

Pension Records

Born at Durrington



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World War I



5727

Henry George Weeks

ROYAL ARTILLERY

Pension Record Details for

Henry George WEEKS

Henry George Weeks was born in 1869 at Durrington, to parents Frederick and Jane Weeks (nee Spreadbury). His birth was registered in the June quarter, 1869 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Henry George Weeks was baptised at Durrington on 25th July, 1869.

The 1881 Census recorded Henry George Weeks as a 12 year old Farm Labourer, living with his family at Durrington, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as Fredrick Weeks (Farm Labourer, aged 48, born Durrington) & Jane Weeks (aged 47, born Durrington). Henry was one of 6 children listed in this Census – James (Farm Labourer, aged 17), Elisha (Farm Labourer, aged 14) then Henry, Florence ? (aged 8), Laura J. (aged 6) & Amy Mary (aged 3). All the children had been born at Durrington.

Henry George Weeks was aged 24 years when he enlisted with the Royal Artillery at London on 11th September, 1894. He was a Labourer with a fair complexion, brown eyes and dark brown hair. His religion was Church of England. Henry George Weeks was given a service number of 5727 & the rank of Gunner. He was attached to 16 Company; Eastern Division of Royal Artillery on 20th November, 1894. He then was transferred to No. 3 Mountain Battery R.G.A. on 17th December, 1895.

On 17th December, 1895 Henry George Weeks was posted to Pakistan & India until 11th January, 1907.

Gunner Henry George Weeks was promoted to Bombardier on 8th August, 1902.

Henry George Weeks married Edith Louise Churchill on 27th September, 1902 at the Parish Church, Durrington, Wiltshire.

Henry George Weeks was examined for re-engagement on 30th September, 1905 & considered medically fit. He was promoted to the rank of Corporal on 7th April, 1906. He was attached to No. 11 Company, R.G.A. on 12th January, 1907, then No. 87 Company on 6th November, 1911. On 18th December, 1913 Henry George Weeks was attached to No. 33 Company, R.G.A.

Between 1904 & 1909 Edith & Henry had 3 children – Frederick George (Born 25th May, 1904 at Jutagh), John Edward (born 27th May, 1907 at Freshwater, Isle of Wight) & Henry William (born 19th April, 1909 at Small Heath).

The 1911 Census recorded Henry George Weeks as a 41 year old Corporal in Royal Garrison Artillery living with his wife & 3 sons in a 4 roomed dwelling at Monks Lane, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, Hampshire. Henry's wife was listed as Edith Louisa Weeks (aged 29, born Salisbury). Henry & Edith had been married for 8 years & had 3 children – Frederick George (aged 6, born Punjaub, India), John Edward (aged 3, born Freshwater, Isle of Wight) & Henry William (aged 1, born Birmingham, Warwick).

On 3rd October, 1911 Henry George Weeks was posted to Hong Kong until 17th December, 1913.

Edwin James Weeks, the fourth son of Henry & Edith was born on 5th February, 1912 at Salisbury.

A Medical Board Proceeding regarding Corporal Henry George Weeks was convened on 18th March, 1914. Cpl. Weeks was attached to 33rd Coy, R.G.A. & was aged 44 years suffering from Syphilis. He had been admitted to Hospital at Quetta (Pakistan) for primary Syphilis on 19th February, 1896. He was admitted again on 2nd January, 1911 at Golden Hill for paraplegia (Legs). He was admitted to Hospital at Netley with Conjunctivitis of left eye on 22nd June, 1911 & then admitted to the Military Hospital, Parkhurst on 5th March, 1914 with signs of Locomotor ataxia – the cause "evidently Syphilis acquired while in the Service: but (in Medical Officer's opinion) Military Service has taken no part in its production." Cpl. Week's general health was noted as good but he had delayed sensation of pain & occasional pains in his chest. His patella reflex was almost abolished.

The Board found on 26th March, 1914 that it was recommended that he be discharged as permanently unfit. His condition was the result of venereal disease contracted 17 years ago. His disability was permanent. He was discharged in consequence of being "No longer physically fit for War Service" on 25th April, 1914.

Corporal Henry George Weeks had served a total of 19 years & 7 months with R.G.A. He was awarded a pension of 18 d. a day permanently from 26th April, 1914. His pension was increased on 30th December, 1920 to 27 d. a day (dated from 12th June, 1920) then it was reduced to 18 d. a day on 1st February, 1923 (dated from 1st April, 1923). From 9th October, 1923 Henry George Weeks received £45 4. 2 a year.

From 1902 to 1913 Henry George Weeks served at the following Stations – Rawalpindi, Kalabagh, Jutogh, Ambala & Hong Kong. He had been awarded a silver medal for Long Service & Good Conduct with Gratuity.

A death for Henry G. Weeks, aged 67, was registered in September, 1936 in the district of Portsmouth, Hampshire. A death for Edith L. Weeks, aged 69, was registered in December, 1950 in the district of Portsmouth, Hampshire.

