

George Frederick Foot



George Frederick was born in 1886 in Leytonstone and baptised on 9th May at St. Michaels and All Angels, Walthamstow. His father, John Henry Foot (1861-1934) was born in Stourpaine in Dorset and had married Rosa Foyle, born in Wilton in Wiltshire (1856-1940) in 1882 in Fisherton Anger in Wiltshire. Five of their six children were still alive in 1911: Flora Louise Douglas (1884-1974), Rose Helena (1888-1951), Herbert Montagu (1890-1974) and Ethel Gertrude (1892-1970). The family lived in Leytonstone, then in 129, Sussex Road, Holloway, Islington by 1891, and until at least 1911, afterwards in Hornsey. John Henry was a railway clerk, working at The Railway Clearing House, formed originally to deal with the complications of receipts and payments for passengers and goods involved with different train companies. George Frederick followed in his father's footsteps



as a railway clerk working in the same company. He married Lucy Emily Dove born in Kent, (1887-1976) on 4th October 1913 in the Parish Church in Sevenoaks, Kent and their son, John Henry, was born on July 27th 1914. By then, Frederick George and Lucy were living at 78, Gordon Avenue, St Margarets, then in Isleworth. George Frederick had served for a short period with the 9th London Territorials, enlisting in March 1905. After the introduction of conscription for married men in May 1916, George Fredrick enlisted again in Hounslow on the 11th July 1916, aged 30 years and 4 months. He served initially with



the 3/1 East Kent Mounted Rifles, then in December 1916, he was transferred to the 1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment). Many of his service records have survived. He was 5'8 1/2 inches in height and had good physical fitness. He disembarked in France on December 5th 1916. He was wounded in June 1917 but returned to his battalion in August. Lucy received a letter informing her of his wounding in July. His records also refer to his suffering from deafness. He was wounded again on October 16th and transferred to the 7th Clearing Station. He died the following day and is buried in Noeux-Les-Mines Communal Cemetery Extension, his headstone records- "Until the day breaks" from his wife, Lucy Emily. Her own grave in Crowborough, East Sussex bears the same inscription. George Frederick is also remembered on the memorial at All Souls Church, Northcote Road, Isleworth; the inscription is below. He was awarded the British War and Victory medals posthumously. . Lucy, her widowed father Henry James, a retired gardener and her son, John, a committee clerk for the local government service, were living in 6 Whitehill Close, Uckfield R.D, Sussex in 1939. George Frederick's siblings had long lives. Florence Louise was a dressmaker and married George Dyke, a chartered surveyor in 1909. They lived in Hendon. Rose Helena married Henry Hook in 1916 in Islington; they then lived in Reading. Herbert Montagu became a gold and silver engraver. He enlisted in 1914 into the London Regiment, soon after the outbreak of the war in August, but was discharged in November 1914. He died in Oxfordshire. Ethel Gertrude lived with her brother Herbert and parents and died in Hertfordshire. We are very grateful to the family for Frederick's wedding photo, and also the one above right, a direct scan of the photo that his widow, Lucy, kept by her bedside right up to the day that she died.

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