

# Codford St. Peter

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War I



**4177 PRIVATE**

**FREDERICK HENRY SPAREY**

**2/4th BN WILTSHIRE REGIMENT**

**25th SEPTEMBER, 1916**

## Frederick Henry SPAREY

Frederick Henry Sparey was born at Codford St. Peter, a twin with Alice Edith, whose parents were Henry & Emma Sparey (nee Mead). Their births were registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the March quarter of 1889.

The 1891 Census records Frederick H. Sparey as a 2 year old living with his family in a 3 roomed dwelling at Codford St. Peter. His parents were listed as Henry Sparey (Shoemaker, aged 49, born Codford St. Peter) & Emma Sparey (aged 39, born Hawkeridge, Westbury, Wiltshire). Also included in the household were Frederick's older sister – Rose E. (aged 3) & his twin – Alice E. (aged 2).

The 1901 Census records Frederick Henry Sparey as a 12 year old living with his family at Main Road, Codford St. Mary, in a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as Henry Sparey (Shoemaker, aged 59) & Emma Sparey (aged 49). Also included in the household were Frederick's older sister – Rose Ellen (aged 13, a Day Girl (Domestic Servant)), his twin – Alice Edith (aged 12) & younger brother – John Mead (aged 7).

The 1911 Census records Frederick Sparey as a 22 year old Postman (Rural) living with his family at Codford St. Mary. His parents were listed as Henry Sparey (Boot repairer, aged 69) & Emma Sparey (aged 59). Frederick's parents had been married for 25 years & had 4 children – all living. Also included in the household his twin – Alice (Domestic Servant, aged 22) & younger brother – John Mead (House Boy, aged 17).

Frederick H. Sparey married Beatrice B. Miles in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1913.

Frederick & Beatrice Sparey had a boy – Frederick L. Sparey whose birth was registered in the March quarter of 1914.

Frederick Henry Sparey enlisted with the Wiltshire Regiment at Warminster, Wiltshire. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 4177. Private Sparey's records show that he was attached to "B" Company 2/4<sup>th</sup> (Territorial Force) Battalion of (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment. His residence was listed as Salisbury.

The 2/4<sup>th</sup> Battalion of Wiltshire Regiment was formed at Trowbridge in October, 1914 as a second line unit. On 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1914, the Battalion moved out for India, landing in Bombay in January, 1915. The Battalion was attached on arrival to Poona Brigade in 6<sup>th</sup> (Poona) Divisional Area. They stayed in India throughout the war.

A birth for Reginald C. Sparey (mother's maiden name – Miles) was registered in the September quarter of 1916 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Frederick Henry Sparey died on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 1916, aged 28 years of malaria.

Pte Frederick Henry Sparey is remembered on the Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial in Mumbai, India – Face 7 - as he has no known grave. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Pte Frederick Henry Sparey as the son of Henry & Emma Sparey; husband of Beatrice Bessie Bater (formerly Sparey) of 42, Gorringe Road, Bematon, Salisbury, Wiltshire. (Beatrice E. Sparey had married Walter G. Bater in 1921)

Pte Frederick H. Sparey's Medal Index Card does not show a date he had entered a Theatre of War & only shows that he was entitled to the British War Medal.

F. H. Sparey is remembered as a Casualty of WW1 in the Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for Codford St. Peter.

Frederick Sparey is remembered on the World War 1 Stained Glass Memorial window in St. Peter's Church, Codford, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)



Codford St Peter -North aisle By F C Eden, 1920 - War Memorial window with Saints Michael and George (Photo by Rex Harris 2011)

## Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial, India

The Kirkee 1914-1918 Memorial is located in Khadki, near Pune, India with 1,806 identified casualties.

The Memorial commemorates the servicemen who died in India during the First World War, who are buried in civil and cantonment cemeteries in India & Pakistan where their graves can no longer be properly maintained.

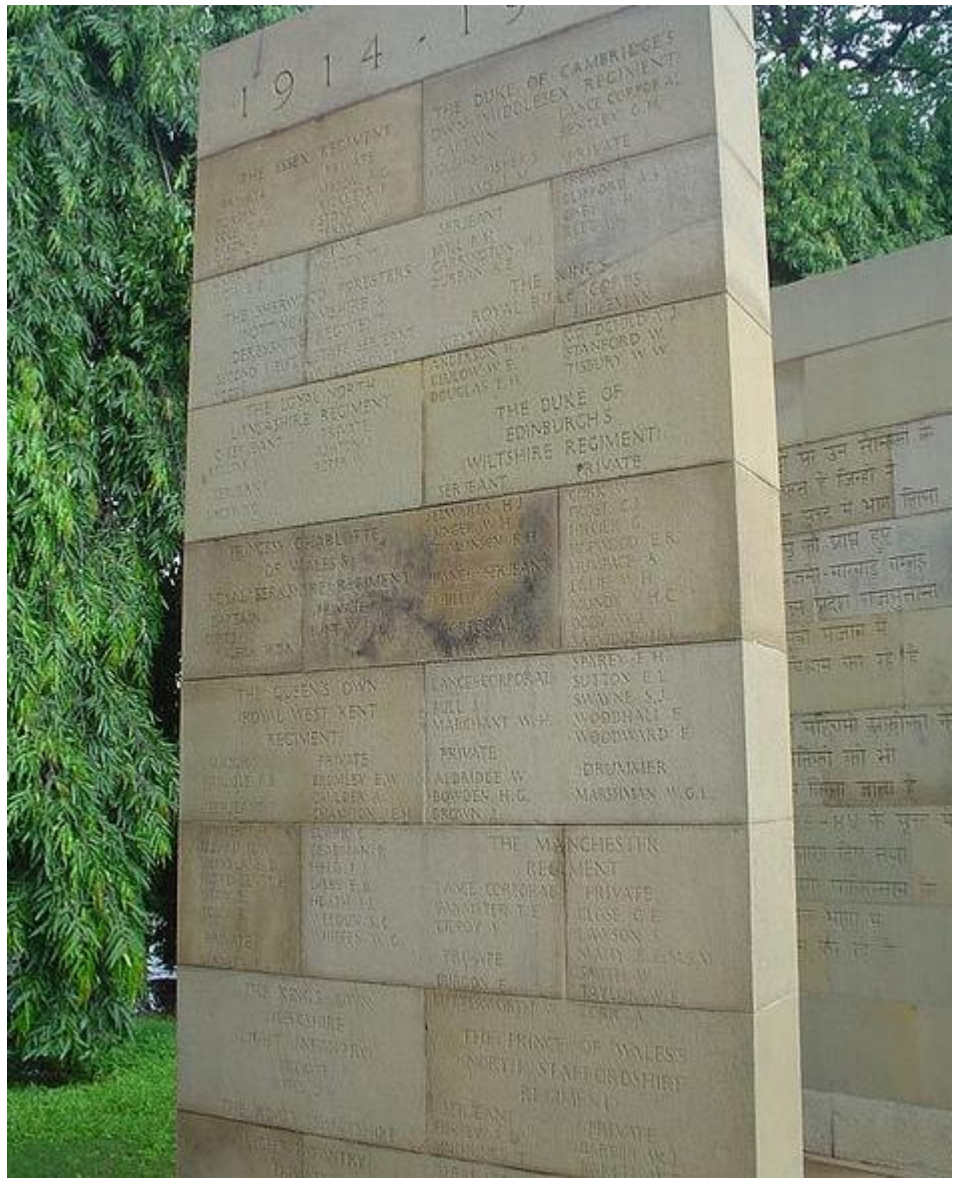
The Memorial stands within the Kirkee War Cemetery, which was created to receive Second World War graves from the western & central parts of India where their permanent maintenance cannot be assured. The Cemetery contains 1,668 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War.



(Photos above & below from CWGC)







(Face 7 of Kirkee Memorial – used with permission of [Manchester Regiment Group](#))



