



**Herbert Henry Jackman was a career soldier. He was 'found drowned' on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec'1917. Private Jackman served with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Sherwood Foresters in India from**

**1897-98 and was awarded a Medal and Clasps for Tirah and Punjab campaigns. He fought in the Boer War 1899-1902 where he was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal and Clasps for Cape Colony, Transvaal and S Africa 1902. Months later he joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion as a L/Corporal. He served with them in Hong Kong. He was promoted to Corporal on 17.6.1902. In 1908 he moved to the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion and by 1909 he was a Sergeant and later held the rank of Company Sergeant Major. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 1916 - in the London Gazette - Herbert was 'Mentioned in Despatches' for gallant and distinguished service in this**

**field. Herbert arrived in France on 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 1915 and was probably in action during the German liquid fire attack at Hooge and the attack at the Hohenzollern Redoubt. He may well have been part of the Division who were ordered to proceed to Egypt in December 1915, only to spend a few days there before returning to France! On 1<sup>st</sup> July 1916 the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion saw action at Gommecourt. We don't know when Herbert transferred to the 857<sup>th</sup> Area Employment Company - formed in January 1917 for salvage work and manned by personnel who had been medically rated 'below A1' either through age or injury. These Labour units were also used as emergency infantry. Herbert was a very experienced Regimental Sergeant Major and his wealth of experience would have been invaluable to the Labour Corps. He was now 44 years old and had served his country well. Maybe this is why he moved to the Labour Corps. Tragically, 'Herbert was rendered unconscious in a shell hole which was full of water and drowned'. Very few records of the activities and the locations of Labour Corps remain. Sadly we don't know where and under what circumstances his death occurred.**



Herbert Henry Jackman  
Photos courtesy of his family



Herbert's wife Ellen

Herbert was born in about 1873 in the village of Towersey in Buckinghamshire (now part of Oxfordshire). By the time he was 18 his father James, and mother Julia, nee Bickerstaff, and his family had moved to 8 Clara's Cottage, David's Place, Isleworth (now Hartland Rd). Herbert had eight brothers and sisters. The 1891 Census shows his father was a labourer, later a horse driver. Interestingly a younger brother James was already a soldier. In 1908, whilst stationed at Fort Charles in Kinsale Ireland, Herbert met and married Ellen Crowley and they had

two sons, Herbert 'Harry' b 1909 and Timothy b 1911. Daughter Ellen was born in 1913 but died the same day. The family moved to Chapel-en-la Firth Derbyshire and lived there until the war began.

**In remembrance of RSM Herbert Jackman, his G.G. Grandson is named Andrew Jackman Ferrone and called Jack. He is six years old and lives in New Jersey. USA**

