

Philpott End Stories

Arthur William Young was a Corporal in the 9th Battalion Essex regiment. Arthur was born in 1894 in High Roding, Essex. He was the son of Charles and Sarah Young. His father was born in High Roding, Essex and his mother was born in Dunmow, Essex.

In 1911 Arthur was living his parents and brother Charles at Brands Farm, Great Dunmow. Both Arthur and his father were horsemen on the farm.

At the outbreak of World War One Arthur enlisted in the 9th (Service) Battalion, Essex Regiment. On 21st November 1915, they found themselves in France as part of the 35th Brigade in the 12th (Eastern) Division having landed in Boulogne on 31st May 1915. On 21st November 1915 Arthur was killed in action during the Battle of Loos and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial.

Edward Warner was a Private in the 14th Battalion Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). He was the son of Henry Charles and Sarah Warner. In 1908 Edward married Rosa Baker.

During World War One Edward enlisted in the 14th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps which was formed in March 1918. Between 21st March and 23rd March, they were engaged in the Battle of St Quentin. Edward was killed in action on 21st March. He is remembered on the Pozieres Memorial.

Frederick Isaac Rootkin was a Private in the 9th Battalion Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment. Frederick was born in 1895 in Great Dunmow, Essex and was baptised at St Mary the Virgin church, Great Dunmow on 18th August 1895. He was the son of Frederick and Susannah Rootkin (Harris). Both his parents were born in Great Dunmow.

In 1911 Frederick was living with his parents and brothers Henry and Walter at Black Barns, Philpott End, Great Dunmow. His father was a groom and gardener, and Frederick was an assistant trainer at a greyhound kennels.

At the outbreak of World War One Frederick enlisted in the 9th (Service) Battalion Prince of Wales Own (West Yorkshire) regiment. On the 3rd of July 1915 they sailed from Liverpool to Mudros and landed at Suvla Bay in Gallipoli as part of the 32nd Brigade in the 11th (Northern) Division in August 1915. Frederick was killed in action at Eceabat Ilcesi, Canakkale, Turkey during this Gallipoli campaign on 22nd August 1915.

George Nelson was a Private in the 5th Battalion Essex Regiment. During World War One George enlisted as a private in the Essex Regiment. On 3rd November 1917, the 1/5th Battalion, Essex Regiment, was engaged in the Third Battle of Gaza in Palestine. Following an assault on the Rafah Redoubt on 2nd November, the battalion was involved in intense fighting and consolidation efforts against Turkish positions, suffering heavy casualties during the pursuit of Ottoman forces through the region. George was killed in action on 3rd November 1917 and is remembered on the Jerusalem Memorial.

James Wilson was a Corporal in the Royal Field Artillery (Motor Machine Gun Section). James was born in Edmonton, Middlesex in 1894. He was the son of Henry and Sarah Sophia Wilson. His father died and his mother remarried James Smith.

In 1911 James was living with his stepfather James Smith and his wife Sarah Sophia and their sons Walter, George, Charles and Sidney at Halfway House, Great Dunmow, Essex. Like his stepfather James was a farm labourer.

During World War One James enlisted in the Motor Machine Gun section of the Royal Field Artillery. They were designated to be units of the Royal Field Artillery and were collectively known as the Motor Machine Gun Service. Men were found from volunteers or by special enlistment of men known to be actively interested in motorcycles (such as cycle club members).

James was killed in action on 10th September 1915 and is buried in Bethune Town Cemetery, Pas de Calais.

William Frederick Crow was a Private in the 1st/5th Battalion Royal Warwickshire Regiment. William was born in 1897 in Dunmow, Essex and baptised at St Mary the Virgin, Great Dunmow on 7th November 1897. He was the son of Frederick William and Martha, and both his parents were born in Dunmow.

In 1911 he was living with his parents and brother George at Halfway House, Great Dunmow. His father was a farm labourer, and William was a boy domestic.

As soon as he was old enough William enlisted in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. On 5th October 1917, the 1st/5th Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment was serving in the 48th (South Midland) Division on the Western Front, having been in action during the Third Battles of Ypres. During this period, the Battalion was experiencing intense fighting and William was killed in action on 5th October 1917 and is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial. Passchendaele, Belgium.



14th Battalion Machine Gun Corps