

Corporal Frederick Rowe
Regimental number: 37186
1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment

born: 21 August 1891 - died: 25 September 1918

Corporal Frederick Rowe was born on 21 August 1891 in Worcester, Worcestershire and was baptised on 9 December at St Clement's Church.¹ He was the younger child of Arthur Allen Rowe, born in 1851² in Hallow, Worcestershire³ and his wife, Emma, born in about 1848, also in Hallow. Arthur and Emma (née Breathwhite) were married in 1876 in Worcestershire.⁴ They had six children: Maria (born in about 1877),⁵ William Arthur (born in about 1878),⁶ Emma (born in about 1880, but died in 1905 and was buried at St Clement's Church),⁷ Henry John (born in about 1883, but died in 1918),⁸ Beatrice Ellen (also known as Nelly or Nellie) (born in about 1885)⁹ and Frederick.

In 1881, Arthur, Emma and their first three children were living on Henwick Road, near Bromyard Terrace, in Worcester, where Arthur was a county court bailiff.¹⁰ Ten years later, they had five children and were probably still living in the same house.¹¹ Frederick was born late in 1891 and, by 1901, he and his eldest sister, Maria, were the only children still living at home.¹² Frederick's father was now a porter. In 1911, Frederick was the only child still at home.¹³ He and his parents were living at 8 Bromyard Terrace – possibly the same house that they had been living in for several decades. Arthur was once again a bailiff and auctioneer at the county court.

Frederick married Elsie May Tilbrook in Worcester in the last few months of 1916.¹⁴ Elsie was born on 14 June 1897 in Worcester and, like Frederick, was baptised in St Clement's Church.¹⁵ She was the daughter of Edward and Mary Anne. Frederick and Elsie probably did not have any children.

Frederick enlisted in Worcester in the Worcestershire Regiment¹⁶ sometime after the beginning of 1916.¹⁷ On 23 September 1918, he was injured and was admitted to the 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to his legs and back, which penetrated his abdomen.¹⁸ He survived two days at the 1st CCCS but succumbed to his wounds on 25 September. He was buried the following day in Duisans British Military Cemetery (Grave 72, Plot 6, Row H) with the chaplain W. Fisher presiding.

Duisans British Military Cemetery is located in Etrun, near Arras, in France. The first burials took place in the cemetery in March 1917.¹⁹ The 1st CCCS arrived at the beginning of September and was stationed near Duisans for two months in the autumn of 1918.²⁰ A total of 75 patients died at the 1st CCCS in September 1918.

His wife was his next-of-kin and was notified of his death. She was living at 84 Hylton Rdoad in Worcester.²¹ She also received the monies owing to him from the army after his death.²²

Frederick was awarded the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).²³

Frederick's two brothers had married before the Great War. William married Fanny Elizabeth Virgo in 1907.²⁴ He was a greengrocer and she was assisting him in the business and, by 1911, they had not had any children.²⁵ Henry married Elizabeth Powel in 1910. They may have had five children – Beatrice E. (born in 1911),²⁶ Arthur H. (born in 1913),²⁷ Herbert R. (born in 1916)²⁸ and twins,

George J. and Winnifred M. (born in 1919).²⁹ The twins were born after Henry's death in December 1918. He died just a couple of months after Frederick. There is no evidence that Henry died as a result of the Great War.

Frederick's youngest sister, Beatrice (Nelly), was probably living next door to Frederick and their parents in 1911.³⁰ She was a theatre attendant and living at 10 Bromyard Terrace as a boarder in the home of James Reginald and Bessie Tegg. A few months later, she probably married Frederick Jeynes.³¹ It appears the Frederick Jeynes served with the Worcestershire Regiment in the Great War³² and died in Gallipoli, Turkey and is remembered on the Helles Memorial there.³³ A number of years later, his widow remarried, marrying Thomas Dancocks in 1923.³⁴

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