

Dinton Roll of Honour



Lest we Forget

World War I



3209 PRIVATE

H. G. BURT

COLDSTREAM GUARDS

29TH OCTOBER, 1914 AGE 34

Henry George BURT

Henry George Burt was born in Dinton, Wiltshire in 1880 to parents Henry & Alice Burt (nee Yeats). His birth was registered in June quarter, 1880 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

The 1881 Census recorded Henry Burt as an 11 month old living with his family at Upper Barn, Dinton. His parents were listed as Henry Burt (Agricultural Labourer, aged 35) & Alias Burt (aged 35). Henry was the youngest of 6 children recorded on this census – Mary Jane (aged 14), Fanny (aged 9), Lucy E. (aged 7), Rose (aged 5), Flora (aged 2) & then Henry.

The 1891 Census recorded Henry G. Burt as a 10 year old scholar living with his family at Wily Road, Dinton. His parents were listed as Henry Burt (Agricultural Labourer, aged 44) & Alice Burt (aged 44). Henry was one of 6 children recorded on this census – Fanny (aged 19), Flora (aged 12), then Henry, Gilbert (aged 6), Archibald (aged 5) & Victor L. (aged 5 months).

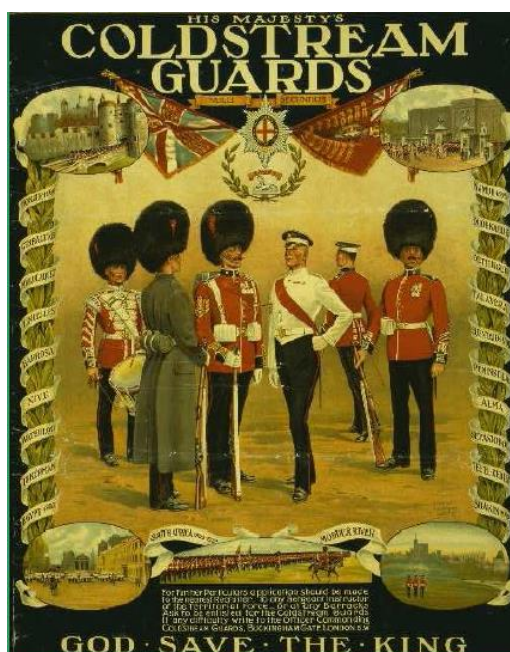
The 1901 Census recorded Henry Burt as a 20 year old single, Soldier living at Chelsea Barracks, Belgrave, St George Hanover Square, London. Henry's parents were listed as still living at Dinton – The Village Green. Their details were - Henry Burt (Ordinary Agricultural Labourer, aged 55) & Alice Burt (aged 56). Three sons were listed on this Census - Gilbert (aged 17), Archibald (aged 15) & Victor L. (aged 10).

Henry George Burt married Lillian Charlotte Scammell on 9th November, 1907. Their marriage was registered in the December quarter of 1907, in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

The 1911 Census shows that Henry George Burt, aged 30, was born in Dinton and his occupation was listed as a labourer in the Brickworks. He is listed with his wife Lilian Charlotte (aged 21), 2 year old daughter – Daisy May & 7 month old son – Henry John. The family lived at Orchard Terrace, Dinton, which had 5 rooms. Also included in the household was Tom Trott, a 24 year old boarder who was a clerk in the Saw Mills.

Henry George Burt enlisted with the Coldstream Guards at Salisbury & was given the rank of Private & a service number of 3209. He was attached to 3rd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

The 3rd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards was raised in August, 1914 in Chelsea Barracks. At the outbreak of the First World War, Coldstreamers were among the first British regiments to arrive in France after Britain declared war on Germany. The 3rd Battalion Coldstream Guards landed at Le Havre on 13th August, 1914.



WW1 recruitment poster for Coldstream Guards

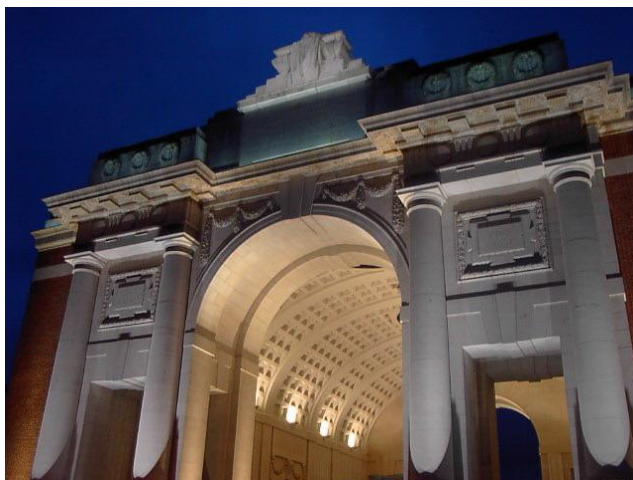
Private Henry George Burt was killed in action at Rentel on 29th October, 1914, aged 34 years. Pte Burt is remembered on Panel 11 of the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial in Belgium, as he has no known grave.

29th October 1914 - The Germans attacked the Ypres salient, attempting to break through to the Channel Ports, and sever the lines of communication of the British Expeditionary Forces. The 1st Battalion at Gheluvelt lost all 11 Combatant Officers and was reduced to a party of 60 Other Ranks under the Quartermaster. The 2nd and 3rd Battalions successfully defended Zonnebeke some three miles to the north.

Pte Burt's Medal Index Card shows that he entered a Theatre of War on 30th August, 1914 & was entitled to 1914 Star, British War Medal & Victory Medal. Pte Burt was also eligible for the Mons Clasp which was awarded to soldiers who had served in France and Belgium between 5th August and 22nd November, 1914 AND who had been "under fire" during that time.

The Menin Gate Memorial

The Menin Gate Memorial is one of four British and Commonwealth memorials to the missing in the battlefield area of the Ypres Salient in Belgian Flanders. The memorial bears the names of 54,389 officers and men from United Kingdom and Commonwealth Forces (except New Zealand and Newfoundland) who fell in the Ypres Salient before 16th August 1917 and who have no known grave. Each night at 8 pm the traffic is stopped at the Menin Gate while members of the local Fire Brigade sound the Last Post in the roadway under the Memorial's arches.



(Photo from Wikipedia – Snipersnoop)

Panel 11 Menin Gate Memorial



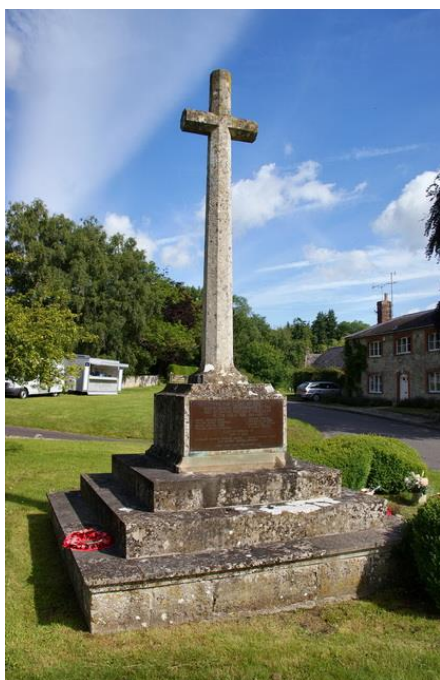
(Photo kindly donated by [Frederik Sohler](#))

Private Henry George Burt is remembered in De Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914 – 1924 (Volume 2, page 50):
“Private, No. 3209, 3rd Battn. Coldstream Guards; served with the Expeditionary Force; killed in action at
Rental 29 Oct. 1914; *m.*”

H. G. Burt is also remembered in the Diocese of Salisbury Casualties of WW1 Memorial Book 1914 – 1918.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has a Roll of Honour to commemorate those ringers that fell in the Great War 1914-1918. Henry George Burt is listed on the honour roll as G. Burt a ringer for Dinton Tower.

Henry George Burt is also remembered on the Dinton War Memorial, which is located at the northern end of the Churchyard.



(Photos by Andrew Stacey)



They Died That We Might Live