

Private Alfred Parmenter[©]
Regimental number: G/16319
10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment

born: 1 June 1898–died: 15 June 1916

Alfred Parmenter was one of 704,803 soldiers from the British Isles who died in or because of the First World War.¹ He was born on 1 June 1898 in Paddington, London, England, and was named after his paternal grandfather.² His father, Arthur William (aka William) Parmenter (1865–1946),³ and his mother, the former Ellen Griggs (1865–1938),⁴ were both born in Suffolk County villages about 12 km apart. Arthur William, the son of Sarah Dodd and Alfred Parmenter, a groom, was born in Sudbury.⁵ Ellen, the daughter of Susan Elmer and William Griggs, an agricultural labourer,⁶ was born in Boxford. Arthur William and Ellen married on 1 January 1887 at St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church in Great Ilford, Essex.⁷

The couple had 11 children, 4 of whom died before 1911.⁸ Records were available for 10 of the children: Ellen Mary (1887–1889),⁹ Arthur William (1889–?),¹⁰ Frederick George (1890–?),¹¹ Florence Mary (1893–1895),¹² John Edward (1894–1894),¹³ Robert (1896–1915),¹⁴ Alfred, Doris May (1900–?),¹⁵ Nellie Elizabeth (1903–?),¹⁶ and Christina (1905–?).¹⁷

Arthur and Ellen were living at 7 Marlborough Place, St. Marylebone, London, in 1891 with two children.¹⁸ Arthur was working as a painter's assistance, a trade in which he would work for the rest of his life. By 1901, Arthur and Ellen were living with five children at 5 Saltram Crescent, Paddington, London.¹⁹ They would continue to live on this street for the next four decades.

On Sunday, 2 April 1911, Alfred was 12 years old and attending school, as were two of his younger sisters, Doris and Nellie. Christina, the youngest, was at home. His brother Robert was employed as an errand boy.²⁰ Two older brothers had left home. Arthur William had married Ellen Medler on 7 January 1911. He was a seaman on HMS *Cyclops*, of the Royal Navy. On his marriage certificate he listed his father's occupation as a painter and decorator.²¹ Frederick George was a private in the 3rd Essex Regiment, Warley Barracks, Warley Brentwood, Essex.²² He married Ethel J. Weller in 1913.²³

When war was declared on 4 August 1914, Alfred was 16 years old. Like many others at the time he was probably caught up in the patriotic fervour that swept the country. His brother Robert enlisted in the 4th Battalion, Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex) Regiment, probably in August 1914 and was killed on 13 October 1915.²⁴ Alfred, who was 5 feet 9 inches tall (175 cm) and weighed 136 pounds (62 kg), was living with his parents at 5 Saltram Crescent and was employed as a milkman. He enlisted in the 41st Divisional Army Cyclist Corps on 14 July 1915, giving his age as 19.²⁵

The 41st Division, an infantry division raised in the spring of 1915 by the London mayors, was one of six new divisions adopted by the War Office in April 1915. Commanded by Major-General Sydney Lawford, it assembled around Aldershot, Hampshire, about 68 km from London. The Cyclist Corps was part of its Divisional Mounted Troops.²⁶ The bicycle had been included in the British army's armoury since the 1880s. Bicycle troops were used during the Second Boer War, and the Haldane army reforms of 1908 created 10 bicycle units for the Territorial Force. During the First World War, the formation of a specialist Army Cyclist Corps was authorized by Army Order 477 dated 7 November 1914. A cyclist company was added to all British divisions, including the New Army ones created by Lord Kitchener.

Alfred might have been attracted to the Cyclists Corps because it was new technology and offered him the opportunity to develop skills in operating and maintaining a bicycle. Besides, its assignments might have seemed more interesting than those of the regular infantry. The primary roles of the cyclists were in reconnaissance and communications (message taking). Cyclists were armed as infantry and could provide mobile firepower. The pay of the cyclist was the same as that of the infantry. Additional "proficiency pay" was given to men who qualified as proficient cyclists and had the necessary physical endurance. However, as the First World War evolved into one of entrenchment, the need for cyclist units declined. Many of the soldiers from cyclist units would be reassigned to infantry units.²⁷

Alfred spent 10 months after enlistment training with B Company, 41st Divisional Cyclist Corps, probably around London, and later at Aldershot. On 12 February 1916, he married Emily May Chandler at St. Saviour Church, Paddington. Ellen Parmenter, most likely his mother, was one of the witnesses.²⁸ His wife, Emily May (1888–1979)²⁹ was living at 14 Bloomfield Road and working as a cook.³⁰ She had a four-year old son, Cyril Royal Chandler (b. 14 April 1912).³¹ In April, Alfred was with the 41st Divisional Cyclist Corps at Aldershot when he made a will leaving all his effects to his wife Emily May Parmenter.

The various units of the 41st Division left Aldershot in early May to join the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) on the Western Front. Alfred embarked on 4 May 1916 from Southampton, Hampshire, to Le Havre, France. From there, he travelled 306 km to Moolenacker, located between Armentières and Hazebrouck, France. At Moolenacker, he participated in training exercises from 6 to 27 May. According to his service file, Alfred transferred to the 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, 41st Division on 28 May. He most likely was one of the 93 Other Ranks (ORs), 41st Divisional Cyclist Corps, who were reassigned to the 10th Battalion on 27 May, increasing the battalion's strength from 34 officers and 909 ORs to 34 officers and 1002 ORs.³²

By 28 May, the 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment was in the front line trenches at Le Bizet, Belgium, about 2.4 km from Armentières. During the next few weeks, Alfred experienced day-to-day trench warfare, shelling, sniper fire, endless noise, and small skirmishes, followed by rest periods behind the lines. During these rest periods, he and the other men were assigned to work parties, digging and repairing trenches. From 12 to 15 June, Alfred was with the battalion in the trenches near Despierre Farm. In the regiment's war diary, those days were described as normal, with three ORs killed and three wounded.

Alfred was most likely one of the wounded. He suffered severe injuries to both legs, probably from shellfire. The left leg was severed above the knee and the right leg was shattered. He was taken to No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station (CCS) at Bailleul, France. He might have been one of the 104 injured men admitted on 14 June, or one of the 15 who arrived on 15 June.³³ He was one of two patients to die there on a dull and cloudy Thursday, 15 June. The chaplain recorded his death under Service Number 8253, and Regiment, 41st Divisional Cyclists Corp.³⁴ Alfred was issued the service number G/16319, 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, on 27 June 1916, the same day Emily May was informed of his death.

Private Alfred Parmenter was buried at Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, (Grave/Memorial Reference II. B. 181). There was no inscription placed on Alfred's gravestone.³⁵ Bailleul is in France, close to the Belgian border. It was occupied on 14 October 1914 and became an important railhead, air depot and hospital centre. Several casualty clearing stations, including No. 1 Canadian CCS, were quartered there. The earliest Commonwealth burials at Bailleul were made in April 1915. An extension was built and burials continued until April 1918; they occurred

again in September and after the Armistice, when soldiers' remains were brought in from the neighbouring battlefields.

Emily May received Alfred's effects: a belt and four letters. On 28 October 1916, she received his savings of £1 12s 4p and on 10 October 1919, the War Gratuity of £3.³⁶ She applied for a pension on 28 October 1916 and was granted one starting 1 January 1917 for herself and for her son, Cyril Royal, until he was 16 years old.³⁷

Alfred was posthumously awarded the Victory Medal (for service in an operational theatre), and the British War Medal (for service overseas between 1914 and 1918).³⁸ Emily May also received a memorial plaque and a parchment scroll.

Although Alfred's parents and siblings must have grieved his and John's deaths immensely, the social conventions of the day demanded that the bereaved accept their losses quietly and stoically. Their world continued without them. Alfred's brothers Arthur William and Frederick George survived the war. Frederick and his wife lived with his mother and father at 5 Saltram Crescent from 1918 to 1922.³⁹ His sisters married: Doris May wed Frank Edward Bidwell on 2 March 1924, Nellie Elizabeth married William James Coulson on 17 April 1924 and Christina wed Sidney R. J. Cousins early in 1925.⁴⁰ In 1939, on the eve of another war, his father Arthur William was still living on Saltram Crescent, Paddington.⁴¹ Alfred's wife Emily May moved to Little Anne, Pewsey, in 1916 and was still living there in 1920. In 1938, she married Louis J. Pearce. She and Louis were living in Islington, London, in 1939. Louis was working for the Police, War Department constabulary.⁴²

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¹ "Some British Army Statistics of the Great War," *The Long, Long Trail* (<https://www.longlongtrail.co.uk/army/some-british-army-statistics-of-the-great-war>: accessed 26 January 2020)

² "Certified Copy of an Entry of Birth," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/order_history.asp: accessed 15 January 2020), entry for Alfred Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1898, S Quarter, District: Paddington, Volume: 1A, Page: 6, When and Where Born: 1 June 1898, Paddington, Saint Mary, Name and Maiden surname of mother: Griggs. **Note:** His father, Arthur William, used his second name, William.

³ "England, & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 January, 2020), entry for Arthur William Parmenter, Registration year: 1865, Registration district: Sudbury, Inferred county: Suffolk, Volume: 4a, Page: 438; "England and Wales, National Index of Wills and Administration 1858–1957," *Family Search* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:7XMQ-HP3Z>: accessed 10 January 2020), entry for Arthur William Parmenter, Event place: London, England, Death date: 7 May 1946, Beneficiary's name: Christina Cousins. **Note:** This is Arthur William's daughter.

⁴ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 8 January 2020), entry for Ellen Griggs, GRO Reference: 1865, M Quarter in Cosford, Volume: 04A, Page: 485, Mother's maiden surname: Elmer; "England and Wales Death Registration Index," *Family Search* (<https://www.familysearch.org/>: accessed 10 January 2020), entry for Ellen Parmenter, Registration year: 1938, Registration district: Paddington, County: London, Event place: Paddington, Age: 73, Birth year (estimate): 1865, Volume: 1A, Page: 74, Affiliate line number: 88

⁵ "1871 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 12 January 2020), entry for Arthur W. Parmenter, Registration district: Sudbury, Sub-registration district: Sudbury, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 10, Household schedule number: 22, Piece: 1716, Folio: 146, Page: 5

⁶ “1871 England Census,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 8 January 2020), entry for Ellen Griggs, Registration district: Cosford, Sub-registration district: Hadleigh, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 2, Piece: 1722, Household schedule number: 59, Folio: 19, Page: 12

⁷ Essex, England, Church of England Marriages, 1754–1935,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Ellen Griggs, Marriage date: 1 January 1887, Marriage place: Great Illford, St. Mary the Virgin, Essex, England, Father: William Griggs, Spouse: Arthur William Parmenter

⁸ “1911 England Census,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 11 January 2020), entry for Ellen Parmenter, Registration district: Paddington, Registration district number: 1, Sub-registration district: Paddington North, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 16, Piece: 16

⁹ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Ellen Mary Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1887, M Quarter in Marylebone, Volume: 01A, Page: 611, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs; “GRO Indexes, 1837–1957 Deaths,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Ellen Mary Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1889, M Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 35, Age: 2

¹⁰ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Arthur William Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1889, J Quarter in Marylebone, Volume: 01A, Page: 548, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs

¹¹ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Frederick George Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1890, D Quarter in Marylebone, Volume: 01A, Page: 513, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs

¹² “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Florence Mary Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1893, M Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 36, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs; “GRO Indexes, 1837–1957 Deaths,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Florence Mary Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1895, M Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 31, Age: 2

¹³ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for John Edward Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1894, D Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 31, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs; “GRO Indexes, 1837–1957 Deaths,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for John Edward Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1894, D Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 16, Age: 0

¹⁴ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Robert Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1896, M Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 17, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs; “UK, WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914–1923,” *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 January 2020), entry for Robert Parmenter, Death date: 13 October 1915, Service number: G/7029 [sic], Corps, regiment or unit: Middx 4th, Next of kin: Ellen Parmenter, Mother, Arthur William Parmenter, Father. **Note:** Service number should be S/7029. This was Alfred’s brother Robert.

¹⁵ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Doris May Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1900, J Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 60, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs

¹⁶ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for Nellie Elizabeth Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1903, D Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 50, Mother’s maiden surname: Griggs

¹⁷ “GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births,” *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 7 January 2020), entry for

Christina Parmenter, GRO Reference: 1905, D Quarter in Paddington, Volume: 01A, Page: 42, Mother's maiden surname: Griggs

¹⁸ "1891 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 11 January 2020), entry for Ellen Parmenter, Registration district: Marylebone, Sub-registration district: St. John, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 20, Piece: 105, Folio: 57

¹⁹ "1901 England, Wales & Scotland Census," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 02 February 2020), entry for Alfred Parmenter, Registration district: Paddington, Archive reference: RG13, Piece: 7, Folio: 26, Page: 44

²⁰ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 11 January 2020), entry for Ellen Parmenter, op. cit.

²¹ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 12 January 2020), entry for Arthur W Parmenter, Registration district: Medway, Registration district number: 47, Sub-registration district: Gillingham, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 36, Household schedule number: 3, Piece: 3962; "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 January 2020), entry for Arthur William Parmenter, Marriage date: 1 January 1911, Marriage place: St. Mellitus, Hanwell, Ealing, England, Father: Arthur William Parmenter, Spouse: Ellen Medler

²² "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 12 January 2020), entry for Frederick Parmenter, Registration district: Billericay, Registration district number: 193, Sub-registration district: Brentwood, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 20, 24-26, Piece: 10015. **Note:** This most likely is Alfred's brother, given his birth date and birth place.

²³ "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 January 2020), entry for Frederick G. Parmenter, Registration district: Devonport, Inferred county: Devon, Volume: 5b, Page: 771

²⁴ "UK, WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards 1914–1923," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 January 2020), entry for Robert Parmenter, op. cit.

²⁵ "British Army Service Records," *Findmypast* (www.findmypast.co.uk: accessed 10 December 2019), entry for Alfred Parmenter, Service number: 8253, Regiment name: Army Cyclist Corps, Unit/Battalion: 41st Divisional Company, Series: WO 363. **Note:** All information about Alfred Parmenter's military career comes from this source unless otherwise indicated.

²⁶ Andrew Rawson, *The British Army, 1914–1918* (History Press, 2014), Chapter Two, "The New Armies," *Google Books* (<https://www.google.com/search?tbm=bks&q=The+British+Army+1914-1918>: accessed 18 January 2020); "41st Division (United Kingdom)," *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/41st_Division_\(United_Kingdom\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/41st_Division_(United_Kingdom)): accessed 20 January 2020)

²⁷ Chris Baker, "War on two wheels: British army cyclists 1914–1918," *THE GAZETTE Official Public Record* (<https://www.thegazette.co.uk/all-notices/content/100720>: accessed 17 January 2020) ;

Peter Blakeman, *First World War Remembered - The Army Cyclist Corps*. (2014). *Cycling Campaign for North Bedfordshire* (http://www.ccnb.org.uk/worldwar1_remembered.pdf: accessed 17 January 2020)

²⁸ "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 January 2020), entry for Alfred Parmenter, Marriage date: 12 February 1916, Marriage place: St. Saviour, Paddington, Westminster, England, Father: Arthur William Parmenter, Spouse: Emily May Chandler

²⁹ "England & Wales, Civil Registration Birth Index, 1837–1915," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 22 January 2020), entry for Emily May Chandler, Registration year: 1888, Registration district: Marlborough, Inferred county: Wiltshire, Volume: 5a, Page: 5; "England & Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1858–1995," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 22 January 2020), entry for Emily May Pearce, Death date: 2 March 1979, Death place: Devizes, Wilts, Probate registry: Winchester

³⁰ "1911 England Census," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 January 2020), entry for Emily May Chandler, Registration district: Paddington, Registration district number: 1, Sub-registration district: Paddington North, Enumeration district, institution, or vessel: 39, Piece: 39. Note: She gave this address when she married Alfred.

³¹ "GRO Indexes, 1837–1918 Births," *General Register Office* (https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp: accessed 20 January 2020), entry for

Cyril Royal Chandler, GRO Reference: 1912, J Quarter in Pewsey, Volume: 05A, Page: 260. **Note:** Emily lists Cyril Royal Chandler as Alfred's son on the application for a pension.

³² "UK, WW1 War Diaries (France, Belgium and Germany), 1914–1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 14 January 2020), entry for Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment, 41st Division, Piece: 2638/1–2, 10 Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment (1916 May–1917 Oct). **Note:** Unless otherwise identified, all information about the 10th Battalion, Queen's Own (Royal West Kent) Regiment's movements comes from this source. The war diary for the 41st Cyclist Corps was not available. Alfred's service file gave his embarkation date as 4 May 1916. The exact date when he transferred to the 10 Battalion was difficult to decipher. It appeared to be 28 May.

³³ "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13–19/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (<http://central.bac-lac.gc.ca/item?id=e001509285&app=fonandcol&op=img>: accessed 14 January 2020), entries for 14 and 15 June 1916

³⁴ "No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* (www.bifhsgo.ca: accessed 10 November 2019), entry for Pte. A. Parmenter

³⁵ *Commonwealth War Graves Commission*, (<https://www.cwgc.org/find/find-war-dead/results?firstName=Alfred&lastName=Parmenter&war=1&dateFrom=14-06-1916&dateTo=16-06-1916>: accessed 21 January 2020), entry for Parmenter, A

³⁶ "UK, Army Registers of Soldiers' Effects, 1901–1929," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 20 January 2020), entry for Alfred Parmenter, Regiment: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent), Regimental number: 8253 [sic] **Note:** Regimental number listed was from 41st Divisional Army Cyclist Corps.

³⁷ UK, WW1 Pension Ledgers and Index Cards, 1914–1923," *Fold3* (www.fold3.com: accessed 9 November 2019), entry for Emily May Parmenter

³⁸ "British Army WW1 Medal Roll Index Cards, 1914–1920," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 January 2020), entry for Alfred Parmenter, Regiment or Corps: Queen's Own (Royal West Kent), Regimental Number: G/16319

³⁹ "London, England, Electoral Registers, 1832–1965," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 13 January 2020), entry for Frederick George Parmenter, Ward or Division/Constituency: Paddington and Saint Marylebone, County or Borough: Westminster, England. **Note:** Frederick and Ethel Jane were living at the same address as his parents at 5 Saltram Crescent.

⁴⁰ "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 January 2020), entry for Doris May Parmenter, Marriage date: 2 March 1924, Marriage place: St. Saviour, Paddington, Westminster, England, Father: Arthur William Parmenter, Spouse: Frank Edward Bidwell; "London, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754–1932," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 17 January 2020), entry for Nellie Elizabeth Parmenter, Marriage date: 27 April 1924, Marriage place: St. Saviour, Paddington, Westminster, England, Father: Arthur William Parmenter, Spouse: William James Coulson; "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1916–2002," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 21 January 2020), entry for Christina Parmenter, Registration date: 1925, Registration district: Paddington, Inferred county: London, Volume: 1a, Page: 131, Spouse: Sidney R. J. Cousins

⁴¹ "1939 England & Wales Register," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 10 January 2020), entry for Arthur Parmenter, Schedule number: 214, Sub-schedule number: 1, Enumeration district: APOP, Registration district: 1:2, (22B). **Note:** This is most likely Arthur William Parmenter, Alfred's father. A widower, he was living at 2 Saltram Crescent, Paddington, the same street that he was living on in 1911. He gave his occupation as a retired decorator and his birthday as 13 June 1865.

⁴² "England & Wales, Civil Registration Marriage Index, 1916–2005," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 22 January 2020), entry for Emily M. Parmenter, Registration date: 1938, Registration district: Edmonton, Inferred county: Essex, Volume: 3a, Page: 1185, Spouse: Louis J. Pearce; "1939 England and Wales Register," *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com: accessed 22 January 2020), entry for Louis J. Pearce, Schedule number: 42, Sub-schedule number: 1, Enumeration district: ALNF, Registration district: 10-4