

**Private Frank Mizon©**  
**Regimental number: 46484**  
**2nd Battalion, Essex Regiment**

**born: 1899 - died: 30 May 1918**

Private Frank Mizon was born in 1899 in Pancras, London.<sup>1</sup> he was the youngest child of George Thomas J Mizon and Alice Grace Foster, who married in 1895 in Pancras.<sup>2</sup> George was born in about 1873 in Kentish Town, Middlesex, and Alice in about the same year in Lambeth, Surrey.<sup>3</sup> Frank's siblings were Edith May (born in 1896)<sup>4</sup> and Reginald George (born in 1898).<sup>5</sup>

In 1901, the family was living at 24 Pancras Road, St Pancras, where Thomas was a labourer, Alice's sister, Kate Foster, living with them.<sup>6</sup> Ten years later, they had moved a couple of miles away, to 3 Offord Road, Islington.<sup>7</sup>

Frank was living in Holloway, in London, when he enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force in Westminster, London,<sup>8</sup> sometime after the end of May 1917.<sup>9</sup>

At the end of May 1918, Frank's battalion was engaged in periodic shelling of the enemy. It was also still wiring and digging to make the front line continuous—an operation made more difficult by the full moon. On 30 May, two Other Ranks (non-officers) were killed, two wounded and six admitted to the Field Ambulance.<sup>10</sup> Frank may have been one of these, because he was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 30 May with shrapnel wounds to his thigh and a compound fracture of his femur. He died the same day and was buried on 31 May in Pernes Military Cemetery (Plot 2, Row D, Grave 45), with the Canadian chaplain, J. K. Tibbits, presiding.<sup>11</sup>

In May 1918, nearly 4,000 soldiers were admitted to No. 1 CCCS.<sup>12</sup> There were 115 deaths that month—more than in any of the other three and a half months that No. 1 CCCS was in Pernes. The Pernes British Military Cemetery was only set up in April 1918 when No. 1 and No. 4 CCCS came to Pernes, driven back by the German advance.<sup>13</sup>

His mother, who was then living at 522 Caledonian Road in Holloway, was his next of kin and was notified of his death.<sup>14</sup> The family had moved to Caledonian Road sometime before the end of 1916.<sup>15</sup> She also received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death. It was his father who had the following inscription placed on his gravestone:

OH FOR THE TOUCH  
OF A VANISHED HAND  
AND A VOICE THAT IS STILLED<sup>16</sup>

Frank was awarded posthumously the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918) and the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre).<sup>17</sup>

Frank's brother Reginald also enlisted to serve in the Great War, enlisting in the London Regiment on 25 October 1916, at the age of 18.<sup>18</sup> He was working as a warehouseman at Shoolbred Furniture on Tottenham Court Road, but he was not strong. He had a congenital disability. A medical report prepared in February 1917 noted "[h]e has always been weakly & has been subject to Rheumatism as long as he can remember." He was a rifleman with the 31st Battalion, County of London Regiment when he was discharged on 19 December 1918. He survived the war and died in 1978.<sup>19</sup>

Frank's father died in 1937<sup>20</sup> and his mother in 1954.<sup>21</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "GRO online index–birth," *General Register Office* (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>: accessed 18 September 2017) entry for Mizon, Frank, Registration district: Pancras, Volume 01B, Page 88

<sup>2</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 26 November 2017), entry for George Thomas J. Mizon, Registration district: Pancras, Inferred county: London, Volume: 1b, Page: 293

<sup>3</sup> "1901 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 16 November 2017), entry for Frank Mizon, Registration district: St Pancras, Sub-registration district: Camden Town, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 08, Piece: 148, Folio: 78, Page: 26, Household schedule number: 178

<sup>4</sup> "GRO online index–birth," *General Register Office* (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>: accessed 18 September 2017) entry for Mizon, Edith May, Registration district: St Pancras, Volume 01B, Page 4

<sup>5</sup> "GRO online index–birth," *General Register Office* (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>: accessed 18 September 2017) entry for Mizon, Reginald George, Registration district: Pancras, Volume 01B, Page 99

<sup>6</sup> "1901 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 16 November 2017), entry for Frank Mizon

<sup>7</sup> "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 19 November 2017), entry for Bruno Whittle, Registration district: Islington, Registration district number: 10, Sub-registration district: Barnsbury, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 13, Piece: 884

<sup>8</sup> "UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914–1919," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 September 2017), entry for Frank Mizon

<sup>99</sup> Based on "War Gratuity Calculator" (<https://wargratitude.wordpress.com/2015/08/16/gratuity-calculator/>: accessed 18 May 2017); "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901–1929," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 September 2017), entry for Frank Mizon

<sup>10</sup> "UK, WWI War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 19 October 2017), Regiment or unit: Essex Regiment, Sub-unit: 2nd Battalion, Division: 4th Division, Diary dates: 1914 Aug–1919 Feb, Piece description: Piece 1505/1: 2 Battalion Essex Regiment (1914 Aug–1919 Feb), Piece number: 1505

<sup>11</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* ([www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca): accessed 30 August 2017), entry for Mizon, F

<sup>12</sup> "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* ([http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202\\_e.html&r=1&f=G](http://data4.collectionscanada.gc.ca/netacgi/nph-brs?s1=casualty+clearing&s13=&s12=&l=20&s9=RG9&s7=9-52&Sect1=IMAGE&Sect2=THESOFF&Sect4=AND&Sect5=WARDPEN&Sect6=HITOFF&d=FINDD&p=1&u=http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/archivianet/02015202_e.html&r=1&f=G): accessed 15 December 2014)

<sup>13</sup> "Pernes British Military Cemetery," *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (<http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/11600/PERNES%20BRITISH%20CEMETERY>: accessed 13 January 2015)

<sup>14</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* ([www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca): accessed 30 August 2017), entry for Mizon, F

<sup>15</sup> "British Army WWI Service Records, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 16 November 2017), entry for Frank Mizon

<sup>16</sup> *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org): accessed 3 December 2017), entry for Mizon, F., Service No: 46484

<sup>17</sup> "British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 18 September 2017), entry for F Mizon

<sup>18</sup> "British Army WWI Service Records, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 16 November 2017), entry for Frank Mizon

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<sup>19</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 21 January 2017), entry for Reginald George Mizon, Registration district: Hove, Inferred county: East Sussex, Volume: 18, Page: 1079

<sup>20</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 21 January 2017), entry for George J T Mizon, Registration district: Battersea, Inferred county: London, Volume:1d, Page: 407

<sup>21</sup> "England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858–1966," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 14 October 2017), entry for Alice Grace Mizon