

# Sutton Mandeville

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War I



10286 PRIVATE

**H. SANGER**

1st BN WILTSHIRE REGIMENT

23rd JANUARY, 1915 AGE 24

## Henry SANGER

Henry Gray Sanger was born at New Town, Tisbury, Wiltshire in 1891 & his birth was registered in the district of Tisbury, Wiltshire in the March quarter of 1891.

The 1891 Census recorded Henry Sanger as a 2 month old living at New Town, Tisbury, Wiltshire in a 4 roomed dwelling. Henry was listed as a Nephew of George Sanger (aged 56, born Tisbury West) who was head of the household. Also listed were George Sangers' two daughters & his son – Agnes (aged 28, born Tisbury West), Cecily (aged 23, born Tisbury West) & Frederick (General Labourer, aged 18, born Tisbury West). Also listed in the household was Charles Sanger – nephew of George Sanger (aged 7, born Tisbury West) & Eva N. Sanger (aged 3, born Tisbury West).

(From later Census information it may be possible to assume that Henry was the son of Agnes Sanger & Eva (later Nellie) was the daughter of Cecily Sanger. Unsure who the mother of Charles was). (The 1881 Census recorded Agnes Sanger (aged 17) as a Housemaid at The Hall, Coltishall, Norfolk for the Rogers family).

Henry Sanger cannot be located in 1901 Census.

(It appears that Eva. N. Sanger listed in 1891 Census is listed as Nellie Woods, aged 12, in the 1901 Census. She is listed as a daughter to John G. Woods & Cecily W. Woods along with 4 other children at No. 1 Higher Lawn Cottages, West Tisbury. In the 1911 Census Nellie Sanger (aged 23) is listed as the stepdaughter of John Woods. His wife is listed as Cecily Woods – whom is believed to be Nellie's mother. 9 children of Cecily & John Woods are listed living at Higher Lawn Cottage along with a step-grandson of John Woods – Frank Sanger(aged 1 month) - son of Nellie Sanger. )

The 1911 Census recorded Henry Sanger as a 20 year old Horseman on a Farm living at Hardings at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire. Henry is listed as the stepson of John Toomer (Navy Pension, aged 68, born Sutton Mandeville). John Toomer's wife was listed as Agnes Toomer (aged 50) whom it can be assumed was Henry Sanger's mother. Agnes & John Toomer had been married for 10 years with no children. (Previously in the 1901 Census, Henry's mother Agnes was listed as Agnes Sanger (age 38) & she was a Housekeeper to John Toomer (Widower, aged 58 & Stone Mason) at Hardings, Sutton Mandeville. Also listed was Agnes Sangers' 6 year old daughter – Louisa Sanger.)

Henry Sanger enlisted with the Wiltshire Regiment at Devizes & was living at Salisbury at the time. He was given the rank of Private & a service number of 10286. Private Henry Sanger's records show that he was attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment.

Private Henry Sanger was killed in action on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1915, aged 24 years.

### War Diary – 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment

22nd January, 1915 Location – Belgium, Kemmel

Entry:

*Heavy shell fire round trenches at 12 noon and 4p.m. No damage done. Continuous sniping throughout the day.*

23rd January, 1915 Location – Belgium, Kemmel

Entry:

*Trenches. Heavy shell fire from SE believed to be 6" Howitzers at 12 noon and 4p.m. Trenches damaged. Continuous rifle fire on our left throughout the night. 8 Killed, 4 wounded.*

24th January, 1915 Location – Belgium, Kemmel

Entry:

*Heavy shell fire from same direction 10.30a.m. and 4.30p.m. Trenches slightly damaged. Relieved at 7p.m. by 5<sup>th</sup> Fusiliers and marched to billets at LOCRE. 1 man wounded.*

(War Diary Information from [The Wardrobe](#))

Private Henry Sanger is buried in Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Belgium – Grave No. II. D. 4. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

The following seven soldiers from Wiltshire Regiment also died on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1915 & are buried in Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Belgium:

Pte J. G. Perrett 10284 – Wiltshire Regt – Grave No. II. D. 2

Pte J. Shaw 10579 – Wiltshire Regt – Grave No. II. D. 3

Pte William Plank 10029 – Wiltshire Regt – Grave No. II. D. 5

Pte H. Payne 11933 – Wiltshire Regt – Grave No. II. C. 3

Pte Sidney Walter Randall 10604 – Wiltshire Regiment – Grave No. III. A. 16

Sgt H. Poolman 6146 – Wiltshire Regiment – Grave No. III. A. 18

Pte G. Gill 10531 – Wiltshire Regiment - Cemetery near Rossignol Estaminet, Kemmel, Mem. 4.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private H. Sanger, 10286 of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment as being the son of Mrs J. Toomer of Sutton Mandeville, Salisbury.

Private Henry Sanger was entitled to the 1914-15 Star, British War & Victory Medals. His Medal Index Card shows that he had entered a Theatre of War on 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1915 - France.

H. G. Sanger is remembered on the 1914 -1919 Memorial plaque located inside All Saints Church at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire.



*World War 1 & 2 Memorial Plaques*

*(Photo by Antony Firth)*

H. Sanger is also honoured in the Casualties of World War 1 Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book.

## **Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Belgium**

Wytschaete Military Cemetery is located 7 Kms south of Ieper town centre, on a road leading from the Rijselseweg N365, which connects Ieper (formerly Ypres) to Wijtschate (Wytschaete) and on to Armentieres.

### **Historical Information**

Wytschaete (now Wijtschate) was taken by the Germans early in November 1914. It was recovered by Commonwealth forces during the Battle of Messines on 7 June 1917, but fell into German hands once more on 16 April 1918. The village was recovered for the last time on 28 September.

The cemetery was made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from isolated positions surrounding Wytschaete and the following small battlefield cemeteries:-

REST AND BE THANKFUL FARM, KEMMEL: 23 UK burials (13 of them 2nd Suffolks), mostly of 1915.  
R.E. (BEAVER) FARM, KEMMEL: 18 Royal Engineer and four Canadian Engineer burials of 1915-1917.  
The CEMETERY NEAR ROSSIGNOL ESTAMINET, KEMMEL: 18 UK burials (11 of the 1st Wiltshire Regiment), of January-April 1915.  
SOMER FARM CEMETERY No.2, WYTSCHAETE: 13 UK burials made by IXth Corps in June 1917.  
©Wiltshire OPC Project/Cathy Sedgwick/2014

GORDON CEMETERY, KEMMEL: 19 UK burials (14 of them 1st Gordon Highlanders) of January-May 1915.

There are now 1,002 servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 673 of the burials are unidentified, but there are special memorials to 16 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. Other special memorials commemorate casualties known to have been buried at the Cemetery near Rossignol Estaminet, RE (Beaver) Farm and Rest and Be Thankful Farm, whose graves could not be found on concentration.



**CWGC Headstone of Pte H. Sanger (Right)** (Photo from [International Wargraves Photography Project](#))



