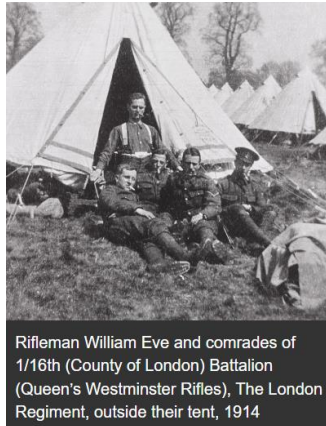


**William Eve – Second Lieutenant – 1<sup>st</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> (County of London) Battalion (Queen’s Westminster Rifles) London Regiment**



Second Lieutenant Eve & family 1915.



William Francis Eve was born in Clapham, London on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1894. He was the son of Richard and Emmeline Eve. His father was a silversmith.

In 1911 he was living with his uncle Henry James Melhius and his wife Blanche at 3 Highworth Gardens, Midhurst Road, West Ealing, Middlesex. Around this time, he joined the Territorial Force (The Queen’s Westminster Rifles). On 26<sup>th</sup> August 1914 he enlisted in his unit at 58 Buckingham Gate and volunteered for ‘Foreign Service’. His battalion landed at Le Havre, France on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and entered the line as reinforcements for the British Expeditionary Force (BEF).

On recovering from trench foot, Eve was promoted to lance-corporal and eventually commissioned in September 1915 as a second lieutenant in the 2/6th (City of London) Battalion (Rifles), The London Regiment. Unfortunately, he developed epilepsy and was invalided from the Army in July 1916.

Eve settled at 79 Harrow View, Harrow, Middlesex. He married in 1922 and lived in Surrey where he died in February 1981.

During his time on the Western Front, William kept a diary that revealed the grim realities of daily life for soldiers during this period.

