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18416

Frederick George Browning

COLDSTREAM GUARDS

Pension Record Details for Frederick George BROWNING

Frederick George Browning was born in 1884 to parents Emanuel & Fanny Browning. His birth was registered in the March quarter, 1885 in the district of Ringwood, Hampshire.

The 1891 Census recorded Frederick G. Browning as a 6 year old living with his family at Charles Farm Lane, Ringwood, Hants. His parents were listed as Emanuel Browning (Agricultural Labourer, aged 28, born Ringwood) & Fanny Browning (aged 27, born Verwood, Dorset). Frederick was the eldest of 3 children in this Census – Frank (aged 4, born Ringwood) & Alice M. (aged 2, born Ringwood).

The 1901 Census recorded Fred Browning as a 16 year old Agricultural Labourer, living at Poulner, Ringwood, Hants with his family. His parents were listed as Emmanuel Browning (Thatcher, aged 35, born Ringwood) & Fanny Browning (aged 34, born Verwood, Dorset). Fred was the eldest of 7 children listed in this Census – Frank (aged 14, Agricultural Labourer, born Verwood, Dorset), Maud (aged 12, born Ringwood), Sydney (aged 9, born Ringwood), Emily (aged 5, born Ringwood), Alfred (aged 3, born Ringwood) & Harry (aged 1, born Ringwood).

Frederick George Browning married Alice Mary Colbourne on 27th December, 1905 in the Parish Church, Damerham. Their marriage was registered in the December quarter, 1905 in the district of Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

The 1911 Census recorded Frederick George Browning as a 26 year old Farm Labourer living with his wife & 2 sons in a 4 roomed dwelling at 41 West Dean, Salisbury, Wilts. His wife was listed as Alice Mary Browning (aged 27, born Damerham, Wilts). Frederick & Alice had been married for 5 years & had 3 children, one deceased. Their 2 sons were listed as Frederick Sidney (aged 3, born Fordingbridge, Hants.) & William Austin (aged 1, born Dean, Wilts).

Alice Mary Browning died on 8th April, 1914, aged 30 years. Her death was registered in June quarter, 1914 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Frederick George Browning was aged 31 years when he enlisted with the Coldstream Guards on 13th November, 1915. He was a widowed Labourer from The Lane, Durrington, Wiltshire at the time of enlisting. Frederick George Browning was given the service number of 18416 & the rank of Private.

Family information provided – married Alice May Colbridge on 27th December, 1905. She died on 8th April, 1914. Children listed – Frederick Sidney (born 11th January, 1908, Fordingbridge), William Austin (born 4th October, 1909, Alderbury), Frank (born 28th May, 1911, Alderbury) & Wilfred Harold Browning (Breadmoor) (born 20th October, 1916, Amesbury). Another child was listed – William (date of birth not known). The children's guardian was listed as Miss Mary Breadmoor of The Lane, Durrington. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Browning of Highton Rd, Ringwood, Hants.

Pte Frederick George Browning attested on 13th November, 1915 & sent to Army Reserve on 14th November, 1915, He was mobilized on 31st May, 1916 & posted to Caterham on 1st June, 1916. Pte Frederick George Browning was in Guard Detention awaiting trial on 16th August, 1916 while attached to 5th Battalion, Coldstream Guards. On 28th September, 1916 he "Convicted by D.C.M. of "After having been discharged with disgrace from a part of H. M. Forces, enlisting into the Regular Forces without declaring the circumstances of his discharge. 1 day remitted by Confirming Officer."

Pte Frederick George Browning passed 2nd Class Bomber on 10th January, 1917 & was transferred to 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards.

Pte Frederick George Browning embarked from Southampton on 31st January, 1917 & joined Base Depot at Havre on 1st February, 1917. He was sent to Isolation Camp on 17th February, 1917 & joined "A" on 4th March, 1917. Pte Browning joined his Battalion in the field on 14th March, 1917. He was sent to Hospital on 31st July, 1917 & admitted to 4th Casualty Clearing Station with a shoulder problem on 1st August, 1917. He joined "A" at ©Wiltshire OPC Project/Cathy Sedgwick/2015

Havre on 13th August, 1917. He rejoined his Battalion in the field on 25th August, 1917. Pte Browning was sent sick to Hospital on 1st December, 1917 & admitted to 3rd Field Ambulance – cause not yet determined. He was transferred to 21st Casualty Clearing Station & rejoined in Battalion on 11th December, 1917. A Medical Report dated 12th December, 1917 on Pte F. G. Browning of 2nd Coldstream Guards. It was reported that Pte Browning “whilst standing in a trench a shell burst on parapet burying him up to waist was dazed & shaky”. His case was classified as Shell Shock.

Pte Frederick George Browning was on leave to England from 29th December, 1917 to 12th January, 1918.

Pte Frederick George Browning was gassed (shell) while in the field on 24th March, 1918. He was taken to 142nd Field Ambulance then transferred to 56th General Hospital at Etaples on 26th March, 1918. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship “St. Denis” on 27th March, 1918. Pte Browning was admitted to 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield with Gas Shell poisoning from 28th March to 20th April, 1918. He was transferred to 5th Battalion, Coldstream Guards on 28th March, 1918.

Pte Frederick George Browning was posted to London district Command Depot at Shoreham by Sea on 18th June, 1918 & transferred to 5th Battalion on 10th August, 1918. He was appointed Acting L./Cpl. on 12th September, 1918. He was admitted to Holborn Military Hospital, Western Road Mitcham from 19th September, 1918 to 28th September, 1918 with Scabies. He was readmitted to Holborn Military Hospital from 6th November, 1918 to 13th November, 1918 again with Scabies.

Acting L/Cpl Frederick George Browning was posted to 2nd Battalion at Windsor on 1st March, 1919.

Corporal Frederick George Browning was demobilized on 24th April, 1919. His address was listed as 2 Avon Cottage, Durrington, Wiltshire.

According to the Medal Index Card – Pte Frederick G. Browning was entitled to the British War Medal & the Victory Medal.



British War Medal & Victory Medal

A death was registered for Frederick G. Browning, aged 73, in March, 1958 in the district of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

