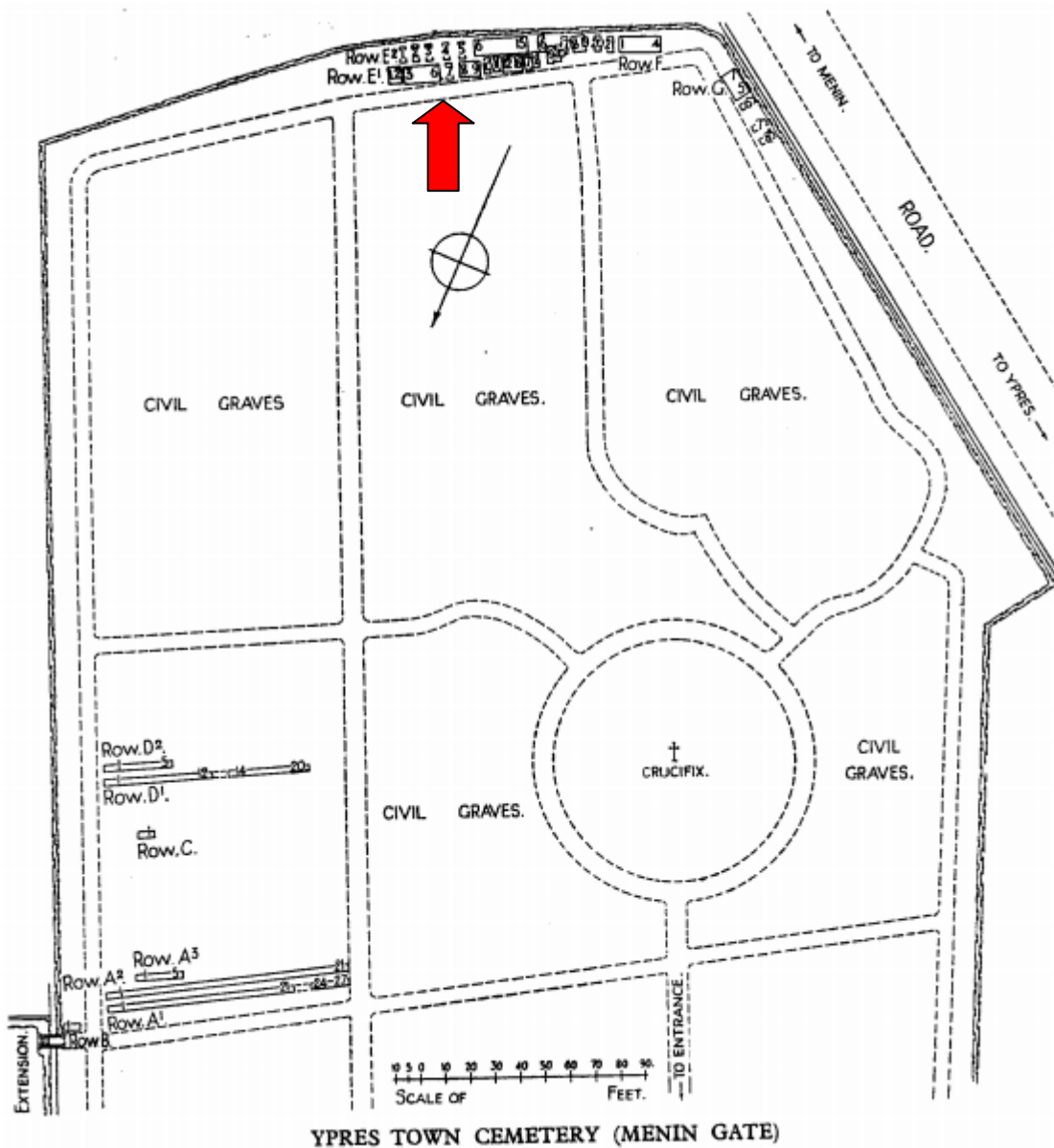
*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam*

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world, give them rest eternal



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)





YPRES TOWN CEMETERY (MENIN GATE)