

**Private Horace Gordon Jack Pendry©**  
**Regimental number: 133263**  
**55th Battalion, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry)**

**born: 1899–died: 25 April 1918**

Private Horace Gordon Jack Pendry was born in 1899 in Brentford, Essex,<sup>1</sup> and was baptized on 17 March 1899 at St Stephen's Church in Hounslow, London, the son of Walter and Mary Ann Pendry.<sup>2</sup> Walter was a butcher,<sup>3</sup> born in about 1865 in Denham, Buckinghamshire,<sup>4</sup> who had married Mary Ann Wyatt in 1867 in Cranford, Middlesex.<sup>5</sup> Mary Ann was born in about 1867 in Cranford. The couple had eight children:

- Walter Beeson (born on 16 November 1894),<sup>6</sup>
- Ernest Sidney (born on 5 May 1896),<sup>7</sup>
- Gladys Maud (born on 24 October 1897),<sup>8</sup>
- Horace,
- Edward Joseph Thomas (born on 12 September 1903),<sup>9</sup>
- Albert William (born in 1906, but died soon after birth),<sup>10</sup>
- Olive Adelaide (born on 21 February 1907)<sup>11</sup> and
- Ida Wyatt Grace (born 16 January 1910).<sup>12</sup>

When Horace was baptized in 1899, the family was living at Oxford Villas on Holloway Road in Hounslow.<sup>13</sup> In 1901, they were still on Holloway Road<sup>14</sup> but, by 1911, they had moved to 17 Pear Tree Cottages, on James Street, near Pear Road in Hounslow.<sup>15</sup>

Horace enlisted in the British Expeditionary Force in about July 1917,<sup>16</sup> also in Hounslow.<sup>17</sup> He was serving with the 55th Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps when he was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station on 25 April 1918 with shrapnel wounds to his right arm, left shoulder, right leg and back. He died the same day and was buried two days later in Pernes Military Cemetery (Plot 2, Row A, Grave 5) with the Canadian chaplain G. C. d'Easum presiding.<sup>18</sup> He was just 19 years old.

Pernes British Military Cemetery was only set up in April 1918 when No. 1 and No. 4 CCCSs came to Pernes, driven back by the German advance. Horace was one of 122 soldiers admitted on 25 April and one of 46 soldiers to die at the station that month.<sup>19</sup>

The chaplain sent a letter to inform the family of Horace's death; however, the record suggests that he wrote to Horace's wife.<sup>20</sup> There is no evidence that he had married. His father received the monies owing to Horace from the army upon his death<sup>21</sup> and his mother requested the following inscription for his gravestone:

HE DIED FOR ENGLAND  
AND HER RIGHTEOUS CAUSE <sup>22</sup>

Horace 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>23</sup> He was remembered on the war memorial at the Holy Trinity Church in Hounslow. Unfortunately, the memorial was destroyed by vandals during World War II.<sup>24</sup>

It is not known if either of Horace's older brothers served in the Great War, but most of his six siblings lived long lives in the London area.

**Walter** married Rosie Emma Davis on 28 February 1916 at St John's Church in Upper Holloway, Islington,<sup>25</sup> but in 1939, although Walter was still recorded as being married, he was not living with Rose. Walter was probably living in Hayes and Harlington, Middlesex and was a chief clerk in the rate fixing department of an aircraft industry.<sup>26</sup> Walter probably died in 1948 at the age of 53.<sup>27</sup>

**Ernest** married Gwendoline Peters in 1923 in Brentford,<sup>28</sup> and in 1939 they were living at 10 Moulton Avenue, in Heston and Isleworth, Middlesex, where Ernest was a railway driver.<sup>29</sup> He died in 1982 in Hounslow at the age of 85.<sup>30</sup>

**Gladys** probably did not marry. In 1939, she may have been living at 18 Dartmouth Road in Willesden, Middlesex and working as a domestic servant in the home of Harold E. Franck.<sup>31</sup> She probably died in October 1995 in Camden, London, at the age of 98.<sup>32</sup>

It appears also that **Edward** did not marry. In 1939, he was living with his father Walter at 36 Pear's Road in Hounslow. Walter was retired and Edward was a general labourer. They were sharing a house with Jim Cusden and his wife Olive, nee **Olive** Pendry.<sup>33</sup> Olive had married Jim Cusden in Brentford in 1932.<sup>34</sup> In 1939, Jim was an air raid protection warden and Olive was doing paid domestic work.<sup>35</sup> Olive died in 1979 in Hounslow at the age of 70.<sup>36</sup> Edward died at the age of 82 in December 1985.<sup>37</sup>

**Ida** married Robert S. McFarland in 1937 in Brentford,<sup>38</sup> and in 1939 they were living at 206 Kingsley Road in Heston and Isleworth. Ida was a paper clip machine operator and Robert was an engine tester's mate.<sup>39</sup> Ida died on 1 March 2011 in Hounslow at the age of 101.<sup>40</sup>

While Horace's mother died at the age of 64 in 1930,<sup>41</sup> his father died at the age of 82 in 1945.<sup>42</sup> Both died in Hounslow.



**War memorial in Holy Trinity Church, Hounslow**  
Source: Roll of Honour ([www.roll-of-honour.com](http://www.roll-of-honour.com))

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<sup>1</sup> "GRO online index–birth," *General Register Office* (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>: accessed 2 December 2019), entry for Pendry, Horace Gordon Jack, Registration district: Brentford, Volume 03A, Page 73

<sup>2</sup> "London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813–1917," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 27 November 2019), entry for Horace Gordon Jack Pendry

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>4</sup> "1901 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 11 January 2019), entry for Horace G. J. Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Sub-registration district: Isleworth, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 20, Piece: 1185, Folio: 154, Page: 15, Household schedule number: 76

<sup>5</sup> "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 2 December 2019), entry for Walter Pendry

<sup>6</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Walter B. Pendry, Schedule number: 64, Sub-schedule number: 1, Enumeration district: BJCG, Registration district: 127/2

<sup>7</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Ernest Pendry, Schedule number: 33, Sub-schedule number: 1, Enumeration district: BLDF, Registration district: 128/1

<sup>8</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Gladys M Pendry, Schedule number: 51, Sub-schedule Number: 4, Enumeration district: BXGC, Registration district: 129-2

<sup>9</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Edward J T Pendry, Schedule number: 40, Sub-schedule number: 2, Enumeration district: BLBD, Registration district: 128/1

<sup>10</sup> "GRO online index–birth," *General Register Office* (<http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>: accessed 2 December 2019), entry for Pendry, Albert William, Registration district: Brentford, Volume 03A, Page 87; "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Albert William Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 52

<sup>11</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Olive A. Cusden, Schedule number: 41, Sub-schedule number: 2, Enumeration district: BLBD, Registration district: 128/1

<sup>12</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for ??Aw G McFarland [*sic*], Schedule number: 97, Sub-schedule number: 2, Enumeration district: BLCW, Registration district: 128/1

<sup>13</sup> "London, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813–1917," entry for Horace Gordon Jack Pendry

<sup>14</sup> "1901 England Census," entry for Horace G. J. Pendry

<sup>15</sup> "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 January 2019), entry for Horace Gordon [*sic*] Jack Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Registration district number: 128, Sub-registration district: Isleworth, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 15, Household schedule number: 310, Piece: 6820

<sup>16</sup> Based on "War Gratuity Calculator" (<https://wargratiuity.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 27 November 2019), entry for Horace Gordon Jack Pendry

<sup>17</sup> "UK, Soldiers Died in the Great War, 1914–1919," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 27 November 2019), entry for Horace Gordon Jack Pendry

<sup>18</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* ([www.bifhsgo.ca](http://www.bifhsgo.ca): accessed 27 November 2019), entry for Pendry, H. J.

<sup>19</sup> "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* [http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/results/images?module=images&SortSpec=score+desc&Language=eng&ShowForm=hide&SearchIn\\_1=mikanNumber&SearchInText](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/results/images?module=images&SortSpec=score+desc&Language=eng&ShowForm=hide&SearchIn_1=mikanNumber&SearchInText)

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accessed 28 March 2018)

<sup>20</sup> "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," entry for Pendry, H. J.

<sup>21</sup> "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901–1929," entry for Horace Gordon Jack Pendry

<sup>22</sup> *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* ([www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org): accessed 3 December 2019), Pendry, Horace Gordon Jack, Service No. 133263

<sup>23</sup> "British Army WWI Medal Rolls Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 27 November 2019), entry for Horace G J Pendry

<sup>24</sup> *Roll of Honour* (<http://www.roll-of-honour.com/Middlesex/HounslowHolyTrinity.html>: accessed 27 November 2019), entry for Pendry, Horace G. J.

<sup>25</sup> "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Walter Beeson Pendry

<sup>26</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," entry for Walter B. Pendry

<sup>27</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Walter B. Pendry, Registration district: Ealing, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 5e, Page: 150

<sup>28</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Ernest S Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 464

<sup>29</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," entry for Ernest Pendry

<sup>30</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Walter B. Pendry, Registration district: Hounslow, Inferred county: Greater London, Volume: 13, Page: 1470

<sup>31</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," entry for Gladys M Pendry

<sup>32</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Gladys Maud Pendry, Registration district: Camden, Inferred county: Greater London, Register number: E44A, District and subdistrict: 2501E, Entry number: 249

<sup>33</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," entry for Edward J T Pendry

<sup>34</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Olive A Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 464

<sup>35</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," entry for Ernest Pendry

<sup>36</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Olive Adelaide Cusden, Registration district: Hounslow, Inferred county: Greater London, Volume: 13, Page: 1444

<sup>37</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Edward Joseph T Pendry, Registration district: Hounslow, Inferred county: Greater London, Volume: 13, Page: 1333

<sup>38</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Ida W G Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 773

<sup>39</sup> "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for ??Aw G McFarland [sic]

<sup>40</sup> "England and Wales, Death Index, 1989–2018," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 5 December 2019), entry for Mrs Ida Wyatt Grace McFarland

<sup>41</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2007," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 2 December 2019), entry for Mary A. Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 95

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<sup>42</sup> "England & Wales, Civil Registration Death Index, 1916–2005," *Ancestry* ([www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk): accessed 2 December 2019), entry for Walter Pendry, Registration district: Brentford, Inferred county: Middlesex, Volume: 3a, Page: 222