

Private Frank Winterburn[©]

Regimental number: 235797

9th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

born: 1897 - died: 29 May 1918

Private Frank Winterburn was born in 1897 in Great Ouseburn, Yorkshire,¹ the eldest child of James George and Florence Winterburn.² James was born in 1874 in Great Ouseburn³ and Florence (nee Wilkinson) in 1871 in Church Fenton, Yorkshire.⁴ They were married on 27 March 1897 in the parish church of Whixley, Yorkshire,⁵ and had three children: Frank, Doris (born in May 1898)⁶ and Reginald (born in 1905, but who sadly died within a few months).⁷

James was a domestic gardener and, in 1901, the family was living in Marton cum Grafton, Yorkshire.⁸ Ten years later they had moved 22 miles away to Thornton-le-clay, Yorkshire,⁹ which is where Frank was living when he enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force.¹⁰

Frank enlisted in about April 1915¹¹ in York.¹² He first served with the Yorkshire Hussars (Alexandra, Princess of Wales' Own) (Regimental numbers: 3235 and 330724), before joining the Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment.¹³

Just over three years after enlisting, Frank was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station with shrapnel wounds to his face and penetrating his abdomen.¹⁴ He was admitted on 28 May 1918 and died the following day. He was buried on 30 May in Pernes Military Cemetery (Plot 2, Row D, Grave 30) with the Canadian chaplain J. K. Tibbits presiding.

In May 1918, nearly 4,000 soldiers were admitted to No. 1 CCCS.¹⁵ 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.¹⁶

His parents were his next of kin. They were living at Brook Cottage in Wighill near Todcaster, Yorkshire, when the chaplain wrote to notify them of their son's death.¹⁷ His mother received the monies owing to him from the army upon his death.¹⁸

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).¹⁹

Frank's sister Doris married Rowland M Thirkettle in Great Ouseburn in 1933²⁰ and probably had two sons: Frank C (born in 1933)²¹ (perhaps named after Doris' brother) and Graham M (born in 1937).²²

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