

GEORGE CURWEN SERVICE NUMBER 21671

Born in Cartmel in 1889, the son of James Curwen (a domestic servant) and his wife Elizabeth of Spring Bank Farm. He had four brothers and three sisters. By 1911 his mother had died and the family lived at Beech Row on Grange Fell Road. George was thirteen years old and worked as a grocer's errand boy.

He joined the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment in Ulverston in September 1915. Prior to this he was in farm service in Heversham. He arrived at the Front in March 1916 and was killed approximately 3 weeks later on the 3rd April 1916. That day Captain E. L. Barnes, 2nd Lt. C. A. Williams and Capt. Bridson were also killed along with 16 other ranks. A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church in Grange on 16th May 1916 attended by his family and friends. Four of his brothers were also serving with the colours at that time.

His body wasn't found until 1922 when it was buried at Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Nr. Ypres.



Birr Cross Roads Cemetery, Belgium.

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT
GRAVES REGISTRATION REPORT FORM.

Army Form W. 3372.

No. 1. Area. I. W. G. U.

REPORT No. 118

SCHEDULE No. ~~378~~
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17.11.22

COMMUNE : Zillebeke
PLACE OF BURIAL

BIRR CROSS ROADS CEMETERY ZILLEBEKE

Map Reference

28.I.17.a.80.85.

The following are buried here:—

Regiment	No.	Name	Rank and Initials	Date of Death	Cross Erected or G. R. U'd.	Plot, Row and Grave
		Plot. 1.	Row 'B'		ALL CROSSES ERECTED	
5th Cameron Hldrs.	22395	STEWART	L/Opl.S.	28.9.17	E	1
- do -	17568	RAMAGE	Pte.J.	18.9.17	E	2
- do -	40893	LYNCH, MM.	Pte.D.	18.9.17	E	3
- do -	21191	STEVEN	Pte.J.	18.9.17	E	4
		UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER			E	5
8/ K.O.R. Lanes Regt	21671	UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER <i>Curwen Pte G.</i>		5.4.16 8/4/1992	E	6
Manchester Regt.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E	7
Kings Hussars		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E	8
		UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER			E	9
		UNKNOWN AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER			E	10
		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E.	11
Yorks Regt.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E	12
53rd Bn. A.I.F.	2702	MEADS	Pte.F.		E	13
8/ T. City of London Rgt.		UNKNOWN BRITISH SOLDIER			E	14

George Curwen is the sixth soldier down.

Roll of Honour.

PRIVATE GEORGE CURWEN, GRANGE.

News has been received in Grange that Pvt. George Curwen, of the King's Own, was killed in France on April 3rd. He was a native of Grange, and was not quite 19 years old, and had only been at the front about three weeks, having enlisted in September last year. Previous to joining the army he was in farm service at Heversham. All his four brothers are now serving with the colours.

The Obituary for George Curwen in the Westmorland Gazette

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Schedule "A" Page.....

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (A) OF HEADSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

to this report is attached

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT (B) HEADSTONE TEXTS

(those headstones to be inscribed with texts are underlined)

and

TWO STANDARD LAYOUTS (the layouts to be used are quoted on the badge design).

Name of Cemetery.

BIRR CROSS ROADS CEM.

To be stencilled on foot of headstones below ground level abbreviated thus:-

BIRR X RDS. C.

Badge Design No. and Layout No.	1st Line. Number and Rank.	2nd Line. Initials, NAME and Honours.	3rd Line. Regiment.	4th Line. Date of Death. <small>In any instance where the entry "NONE" appears in Col. 6, the Age will be omitted from the Headstone and the Date of Death centred laterally.</small>	Age.	Centre of Stone. Relig. Emb.	To be stencilled on foot of Headstones below ground level. Plot P. Row R. Grave G. P. R. G.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
1024/1A	8704	PRIVATE J. FOX	4 ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS	25TH APRIL 1915	NONE	43 CROSS	1 AA 17	81
1200/1G	UNKNOWN	AUSTRALIAN SOLDIER	32	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		12	1 AA 18	82
1185/1G	UNKNOWN	BRITISH OFFICER	22	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		27	1 AA 19	83
LAYOUT 1H	UNKNOWN	BRITISH SOLDIER	21	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		12	1 AA 20	84
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LAYOUT 1H	UNKNOWN	BRITISH SOLDIER	23	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		12	1 AA 23	87 *
1020/1G	UNKNOWN	BRITISH SOLDIER	23	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		29	1 AA 24	88
1202/1G	UNKNOWN	CANADIAN SOLDIER	23	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		28	1 AA 25	89
1010/1B	S/22395	LANCE CPL. S. STEWART	8 CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	18TH SEPTEMBER 1917	AGE 34	CROSS	1 B 1	70
1010/1A	S/17568	PRIVATE J. P. R. RAMAGE	9 CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	18TH SEPTEMBER 1917	AGE 23	CROSS	1 B 2	71
1010/1A	S/40893	PRIVATE D. LYNCH	6 CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	18TH SEPTEMBER 1917	NONE	CROSS	1 B 3	72
1010/1B	S/21191	PRIVATE H. J. STEVEN	8 CAMERON HIGHLANDERS	18TH SEPTEMBER 1917	AGE 29	CROSS	1 B 4	73
1202/1G	UNKNOWN	CANADIAN SOLDIER	31	(FOR PARTICULARS OF LAYOUT INSC. ETC. SEE SCHED. G/H)		12	1 B 5	74
1024/1A	21671	PRIVATE G. CURWEN	ROYAL LANCASTER REGIMENT	3RD APRIL 1916	AGE 18	CROSS	1 B 6	75

* Replaced by CAO. ^{N.W. Bank} ~~Winnipeg~~ Dist Minute G.56/W dtd. 6.3.52 on A/u/1960

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