



# STEP SHORT

**Percy Ernest Fray** was born on 11th, November 1897, at 13 Peter Street, Folkestone, to Walter Fray and Amelia Jane Fray nee' Goble.

He attended St. Peters School, on the Durlocks. He enlisted into the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) at Shorncliffe on September 19th, 1913. He was then sent to Canterbury to join 1st Btn Buffs. for training.

He was one of the many Soldiers who marched down the Road of Remembrance, his two sisters Ivy and Jesse watched as he marched down the road, and said, he looked so proud. He would have seen his old school overlooking the Harbour as the ship sailed for France.

L/1004 L/Cpl Percy Fray, was wounded in action on October 13th, 1915, while bomb throwing in Flanders, he died from his wounds on October 14th, 1915. He was in charge of the bomb throwers, and had been at the front for nearly a year.

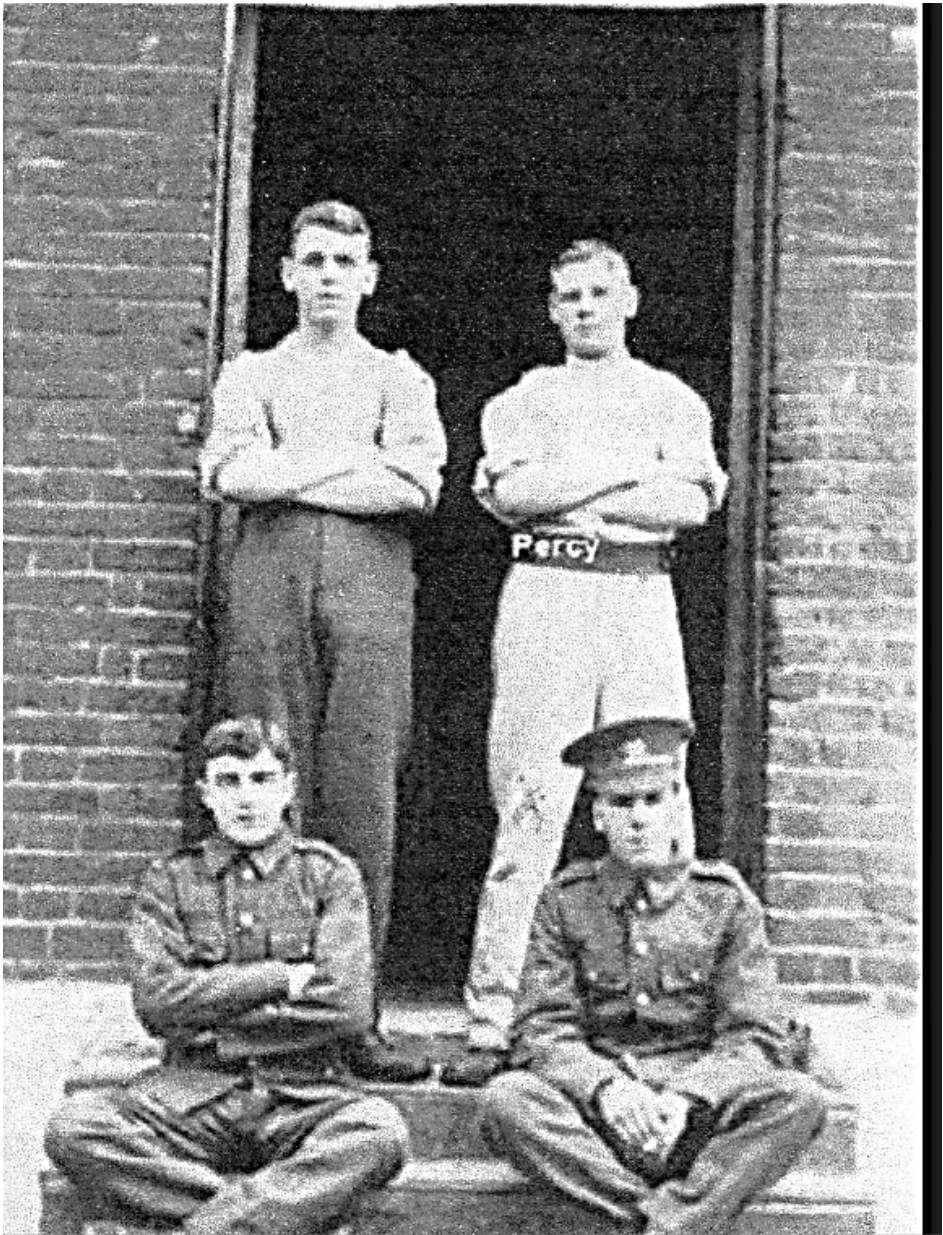
He had been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. (DCM) He was just 18 years old.

Percy's name can be seen on the St, Peters Church, Roll of Honour and his grave is located at Poperinge Military Cemetery, Deken de Boleaan, Belgium.

## 1911 Census

Name:	<b>Percy Fray</b>
Age in 1911:	13
Estimated birth year:	abt 1898
Relation to Head:	Son
Gender:	Male
Birth Place:	Folkestone, Kent
Civil Parish:	Folkestone
County/Island:	Kent
Country:	England
Street address:	25 Thanet Gardens, Folkestone
Marital Status:	Single
Occupation:	House Boy
Registration district:	Elham
Registration District Number:	66
Sub-registration district:	Folkestone

ED, institution, or vessel:	2	
Household schedule number:	109	
Piece:	4625	
Household Members:	Name	Age
	Walter Fray	43
	Jane Fray	41
	Percy Fray	13
	John Fray	11
	Walter Fray	9
	Ivy Fray	5
	Jesse Fray	3
	Richard Fray	1
	Robert Fray	1



## Regimental Records

### **Bufs (East Kent Regiment) during World War 1**



The Regiment raised 14 Battalions and was awarded 48 battle honours and 1 Victoria cross, losing 6,000 men during the course of the First World War.

#### 1st Battalion

04.08.1914 Stationed at Fermoy as part of the 16th Brigade of the 6th Division.

19.08.1914 Moved to Cambridge.

10.09.1914 Mobilised for war and landed at St Nazaire and engaged in various actions on the Western Front including;

1914

The actions on the Aisne heights.

1915

The action at Hooge.



**1st Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent Regiment) on parade near Ypres 1915**

1916

The Battle of Flers-Courcelette, The Battle of Morval, The Battle of Le Transloy.

1917

The Battle of Hill 70, The Cambrai operations.

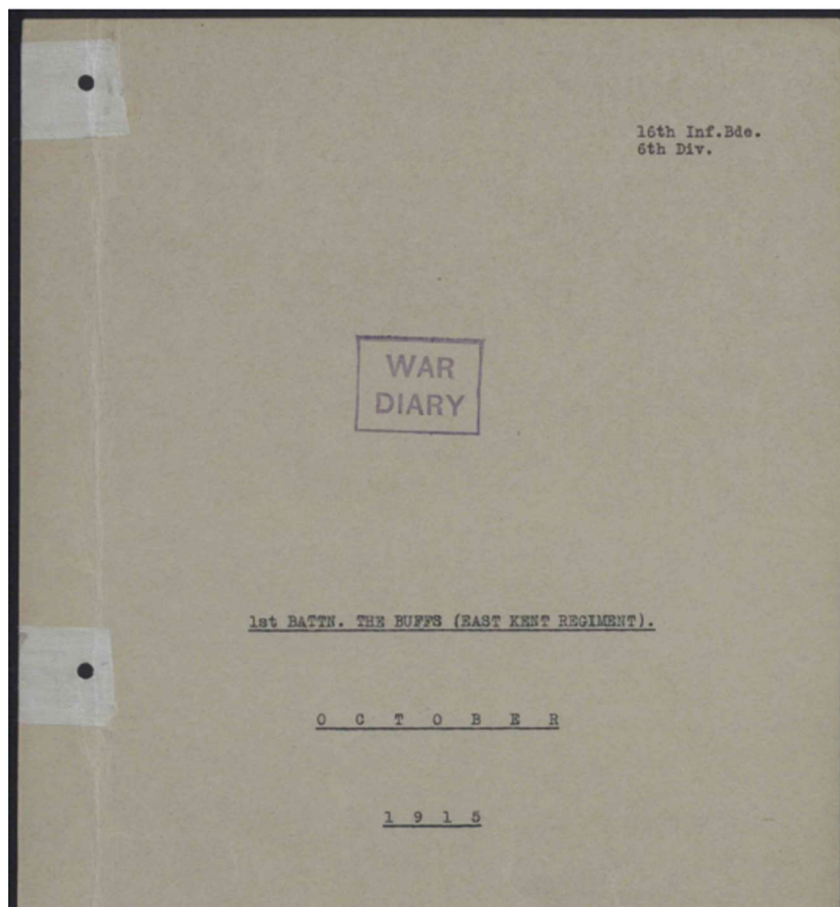
1918

The Battle of St Quentin, The Battle of Bailleul, The First Battle of Kemmel Ridge, The Second Battle of Kemmel Ridge, The Advance in Flanders, The Battle of Epehy, The Battle of the St Quentin Canal, The Battle of Beaurevoir, The Battle of Cambrai 1918, The pursuit to the Selle, The Battle of the Selle.

11.11.1918 Ended the war at Bohain, France



## WAR DIARY



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
			OCTOBER 1915
Octob.	1		In billets at Popperingham
"	2		Relieved 2nd Lt. Regt. in Camp "C" - wood A30
"	3		In Camp "C" 2nd Lieut J.S. Beale to hospital
"	4		- do -
"	5		- do - 2nd Lieut Col F.H. Finch. Hutton D.S.O. & Hosp. Captain E.F. Gould temporarily in command of 1st Bn
"	6		- do - 2nd Lieut J. Presmail (R.V.K.) off? Commandant Cpt. Dixon Forward School 2nd Lieut R.E. Davis app'd Bn Forward Officer over above.
"	7		- do - 2nd Lieut C.E. Clouting awarded the MILITARY CROSS and Sgt Baker ("A" Coy) the D.C.M. for gallantry at FORWARD COTTAGE in hanging - the body of Capt. Calverley 1/K.S.L.I. had been out on a night
(Sept)	28	10pm	(This party with Blg. Genl Nicholson & the Divisional Interpreter) They were evidently observed by the enemy as a heavy fire was opened which killed 17 men & wounded many others. Capt. Calverley was hit - the chest & the remainder with others. As it was uncertain whether Capt. Calverley was dead or not, 2nd Lieut Clouting & Sgt Baker volunteered to fetch him in. This was successfully accomplished - the face of a heavy fire, the body being found not more than 15 yards from the enemy sap. Capt. Woods - Lieut P. Tind also acted conspicuously as covering party etc.)
October	8		Relieved 3rd Lt. Regt on the Canal Bank ("C" Coy X Line - 1st Coy S trenches)
"	9		Canal Bank. The Batt <sup>n</sup> was shelled heavily for about an hour. Capt. W.S. Barham was hit in the head, & 1 man wounded. 2nd Lieut H.R. Jordan (9th Buff) joined for duty posted to "B" Coy.
"	10		- do - Capt. Barham died of wounds - 16th FA. Lieut J. Whitaker took over command of "B" Coy 2nd Lieut A.G. Brook to hospital.
"	11		Bn. relieved 3rd Bty - trenches near La Buzee (Forward Cottage Line)

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aries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,  
he Staff Manual respectively. Title Pages  
e prepared in manuscript.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Date		Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
12			In Forward Trenches. The Battalion was much troubled with snipers, many trenches becoming practically impassable. Heavy hit sniping killing & wounding	
13	- 20 -		46 Old Tanks joined a reinforcement from 2nd Entrenching Battalion 5 men wounded	2. by killed in British Officer
14	- 20 -		Sergeant Smith D.C.M. (2nd) killed and one man. Both were shot through the stomach	1st
15	- 20 -		Dead during the early morning mist	
16			Lieut Col E.H. Smith D.S.O. discharged to hospital	
17			Relieved from by 1st Bn. 2nd Bn. took over Canal Bank from 1st Lincolns Regt. 2nd Lieut A.H. Cooper severely wounded - the last during relief	
18	- 20 -		Canal Bank 1 killed & wounded. Heavy rifle fire by both sides at night	
19	- 20 -		8th Bn. E.A. Carter promoted 2nd Lieut. 1st Lt. E.C. B. C. S. T. Houghton appointed	
20			Relief 1st Bn. Heavy rifle fire during most of the night	
21	- 20 -		2nd Lieut H. Ziegler to hospital.	
22			Relieved on Canal Bank by 1st Bn. 1st and marched to Camp "C". 3rd O.R.s joined for duty	
23			In Camp "C" Both sides very muddy everywhere	
24			Battalion relieved 9th K.R.R.C. - trenches near Hooze & Wood Sector. D.B. 1st Coy firing line	
25			Coy - Reserve. The trenches were in a very bad condition owing to the recent heavy rains, and	
26			after much damaged by the frequent bombardments & fighting this area has been.	
27			In the Trenches. 2nd Lieut R.L. Evans & 1st Bn. 1st Lt. (9th Bn.) joined for duty 1 killed & 2 wounded	
28	- 20 -		1 killed	
29	- 20 -		Capt. Canston to hospital. The remains of 1st Bn. 1st Lt. (9th Bn.) were found by 1st Bn. 1st Lt. (9th Bn.)	
30	- 20 -		A self-styled platoon of 25 N.C.s from former part of the British Company under 1st Lt. Leonard. 1st Bn. 1st Lt. as THE KING'S inspection. The majority received the Royal Salute from	
31			a composite British & 1st Bn. 1st Lt. as the R.F.C. found near ABELLE afterwards passing - his car then lived streets, the men raising their hats & cheering	

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prepared in manuscript.

# WAR DIARY OF INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY (Erase heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2119

Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
28		In trenches as Hooge. Sgt. Name (B Co) wounded. Y.L. headquarters telephone damaged by shell fire. Subsequent artillery retaliation on the part of 16th Div. gunners was most gratifying.	C. PHILPOTT P. SHEPHERD W. WERNER R. BLAKE J. ADAMS F. HUTCHINSON R. HARRISON W. ROSE S. WILSON F. SCARVER F. HENRY W. FISHER T. MURPHY C. SHEEN P. BROWN J. SMITH A. GUNN F. WISEMAN F. CLARKE
30		Battalion relieved by 1st KSLI & took over reserve line (E. Farm, X1a, F13 & Ram-pole)	
31		In Reserve. 2nd Lt. B. E. DAVES off. B. & Kelly's office.	

## Medal Index Card

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
FRAY		E. Kent R	L/Corp	L/10041
P.E.		— " —	2nd Lt.	—
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	2/2/02 <sup>B</sup> . 14	2221.	10 of 5. 14-10-16	
BRITISH	— 16 —	16.		
14 STAR	2/2/3	42		
Blorp/2/2616				
Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein 9-11-14				

K 1380.



Percy Ernest Fray  
1898 - 1915

The majority of service records for individual soldiers were destroyed by a German air raid in 1940. Those that survive are often in a damaged condition, and known as 'Burnt Records'. The records for Percy Fray have survived and are featured below.

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# ARMY RESERVE. (SPECIAL RESERVISTS.) 6 YEARS' SERVICE.

## ATTESTATION OF

No. 11 Name Percy Ernest Gray Corps The Buffs

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name? Percy Ernest Gray
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born? St. Michael's, London
3. Are you a British Subject? yes
4. What is your Age? 14 Months.
5. What is your Trade or Calling? Labourer
6. Have you resided out of your Father's house for three years continuously in the same place, or occupied a house or land of the yearly value of £10 for one year, and paid rates for the same, and, in either case, if so, state where? no
7. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? if so, where? to whom? for what period? and, when did, or will, the period expire? no
8. Are you Married? no
9. Have you ever been sentenced to Penal Servitude or Imprisonment by the Civil Power? no
10. Do you now belong to the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, to what Unit and Corps? no
11. Have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and cause of discharge. no
12. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous Service? yes
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for the Military or Naval Forces of the Crown? If so, on what grounds? no
14. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated? yes
15. Are you willing to be attested to serve in the Special Reserve for a period of 6 years provided His Majesty should so long require your services? yes
16. Did you receive a notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you? yes Capt. E. Longley Buffs
- 17 (a). Are you aware that you are liable to be called out, or detained whilst called up for training, in case of imminent national danger, or great emergency, on permanent service in the United Kingdom or elsewhere until otherwise ordered? yes
- (b). Are you aware that if so called out you will be liable to be detained in Army Service for the unexpired portion of your term of service in the Army Reserve and for a further period not exceeding 12 months if so directed by the competent Military Authority? yes
- (c). Are you aware that you will not be permitted, while serving in the Special Reserve, to join the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, nor while serving in the Special Reserve of the Royal Field Artillery, or Army Veterinary Corps, to join the Regular Army, or to transfer to any other branch of the Special Reserve, nor while serving in the Special Reserve of the Army Service Corps, or Royal Army Medical Corps, to transfer to any other branch of the Special Reserve? yes

I, Percy Ernest Gray do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagement made.

Percy Ernest Gray SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT  
E. Longley Signature of Witness.

### OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, Percy Ernest Gray do make Oath, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

### CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered and replied to, and the said recruit has made and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me

at Hamcliffe on this 3rd day of April 1913

Signature of the Justice J. W. W. W. W. Captain

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be required to sign under Section 80 (6), Army Act.  
The Recruit should, if he require it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form B. 59A.

## Description of

on Enlistment.

Height ..... 5 ft. 5 1/2 ins.  
 Weight ..... 128 1/2 lbs.  
 Chest { Girth when fully expanded ..... 38 1/2 ins.  
 { Range of expansion ..... 2 in.

Eyes

Blue

Hair

Dark Brown.

Religious  
denomination

Church of England

C of E.

Presbyterian

Wesleyan

Baptist or Congregationalist

Other Protestants

(Denomination to be stated.)

Roman Catholic

Jewish

Distinctive marks, and marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease.

(Should the Medical Officer be of opinion that the recruit has served before, he will, unless the man acknowledges to any previous service, attach a slip to that effect, for the information of the approving Officer.)

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## Certificate of Medical Examination.

I have examined the above-named recruit and find that he does not present any of the causes of rejection specified in the Regulations for the Army Medical Service.

He can see at the required distance with either eye: his heart and lungs are healthy: he has the free use of his joints and limbs, and he declares that he is not subject to fits of any description.

I consider him \* Fit for the Army Reserve.Date 3-13 1913.

K. B. Barnwell

Place

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

Major R. A. M. C.

Officer in Med. Ch. Medical Officer.

NOTE.—Should the Medical Officer consider the Recruit unfit, he will fill in the foregoing Certificate only in the case of those who have been attested, and will briefly state below the cause of unfitness:—

## Certificate of Primary Military Examination.

I hereby certify that the above-named recruit was inspected by me and I consider him \* fit for service in the The Buffs (East. Regt.) S. R. and that due care has been exercised in his enlistment.Date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1913.

J. J. Wotham

Captain

Place Shorncliffe

Adj. 1st Bn. Royal Irish Fusiliers

Recruiting Officer.

\* Insert here "fit" or "unfit."

† Insert the "Regiment" or "Corps."

## \* Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the 1st Buffs S. R.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date 11-11 1913

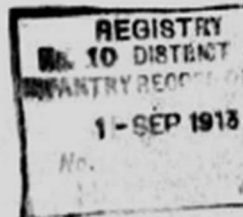
E. J. Wotham

Place Shorncliffe

Commanding 1st Bn. R. I. F.

Approving Officer.

The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.  
† Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.



(8)  
Officer Commanding 3rd Bn The Buffs

Please note that No. 10471 (Rank & Name) Pte P. E. Gray  
of the battalion under your command was attested on the 19th day of  
August 1912, and finally approved on the 25th day of  
August 1913, for the Buffs  
Regiment, and sent to join his new Corps stationed at Dublin

2. Would you please complete the attestation now in your possession and  
forward the same, together with this form, to the Officer in charge 10 District  
Records at Doncaster for future custody.

Please acknowledge receipt of this communication on perforated slip  
below.

Station Canterbury  
Date 20-8-13

Thurmont. Buckle  
Capt for Major  
Commanding 3rd B. D. P. Regt. Arty.  
Approving Officer.

my command, and his character is very good

He is, as far as I am aware, an eligible candidate for enlistment, as stated  
above. His description on enlistment into this Corps on 3rd April  
1913, was as follows:—

Age 17 years, 5 months.  
Height 5 ft 5 1/2 inches.  
Chest measurement 33 1/2 inches.

Distinctive Marks.

Scar left side of face

Complexion Blue  
Eyes Dark Brown  
Hair Dark Brown

Station Canterbury  
Date 20. 8. 13 Commanding 3rd Bn The Buffs Regt.

**Urgent.**

Army Form B 97.

**Applicable to men now belonging to the Special Reserve or  
Territorial Force.**

(1)

Officer Commanding

*3rd Bn The Buffs* Regiment.

I beg to inform you that No. *10471* (Rank & Name) *Pte. P. E. Gray*  
of the Battalion under your command has applied to be enlisted into  
*The Buffs*. I would therefore be glad if you  
would fill in the form below, giving description and character, and forward to me by  
return of post.

Should he hereafter be finally approved you will be notified accordingly.

Station

*Canterbury*

Date

*20-8-13*

Recruiting Officer

*Commanding 3rd Bn. Buffs. Regt.*

(2)

Recruiting Officer,

*Canterbury*

Reference to foregoing, I beg to inform you that No. *10471*  
(Rank & Name) *Pte P E Gray* is now serving in the battalion under  
my command, and his character is *Very Good*

He is, as far as I am aware, an eligible candidate for enlistment, as stated  
above. His description on enlistment into this Corps on *3rd April*  
191*3*, was as follows:—

Age *17* years, *5* months.  
Height *5* ft. *5 1/4* inches.  
Chest measurement *33 1/2* inches.  
Complexion \_\_\_\_\_  
Eyes *Blue*  
Hair *DK Brown*

Distinctive Marks.

*Scar left side  
of face*

Station

*Canterbury*

Date

*20.8.13*

Commanding

*3rd*

Bn.

*The Buffs Regt.*



# UNITED STATES SERVICE

Date  
or  
Dept

Promotions, Reductions,  
Casualties, &c.

Army  
Rank

Pay  
Grade

Service  
allowed to  
be  
for fixing the  
rate of Pension

years days

Service in line not  
allowed to  
be  
towards  
U. S. Pay

years days

Signature of Officer  
certifying correctness  
of entries

Service to be computed from 19.8.13  
 is. *Canterbury* 27.8.13  
 is. *Rupp D attached Pl-* 19.8.13  
 1<sup>st</sup> *Postd* *Pl-* 11.10.13  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Postd* 11.4.14  
 1<sup>st</sup> attained 18 years *Pl-* 19.11.13  
 of age.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> *Appointed Paid Actg 1/2* 14.9.14  
 1<sup>st</sup> *POSTED* 9-NOV 1914  
 1<sup>st</sup> *Appd Unpaid 1/2* 7.7.15

*Wm. C. ...*  
*Wm. C. ...*  
*Wm. C. ...*

*Wm. C. ...*  
*Wm. C. ...*

*Brill* 1<sup>st</sup> *Wound & wounds* *14.10.15*  
*received in action*

Total Service for this ...

Service ... Engagement to 14.10.15

*deach*

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*Wm. C. ...*  
*Wm. C. ...*

COUNTRY	FROM	TO	YEARS	DAYS	N.B.
Home	19.8.13	8.11.14	1	82	
B.E. Force	9.11.14	14.10.15		40	
	Total		2	122	

to be shown in the service in the regulations of the National Insurance Act, 1911, to be shown in the term "Home". For more at Service Abroad Regulations.

Educated at  
 School and  
 Certificates  
 of  
 Education  
 or authorized class  
 of instruction  
 Wounded  
 of wounds  
 instances of  
 decorations  
 in or  
 Service

Duke of York's Royal Military School  
 Royal Hibernian Military School  
 Queen Victoria School  
 Industrial School under Home Office  
 or Local Government Board  
 Awarded 3rd Class, Juno, 24-1-15

Home 5.8.14 to 8.11.14  
 B.E. Force 9.11.14 to 14.10.15

Name of Medal  
 Class  
 Award Class A.D. 3649  
 British War & Victory Medal

Name and Address of next of kin  
 Father Not Known  
 Mother Jane 61 Bridge Street Lockhart

Name and Surname of Woman to whom married, and whether spinster or widow, (b) place and date of marriage, (c) name of officiating Minister or Registrar, and (d) names of two witnesses.

Christian Names  
 Date and Place of birth  
 Date and Place of Baptism, and Nature of Baptism

Regiment *25.**L 10041 4/4/14*STATEMENT of the Names  
Soldier in each

NOTE.—Against those degrees of relationship which are not filled in, mark

Degree of relationship				
Widow of the Soldier ...				
Children of the Soldier and dates of their births...				
Father of the Soldier ...				
Mother of the Soldier ...				
Brothers of the Soldier	Full Blood ...	<i>John Walter Robert Richard</i>		
	Half blood ...			
Sisters of the Soldier	Full blood ...	<i>none</i>	<i>married</i>	<i>24 14 12</i>
	Half blood ...	<i>Sybil Ivy Jessie</i>		<i>Canada B.C.</i>
		<i>none</i>		

If no Relatives in the degrees above are now living the following particulars should be given:—

	Number of those now living.	Addresses in full.
Grandparents of the Soldier ...	<i>none</i>	
Nephews and Nieces of the Soldier ...	<i>John</i>	<i>1 Canada B.C.</i>
Uncles and Aunts by blood of the Soldier (not Uncles and Aunts by marriage) ...	<i>none</i>	

## DECLARATION.

I hereby declare that the above is a true and complete Statement of all the Relatives of the late Soldier living in the degrees enquired for.

*Jane Amelia Gray* Signature of the Declarant

Relationship to the Soldier

Address in full *12 Thurst Gardens Folkestone*I hereby certify that the above Statement and Declaration made by *Jane Amelia Gray* and signed in my presence is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.Dated at *Folkestone* this *14th* day of *January* 1920Signature of Minister or Magistrate *J.P. Owen J.P.*Qualification *J.P. for Borough of Folkestone*

No. W.L. 10041/14, 219, 218, 217, 216, 215, 214, 213, 212, 211, 210, 209, 208, 207, 206, 205, 204, 203, 202, 201, 200, 199, 198, 197, 196, 195, 194, 193, 192, 191, 190, 189, 188, 187, 186, 185, 184, 183, 182, 181, 180, 179, 178, 177, 176, 175, 174, 173, 172, 171, 170, 169, 168, 167, 166, 165, 164, 163, 162, 161, 160, 159, 158, 157, 156, 155, 154, 153, 152, 151, 150, 149, 148, 147, 146, 145, 144, 143, 142, 141, 140, 139, 138, 137, 136, 135, 134, 133, 132, 131, 130, 129, 128, 127, 126, 125, 124, 123, 122, 121, 120, 119, 118, 117, 116, 115, 114, 113, 112, 111, 110, 109, 108, 107, 106, 105, 104, 103, 102, 101, 100, 99, 98, 97, 96, 95, 94, 93, 92, 91, 90, 89, 88, 87, 86, 85, 84, 83, 82, 81, 80, 79, 78, 77, 76, 75, 74, 73, 72, 71, 70, 69, 68, 67, 66, 65, 64, 63, 62, 61, 60, 59, 58, 57, 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 51, 50, 49, 48, 47, 46, 45, 44, 43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, 19, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Address *47 Barbican Avenue Folkestone*

The above page records that Percy was wounded on 13 October 1915 and that he died he following day.

# Squadron, Troop, Battery and Company Conduct Sheet.

Form B. 121.

HWY 440,000 2-07  
(Rev. 7)  
8-26-22

Form  
B 121  
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Regiment of 1st Buffs (Printed in 1907.)

Signature of S. C. Company [Signature] Number of Sheet 1 Contd.

Regimental Number and Name No. <u>1st Buffs Troop</u>		Enlistment Age on <u>14</u> years <u>9</u> months.		Trade <u>Farmer</u> <u>Labourer</u>	Good Conduct Pay, Service Pay or Proficiency Pay
Joined <u>1st Buffs</u> Date <u>19-1-13</u>		Period of <u>4</u> years with Colours		Religion <u>C of E.</u>	
Joined <u>1st Buffs</u> Date <u>1-1-13</u>		Period of <u>5</u> years with Reserve			
Joined <u>1st Buffs</u> Date <u>1-1-13</u>					

Place	Date of Offence	Rank	Class of Offence	OFFENCE	Names of Witnesses	Punishment awarded	Date of award or of order dispensing with trial	By whom awarded	REMARKS
<u>1st Buffs</u>	<u>1-1-13</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>Not complying with an order given by a N.C.O.</u>	<u>1st Lt. [Signature]</u>	<u>3 days C-6</u>	<u>1-1-13</u>	<u>1st Lt. [Signature]</u>	<u>W.P.B.</u>
				<u>Disobeying a direct order</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>				

Army Form B 121

To be used only for Special Reserve Recruits, and for Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

# MEDICAL HISTORY

Surname

*Gray*

Christian Name

*Percy Ernest*

Table I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace:—Parish

County

	SPECIAL RESERVE.		REGULAR ARMY.	
Examined ...	on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of April 1913	on 13 day of Aug 1913		
	at Shorncliffe	at Shorncliffe		
Declared age ...	17 yrs 5 months	14 years 9 months.		
Trade or occupation ...	Labourer	Labourer.		
Height ...	5 feet 5 1/2 inches	5 feet 6 inches		
Weight ...	123 1/2 lbs.	124 lbs.		
Chest Measurement { Girth when fully expanded	33 1/2 inches	33 1/2 inches		
Range of expansion ...	2 inches	2 inches		
Physical development & Pulse rate	Good 88.	Fair		
Vaccination marks { Arm ...	Right	Left	Right	Left
Number ...	—	—	—	3.
When vaccinated ...	Nil	•	S. Reserve	
Vision ...	R.E. = V = 6 L.E. = V = 6 (a)	R.E. = V = 6 L.E. = V = 6 (a)		
(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease	Scar (L) side of face.	Scar (L) side of face. Small mole back of		
(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection				
Approved by (Signature)	K. B. Barwell	J. B. Meldon		
(Rank)		Capt. Rtm		
	Medical Officer.	Medical Officer.		
Enlisted ...	at Shorncliffe	at Shorncliffe		
	on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day of April 1913	on 19 <sup>th</sup> day of August 1913		
Joined on enlistment ...	Corps The Buffs. Regt. No. 10471	Corps The Buffs. Regt. No. 10543		
Transferred to ...				
Became non-effective by ...	Enlisting into the Regular Army			
	on 14 <sup>th</sup> day of August 1913	on day of 191		
(Signature)	J. B. Meldon			
(Rank)	Capt. Rtm			

1916

Effects—Form 118A.

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Officer in charge of

HOUNSLOW

Infantry Recon  
Hounslow

Any further communication on this  
subject should be addressed to—

The Secretary,  
War Office,  
Park Buildings,  
St. James's Park,  
London, S.W.,  
and the following numbers quoted.

WAR OFFICE,

PARK BUILDINGS,

ST. JAMES'S PARK,

LONDON, S.W.,

20<sup>th</sup> January 1916.

E.1156918/1 (Accounts 4.)

Will you please note that any articles of personal property  
now in your possession belonging to the late No. 10041 Lance  
Corporal Percy Ernest Gray, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. East Kent Regt  
should be despatched to:—

Mrs Jane Gray

61 Bridge Street

Solihull

Any medals granted to the deceased that are now in your  
possession or that may hereafter reach you should be forwarded to:—

the same person.

Chambers  
Assistant Financial Secretary.



INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE,  
HOUNSLOW.

25. 1. 1918

To Mrs J Gray  
61 Budge St  
Folkestone

Dear Madam,

In accordance with instructions received from  
the War Office, I am forwarding herewith the articles  
enumerated below, belonging to the late No. 10041

(Rank) S/Cpl (Name) PE Gray

(Regiment) 1st Bn. East Kent Regiment

Tin box.

Shaving stick + Brush

Tooth brush

2 Razors

Letters

Tin box containing ornament + spinning wheel

Please acknowledge receipt in enclosed addressed  
envelope.

Yours faithfully,

*W. White* Lieut. for Colonel,  
I/c Infantry Records, Hounslow.

Mrs Jane Gray  
thanks the Government for returning  
her Sons belongings

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INFANTRY RECORD OFFICE,  
HOUNSLOW.

10. 3. 19

To Mrs J. Gray  
"61 Bridge St."  
Egham

Dear Madam

In accordance with instructions received from  
the War Office, I am forwarding herewith the articles  
enumerated below, belonging to the late No. 103

(Rank) Private (Name) Gray

(Regiment) 5th Bn Buff Grens.

blank  
blank Pipe  
blank Book.  
blank Correspondence  
blank Photos

Please acknowledge receipt in enclosed  
addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

W. Duff

Lieut. for Colonel.

I/o Infantry Records, Hounslow.

Jane Gray  
61 Bridge Street



## Soldiers Died in the Great War

Name:	<b>Percy Ernest Fray</b>
Birth Place:	St. Michael's, Folkestone, Kent
Residence:	Folkestone, Kent
Death Date:	14 Oct 1915
Death Location:	France & Flanders
Enlistment Location:	Folkestone, Kent
Rank:	L/Corporal
Regiment:	Bufs (East Kent Regiment)
Battalion:	1st Battalion
Number:	L/10041
Type of Casualty:	Died of wounds
Theatre of War:	Western European Theatre

## POPERINGHE NEW MILITARY CEMETERY

### Historical Information

The town of Poperinghe (now Poperinge) was of great importance during the First World War because, although occasionally bombed or bombarded at long range, it was the nearest place to Ypres (now Ieper) which was both considerable in size and reasonably safe. It was at first a centre for Casualty Clearing Stations, but by 1916 it became necessary to move these units further back and field ambulances took their places.

The earliest Commonwealth graves in the town are in the communal cemetery. The Old Military Cemetery was made in the course of the First Battle of Ypres and was closed, so far as Commonwealth burials are concerned, at the beginning of May 1915. The New Military Cemetery was established in June 1915.

The New Military Cemetery contains 677 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 271 French war graves.



**ASC men tending graves at Poperinghe 1917**



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