

Harvey Daws



Harvey was born in 1885, in Wimbledon, in Surrey, the second son of Arthur Hole Daws (1843 -1923), born in Send in Surrey, and Mary Ann Philpott (1850-1932), from Thames Ditton, who married on May 12th 1874 in Thames Ditton parish, Arthur Hole Daws was a clerk resident in Wimbledon and Mary Ann Philpott, resident in Thames Ditton; both were recorded as being of 'full' ages, with their fathers-: John Daws a farmer and Harvey Philpott, a gentleman. Harvey's father became a bank manager, and the family moved around according to his work. Harvey was baptised on November 13th 1885 at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon.

In 1901, the family lived at 133 Westbourne Road, Kensington, and Harvey's father was now a bank manager. By 1911, his parents were residing at 9, Lingfield Avenue, Kingston Upon Thames, with Harvey's four sisters who were single: Mary Elizabeth Flora (1876-1963), aged 35, Katharine (1880-1953), aged 30; Dorothy (1882-1955) , 28 and Agnes Winifred (,1884-1975), 27. Agnes and Dorothy were assurance clerks. Harvey's older brother Arthur Percy (1878-1953), a bank clerk with the County Westminster Bank had married Martha Lillie Grimwood in 1904, Sudbury, Suffolk and by 1911 was living in 33, Lynton Avenue, West Ealing with their daughter, Joyce Mary, aged 3, who was born in Ealing.

Harvey, a bank clerk, married Maude Florence Rowe, a shop assistant, of 82 Whitestile Road, Brentford at St Faith's Church in Brentford in 1910; by 1911, they were living at 23 Convent Gardens, Ealing. By 1918, they had moved upmarket to St Margarets, to 20 Gordon Avenue. *Please see below for a 2017 photo of the property.* Harvey enlisted in Twickenham, initially as 241927 with the East Kent Regiment, then transferred to the Queens, Royal West Surrey Regiment, serving in the 2/5th, 3/4th, 6th and 8th battalions as a Private



(G/24986). Whilst serving at the Barham Down Camp near Canterbury, he wrote his will, leaving his effects to Maude Florence. By June 10th 1918, he had died of wounds and was buried at Pernes British Cemetery. The inscription on his gravestone included 'Grandson Of The Late Captain John Daws 2nd Royal Surrey Regiment'. His regiment paid a very heavy price in the war, particularly at the 3rd Battle of Ypres and the Somme area. In March 1918,, the Battalion received orders to march to Thezy and thence to Fouencamps; by the end of the month, there were approximately 100 casualties from shell fire on the village. By the beginning of June 1918, in the trenches, the Battalion was holding the right subsection of the 17th Infantry Brigade, with heavy artillery fire. This was probably where Harvey was wounded. Maude received £400 through Probate and his Victory and British War

medals. In 1919, she was living at Gordon Avenue, and then moved to Johannesburg. Harvey was also commemorated at All Souls Church, Northcote Road, St Margarets.

After Harvey's father's death in 1923, his mother Mary Ann was living with her daughter, Katharine, at 22 Balaclava Road, Surbiton. Both parents were buried at Long Ditton. Katharine as a SRN travelled to Melbourne in 1938, returning in 1946, and then living at Goring on Sea, near Worthing, where all of the sisters died.