

*Robert George Legg*  
1897-1937



**Parents & Siblings:**

Robert Henry Legg	1864 - 1950
Mary Mines	1860 - 1940
Margaret Annie Patterson Legg	1891 - 1992
Dorothy Mary Legg	1893 - 1927
Winifred Alice Legg	1895 - 1956
<b>Robert George Legg</b>	<b>1897 - 1937</b>
Richard Stanley John Legg	1899 - 1992

**Robert George Legg Timeline:**

Year	Event	Age	Place	County
1897	Birth		Melksham House, Garden Cottage	Wiltshire
1901	Census	4	Melksham House, Garden Cottage	Wiltshire
1911	Census	14	Melksham House, Garden Cottage	Wiltshire
1937	Death 1916-2007 Index	39	Trowbridge	Wiltshire



*Robert George Legg Best Man to Brother Richard Stanley John & Bride Joyce Emilie Coombe 1929*

*Robert George Legg younger brother picture, back row Legg and front row, - Mary Legg.*



*is is on the right, his younger brother (my grandfather), his Richard Stanley John Legg is wearing his uniform. Also in the their sisters Dorothy Mary Legg, Margaret Annie Patterson John (Jack) Henry George Coombe (brother-in-law) and Mother*

**Family**

**Memories:**

George was into classical music & enjoyed listening to Bach. He played the organ, infact according to my grandfather he was self taught and later had lessons from the organist at St. Michael's Church. In a tape recording made by family talking to my Grandfather, George deputised as the St. Michaels's organist, but then went freelance and covered for holiday periods etc. Also played organ at Seend, whilst the regular organist Mr. White (headmaster of St. Peter's School, Devizes), was on holiday. He deputised at many other places including Broughton Gifford. His sister Dorothy Mary was the organist at Semington Church. Infact a very musical family, his brother Richard sang in St. Michael's Choir for many years and their father Robert Henry was a tenor in a choir in Surrey and a bellringer for over 70 years. My Uncle Timothy Richard Legg and my Mother Christine Dorothy both played the piano, this musical talent passed me over, but my sister Julie sang well. Tim remembered a foot operated organ at Melksham House.

My grandfather also spoke about George having a car – a 2 seater open topped sports car, with possibly a dickie seat at the back, a cover was pulled over when it rained. At that time, not many people in Melksham had a car, the two brothers frequently went out in the car – The Duke at Brattan was their favourite place to go, my grandfather recalled in later years he went back to visit the The Duke, but too expensive. George was not mechanically minded.

After leaving school, George worked as a clerk at C.W. Maggs & Co., Rope Factory in Melksham, my grandfather said that George became the company secretary. According to his military service records he remained doing clerical duties, at home based locations, at one time possibly at Finsbury Park.



C.W. Maggs & Co. Spa Road, Melksham



## BRITISH ARMY WW1 SERVICE RECORDS, 1914-1920

Robert George Legg, born 1897, age at Enlistment was 18 years & 8 months.

Residence: The Gardens, Melksham House, Melksham, Wiltshire.

Document Year: 1915

Regimental Number: 5133

Regiment Name: Durham Light Infantry 2/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion

Occupation then: Clerk at C.W. Maggs & Co (Rope Factory), Spa Road Melksham.

### The Durham Light Infantry



The Regiment was formed in 1758 when the 2nd Battalion of the 23rd Regiment of Fusiliers was redesignated as the 68th Regiment of Foot. Its first engagement was raiding the French coast during the Seven Years War (1756-1763) to aid Britain's ally Frederick the Great of Prussia. During 1764-1806 the Regiment was stationed 4 times in the West Indies, earning it the motto 'Faithful' for the St. Vincent Campaign during The Second Carib War (1795 - 1797). The greatest killer during this time was Yellow Fever, in one year over 700 men died.

A former officer of the Regiment, James Hackman, gained notoriety in 1779. He was hanged for murdering Martha Ray; the Opera singer and mistress of John Montague, 4th Earl of Sandwich, in a jealous rage after she spurned his affections.

In 1808 the 68th converted to Light Infantry, training with the 85th at Ashford, Kent under the tutelage of the master of light infantry training, Lt. Col. Franz Von Rothenburg. Light Infantry provide a skirmishing screen ahead of the main body of infantry in order to delay the enemy advance.

The Regiment moved to Spain and served during The Peninsula War (1808-1814) fighting at The Battle of Salamanca, The Battle of Vittoria, The Battle of Pyrenees and then Battle of Orthez. The Regiment was not engaged in any major actions for the next 40 years, primarily on garrison duties around the globe until it served during the Crimean War (1853-56).

In 1881 the 68th was amalgamated with the 106th Regiment of Foot (Bombay Light Infantry), which was formed in 1839 by the Honourable East India Company and served during the Indian Rebellion of 1857, to form The Durham Light Infantry. The newly formed Regiment went on to serve in India, Ireland, South Africa (1899- 1902) and the Middle East but took no part in the Boer War and then went on to serve during two World Wars.

In 1968, The Durham Light Infantry was amalgamated with the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry, the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, and the King's Shropshire Light Infantry to form The Light Infantry Brigade. In 2007 another round of amalgamations meant the Light Infantry was merged with The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry and The Royal Green Jackets to form The Rifles.

### 2/8th Battalion

Formed at Durham in October 1914 as a second line unit. Record same as 2/6th Bn.

29 November 1916: moved to Basingstoke.

December 1917: disbanded in England.

### 2/6th Battalion

Formed at Ravensworth Park (Gateshead) 26 September as a second line unit. Moved to Leam Camp (Heworth) & placed under orders of 190th Brigade in 63rd (2nd Northumbrian) Division. Moved to Doncaster, in November 1915.

July 1916: Division broken up. 190th Brigade moved to Catterick.

29 November 1916: moved to Andover, going on in March 1917 to Colchester and then Frinton in September.

1 May 1917 : landed at Calais as a Garrison Guard Battalion and under orders of 177th Brigade in 59th (2nd North Midland) Division. The "Garrison Guard" title was dropped on 16 July.



Robert George Legg - Army Service Records

Army Form B. 2512.

Group 1

SHORT SERVICE.

(For the Duration of the War, with the Colours and in the Army Reserve).

Card No.

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ATTESTATION OF 1420

No. 8133 Name R.G. Legg Corps 7th Bn. Durham L.I.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

- 1. What is your Name? Robert George Legg
2. What is your full Address? The Gardens, Melksham, Wilts.
3. Are you a British Subject? Yes
4. What is your Age? 18 Years 8 Months
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Clerk in C. & Maff. Co. Melksham
6. Are you Married? No
7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, which? No
8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? Yes
9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service? Yes
10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? Yes Name: W. H. Beaumont Esq. Corps: Royal Artillery
11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services? Yes

I, Robert George Legg do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made. Robert George Legg SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT. W. H. Beaumont Esq. Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Robert George Legg swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act. The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence. I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at Melksham Wilts on this 4th day of December 1915. Signature of the Justice C. W. Bennett M.D. & Co.

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 7th Bn. Durham Light Infantry. If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation. Date 9th Dec 1916 1916 Approving Officer. Lt. Col. J. H. ...

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit. ‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

\* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name)



**DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT**

(To correspond with Entries on the Medical History Sheet.)  
Applicable to all ranks.

Name Robert George Legg  
 Apparent age 18 years 8 months. Height 5 feet 11 1/4 inches.  
 Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded 33 inches.  
 Range of expansion 2 1/2 inches.  
 Distinctive marks None

**INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.**

Name and Address of next-of-kin Robert Henry Legg, The Garden  
Melbham House Melbham Mills Relationship Father

**Particulars as to Marriage.**

(a) Christian and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow. (b) Place and date of marriage.  
 (c) Present address. (d) Initials of Officer verifying entry.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
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**Particulars as to Children.**

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth
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**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.**

1. Passed classes of Instruction † † This includes any authorised class of instruction, e.g., in swimming, chiropody, &c.		
	<u>Home 3.7.16 to</u>	
2. Campaigns ... (including Actions)		
3. Wounded ...		
4. Special instances of gallant conduct and mentions in public despatches		
5. Medals, decorations and annuities	Name of Medal	Clasps
6. Injuries in or by the service ...		

STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 5133 Name *W. J. Legg*

Corps	Battn. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of Pension		Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
					years	days	
General Service		Attested		4-12-05			<i>J. G. Mason</i>
General Service		To Army Reserve		16-12-15			<i>J. G. Mason</i>
		Mobilized		3-7-16			
	8	Posted	Pte	5-7-16			
	Durham			6-7-16			<i>J. G. Mason</i> ADJUTANT, DEPOT WILTSHIRE REGT.
				4-7-17			
	2/7	Attached to 214 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade		11-7-17			
		attached		23-8-18			
		attached		21-9-1918			
		appointed	A/Sgt	2-3-1910			
		Reverts	Pte	7-5-19			
		appointed	A/Sgt	7-5-19			
		which attached to					
		War Office for duty					
		1899-1904					
		1899-1904					
		attached to	A/Sgt	3-10-19			
		1899-1904					
		Transferred to Class 2 Army Reserve on Demobilization		6-12-19			
		Place	Nat. York				
		Home Address	The Gardens, Melksham, Wilts				
		Place					
		From	To	Years	Days		
		4-12-05	4-12-15				
		5-12-15	2-7-16		210		
		5-7-16	5-12-19	3	156		
		6-12-19		4	2		
Total Service forfeited as above ... ..							
Total Service towards Engagement to (date of discharge) years days							
" " " Pension " ( " ) " "							

*Placed in Class 2 Army Reserve on Demobilization 6-12-19*

Form of Receipt to accompany Documents and Statement as to Disability (Army Form Z. 22). (See para. 3024 Demobilization Regulations.)

Received from Officer i/c Records York the documents of Regtl. No. 301248 Rank Platoon Names in full Segg Robert George (Surname first) Date Stamp 17 NOV 1919 Unit and Corps Depot Durham Light Infantry Temporary Army Form B. 103 only forwarded. (Strike this portion out if not applicable.)

NOTES.

- 1. The Officer i/c Records will complete the above particulars, and will stamp the form with the Record Office date stamp with the date on which the documents were despatched. This stamp will take the place of any signature. 2. The Ministry of Pensions will affix the date stamp of that Ministry as a receipt for the documents, and return the form to Officer i/c Records.

of Record Office. Date stamp RECEIVED 22 NOV 1919 M. BC REG. of Ministry of Pensions.

IF FOUND, please drop this Certificate in a Post Office letter box. Army Form Z. 11. NOTICE: This document is Government property. It is not security whatever for debt, and any Person being in possession of it, either as a pledge of security, or as a pledge of debt, or without lawful authority or excuse, is liable under Section 168 (9) of the Army Act to a fine of twenty pounds (£20) or imprisonment for six months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

PROTECTION CERTIFICATE AND CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY (SOLDIER NOT REMAINING WITH THE COLOURS).

Dispersal Unit Stamp and date of dispersal. Surname SEGGE (Block letters) Christian Names ROBERT. GEORGE Regtl. No. 301248 Rank A/Plt Record Office York Unit London or Durham Pay Office York Corps London I have received an advance of £2. Address for Pay The Gardens Melksham, Wilt. (Signature of Soldier) Segg Theatre of War or Command London Born in the Year 1897 Medical Category BIII Place of rejoining in case of emergency Rifon Specialist Military Qualification  \* If for Final Demobilisation insert 1. Disembodiment insert 2. Transfer to Reserve insert 3. † As this is the address to which pay and discharge documents will be sent unless further notification is received, any change of address must be reported at once to the Record Office and the Pay Office as noted above, otherwise delay in settlement will occur.

10 NOV 1919

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Date 10 NOV 1919 No. 1 DISPERSAL UNIT - 8 NOV 1919 Policy issued No. 28/081370 (3) FOVANT.