

Men Connected to Sutton Mandeville That Served & Survived



Lest we Forget

World War I



337350 PIONEER

FREDERICK MULLINS

ROYAL ENGINEERS

(INLAND WATERWAYS & DOCKS)

Frederick Mullins

Fred Mullins was born at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire, 1882 to parents Frank & Margaret Mullins (nee Habgood). His birth was registered in the December quarter, 1882 in the district of Tisbury, Wiltshire. His parents had married in 1868 at All Saints Church, Sutton Mandeville.

The 1891 Census recorded Fred Mullins as a 9 year old scholar living with his family at Sutton Row, Sutton Mandeville. His parents were listed as Frank Mullins (General Labourer, aged 48, born Tisbury) & Margaret Mullins (aged 43, born Broad Chalke). Fred was one of 10 children listed in this Census – all boys & at born at Sutton Mandeville – Frank (aged 20, General Labourer), Walter (aged 18, General Labourer), Alfred (aged 15, General Labourer), William (aged 12, Agricultural Labourer), Edward (aged 11, Scholar), then Fred, Sidney (aged 7, Scholar), Gilbert (aged 5, Scholar), Henry (aged 4) & James (aged 9 months).

The 1901 Census recorded Fred Mullins as an 18 year old Labourer on Highway, living with his parents at “Bonds” Sutton Mandeville. His parents were listed as Frank Mullins (Shoemender, aged 58) & Margaret Mullins (aged 53). Fred was on of 10 children in this Census - Walter (Roadman on Highway, aged 28), Alfred (Labourer on Highway, aged 25), Albert W. (Stone Mason’s Labourer, aged 22), Edward (Horseman on farm, aged 20), then Fred, Sidney (Shepherd, aged 16), Gilbert (Labourer on Farm, aged 15), Henry (Labourer on Farm, aged 13), James (Scholar, aged 10) & Dorothea (Scholar, aged 6, born East Tisbury).

The 1911 Census recorded Fred Mullins as a 29 year old Labourer on Road (Rural District Cons), living with his family at Bonds, a 5 roomed dwelling, at Sutton Mandeville. His parents were listed as Frank Mullins (Boot Repairer, aged 68) & Margaret Mullins (aged 63). Rank & Margaret Mullins had been married for 43 years, having had 15 children in total, 3 of those children having died. Fred was one of 7 children listed on this Census – Dorothy (aged 17, General Servant), Frank (aged 40, Labourer on Farm), Edward (aged 30, Labourer on Farm) then Fred, Sidney (aged 27, Labourer on Farm), Gilbert (aged 25, Mason’s Labourer) & Harry (aged 24, Labourer on Farm).

Frederick Mullins enlisted on 11th December, 1915 at Fort Gomer, Gosport. He was given a service number of WR 337350. His Attestation Papers show that he was a Labourer, aged 33 years and 3 months, single & living at Sutton Mandeville. His next-of-kin was listed as his father – Frank Mullins of Sutton Mandeville, Salisbury.

The Statement of Services for Frederick Mullins, 337350 shows that he attested on 11th December, 1915 & was sent to Army Reserve the following day. He was mobilised on 22nd March, 1916 & discharged the same day. He was re-mobilised on 3rd June, 1918 & posted to Royal Engineers – Inland Waterways & Docks. He was then posted to Inland Waterways & Docks section “D” Company on 10th June, 1918 & qualified as a “skilled Pioneer Navy”. On 7th October, 1918 he was posted from I. W. & D. to British Expeditionary Forces – D. G. J. (Base Depot) Calais. He joined his unit on 21st October, 1918. Pioneer Frederick Mullins was dispersed from duty on 15th October, 1919 at Fovant.

Pioneer Frederick Mullins was entitled to the Victory Medal & the British War Medal.

Fred's younger brother - Rifleman James Mullins 553551 was killed in action on 14th April, 1917, aged 25 years. Rifleman J. Mullins was buried in Heninel Communal Cemetery Extension, France – Grave No. B. 4. J. Mullins is remembered on the 1914 -1919 Memorial plaque located inside All Saints Church at Sutton Mandeville, Wiltshire.



World War 1 & 2 Memorial Plaques

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